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TOUR NEWS

Things remain uncertain concerning travel and the current lock-down in Greater Sydney may be extended into September. The planned **Adelaide to Uluru Tour** for later this month is definitely postponed, to a new date yet to be advised. It may be that when this tour is re-scheduled the dates may not suit everyone, and some may prefer to take a refund, in which case those on the waiting list will be offered a place. Please let me know if you want to put your name on the waiting list.

I am still taking names and deposits for the **Yarrawonga Tour** for the last week in September and if this tour is not able to take place then, it will also be re-scheduled, most probably to a similar time next year.

The recently announced tour, **Queensland Outback to Reef** is already fully booked and a waiting list is in place in case any withdrawals occur. Please let me know if you want to go on the waiting list. Please contact Wal, 0429 484 639, or wwg@bigpond.com for further details.

SAY WHAAAT???

- We'll be friends 'til we're old and senile.... Then we'll be new friends!
- The first five days after the weekend are the hardest.
- When I was little my Dad had me convinced that the Ice Cream truck only played music when it was sold out. Well played Dad, well played.
- I used to wonder what it'd be like to read other people's minds. Then I got a Facebook account and now I'm over it.
- Good Girls are Bad Girls that never got caught..
- Common Sense is like deodorant. The people who need it most never use it.
- You know you're getting old when you feel bad in the morning without having any fun the night before.
- Does anyone remember that one time before Facebook, when we all went outside and did stuff?
- A man without a woman is a bachelor. A woman without a man is a genius.

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15 AUGUST

AUGUST 2021 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MISSIVE

Unfortunately, the dreaded Covid-19 is back with us, and we are all in a lockdown with strict Government decrees on what we can and cannot do. This has resulted in a very restricted programme of events as you can see from our Committee Member reports in this issue of the Newsletter. Right now, we can't hold Committee meetings, or for that matter our monthly General meetings, and so we are virtually shut down for this month and possibly September as well.

This is most unfortunate, and I suppose until we reach a reasonably high penetration rate of inoculation in the general population the lockdowns and social restrictions may very well continue for a while. Once the Covid-19 infection is regarded by our Government and the Public Health officials as just like the Flu I believe that we will finally be able to get through this phase and return to normal with our club and social activities.

With the lack of club activities, the information in this edition of our Newsletter is rather sparse and our Editor Colin will include some additional offerings of humour and tall tales for our enlightenment.. My best wishes to you all; look after yourselves and keep well.

SECRETARY'S GUFF

Dear all, I hope you are well and coping with the confines of our current lockdown. Many will have found welcome diversion following the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, others with Scrabble, sorting photographs, researching family history, et cetera. Maybe a masked ball. Whatever you are doing, keep in contact with each other.

The August General Meeting and most other August Club activities have been cancelled in keeping with the health guidelines. The exception may be Old Codgers which is ZOOMable. This Delta variant of Covid-19 is a nasty bug.

MEETINGS

September

Graham Sims JP will be our guest speaker next month on Monday, 13 September 2021, when his topic will be “The Day the Ferries Broke Loose”. Graham had a 40+ year career in education, as teacher, consultant, Chief of Public Relations, Principal, Inspector of Schools, and Director of Education. He specialised in Languages, teaching French, German, Indonesian, Malay and English, both here and overseas.

He was three times seconded to the Commonwealth Government and served on the National Advisory Committee on Arabic and Middle-Eastern Studies.

After his retirement in 2000, Graham served as Principal of two Islamic Colleges in Sydney, being at one when “9–11” happened in New York, and at another when the “Bali Bombings” took place in 2005. In his words, these were tense, difficult and challenging times.

Graham has a wide variety of interests, including wildlife conservation, crypto zoology, folk history, and the restoration of vintage microcars (or “bubblecars”), of which he owns and drives three.

In 2014, he was given an award by the NSW Government in recognition of his 50 years service as a JP.

Graham has recently finished writing the life story of Big Chief Little Wolf, a famous wrestler of the 1930s, 40s and 50s.

He writes for several magazines, and has become a popular speaker, on over 30 topics, at various clubs and retirement villages.

DAY OUTINGS

August

This month’s outing was to be a visit to the Chau Chak Wing Museum at the University of Sydney. Due to the current lockdown in Sydney, this outing has been cancelled.

September

Next month’s outing was to be a picnic on Monday, 20 September 2021. Cancellation of this outing is under consideration by the Committee, as it requires an easing of the current Covid-19 restrictions. Updated details of this outing will be provided in the September Newsletter.

The planning of outings for Monday, 18 October 2021, Monday, 15 November 2021 and the Christmas party on Tuesday, 7 December 2021 is in progress but will depend on the prevailing Covid-19 restrictions.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Old Codgers Music Group—Thirteen people enjoyed fine music on Monday, 12 July 2021 via a ZOOM meeting, ably organised by Brian Haywood. No meeting is planned for August.

The following activities were cancelled during July due to Covid 19 restrictions and will not be held in August, following the latest restrictions: Coffee Club, Cycling Group, Opal Card, Movie Group, Dining, and The Ramblers.

Cycle Group

Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, the July 2021 ride to Narrabeen Lagoon was cancelled. There will be no ride in August 2021 due to the continuation of these restrictions. Hopefully we can resurrect the Narrabeen ride in September.

WELFARE REPORT (Prepared by our Welfare Officer, Ray Palmer)

I have made contact with the following non-active members and all say they are coping with lock-downs and health issues: Ian Campbell, Bruce Frost, Laurie Fuller, Owen Harrison, Brian Howard, Alf McDermott, Ron Mackintosh, Tony Malin and Paul Woodward. Philip Jones is doing very well being cared for at home; Wal Williams has had another operation for cancers on head, but home now and had stitches removed on 28th July and John Steele-Smith is continuing to receive good care at Thompson House. No contact has been made with John Cox.

And now to our Active Members: Tony Chaine was having an operation in July, but date was changed, because of Covid, to 18th August; Doug Sneddon is continuing to have dressings done for his leg at home and Col Short has had his 2nd physio session at Westmead Hospital and is learning to walk without any walking stick or walker (his 3rd session is next Monday afternoon).

CHAIR & MORNING TEA ROSTER FOR SEPTEMBER

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,