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Happy New Year

Good Riddance to 2020 - Welcome to 2021



A Few Words from Our President

The Committee and I wish all our members, and their families, a healthy and happy New Year.

As a club we have a lot to look forward to. We are organising a fresh set of speakers and other activities for our General Meetings. Outings and dining events will feature again in our calendar. And we will be encouraging the formation of new activity groups.

Speaking of General Meetings – there is welcome news below regarding the return of the trading table, the door prize raffle and tea/coffee service.

On the membership front, we did very well to hold our numbers during a difficult year. We finished with 60, thanks to an influx of new members. And new members are very important to us, in that they bring new ideas and fresh enthusiasm. This year we will renew our efforts to grow membership, and our target is 65.

I look forward to seeing you all again in the coming year.

TEA/COFFEE SERVICE

Since the re-start of our General Meetings at the Town Centre Club (TCC), we have all missed the tea and coffee with biscuits service. As we all know, this was due to the TCC having to work within the constraints of ACT's COVID-19 regulations, which prohibited the close grouping of people, and their handling of shared equipment.

The good news is that, with effect from our next meeting on 12th January, the service is back, albeit in a different form. The TCC will set up a manned tea/coffee station at our meeting. They will serve individual customers during the period 10.30 – 11.15. To minimise any disturbance, you will be asked to fetch your refreshments one table at a time. We realise this arrangement is not ideal. However, while COVID-19 remains an ominous fact of life even for fortunate Australia, and the ACT, it is the reality we must live with – at least for now.

The cost for the service, payable as usual to Lola as we enter the meeting, will rise from \$5 to \$6. The TCC has reminded us that their costs have risen, and that COVID-19 regulations now require them to also desanitise our meeting place as they set it up. This, together with the 45 minute beverage service, costs them two hours of labour. So we gracefully accept the inevitable, which will apply to all Probust and other clubs utilising the TCC facility.

In this context, we should mention that your Committee has decided to hold our annual membership fee at \$28 pa, for a third consecutive year.

New Members

At the meeting President Paul took the opportunity to formally welcome John and Sandra Allen to the Club

Membership/Welfare Report

This month Elizabeth Chisholm needs our positive thoughts and best wishes.





January Birthdays

This month we wish Happy Birthday to Lynne Richards, Esther O'Loughlin and Paul Varsanyi.



TWO TRUTHS AND A LIE

John Payne is organizing our amusing activities for this meeting! A brief explanation -

Some “carefully” selected Members will be given an opportunity to talk by passing on three bits of information about themselves.

The information does not have to be intimate or life-revealing - quite simple things like hobbies, interests, or past experiences that make each person unique.

However, one of these bits of information will be a “**LIE**”! It can be outrageous and wacky, or it can sound like a truth to make it harder for the other participants.

One at a time, each person will share their information. There will then be 5 minutes of questions from the audience after which they have to guess which bit of information is the “**LIE**”. We will get you to record your guesses, and then score them.

There will be two Winners, the Member who gets the most guesses correct and the presenter who fools the greatest number of Members.

Future Guest Speakers

Date	Speaker	Talking About
February 9 th		Belco Arts: Dancing for Wellness
March 9 th	AGM and Prof. Peter Stanley	Remembering and Interpreting Australia's Wars
April 13 th	Daniel Iglesias, ACT Parks & Gardens	Over the Hill? Not us, Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve!
May 11 th	Mia Swainson	How to Cut Your Household Waste in Half?
June 8 th	David Harding	Neighbourhood Watch - Safer Communities.

AGM 9th March

Assuming things do not change in regard to COVID-19, as happened last year, we will hold a “real” AGM this year. Amongst other things all Committee positions will be declared vacant and elections held to fill them for the 2021 – 2022 year. This gives you a valuable opportunity to nominate for one of these exciting, fulfilling, and hard to get positions.

I know dozens of you will be anxious to nominate and if you would like more information please do not hesitate to approach any existing Committee Member who will gladly assist with anything you want to know.

Nomination Forms will be available at this and the next meeting and when complete should be submitted to the Secretary by the **end of the February Meeting**. Alan is prepared for the rush and will be incredibly happy to deal with the overwhelming response from all members!

Archivist/Historian

Over the years the Club has accumulated a number of Photographs and Newsletters, both in digital and hard copy format. The Committee believes it is important to keep this information for “posterity” and is seeking the services of a volunteer to take on this important role. If you would be interested, please approach any Committee member who will gladly assist.

Theatre Outings

Sandra Barker will be asking for expressions of interest from members about attending the Theatre in 2021. Further information will be provided at our meeting.

Sunday Dining

The Sunday Dining Group meets on the first Sunday of each month at a different venue for lunch. If you would like more information about the group or to join, please contact Sandra Barker on 0429 133 363.