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If for any reason you are unable to attend the meeting, please call or text Jan Petrie on 0426 104 254 to pass on your apologies.

PRESIDENT'S MAY MESSAGE

Dear Members,

With Easter and Anzac Day having come and gone, the mornings are becoming chilly, and the heaters are coming on. Even without a decent frost, Canberra's Autumn colours are quite vivid and a pleasure to behold. Now is the time for walks and hikes.

With this issue of the Newsletter we welcome our new Editor, Maria Polmeer, who has immediately gotten down to work and produced her first one. As well as the usual items of importance to us, Maria has given us some lighter fare to put a smile on our faces. And she asks that members with stories to tell, or other interesting contributions, forward them to her for inclusion in future issues.

It is apparent that many folks who have been putting off travel during the last four years are now stirring, and preparing to head off for breaks domestically and even overseas. Your Committee is no exception. A number of members are planning breaks away during 2023. There will be a fair degree of standing in for each other at upcoming meetings. But we'll manage, as we always have.

Starting in June, Noela Power will be acting President for a few months, and chairing our Committee and General Meetings. You will be in good hands.

There is still plenty of Covid and influenza about, so think about updating your shots, and stay safe.

Paul

Welcome to our newest members –

This brings membership numbers to ...

JUST AS PETER RETIRED AS EDITOR, A NEW MEMBER VOLUNTEERED!

As you know, due to health reasons Peter had to resign from his Editorship of our newsletter. While filling out the application for membership, local JP and art teacher Maria Polmeer, hearing Paul asking for somebody to take it over, decided to write on the bottom of the form 'Former journalist, copy editor and proof reader' The rest is history.

OUTINGS



On 26th April we had our first movie outing to Limelight at Tuggeranong. We went to the seniors advance screening of ‘80 for Brady’. We had 7 members turn up and after coffee, tea and Tim Tams (courtesy of Limelight) we settled in. Judging by the sound of the laughter we all enjoyed it.

The following day we had a self-drive/car pool trip to Goulburn to visit the Goulburn Rail Heritage Centre. Thirteen members and partners made the trip which was very informative in terms of history, restoration and the future. Our tour guide was a fountain of knowledge including details of every train and every number of each train. The above photo shows our group standing in front of some of the boys’ big toys. This visit was followed by an enjoyable lunch at the Goulburn Soldiers Club.

Our next outing will be another movie day on Tuesday 16 May to see “The Book Club”. More details re timing will be provided at the next general meeting.

Then on 20th May we are off to see the local theatre production of “Steel Magnolias” at the ACT Hub in Kingston.

GREENWAY SUNDAY DINING GROUP

Members meet on the first Sunday of each month at various venues for lunch. Why not come along and give it a try and then decide if you want to join? Please contact Sandra on 0429 133 363 for more information.

REGULAR MOVIES GROUP

Want to go to the movies and reluctant to go by yourself? Why not join our regular movie group which we are establishing right now. Give your name to Gail and then be in the loop for the regular outings and have coffee or lunch after. This is likely to be alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays on a fortnightly basis. First Movie day was Wednesday 26th of April at 10 am at Limelight in Tuggeranong.

GUEST SPEAKER MARC NIEUWENHUYS

At the April meeting, Marc gave us an interesting talk about his journey rowing a kayak all the way down the Murray River to its mouth in order to come face to face with the 'uninvited other person' in his life, namely depression. A tough, lonely expedition 2,400 kms through three states against very strong winds, with a couple of adventures thrown in including helping a policeman (who had no handcuffs with him at the time) to hold down a criminal until help arrived. Marc is using his positive experience of this journey to help support others who are coping with mental health issues.



• Linda presented Marc with a Certificate of Appreciation

FUTURE GUEST SPEAKERS

Date	Speaker	Talking About
May 9 th	Jan Petrie	Her Famous Trivia Quiz
June 13 th	Dr Brad Tucker	Space Race 2
July 11 th	Ray Esmondson	Australia's Film & Sound Heritage
August 8 th	Lina Webber	Spams and Scams

WELFARE

I'm not aware of anyone currently unwell, but if anyone does know of someone, please let me know. We have some people who have recently recovered from Covid so be aware that it's still out there and take care. Linda 0417 485 876



We Wished Joan Stuckey and Tom Green

A Very Happy Birthday



MAY BIRTHDAYS

JUDITH ASHTON

FAY BEAN

TESSA KENEHAN



A Very Happy May Birthday from all of us!

IS IT TIME TO UPDATE?

Dear Members, if --heaven forfend--you were ever to have a fall while on an outing, would the person you originally gave as your 'Emergency Contact' still be relevant? If not, please update with a call to:

Alan on 6294 7207 or parker.a.r@bigpond.com



"You'll have to get behind me and push."

Uh Oh... These extraordinarily bad puns have found their way into the newsletter!!

Atheism is a non-prophet organization. ☹ Terrible

A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.

☹ Even worse!

Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie... ☹ Better



It's called 'reading'. It's how people install new software into their brains.



True story: As told to the editor by a lady who grew up in India...

Her father, a British tea planter in India, drove his guests to a night out at the club where they imbibed a lot of alcohol. On the road home through the jungle, they were startled to see the rogue elephant that locals had been talking about. There it was on the side of the road. They disembarked from the vehicle with their heavy calibre guns and although all of them shot it, still it wouldn't go down. They went home leaving it there. The next morning, their conscience struck and now sober, they returned to the scene. What they found was a road works steam roller under a very tattered tarpaulin!

(If you have any funny or 'truth is stranger than fiction' stories, we'd love to have them—ed)

STORIES WITHOUT WORDS



HOBBY HORSE...

*By putting coffee grounds in the compost, you'll attract garden worms from everywhere. A fisherman said that to get worms for bait, he sprinkles coffee grounds on his lawn, covers them with a tarpaulin then next morning when he lifts the tarpaulin there are lots of worms on the surface ready to scoop up!

If you and your particular hobby horse have information to share, we welcome your input--ed



SENIORS MOMENTS

The Prime Minister visited a nursing home in Canberra and said to an elderly gent “Do you know who I am?” The man replied “No, but if you go to reception they’ll tell you.”



“Frankly, I don’t remember why I called this meeting.”



Farewell to Barry Humphries A.K.A Dame Edna Everage and Sir Les Patterson

From Sir Les Patterson’s Glossary:

Dunny n. *Powder-room*

Frenchies n. pl. *Water-proof sleeping-bags for mice* ☺ hmmm