

CHAIR AND MORNING TEA ROSTER FOR JULY

Rostered members capable of setting up chairs and tables should be at the Hall shortly after 8.30 a.m. If you are unable to be present as rostered, please arrange a swap with another member and inform Roster Co-ordinator, Mark Gibbs, by email bevmark21@hotmail.com or phone 9899-8545.



Graeme Durie Neil Gillies
Leo Glockemann Peter Golding



TOUR NEWS

The tour to Adelaide and the *Proud Mary* was well enjoyed by the 19 participants. Two tours remain for 2021, Outback Adventure and Yarrowonga. I am now looking at options or coach touring in 2022.

Adelaide to Uluru—13 August–24 August 2021

It may still be possible to join this *Uluru and Outback Explorer* tour as detailed in the November Newsletter. Fly to Adelaide then luxury coach to Flinders Ranges, Quorn, Port Augusta, Woomera, Coober Pedy, Alice Springs and Uluru. Fly home from Yulara.

Yarrowonga—26 September–1 October 2021

Join us for a Spring tour in this historic part of Victoria with Linga Longa Tours. Be immersed in the culture, history, and geography of the region, at all times with an expert guide.

Priced at \$995 pp (\$175 single supplement), the tour includes travel by luxury coach, visiting: Day 1–Pick up in Epping and travel the Hume Highway to Wodonga then via Rutherglen to Yarrowonga for our 5-night stay with all meals.

Day 2–Yarrowonga & Mulwala, Swanpool, Benalla Art Gallery and street art tour. A stop at Goorambat on the way back to Yarrowonga.

Day 3–A leisurely day on the Silo Art Trail and the Tungamah Hotel. Lunch on board the paddle steamer *P S Cumberoona* on Lake Mulwala.

Day 4–Albury, Wodonga, the Bonegilla Migrant Hostel Museum and the Army Museum in Bandiana. Return via Howlong.

Day 5–Down the river to Tocumwal and Deniliquin. Farewell dinner in Yarrowonga. Day 6–Return to Epping.

To secure your place on the tour, deposits of \$100 per person will be due and payable on or before our July meeting on 12 July 2021. Contact Wal for further details e-mail at wwg@bigpond.com or 0429 484 639. If paying by EFT please let Wal know by e-mail.

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JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER

THE EDITOR'S SAY

First of all my I express my thanks to the Club Committee and members for their concern over my accident. It was just an unfortunate accident through no fault of the management of the train. I received excellent care from the Station Manager and his staff at Macarthur Station, including several Ticket Inspectors. I am still in Campbelltown Hospital awaiting transfer to rehab at Westmead. Thank you in anticipation for those who will drive my wife Barbara once a fortnight to the Rouse Hill Commonwealth Bank. It has been no difficulty to prepare this Newsletter.

Secondly, Michael has asked me to convey his apologies for the absence of the President's Missive this month. Please have him in your prayers at this time.

Thirdly, there is also no write up on last month's speaker. My notes are at home and I am prepared to write it up for a future Newsletter.

And finally, my thought for today "Don't join any organisation unless you are prepared to take on an office, organise a function or assist in some way". Our Club is in the urgent need of a Vice President, who will be our President next year. As the longest Past President still active, the President's task is not onerous because in any organisation the Secretary does the bulk of what is required.

MEETINGS

June

Beth Mathews is our guest speaker today, when her topic will be "Our Girls". Beth has been a member of the Parramatta & District Historical Society for 28 years, and she is currently on the Research Committee. She was a volunteer at Parramatta Heretic Centre for 16 years until ill health forced her retirement. These days she is a member of the Parramatta Female Factory Friends, doing the research with Anne Matthews.

When they began, they had an exhibition called “Women Transported” and they had 800 names. The exhibition toured Australia. Anne and Beth received an NSW Volunteer Award in 2009 for their hard work putting this exhibition together.

Beth, with Ann is still researching these women and they call them “Our Girls” and now have 3.000 names, using the name of the ship of arrival as ID. Many are still a mystery. They use the NSW State Archives for the original records; other family historians generously share their own records.

These women, who were often unnamed in History such as “his wife” or “the wife of”, were the backbone of our nation and we believe their stories should be better known.

Many of the Female Factory buildings are still standing, often under threat of development. Open days and conducted tours are organised on a regular basis.

Note the meeting is on the 1st Monday due to the Queen’s Birthday weekend holiday on the 2nd Monday.

July

Hazelyn Dillon will be our guest speaker next month on Monday, 12 July 2021, when her talk will be “My Life in The Business World”. Hazelyn left school just before she turned 16 after completing the School Certificate and began her working life as a Laboratory Assistant in a Rock & Soil Laboratory. After ten months, she moved to a drug company where she learnt many analytical procedures.

She married at twenty years of age and moved to take up employment in a Pigment, Paint & Plastic Laboratory, closer to where she was living. Then after some time she left the workforce for 12 years to raise her children. During this time Hazelyn went to TAFE and did her Higher School Certificate. After gaining her Certificate she went to Macquarie University and did a Science Degree majoring in Biology. It took six years as a part-time student.

Hazelyn then gained employment with a Cosmetic Company. After two years she became its Laboratory Manager and several years later she moved to Colgate as a Developing Chemist and, after six years, finishing as the most senior Technical Woman in Colgate Australia. During this time, she became a member of the Australia Society of Cosmetic chemists.

As an active member she joined teams who organised conferences to keep Australia up to date with the developments in clinical trials. Hazelyn was then “head hunted” and joined a contract Manufacturing Company, that manufactured personal care products for many international companies, as its Research and Development Manager. She worked there for 8 years until she retired.

Dining

The lunch arranged by Wal Gallagher at the Ambassador Restaurant for Tuesday, 1 June 2021 was cancelled by the venue, due to lack of students to prepare the meal. In its place, Greg Stone has made a booking at Eastwood Rugby Club for lunch at noon on Wednesday, 2 June. Possible further lunch event in June will be advised by email.

The Ramblers

Your Committee has decided to refer to the walks/rambles group as ‘The Ramblers’ in future. Rick Collins has arranged a deferred May walk on Thursday, 3 June 2021 for a 4 km walk along Devlin’s Creek Trail and Lane Cove Valley Walk.

He has also planned a June Ramble in Bicentennial Park on Thursday, 24 June 2021, meeting at 10.00 a.m. at the Waterview Café car park on Bicentennial Drive. The walk is a generally flat 5 km, along some of the park’s paths and boardwalks followed by lunch at the Waterview Café. Contact Rick, 0411 611 338, if you wish to join in for lunch at the Waterview Café after the walk.

Theatre

Wal Gallagher has obtained 20 tickets to a performance by the EUCMS (Eastwood Uniting Church Musical Society) on Friday, 25 June 2021 at 8.00 p.m. This will be the first EUCMS post Covid performance. This concert, *When You Wish*, includes a range of songs from musicals and Disney shows.

Ticket price is \$12.50. The EUCMS has made arrangements to accept Discover NSW vouchers and each voucher will satisfy entry for two. Enquiries and bookings to be made with Wal, 0429 484 639.

SECRETARY’S GUFF

How do you like your tea or coffee? Perhaps strong but with milk. Maybe some other way. But most of us like a good cuppa, munching a biscuit as we sip. Please consider becoming the Morning Tea Organiser—speak to Mark Gibbs. It is not hard and you can have the first cuppa, and an extra one.

The Old Codgers’ Music Circle meets next at the home of John and Pam Peters, 81A Cheltenham Rd, Cheltenham, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 7 June 2021. Those who are intending to be present are requested to place their names on the Secretary’s List at the morning General Meeting.

Coffee Club

Nineteen attended in May. It's on again at Carlingford Court on Friday, 11 June 2021 at 10.00 a.m. Come for tea, coffee, etc. and help solve the world's problems over a chat with friends.

Cycling Group

Eight riders completed the Tumbarumba to Rosewood Rail Trail on 12 May without incident. Riders and non-riders enjoyed this event. There was also a ride on Friday, 21 May along the Parramatta River, from Rhodes to Parramatta and return, which attracted 7 riders.

The Wobblies will ride again on Friday, 18 June 2021, meeting at Mill Park Street, Rhodes at 10.00 a.m. Travel will be via the wetlands and the WW2 bunkers onto the Parramatta River Cycleway, over Silverwater Bridge to Parramatta Park. Return will be via Meadowbank across the railway bridge. Contact Steve Drury for details by email sandbdrury@gmail.com or phone 9872 7447 or mobile 0487 785 444.

By Opal Card

Nine members and a spouse attended the By Opal Card trip to Moss Vale on 20 May 2021 and had a very enjoyable trip starting at the peculiar point of the Sydney Metro's platform 6 at Epping and travelling via Tallawong, Schofields, the Cumberland Line to Glenfield and thence Campbelltown, with lunch at the Moss Vale Hotel. Regrettably, the outing was overshadowed on the way home by Col Short's fall on the train approaching Macarthur Station, resulting in him being taken by ambulance from Macarthur Station to Campbelltown Hospital, where he subsequently underwent a partial hip surgery.

Col has arranged to combine the June By Opal Card trip with the outing to Fort Scratchley arranged by Russel Gough for Monday, 21 June 2021. This trip can include an optional Tunnel Tour (\$10) and optional lunch at Scratchleys-on-the Wharf. Please see Outings Report in the Newsletter for full details.

Movie Group

Eight enjoyed a 'really excellent' movie *Six Minutes to Midnight* in May. The next movie will be on Tuesday, 22 June 2021. Andrew Davidson will provide details by email, when available.

DAY OUTINGS

June

This Month's outing is on Monday, 21 June 2021, and will be a visit to Fort Scratchley in Newcastle. This outing will double as the By Opal Card trip for June. In 1876, with fears of Russian attack, the British Government sent Major General Sir William Jervois and Lieutenant Colonel Peter Scratchley to advise on naval defences. The Fort was designed around a battery of three guns facing eastward in an arc to the ocean, with other guns covering the harbour to north and west.

The visit to the site, including the museum rooms is free. We can also join a 1-hour guided tour of the defence's tunnels starting at 11.30 a.m. The tunnel tour is reasonably accessible, but does include about 20 steps. The cost of the tunnel tour is \$10 per person to be paid on or before Monday, 7 June 2021. Please advise the Outings Co-ordinator if you wish to join the outing.

We will assemble at the Epping Station Concourse at 8.30 a.m. to catch the 8.40 a.m. express train to Newcastle from Platform 3, arriving at the Newcastle Interchange at 10.51 a.m. We will then take the light rail to the Newcastle Beach stop. It is a short (about 800 metres) walk up a slope to Fort Scratchley.

After the tour of Fort Scratchley, we will catch the light rail from the Newcastle Beach stop to the Queen's Wharf stop. A table will be reserved at Scratchleys-on-the-Wharf for lunch. This will be an opportunity for you to use one of your \$25 Dine & Discover NSW dining vouchers.

July

Next month's outing will be on Monday, 19 July 2021, and will be a Christmas-in-July lunch, with entertainment, at the Camden Valley Inn. The cost is \$50 per person. This is a popular outing, and a reservation could be made for only 20 people, so please see the Outings Co-ordinator promptly to avoid disappointment.

We will meet at the Camden Valley Inn, 290 Remembrance Drive, Cawdor. As this is quite a drive, car-pooling is recommended. Doors will open at 11.45 a.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Old Codgers Music Group

Nine attended the May meeting. Next meeting is on Monday, 7 June 2021 at 2.30 p.m. at the home of John and Pam Peters