

## SAY WHAAAT???

The first four are some gems from Will Rogers:

- Never squat with your spurs on.
- Never kick a cow pat on a hot day.
- Always drink upstream from the herd.
- After eating an entire bull., a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him. The Moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.
- I tried to catch some fog once, but I mist.
- Is it OK to use the AM Radio after noon?
- Borrow money from pessimists – they don't expect it back.
- All those who believe in psycho kinesis...raise my hand.
- Sad News! I broke up with my girlfriend Lorraine. She found out I was seeing another girl, Claire Lee. Good news though! I can see Claire Lee now, Lorraine has gone.
- If a cow laughs, does milk come out of her nose?
- What would Geronimo say if he jumped out of an airplane
- I went to the toy store and asked the Assistant where the Schwarzenegger dolls are and he replied "Aisle B, Back"
- The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
- My friend writes songs about sewing machines. He's a singer songwriter or sew it seams.
- I replaced our bed with a king size trampoline. When she finds out my wife is going to hit the roof.
- I tried to come up with a carpentry pun that woodwork. I thought I nailed it but nobody saw it.
- We don't know any vegetable jokes yet. So if you do lettuce know.
- If money is the root of all evil, why do they ask for it at church?
- I admit that I was wrong about how good my Podiatrist is and now I stand corrected.
- The Devil whispered In my ear "you are not strong enough to weather the storm". I whispered in the Devil's ear "At least I didn't lose a fiddle contest to some hillbilly in Georgia".
- I hired a handyman and gave him a list. When I got home, only items 1, 3 & 5 were done. Turns out he only does odd jobs.
- If your car could travel at the speed of light, would your headlights work?
- Just so everyone's clear, I going to put my glasses on.
- I lost my job as a stage designer. I left without making a scene.
- Having a dog named "Shark" at the beach was a mistake.

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### JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER

### MEETINGS

#### May

Graham Sims JP was our guest speaker last month, when his topic was "Funny Dummies". His talk covered weird names, poems and sayings about "Dummies". Amongst which was the Country Dunny, the dunny man, chemical toilets and service station clean restrooms as well as unisex toilets.

Graham then spoke about places in NSW and his overseas trips with his wife and the experiences they had in different countries—the street toilets in Paris, the men's toilets at railway stations such as Town Hall in Sydney, the Beehive Café at Glenbrook. Also included was the use of cut-up newspaper in lieu of toilet paper.

Graham finished with a Power Point presentation of images of typical funny dummies—the lean to, the little house, etc. Adding to Graham's talk is the following:

A young couple about to be married were looking for a country house. The owner of the house was very hospitable and showed them round, and the couple were very impressed, saying they would consider buying it. On the way home the young lady, recalling she had not seen a Water Closet anywhere, very thoughtfully asked her fiancé, "Did you notice any WC?"

"No", said Edward, and so he wrote to the house owner enquiring as to the whereabouts of the WC. Being a country gentleman the house owner was ignorant of the term WC which he understood it to be the Wesleyan Church, and so he wrote back:

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter. I take great pleasure in informing you that the WC is situated nine miles from the house in the centre of a beautiful grove of pine trees, surrounded by lovely grounds.

It is capable of accommodating 229 people, and it is open on Sundays and Thursdays only. As there are great numbers of people expected there during the summer months, I suggest that you come early, although usually there is plenty of standing room. The fact there is often nowhere to sit is

always an unfortunate situation, especially if one is in the habit of going regularly. The committee are striving to address this problem and during their last meeting it was suggested that whenever insufficient seats available then ready made stools might be made available to sit on.

It may be of some interest to know that my daughter was married in the WC and in fact it was there she had first met her husband and then frequently every Sunday for several years.

I can remember the rush for seats at Easter and Christmas. Usually there were 10 people to every seat which should usually be occupied by only one. It was always wonderful to see the expressions on their faces.

I have heard great sermons preached from it and everyone who uses it usually sings at the top of their voices.

You will be glad to hear that a good number of people bring their lunch and make a day out of it, while those who can afford to go by car often arrive just in time, expressing considerable relief. Yet my wife and I are constantly surprised at others who miss it entirely.

I would especially recommend your ladyship to go on Thursdays when there is an organ accompaniment. The acoustics are excellent, and even the most delicate of sounds can be heard everywhere. Occasionally the noise is deafening when everyone participates together.

My brother was always there, too. He had gone regularly since he was christened. A wealthy resident erected a bell over the WC last week to be rung every time a member enters. A bazaar was held last week next door, the proceeds to help to provide plush seats.

My wife and I are getting old, now, and do not go as regularly as we used to. In fact it is four months since we went last, and I can assure you it pains us very much not to be able to take a regular seat. Our flush of youth seems to have evaporated permanently so we do not feel the need to be there as often as we did.

I shall be delighted to show you round personally and to reserve the best seat for you, where you shall be seen by all.

Hoping to be of some service to you.

Yours faithfully

We very sincerely thank Graham for coming and lighting up our day with great humour and long time memories of our youth.

## June

Andrew Biviano is our guest speaker today, when his topic will be “Estate Planning”. He heads up a team of Financial Advisers, at Alteris Financial Group, who focus on helping clients, identify their retirement living and aged care financial options to help them make confident decisions. Holding a

almost directly across the stern of the submarine. Captain Matsumura’s orders were to shell the Newcastle shipyards.

The Japanese gun crew broke out 20 shells from the ready locker. They also brought up another 14 rounds from the armoury below decks. Eight of the shells were "illuminators" or "star shells". All 34 shells were fired at Newcastle. After 13 minutes of firing, the guns at Fort Scratchley returned fire with 4 rounds. I-21 continued firing for another 3 minutes until all 34 shells had been fired. The shelling caused minimal damage and no casualties in Newcastle.



*Japanese I Class Submarine*



*Japanese Midget Submarine*



*HMAS Kuttabul*



*4 Bradley Avenue Bellevue Hill*

failing to explode, while the second passed under the Dutch submarine K9 striking the sea wall on Garden Island. It exploded on impact beneath the requisitioned Sydney Harbour ferry *Kuttabul*, which sank immediately and 21 Allied naval ratings, 19 Australian and two British were killed. M-24 evaded further detection and was not seen again until 2006 when its wreck was discovered off Sydney's northern beaches.

In the early hours of 1 June, M-22 entered the harbour. It was detected in Taylors Bay where it was depth charged repeatedly by the patrol boats. The following day RAN divers found its engines still running and its contra-rotating propellers slowly turning. It was subsequently raised and its 2-man crew found dead inside from self inflicted gunshot wounds. The three mother ships remained near Port Hacking until 3 June when they realised that the midget subs would not return.

M-27 was also raised and a composite midget submarine was built from it and M-22 and is now displayed at Canberra War Memorial.

On 8 June, I-24 was cruising 8 nautical miles south-east of the Macquarie Light. Just after midnight she surfaced and pointed her deck gun towards Sydney. The orders were to take aim directly at the Harbour Bridge. I-24 moved north-west towards the coast, whereby a volley was fired from the gun. Ten shells were fired within 4 minutes, all of which came rained down on the suburbs of Woollahra, Rose Bay and Bellevue Hill. Exploded shells landed at 3 Plummer Road Rose Bay, 4 and 6 Bradley Avenue Bellevue Hill and the corner of Small and Fletcher Streets Woollahra. Unexploded shells landed at 67 Balfour Road Rose Bay, 26 Manion Avenue Rose Bay, 81 Beresford Road Rose Bay, Woollahra Golf Links Rose Bay, Royal Sydney Golf Links Rose Bay, 9 Bunyula Road Bellevue Hill and 34 Simpson Street Bondi. Three places just west of Plummer Road Rose Bay received shrapnel, as did one west of Bradley Avenue Bellevue Hill.

The Shelling of Newcastle was conducted by the Japanese submarine I-21 in the early hours of 8 June 1942. The bombardment followed the Attack on Sydney Harbour on 31 May, and was conducted shortly after I-24 shelled the eastern suburbs of Sydney. During the attack I-21 fired 34 shells at Newcastle, including eight illumination rounds, but caused little damage. The Australian gunners at Fort Scratchley fired four shells at the submarine, but scored no hits.

Fort Scratchley was one of the few gun installations in eastern Australia that had an opportunity to fire at the Japanese during World War II and exercised that opportunity. At about 2.15 am on 8 June 1942, Japanese submarine I-21 under the command of Captain Kanji Matsumura, shelled Newcastle. I-21 had travelled across Stockton Bight and positioned itself about 5 nautical miles north-east of Newcastle. I-21 travelled eastwards firing

Bachelor of Mathematics and a Graduate Diploma of Financial Planning, Andrew has 20+ years of experience within the financial planning industry. Andrew holds a Professional Certificate in Self-Managed Superannuation Funds, is a member of the Financial Planning Association and the Financial Services Institute of Australasia.

Making an informed decision during retirement is incredibly important. Making the wrong decision can have far-reaching consequences for the whole family and the stress can lead to family conflicts. During the talk he will highlight some intergenerational financial planning considerations paying particular attention to those times when there is often significant change—at retirement, when care needs change, and when a loved one passes away.

## July

Noel Phelan will be our guest speaker next month on Monday, 4 July 2022, when his topic will be “The Halvorsen Story”. It is the story of an immigrant family that showed extraordinary commitment to boat building and excellent craftsmanship and boat design skills.

Noel's career started as a science and mathematics teacher, then moved into IT with IBM as a systems engineer and spent 25 years in various technical and management positions.

He has been a volunteer guide at the Maritime Museum for several years and enjoys showing visitors over HMAS *Advance*, HMAS *Onslow* and First Lady. Noel is also team leader for the museum speakers.

Noel is a Past President of the Northbridge Rotary Club and is an active volunteer in retirement with sailability and sailing captain of his sailing club. Noel also served as a director of Taldumande—the organisation that looks after homeless and at the risk of young people north of the harbour. He also spent several years with Marine Rescue and the Rural Fire Service.

He is organising a speakers program for the Navy Historical Society where the presentations are delivered by ZOOM to the 500 members around Australia. He fulfilled a boyhood dream to fly a WW II fighter plane by flying a Spitfire at the Imperial War Museum at Duxford in the UK last year.

## DAY OUTINGS

### June

This month's outing will be on Monday, 20 June 2022, and will be a visit to the Chau Chak Wing Museum at the University of Sydney. This is a new museum of art, science, history and ancient cultures that recently opened to

the public. It features 18 new exhibitions across four floors of galleries. The price for the guided tour is \$10 per person, with a minimum of 10 people required. We will pay on the day.

We will assemble at the Epping station Concourse at 9:50 a.m. to catch the 10:02 a.m. express train to Central station. We will then take a bus to the University of Sydney. The tour will commence at 11:00 a.m. A table will be booked for lunch at the Sounds café on the Chau Chak Wing Museum terrace.

## July

**N**ext month's outing will be on Monday, 25 July 2022, and will be a Christmas-in-July 2-course lunch with entertainment at The Fiddler at Rouse Hill. The cost is \$50 per person. This is a popular outing, and a reservation has been made for only 20 people, so please register your interest at the June General Meeting. We will meet at The Fiddler at 11.45 a.m.

## August

**T**he August outing will be on Friday, 26 August 2022, and will be a Naval Harbour Cruise. The three-hour cruise west of the Harbour Bridge is operated by the Naval Historical Society of Australia. The sites you will see and learn about include; HMAS *Waterhen*, Cockatoo Island, Spectacle Island and Snapper Island. The commentary on the cruise is supported by a complimentary booklet of photos to bring the story to life.

During the cruise you will also learn about some of the RAN customs and traditions. The cost is \$65 per person. The cruise starts at 10 a.m. from King Street wharf and finishes at the same place at 1 p.m. Please register (and pay) for this outing at the June General meeting as places are limited.

We will assemble at the Epping station Concourse at 8:15 a.m. to catch the 8:25 a.m. train to Wynyard station so we can check-in for the cruise at the King Street wharf at 9:30 a.m. A table will be booked for lunch.

Outings Co-ordinator: Russell Gough, email [Russell.Gough51@gmail.com](mailto:Russell.Gough51@gmail.com)

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

**T**he following 'other activities' are planned for this month. It goes without saying that all activities are conditional on compliance with any relevant Covid-19 restrictions.

**Old Codgers Music Group**—on 9 May seven members and four wives enjoyed the music presented at John and Pam Peters's home. This month the meeting will be at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 6 June at the home of Brian and

and payable NOW by EFT to Probus Account. A detailed itinerary is available from Wal at [www@bigpond.com](mailto:www@bigpond.com) or by phone at 0429-484-639.

## WE PAUSE TO REMEMBER IN JUNE

**T**his month celebrates the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack by the Japanese midget submarines in Sydney Harbour, the shelling by a Japanese submarine on the Eastern Suburbs of Sydney and the shelling of Newcastle by another Japanese submarine.

On 29 May 1942 five large Japanese I Class submarines, I-21, I-22, I-24, I-27 and I-29 rendezvoused some 35 nautical miles north-east of North Head. At 2.47 a.m. the next morning an E14Y Glen float plane, piloted by Warrant Officer Susumu Ito, launched from I-21 and flew a daring reconnaissance mission over the harbour, twice circling the cruiser USS *Chicago* before flying off to the east. His comment after the War, when interviewed for the book *Attack on Sydney Harbour* by military historian Mr Tom Lewis, was "I found there was no blackout in force. Merchant ships moving about the harbour were fully lit. It was clear to me that Sydney wasn't on alert. It was a carefree atmosphere." After the War Mr Ito ran a fish shop at Iwakuni (near Hiroshima), Japan.

This was observed and reported but it did not initiate any special harbour defensive measures being implemented. Many mistakenly believed it an American floatplane conducting a routine training flight. For the raiders, it was the latest in a number of flights conducted over Sydney providing valuable intelligence for an impending surprise attack on the many warships anchored peacefully in the harbour. The prime targets included HMAS *Canberra* and USS *Chicago*.

The next night the 'mother ships', I-27, I-22 and I-24 dispersed outside the harbour entrance before each released a 2-man midget submarine. The first to enter, M-27, did so at about 8.00 p.m. However, its propellers became entangled in anti-submarine nets close to the western boom gate. The disturbance in the water caused by the snared submarine was soon observed and subsequently reported at which time two patrol boats were ordered to investigate. However, they were cheated of their prey when the submarine's crew, realising that they could not free the propellers, fired demolition charges destroying their craft at 10.37 p.m., which raised a general alarm.

M-24 successfully entered at 9.48 p.m. *Chicago* sighted its periscope about 500 yards distant. Searchlights were illuminated and shots were fired in its general direction. However, its guns could not be depressed sufficiently and her gunfire had no discernible effect. Half an hour later, M-24 fired two torpedoes at *Chicago* both of which missed. One ran ashore at Garden Island



Alf McDermott turns 89 on the 17<sup>th</sup> and Paul Woodward also turns 94 on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to these four gentlemen.

## TOUR NEWS

A very successful tour to Queensland Outback to Reef took place in May and was well enjoyed by 15 members and wives from Epping Probus, sharing a coach with 13 others from the public. The response from the Epping people was such that we will investigate possible tours with KTG in 2023.

### Adelaide to Uluru—10–21 August 2022

This tour is now fully booked. Final payments for this tour were due by Friday, 6 May 2022.

### Yarrawonga—18–23 September 2022

Bookings are now open for this 6-day/5-night tour to Yarrawonga in northern Victoria. On day 1, we will be picked up from Epping and travel the Hume Highway to Albury/Wodonga, then to Yarrawonga to check in to the Central Motor Inn, our home for five nights. Pre-dinner wine tasting get together then dinner at a nearby local hotel.

On day 2, we will go to Swanpool and its cinema museum, then to Benalla for some Kelly bushranging history, the Memorial Gardens remembering war heroes Weary Dunlop and Hec Waller. After lunch, we do a street art tour then return home via Goorambat. Dinner tonight is a BBQ themed dinner at the Tame Restaurant nearby.

On day 3, it will be a relaxing day visiting the small country towns of Devenish, St James & Tungamah. Then we are off to enjoy a chicken and champagne lunch aboard the P.S. *Cumberoona* on Lake Mulwala. Dinner tonight is at the Oriental Pearl Restaurant.

On day 4, we will travel along the Murray to the museum at the former Bonegilla Migrant Hostel for some more history, then lunch at the Blazing Stump Bistro. More military history at the Army Museum Bandiana. Return home via Howlong. Dinner tonight at the Tame Restaurant.

On day 5, we will go down river to Tocumwal and the Historic Aerodrome Museum, then on to Deniliquin, another historic location on the Edward River. Return to Yarrawonga for a farewell dinner at the Tame Restaurant.

On day 6, we will return to Epping. The tour is priced at \$995 per person twin share, with a single supplement of \$175. Deposits of \$100 per person are due

Deirdre Haywood, 35 Cheltenham Road, Cheltenham. If you wish to attend, please add your details to the Secretary's list at the June Meeting or contact Brian Haywood, [www.bdhwood@ozemail.com.au](mailto:www.bdhwood@ozemail.com.au) or phone 9868-2671.

**Coffee Club**—nine members and four wives met for coffee and chat on 13 May. 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, 10 June.

**Dining**—lunch at West Pennant Hills Sports Club on 11 May attracted some 19 diners to this pleasant venue.

Brian Haywood has arranged lunch for noon on Wednesday 22 June at Vanilla Cream Cafe, Amaroo Park, 233 Annangrove Road, Annangrove. The booking is for 20 diners, so "first in, best dressed". If you intend to come, please book with Brian Haywood (contact details under Music Group above).

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](mailto:rayfinch42@gmail.com) or mobile 0414-746-954.

**The Wobblies Cycling Group**—Unfortunately the May cycle ride was cancelled due to inclement weather. The next ride will be Friday, 24 June 2022 for the Parramatta River Parks Run meeting at Mill Park Street at 10.00 a.m. The route will be through Liberty Grove to Powells Creek Canal, right into Underwood Road and right into Bicentennial Park. We then ride through the Mangroves, turn right on to Bennelong Parkway and then right on to Hill Road to circumnavigate 'the mound' via the spiral pathway up to the lookout. Back onto Hill Road heading to the Wharf and on to the cycleway (past the Armoury) to cross Silverwater Bridge. Return back through Meadowbank, over the bridge to Mill Park Street for coffee (a distance of approximately 23 km). Please contact Steve Drury if you wish to participate or need more information. Contact details are: email [sandbdrury@gmail.com](mailto:sandbdrury@gmail.com) or phone 9872-7447 or mobile 0487-785-444.

**Movie Group**—Andrew Davidson held a belated May Movie Event on Tuesday, 31 May with attendees enjoying *Downton Abbey: A New Era* 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**—the May Ramble was held on Thursday, 2 June. It was a flat ramble along sections of the Binyang Matta Trail in the Western Sydney Parklands, followed by lunch at the Quakers Inn, Quakers Hill. Parkway exit.

For this month's Ramble we will meet at 9.15 a.m. on Thursday, 30 June at Epping Station to catch trains to Circular Quay, from where we will catch the 10.25 a.m. ferry to Neutral Bay. From Neutral Bay we will have a delightful 5 km ramble to Mosman Bay. The route takes us along the waterfront Cremorne Reserve via Cremorne Point to the Mosman Rowers Club at Mosman Bay, where we will have lunch at the Archie Bear

Café. After lunch we will complete our ramble around Mosman Bay to the Mosman Bay ferry wharf, from where we will catch the ferry back to Circular Quay. Please call or text Rick Collins on 0411-611-338 if you would like to come or if you have any queries.

**Theatre**—just a reminder to keep watch for the remaining two plays in the series of three plays with the general theme ‘Proof That Things Are Glorious’, to be presented later this year by the Theatre on Chester. They are David Auburn’s *Proof* (July/August) and Peter Quilter’s *Glorious* (November). Wal Gallagher will also be arranging tickets for Gilbert and Sullivan’s *Pirates of Penzance* at Shore School (October). Full details will be published in future Newsletters.

**By Opal Card**—six members and a wife attended last month’s Opal Card outing to Narellan, where they had a very enjoyable lunch at The Arthouse Café. Use your Opal Card on Monday, 27 June 2022 for a look at the work being done on the Bankstown Line to convert it to Metro as well as a ride on the Citadis XO5 trams on the L1 Dulwich Hill line. We will assemble on Epping’s Platform 5 no later than 9.05 a.m. at the lift end of the Platform to board the Metro train at around 9.08 a.m. to Chatswood. Here will board the 9.25 a.m. train to Town Hall, where will be cross to Platform 1 to board the 9.50 a.m. train to Sydenham Station, arriving there at 10.03 a.m.

On the way we will see the work at the Southern Dive and stabling yard of the new Metro just before Sydenham Station. Upon alighting we will take the lift or stairs at the Sydney end of the Station to see the new overhead link between the platforms and the new Sydney Metro Platforms 1 and 2.

We will return to Platform 4 to catch the 10.33 a.m. train to Bankstown Station, arriving there at 10.54 a.m. for a toilet stop and a look at the construction of the Metro Station at the Punchbowl end of the Sydney Trains Station.

We will board the 11.07 a.m. train to Dulwich Hill, where we will alight and after climbing the stairs go to the Light Rail Station to board the 11.45 a.m. tram to the Fish Markets for lunch. On the way from the Sydney Trains Station we can look done on the work to build a direct Concourse to the Light Rail Station complete with lifts. After lunch we will return to the Light Rail for a trip back to Central and thence home to Epping via Strathfield.

## SECRETARY’S GUFF

**M**embers and guests are reminded to indicate their attendance at ALL Club activities, including General Meetings, by signing/ticking the attendance sheets: this is needed both for insurance and activity planning.

Members should also check the currency of their “EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS” with me, in person or by email, as soon as possible.

These details are name, relationship, street/postal address, email address, telephone number(s) [especially mobiles]. Note that the Emergency Contact must NOT be your spouse/partner.

Note that the JULY General Meeting is on the FIRST Monday of the month this year due to the Church’s School Holiday activities, i.e., Monday the 4<sup>th</sup>.



## CHAIR & MORNING TEA ROSTER



**R**ostered 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 phone 9878-1443.

### June

James Dixon  
Steve Drury

John Donohoe  
Graeme Durie

### July

Neil Gillies  
Peter Golding

Leo Glockemann  
John Griffin-Miller

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

**I** have made contact with the following Non-Active members and all say they are Ok: John Cox, Bruce Frost, Laurie Fuller, Owen Harrison, Philip Jones, Alf McDermott, Ron Mackintosh, Tony Malin, Dick Nicholson, John Steele-Smith and Paul Woodward. Wal Williams was in the San for a few days with Asthma, but is now home.

And now to our Active Members: Alan Membrey is now home; John Goodman is on the mend and the Doctor is happy with his progress; Doug Sneddon is continuing to receive Cancer treatment to his leg; Brian Logan had an operation for a crack in the femur and the Doctor is very happy with his progress; Neil McDonald is now home following six weeks of hospitalisation and Rehab, while Doug Carruthers is continuing to have treatment for his health concerns.

June is a busy month for celebrations. Our Active Member Alan Heron turns 90 on the 6<sup>th</sup> and Ray Thorpe turns 94 on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Non-Active member