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(Photo by Wayne Steele)
A map showing where the Wobblies rode on Friday, 24 June 2022—a very pleasant, tranquil and generally easy 20 km ride



Metro Platform under construction at Bankstown ↓ Where is it? ↑



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JULY 2022 NEWSLETTER MEETINGS

June

Andrew Biviano was our guest speaker last month, when his topic was “Estate Planning”. Another name for Estate Planning is Intergenerational Planning. The subjects Andrew covered were wealth, accounting, life style and care. 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.

The wealth one has passes from one generation to the next. Any concessions one has such as a consequence of pensions and superannuation do not. Our life style changes as one ages. One has to eventually make a choice between aged care and remaining in ones home.

The cost of aged care is very significant and affects the wealth one passes on to the family. The Home Care Package can also be significant. In later life one has to consider the wording of their will, allocation of Power of Attorney and Guardianship, etc.

We thank Andrew very much for coming and giving us food for thought. He is happy to take any further questions by providing his email address info@alteris.com.au

July

Noel Phelan will be our guest speaker today, 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. Remember some great yachts—*Gretel*, *Southern Cross* and *Wild Oats* to name a few.

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.

Noel is also 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.

August

Tom Ware will be our guest speaker next month on Monday, 8 August 2022, when his topic will be “Incident in Dubbo Air Space”. Tom is a story teller about an aircraft that gets into trouble because of bad weather. It comes from his own experiences as a radio operator out at Dubbo in 1961–62.

Today, the art of storytelling is rare. Despite this, there is a huge demand for it. People love a good story. Known as ‘The Prince of Storytellers,’ Tom Ware, DTM has been entertaining audiences for 50 years. Tom joined his first Toastmaster club in 1972. He has also been a member of Rostrum Clubs of NSW, the National Speakers Association of Australia, and the Australian Storytellers Guild and is certified at ‘professional standard’ with this last. He was a grand finalist with both Rostrum in 1980 and at the Festival of Sydney in 1982.

Tom’s background is colourful: navy, civil aviation, electrical power, trucker, police, clerical work and even a year as an Antarctic expeditioner. Also known as Tusitala Tom (Polynesian for Storyteller) he is both writer and speaker. Three of his books can be found on Toastmaster websites: The Raconteur, Speaking to Entertain, Real Storytelling, and Going Outside Toastmasters—A Guide to Giving Effective Presentations Outside of Toastmasters.

DAY OUTINGS

July

This 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. We will meet at The Fiddler at (at the corner of Commercial and Windsor Roads) 11:45 a.m.

Motor Inn, our home for five nights. Pre-dinner wine tasting get together then dinner at a nearby local hotel.

Day 2—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.

Day 3—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.

Day 4—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.

Day 5—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. Day 6—returning to Epping.

We have 26 who have paid deposits for the Yarrawonga tour. If we can get this number up to 30 we may be able to have exclusive use of the coach rather than sharing with others. Please consider joining us.

The tour is priced at \$995 per person twin share, with a single supplement of \$175. Deposits of \$100 per person are due and payable NOW by EFT to Probus Account. 633 000 Account No. 182681668. A detailed itinerary is available from Wal at wwg@bigpond.com or by phone at 0429-484-639. Final payments will be required before or at the August meeting.



daily walks; Paul Woodward is not very well at present and Laurie Fuller is being well-cared for at Kellyville.

The Committee has approved Frank Johnson and Alan Herron now being Non-Active Members.

And now to our Active Members: Doug Sneddon is receiving ongoing treatment for his cancer on the leg. Alan Membrey is going along slowly and under care of Doctors. Neil McDonald is going to Mt Wilga Rehab 2 days per week. John Goodman said his Doctor is happy with his progress.

And now to celebrations—Warren Martin will turn 80 on 13 July—Happy birthday Warren.

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 the Secretary.

July



Neil Gillies
Peter Golding

Leo Glockemann
John Griffin-Miller



August

Geoffrey Brothers Brian Carlin
Brian Hartshorne Brian Haywood

TOUR NEWS

Adelaide to Uluru—10–21 August 2022

This tour is 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. Day 1—pick up from Epping. Travel the Hume Highway to Albury/Wodonga, then to Yarrawonga to check in to the Central

August

Next month's 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 note that there are no more places available for this outing.

Brian Haywood has kindly agreed to lead this outing. We will assemble at the Epping Station Concourse at 8.20 a.m. to catch the 8.32 a.m. train on Platform 2 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 at the Cargo Bar (52–60 The Promenade, King Street Wharf).

September

The outing in September will be a picnic at the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway on Monday, 26 September 2022. More details will be provided in the August Newsletter. When a payment for an outing has been made by EFT please advise the Outings Co-Ordinator by email.

Outings Co-Ordinator Russell Gough, email: Russell.Gough51@gmail.com.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The 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—last month six members and three wives enjoyed the music presented at Brian and Deirdre Haywood's home. This month the meeting will be at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 4 July at the home of Hugh Knight, 2/18 Fourth Avenue, Eastwood. If you wish to attend, please add your details to the Secretary's list at the July Meeting or contact Hugh, phone 9874-4225.

Coffee Club—10 members and fur wives met for coffee and chat on 10 June. 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 July.

Dining—lunch at Vanilla Bean Café, Amaroo Park on 22 June attracted some 16 diners to this attractive venue. Wal Gallagher has arranged lunch for

noon on Tuesday, 12 July at Dooleys Waterview Club, 214 Silverwater Road, Silverwater. The booking is nominally for 20 diners. If you intend to come, please book with Wal Gallagher, phone 0429-484-639. Access to the Club is via Clyde Street, the first on the right after crossing the Parramatta River.

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.

Cycle Group aka The Wobblies—there were eight riders for the Parramatta River Parks Run on Friday, 24 June. Our route was through Liberty Grove to Powells Creek Canal and into Bicentennial Park. After passing Lake Belander and the water fountains feature, we rode up the spiral pathway to the lookout. We then returned to Rhodes, via Silverwater Bridge, for coffee (a distance of approximately 24 km).

The next ride will be Friday, 22 July 2022 for the ‘new’ Cooks River run, meeting at Yarrowee Road, Strathfield (beside the golf course) at 10.00 a.m. We will ride the Cooks River cycleway (crossing the river twice at Ewen Park and Tempe) to Wolli Creek where we will have coffee and return to Strathfield via the same route (total distance of approximately 32 km). Further details regarding meeting place and route will be advised closer to the ride day.

Please contact Steve Drury if you wish to participate or need more information. Contact details are: email sandbdrury@gmail.com or phone 9872-7447 or mobile 0487-785-444.

Movie Group—details of the next movie, cinema, time, and optional lunch venue will be provided separately by email.

The Ramblers—the June Ramble scheduled for Thursday, 30 June has been rescheduled to Thursday, 7 July 2022 due to current industrial action affecting Sydney Trains. Ramblers should now gather at Epping Station at 9.15 a.m. for a train to Central, arriving there at 9.54 a.m. for a change for a train to Circular Quay at 10 o’clock. In order to catch the 10.25 a.m. ferry to Neutral Bay for a delightful 5 km ramble along the Cremorne Reserve waterfront via Cremorne Point to the Mosman Rowers Club at Mosman Bay, where we will have lunch at the Archie Bear Café, thence we will complete our ramble around to Mosman Bay wharf for a ferry back to Circular Quay and train to Epping.

For the JULY RAMBLE, we will meet at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 19 July, at the Parramatta Leagues Club car park, entry from Eels Place, Parramatta (Eels Place is off O’Connell Street opposite Grose Street). Our 5 km ramble will start at the Parramatta Leagues Club, take us around the historic Parramatta Park, then on to a section of the Parramatta River Walk heading towards the ferry terminal, and finally looping back along the east bank of the river to the Parramatta Leagues Club for lunch at the

Bistro. Please call or text Rick Collins on 0411-611-338 if you would like to come or if you have any queries.

Theatre—Wal Gallagher is taking bookings for the Theatre On Chester’s presentation of *Proof*, a Pulitzer Prize winning play by David Auburn, on Wednesday, 3 August at 8.00 p.m. This play is the second in a series of three being presented by the theatre this year with the general theme “Proof That Things Are Glorious”. Contact Wal at the July General Meeting or phone 0429-484-639. Tickets are \$27.50 per person.

By the Opal Card—five members attended last month’s outing to view working being carried out on the Bankstown Sydney Trains Line to convert it for driverless Metro trains (we inspected Marrickville and Bankstown Stations) and to take a trip on the replacement Citadis X05 trams on the L1 Dulwich Hill Line before lunching at a very crowded Sydney Fish Markets.

Use your Opal Card on Friday, 29 July 2022 to travel to Maitland and see Transport Heritage NSW Steam Locomotives 3801 and 6029 arrive for the weekend’s Hunter Valley Steamfest. We will assemble at the Sydney end of Epping Station’s Platform 3 no later than 8.30 a.m. to catch the 8.40 a.m. train to Hamilton Station, arriving there at 10.46 a.m. We will then quickly cross to the Up Platform (stairs or the level crossing) to board the 10.50 a.m. train to Maitland, arriving there at 11.26 a.m.

There we will have time for a toilet stop and lunch at the nearby Café Loco before 6029 is scheduled to arrive at 12.54 p.m. At 1.50 p.m. 3801 is timetabled to arrive (these arrival times are based on the Australian Rail Track Corporation’s timetabling for the April Hunter Valley Steamfest, which was postponed to July. It has not yet released its timetabling for the July event).

If all goes to plan we will board the 2.13 p.m. train on Platform 1 back to Newcastle Interchange, arriving there at 2.46 p.m. We will then board the 3.12 p.m. train back to Epping, arriving there at 5.33 p.m.

SECRETARY’S GUFF

The JULY General Meeting is on the FIRST Monday of the month this year due to School Holiday activities A revised Morning Tea roster will be distributed, (two changes in the August rostering).

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

Iwish to advise I have spoken to the following, or their family, Non-Active Members, and all say they are OK at present: John Cox, Bruce Frost, Owen Harrison, Alf McDermott, Ron Mackintosh, Tony Malin, John Steele-Smith, Dick Nicholson and Wal Williams. Philip Jones is Ok and enjoying his