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TOUR NEWS

Adelaide to Uluru—10–21 August 2022

Bookings are now open for this 12-day/11-night Outback Explorer tour to the outback of South Australia and the Alice Springs/Ayers Rock area. The tour price includes: Flights Sydney to Adelaide and Yulara to Sydney; luxury coach travel; 11 nights accommodation; 27 meals as per the itinerary; all entry fees, rail journey and guides.

Tour highlights include: Adelaide tour; Mintaro, Burra, Hawker and Rawnsley Park Station; full day in the Flinders Ranges, Heyson Range, Wilpena Pound; Quorn, Pichi Richi Explorer steam train ride, Port Augusta; Woomera Heritage Museum, Kanku-Breakaways Conservation Park; Coober Pedy Desert Cave Motel (underground or aboveground accommodation), Umoona Opal Mine, historic underground home; Marla, Erldunda and Alice Springs Telegraph Station Museum, Standley Chasm, West MacDonnell Ranges, the Original Outback Bush BBQ; Curtain Springs, Mount Conner, Uluru, Kata-Juta Cultural Centre; Uluru Free Day—choice of optional tours; The Olgas, Sounds of Silence dining, Field of Lights Spectacular. Also included is the transfer after breakfast for flight to Sydney.

The tour is priced at \$5,798 per person twin share with a single supplement of \$1,195. Deposits of \$555 are due now. Detailed itinerary is available from Wal: email wwg@bigpond.com or mobile 0429-484-639. Final payments will be due in May.

Yarrawonga—18–23 September 2022

Please put these dates in your diaries for later this year. Deposits already paid for this tour when it was cancelled last year will be carried forward.

SAY WHAAAT???

- If you don't like music puns, you have my symphony!
- If you're riding ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.
- When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?
- How can you tell when you've run out of invisible ink?

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Our Committee for 2022–23 is: Col Short (President), Vacant (Vice President), Ross Beattie (Secretary), Godfrey Abel (Treasurer), Leo Hart (Speakers), Russell Gough (Outings), Ray Finch (Other Activities), Wal Gallagher (Tours and Special Events), Ray Palmer (Welfare) and Michael Brinsden (Immediate Past President).

MEETINGS

March

Hazelyn Dillon was our guest speaker last month, when her topic was “My Life in The Business World”. Hazelyn began her talk by covering her early life up to the age of 14 when her father died. The next year she left school and began working as a Laboratory Assistant.

Her talk then progressed through her early working life as a Laboratory Assistant, particularly in the Plastics Industry. In 1975, she began a Science Degree Course at Macquarie University, majoring in Biology, as a mature part-time student. Upon graduating she began working in 1986 in the field of Micro Biology testing.

She then changed direction and moved into the Cosmetics Industry, where, after 2 years, she became the Laboratory Manager of the Company. A

few years later she resigned and gained employment with Colgate Australia at Balmain. Here she was employed as a Developing Chemist. After 6 years there she became the most senior Technical woman with the Company.

During her time at Colgate Australia she joined the Australian Society of Cosmetic Chemists. As an active member she joined teams which organised conferences on the developments in clinical trials of cosmetics.

A Manufacturing Company involved making personal care products for international clients “head-hunted” her from Colgate as its Research and Development Manager. After 8 years there she retired.

We very sincerely thank Hazelyn for coming and speaking about her highly interesting life in the business world.

April

Alice Kang OAM is our guest speaker today, when her topic will be “The Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway”. Alice is currently the Director of the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway located at Rhodes Park, Concord. She recently retired from Concord Hospital after 46 years of service, having held several leadership roles over this period, the latest as Director of Marketing and Community/Veteran Relations.

Alice began her nursing training at Concord Hospital in 1974. Her time at Concord has seen her rise from being a Charge Nurse of the Emergency Department to Assistant Nursing Director of the Critical Care Area. She completed post graduate courses in Management and Gerontology in the late 70s and a Bachelor of Health Administration degree from UNSW in 1991.

In 1997, she was appointed as the State’s first Veteran Liaison Officer at Concord Hospital, a role funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs. She was charged with overseeing all matters pertaining to the care of veterans, setting a blueprint for other hospitals around the State who have veterans in their care.

Alice was responsible for the construction of the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway, a major project initiated by Concord Hospital. She set up the Friends of Kokoda in 1998 and spearheaded the school’s visitation program to the Memorial Walkway, engaging veterans as guides allowing them to share their valuable stories. The Memorial now receives approximately 4,000 students and 158,000 visitors annually.

In her role as Director of Marketing, Alice was instrumental in helping the Hospital engage with the broader community. She was responsible for setting up the Public Health Forum series at the Hospital including the major annual fundraising events Opera Night at Rivendell and the Rivendell Flower Show. These events became major cultural highlights in the City of Canada Bay.

along with heart issues and is in Westmead Hospital—while there he has had a Pacemaker inserted. He is having ongoing care to assist Stroke problems. Doug Carruthers is having a few issues with the change of treatment, and is looking forward to seeing us all soon.

SECRETARY’S GUFF

There will be NO Old Codgers Music Circle this month (April) as a health precaution. Because of Easter and Anzac Day holidays it was necessary to hold the Club’s Coffee Morning a week early: Friday, 8 April.

Note that the JUNE and JULY General Meetings will be held on the FIRST Monday of the month this year due to the Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday and the Presbyterian Church’s School Holiday activities—viz. Monday, 6 July and Monday, 4 July.

Members are requested to inform the Secretary of any changes to their contact details (i.e., the contact details of the person to be informed that was listed on your Membership Application Form).

CHAIR AND MORNING TEA ROSTER

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, Frank Hanlon by email f.hanlon@bigpond.com or phone 9878-1443.

April

Tony Chaine
Rick Collins

Yew Cheah
Javerchand Christie



May

Joseph Corte
Andrew Davidson

Bob Cruikshank
John Connell (serving only)

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The subscription for 2022–23 is \$40.00. Members are reminded that their subscriptions are now due and the Treasurer would be pleased to receive

Bob and Fran Price have been married for 30 years and brought up four children. Instead of enjoying retirement, it becomes clear that a parent's job is never really finished.

The performance is at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 27 April and the cost is \$27.50 per person. Enquiries and bookings with Wal Gallagher, email wwg@bigpond.com or mobile 0429-484-639.

The Wobblies Cycle Group

Six riders met at 10.00 a.m. at Mill Park Street, Rhodes for a Parramatta River wetlands ride on Friday, 25 March 2022. Staying on the southern side of the river, the ride was an 18 km loop back to Rhodes for coffee/lunch. Good to hear the weather was having one of its better days.

The next ride will be on Friday, 22 April 2022 at Narrabeen Lagoon, off Wakehurst Parkway. We will meet at 10.00 a.m. at Bilarong Reserve for two anticlockwise laps (three if we're fit!) of the lagoon, 9 km per lap. Coffee/lunch will be at the lake side café as usual. If you wish to participate or need more information please contact Steve Drury on sandbdrury@gmail.com or 0487785444.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

We are pleased to welcome into our membership Wayne Steele, a retired Professional Engineer, who resides with his wife Wendy at 19 Hillcrest Avenue Epping, phone 9869-2002.



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

First of all I wish to advise of the passing of our Non-Active Member, Brian Howard on 2 April 2022. Brian's passing, for him, would be a wonderful release from ill health.

I spoke to the following Non-Active Members, or their family, and all say they are OK at present: John Cox, Bruce Frost, Laurie Fuller, Owen Harrison, Philip Jones, Tony Malin, Dick Nicholson, John Steele-Smith, Wal Williams and Paul Woodward. Alf McDermott is finding he is getting slower, and slower, with undergoing mouth cancer problems. Ron Mackintosh is finding his eyesight and leg weakness an issue.

And now to our Active Members: Doug Sneddon had another operation on his leg at RPA on 16 March, and when he saw the Doctors to follow up they were very happy with the repair. John Goodman has suffered a stroke

In acknowledgement of her work at the Hospital and on behalf of veterans, Alice was made Drummoyne Woman of the year in 2015 and City of Canada Bay's 2018 Citizen of the year, while recently she was awarded the OAM.

She is presently curating 2 books to capture the history of Concord Hospital and the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway to mark their 80th and 25th anniversary respectively, which occurred last year.

May

Graham Sims JP will be our guest speaker next month on Monday, 9 May 2022, when his topic will be "The Day the Ferries Broke Loose" an event in 1978 during the great flood on the Hawkesbury River.

Graham has 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 '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 conversation, crypto zoology, folk history, and the restoration of vintage micro cars (or 'Bubble cars'), 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 history 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

March

Last month's outing was be a trip on the Nepean Belle Paddle wheeler on Thursday, 31 March 2022. The cruise was cancelled at the last minute as the river was running too fast. The company will not refund the moneys paid, so club now has a credit for 26 places. The cruise will be rescheduled for Thursday, 27 October 2022. Please advise the Outings Co-ordinator if you would like to take part in the rescheduled cruise.

April

When an attempt was made to book 10 places on the April Naval Harbour Cruise, there were no places available (the earliest cruise that could be booked now is in June.) It is proposed to suggest this as the August outing—on Friday, 26 August 2022. So, if you would like to take part in the Naval Harbour Cruise on the 26th August, please let Russell know.

A replacement outing, on Friday, 29 April 2022 will be a cruise on the Hawkesbury Mail Boat. The first Riverboat Postman started the run in 1910. You will enjoy the magnificent scenery of the lower Hawkesbury River as the boat delivers the mail and other essentials to the river-access-only settlements upriver from Brooklyn. The cost is \$49 per person. We will pay on the day, and we can use our NSW Dine-and-Discover vouchers. You will meet to bring proof of full COVID-19 vaccination or exemption.

Morning tea is served on departure, with percolated coffee, hot tea, and home-made ANZAC biscuits. Lunch, which is served around midday, consists of a very Aussie Ploughman's-style plate with shaved ham, tasty cheese, tomato, zucchini, carrot, mixed lettuce, pickled onions, fresh Turkish Bread roll, pickles, fruit chutney, butter & Italian dressing. The boat leaves the wharf at Brooklyn at 10 a.m. each weekday.

We will assemble at the Epping Station Concourse at 9.00 a.m. to catch the 9.10 a.m. train on Platform 3 to Hawkesbury River Station, arriving there at 9.47 a.m., which will be in time to catch the boat.

Please register for this revised outing at the April meeting or by email to Russell.Gough51@gmail.com

May

Next Month's outing will be a lunch that will be organised by Ray Palmer. It will be on at noon on Wednesday, 11 May 2022 at the West Pennant Hills Sports Club, hosted by Ray Palmer. Please contact Ray to book.

Outings Co-ordinator: Russell Gough, Phone 9869-2365

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The following 'other activities' are planned for this month. It goes without saying that they are conditional on compliance with any relevant Covid-19 restrictions. Please note that some activities are not being held on the 'traditional' day, to avoid the holiday period and some calendar congestion.

Coffee Club

Fourteen members and five visitors met for coffee and chat on 18 March. You can again meet 'face to face', and chat over coffee, etc, at the Coffee

Club, Carlingford Court, at 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 8 April. Note this before our meeting next Monday.

Old Codgers Music Group

Last month's OCMG meeting was held, at the home of Ross and Sybil Beattie, attended by 6 members and 3 wives. Sadly, there will be no April meeting. The next Music Group meeting will be in May.

Dining

Greg Stone held a lunch for 12 people at Drummoyne Sailing Club on Tuesday, 29 March.

Members are invited to consider arranging a future lunch or dinner at a venue of their choice. Please discuss with Ray Finch: email rayfinch42@gmail.com or mobile 0414-746-954.

Movie Group

Andrew Davidson held a belated March Movie Event on Tuesday, 5 April to see *The Duke* at Event Cinema, Macquarie Park, followed by lunch at Chantilly Café. Details of the next movie, cinema, time, and optional lunch venue will be provided separately by email.

The Ramblers

Five members and a guest enjoyed the March ramble exploring the Harold Reid Foreshore Track at Castle Crag, (notwithstanding a few showers and some bothersome wildlife), and lunch afterwards at The Incinerator restaurant.

The "April ramble" will, in fact, be in the first week of May, on Thursday, the 5th. We will meet on the concourse at Epping Station at 9.00 a.m. to catch the 9.10 a.m. train to Woy Woy from platform 3. At Woy Woy Station we catch the Route 64 bus to Blackwall Point. From Blackwall Point we will enjoy a flat, scenic 4 km ramble along the Brisbane Water waterfront reserve back to Woy Woy, with lunch after the ramble at SaTanG Thai, 4/18–20 The Boulevard, Woy Woy. After lunch there are trains from Woy Woy back to Epping every half hour during the afternoon. Please text or call Rick Collins on 0411-611-338 if you would like to come or if you have any queries.

Theatre

The Theatre on Chester gets underway in 2022 with a programme of three plays with the general theme of 'Proof that Things are Glorious!' The first offering is *Things I Know to be True*, a play by Australian playwright Andrew Bovell.