

As we will not have enough numbers to fill the coach, we will be sharing with another club.

- Day 1: Travel by luxury coach to Jindabyne (lunch at own cost).
- Day 2: Thredbo village and chairlift to Eagles Nest. Bullocks Flat ski tube. Smiggin Holes, Perisher Valley, Charlotte Pass and Island Bend.
- Day 3: Eucumbene Dam wall. Snowy Mountains Museum at Adaminaby. Lunch in Cooma. Snowy Hydro Discovery Centre.
- Day 4: Jindabyne Visitors Centre. Gaden Trout Hatchery. Wild Brumby Distillery. BBQ lunch at the hotel. Afternoon free.
- Day 5: Cooma and Cooma Gaol. Nimmitabel. Lunch at Burnima Homestead (1896). Bombala and Dalgety.
- Day 6: Depart for home.

The tour is inclusive of all meals (except the first day lunch) and will be accompanied by local guides who are passionate about their history and the area they live in. Brochures are available from Wal and deposits of \$50 per person are payable now.



New Member Geoff Richardson



*The Luncheon Group's
1st get together*

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*40th Anniversary
1979 - 2019*

MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S PATTERN

ANZAC Day means something different for each Australian, for the younger ones it's a day off school or work. For others it's a day at the footy or for playing sport themselves. For older Australians, it is where Gallipoli became the common tie forged in adversity that bound the colonies and people of Australia into a nation. For me, it's a day of remembrance. I remember attending the funerals of eight close friends who lost their lives in the Radfan, South Arabian and Dhofar campaigns. In the 1960s British soldiers killed in action were not repatriated back to Britain but buried locally. I remember the sandy coloured 105 mm Pack Howitzer on permanent loan from the Royal Horse Artillery that was converted by the Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers to transport a Union Jack covered coffin to its final resting place. I remember the immaculately presented long wheel based Land Rover used to tow the gun carriage to the cemetery with the dreadful name of Happy Valley, which has now been changed to Silent Valley. I still get goose bumps every time I hear the Last Post being played. I remember the 21 gun salute, three volleys fired by seven soldiers, that signals to the enemy that the body has been buried and that the battle can continue. Unlike other campaigns where pilgrims can visit battle sites and the graves of loved ones, there are no tours of Cap Badge Hill or Pegasus Village. Visiting the gravesites in Yemen, as it is now called, would be extremely dangerous. In British military history these campaigns are frequently referred to as Britain's Forgotten War. Forgotten by everyone, except the 30,000 men and women that served there and the families of 99 who lost their lives from 1964-67. Lest we forget!

MEETINGS

April

Ann Howard was our guest speaker last month, when her topic was "You'll Be Sorry". Ann wrote *You'll Be Sorry* in 1990 and was based on her mother's experiences in England during World War II. She was in the WAF. When she first tried to join the answer was NO.

Here the Australian Women's Army Services (AWAS) was formed. They served in areas of intelligence, signals, ciphers, electrical and mechanical, ambulance and transport. They were not allowed to be in armed combat (very different to today). Women from the country areas were quick to join because they knew how to ride motor bikes. They were involved in the infamous mustard gas trial. The AWAS had their own Commanding Officer and Military Police (Provost).

Many of them married US servicemen but unfortunately 1 in 10 marriages ended in divorce. However, they were able to obtain employment after the War because of the skills they had obtained and the discipline they had been subjected to. But they, like many service personnel today, suffered Post War Trauma.

Today the survivors march with pride on Anzac Day and in the last couple of years have been at the head of the march in Sydney. We thank Ann very sincerely for coming and sharing her story with us.

May

Deborah Wallace APM is our guest speaker today, when her topic will be "My Life of Crime". She is Detective Superintendent Commander, Criminal Groups and Strike Force Raptor and will be sharing with us the experiences of a career of over 36 years, focussing on drugs and gangs.

Deborah started her career in 1983 as a Probationary Constable at Blacktown then Cabramatta where she progressed to the role of Chief Inspector (Crime Manager) followed by continual promotion in S/E Asian and Middle Eastern Crime squads till she took over her current role.

She has extensive experience working in the area of Asian Crime both at the Local Area Command and Organised Crime level. This gave her a significant understanding of cultural issues as they relate to and impact on communities of Asian and Middle Eastern background; as well as the dynamics and culture of Outlaw Motor Cycle Gangs.

June

Garry Smith will be our guest speaker next month on Monday, 3 June 2019, when his topic will be "Prime Minister's Partners 1901-2018". The presentation will include the partners of nine Prime Ministers of Australia in some detail, the First Federal Ministry—who was in it, and what is the position of "Spouse of an Australian Prime Minister". When Julia Gillard became Prime Minister of Australia, the term "Prime Minister's Wife" became redundant. He presents to us a puzzle of identifying the other partners. Garry is a retired School Principal with the best part of 40 years' experience teaching and being a senior policy officer in NSW. More recently Garry has

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Please note the following venue changes for the next two OLD CODGERS MUSIC GROUP. Bob and Margaret Cruikshank will host the one on Monday, 13 May 2019 (1 Mason Ave, Cheltenham); while Brian and Deirdre Haywood will host the one on Monday, 3 June 2019 (35 Cheltenham Rd, Cheltenham). Old Codgers gather at 2.30 p.m. to relax with a selection of fine music, and then share an enjoyable afternoon tea.

The next PRESIDENT'S COFFEE MORNING will be at 10 o'clock on Friday, 17 May 2019 near the Coffee Club at Carlingford Court.

CLUB MEMBERS LISTING March 2019—ADDITIONS: Javerchand Christies ["JC"], wife's name Joanita, address: 13 Bareena Place, Marsfield 2122, telephone: 0412 200 746; Geoff Richardson, wife's name Margaret, address: 41 Marlow Avenue, Denistone 2114, telephone: 9808 2967.

CHANGE OF DETAILS: John Donohoe's address should be 27/62 Norfolk Road, Epping, 2121.

CHANGE OF STATUS: Ian Campbell, Arthur Goswell and Tony Malin are now classified as Non-Active members.

CHAIR AND MORNING TEA ROSTER FOR JUNE

Rostered members capable of setting up chairs should be at the hall shortly after 8.30 am. If you are unable to be present as rostered, please arrange a swap with another member and inform the Co-ordinator, Mark Gibbs, phone 9899-8545 (* serving tea and coffee only).



Frank Johnson*
Brian Keneally
Julio Koraca

Philip Jones*
Hugh Knight



TOUR NEWS

King Island History and Culture—2-5 September 2019

It may still be possible to book on this 4-day/3-night highlights tour of King Island, flying to Melbourne with Virgin, then with Rex to King Island. The tour is priced at \$2098 pp twin share (\$260 single supplement). Get a detailed itinerary and booking form from Wal.

Life of Riley Alpine Tour—27 October-1 November 2019

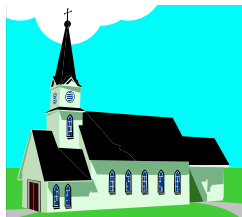
Based at a lakefront motel on Lake Jindabyne this 6-day/5-night tour takes in the highlights of the Snowy Mountains area. Priced at \$745 pp twin share this is excellent value for an all-inclusive tour.

A very fast intercity train leaves Katoomba at 2.04 p.m. and reaches Parramatta at 3.26 p.m. (it does not stop at Strathfield). A train leaves Parramatta at 3.31 p.m. and reaches Strathfield at 3.44 p.m. in time to catch the 4.00 p.m. train on Platform 6 back to Epping.

Next month on Monday, 17 June 2019, there is a special treat. It is a train trip to Richmond via Strathfield returning via Tallawong and the new Metro to Epping.

Annual Probus Church Service

The Rev. Joshua Ling of the Epping Presbyterian Church has invited EDPC members and partners to attend the 10.30 a.m. service on Sunday, 16 June 2019, at the Church, 9 Bridge Street, Epping.



Cycling

There were 5 riders on Wednesday, 24 April 2019 for the ride around Iron Cove. We left from the car park, opposite the Rowing Club on the north-western side of Iron Cove Bridge. We followed the cycle path around the Bay past Timbrell Park, and then detoured down the Hawthorne Canal where we had coffee. We then returned to the cycle path heading east, crossed over Iron Cove Bridge and returned to the car park. The distance cycled was 12 km.

The next cycle ride is on Friday, 24 May 2019 around Prospect Parklands—covering Prospect Creek and the disused Prospect Canal/Aqua Duct—a distance of approximately 18 km of easy riding. A map is attached.



We will meet at 10 a.m. at Andrew Campbell Reserve on William Lawson Drive off Reservoir Road, Prospect. Entry to the Drive is signposted Prospect Reservoir (Peckys) or Gate 1. As a guide, from the Cumberland Highway it is 4 km along the M4 to the Prospect off ramp.

Coffee will be at the Royal Cricketers Arms, Reservoir Road. Please contact Steve Drury prior to the day, on 9872-7447 or 0487-785-444 if you wish to participate. Note a loan cycle and helmet may be available if required.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

We are pleased to welcome into our membership Geoff Richardson, a retired Electrical Engineer, who resides with his wife Margaret at 41 Marlow Avenue, Denistone, phone 9808-2967.



been the Leader of the Australian History Seminars for the University of the Third Age (U3A), Upper North Region.

Garry has also put a lot of time researching his current family history which focuses on his own Alchin, Thompson and Smith families. He bases his presentations on real characters from his own family history in Australia. Garry is a member of several family history, historical Societies and groups. He has earned significant accreditation for the thesis and work he has done.

Please note that next month's meeting is on the 1st Monday and not the usual 2nd Monday due to the Queen's Birthday Holiday.

DAY OUTINGS

May

This month's outing is on Tuesday, 21 May 2019 and is to the Ambassador Restaurant, Northern Sydney Tafe. Quite a few members have mentioned that this is a good outing. The Ambassador is located in Building A, Level 4, 250 Blaxland Road part of Northern Sydney Tafe and these luncheons are prepared by the Chef and Hospitality students as part of their course content.

The lunch will commence at 12.00 noon and will be a French Cuisine Le Cordon Bleu menu of 3 courses. A reservation for 31 persons has been lodged for the day nominated above.

If you are driving there parking is available behind the College off Parkes Street. Otherwise, assemble on Epping Station Concourse at 11.00 a.m. and catch the 11.17 a.m. train to Eastwood on platform 1. At Eastwood transfer to Bus Route 515 at Stand A on West Parade. We will arrive at Northern Sydney Tafe at 11.39 a.m. Return journey buses are available about every half hour to Eastwood Station.

June

Next month's outing is on Tuesday, 18 June 2019 and is a visit to Newcastle City. It will be a full day visit to Newcastle by train, a tram conducted tour of Newcastle and environs and lunch at the Heritage Customs House Hotel.

We will gather at Epping Station Concourse at 8.25 a.m. and catch the 8.40 a.m. train on Platform 3 to Newcastle Interchange. This Intercity train has quiet carriages at the front, back and two in the middle. We will select other carriages than these for our journey. This train will arrive at the Newcastle Interchange at 10.51 a.m. and there is a short walk to the new Light Rail service which will take us to Queens Wharf for the Famous Tram conducted tour which will commence at 11.15 a.m. The cost of this 1¼ hour tour is \$20 per head and it will cover Newcastle City Heritage and Coast environs. It will highlight the changes that have been accomplished in the City in recent years.

The Tram will drop us at the Customs House Hotel at 12.30 p.m. for lunch. Lunch will be À La Carte from an extensive menu with dishes from about \$18. Drinks are available at individual cost. The food here is very good and gluten free meals are available.

After lunch you all can inspect the Heritage Railway Station opposite the Customs House Hotel which has recently been refurbished to a very high standard. The Light Rail Newcastle Beach Station is nearby to return us to the Newcastle Interchange Railway station for our return journey to Sydney. Limited stopping Intercity trains run hourly and there is one leaving Newcastle at 3.12 p.m. and another at 4.24 p.m.

Outings Co-ordinator: Michael Brinsden, phone 9868-4940

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The introduction of new “Other Activities” and associated processes is gradually occurring. The intention is to expand the range of activities offered to Club members and potential members. A variety of new activities was identified by members as a result of a survey carried out in 2018. The full list is itemised below. Each activity is looking for an **Activity Leader**. The role of the Activity Leader is to organise the selected activity, i.e. arrange venue, advertise the next event via the Newsletter, collect member bookings, maintain attendance records, report outcomes and report any incidents.

The **Other Activities Officer** provides general oversight of Other Activities and reports to the Management Committee. In addition, he can provide some support to the Activity Leader, particularly with respect to preparation of the initial activity proposal for approval by the Committee.

Please give serious consideration to stepping up to be an Activity Leader. Feel free to propose an activity which is not on the following list. The Other Activities Officer, Ray Finch, can supply further information to assist your decision making. You can contact him at: phone 8851-7419, mobile 0414-746-954, or email rfinch@netspace.net.au.

Activities identified by member survey (in decreasing order of popularity) are: Dinner, Lunch, Photography, Computer, Wine, Discussion Group, Croquet, Book Club, Lawn Bowls, Jazz, Snooker, Cards, Ten Pin Bowling, Billiards, Bridge, Fishing, Golf, Chess, Dancing, Swimming, Caravanning.

Eastwood Musical Society

Oklahoma was the first collaboration of Oscar Hammerstein II and Richard Rodgers, firstly as a musical on Broadway in 1943 and then adapted to film in 1955. This became the first of musicals as we know them. The story is based on a 1931 play, *Green Grow the Lilacs*, and takes place in 1906 in the

Indian Territories, which were being opened up to become the state of Oklahoma.

The music is a joy with such songs as “Oh What a Beautiful Mornin’”, “The Surrey with the Fringe on Top”, “I Cain’t Say No”, “Pore Jud is Daid”, “The Farmer and the Cowman and, of course, “Ok-la-hom-a”.

The performance is in the Eastwood Uniting Church Hall, Lakeside Road, Eastwood at 8.00 p.m. on Friday, 24 May 2019 and the price is \$20.

ANZAC Services

On Sunday, 14 April 2019, President Ed, along with veterans Doug Bennetts and Ray Williams laid a wreath on behalf of the Club. They were accompanied by Ray Palmer along with partners Joan and Rose. At the ANZAC Day Dawn service, President Ed laid a wreath on behalf of the Club. He was joined by Vice President Mike, who did his national service in the Australian army. After the service Ed and Rose joined other veterans for the Epping RSL sponsored breakfast, complete with a jug of beer and the traditional tot of rum. At the breakfast, Ed met another veteran of the South Arabian campaign. This soldier bravely drove his Saracen armoured personnel carrier all night, behind enemy lines, in order to drop off people like Ed, who would establish an Observation Post. He would then go back a week later to return those soldiers back to their base.



By Opal Card

Use your Opal Card for a trip to Katoomba on Monday, 20 May 2019. We will assemble at Epping Station at 8.45 a.m. to catch the train on Platform 1 at 8.56 a.m. to Strathfield. Here we will change from Platform 1 to Platform 3 to catch the 9.31 a.m. train to Katoomba, arriving there at 11.17 a.m.

There are several options upon arrival at Katoomba. One option is to catch the Route 686 bus outside the Carrington Hotel at 11.30 a.m. and travel to Echo Point (11.40 a.m.) or Scenic World (11.45 a.m.). A bus arrives back at the Carrington Hotel at 1.40 p.m. It leaves Echo Point at 1.25 p.m. and Scenic World at 1.30 p.m. It seems that for about \$35 one can have unlimited rides on all the Scenic World attractions.