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# NEWSLETTER

## READ ALL ABOUT IT!

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#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

With more than 20 new members each month this year, the Club is on track to replace the 273 members from last year who have not renewed their membership for 2022.

Life members, including members over ninety years of age, are not required to pay membership fees. If, for whatever reason, you have not paid your club fees this year, please do so without further delay.

The office is open Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Thank you,

**DOUG GETTINGBY**

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#### DID YOU KNOW?

Our Club was started in a Community Hall in Padbury in 1973, but by 1976 membership had grown to 136 members. As the hall was too small to accommodate more members, membership had to be refused. It was therefore necessary to look for another facility.

A block of land was donated to the Club by the WhitfordS Shopping Centre administration in 1978. The land lay idle for a few years until funding became available.

The building was commenced in 1985 and was officially opened on 25 March 1986 by the then Mayor of Wanneroo, Mr Nick Tandoss.

Once the building was opened, funds needed to be raised for necessary equipment, such as the air conditioner, part cost of the kiln for ceramics, a fridge, pool/snooker tables, indoor bowls and mats and table tennis equipment.

The Club today is run by an elected Voluntary Management Committee. All members giving freely of their time.

Many activities are available to members as part of their fees, such as badminton, indoor bowls, table tennis and pool/snooker tables, to name a few.

A variety of activities, such as keep fit, painting and ceramics are offered for a small fee to cover extra costs. Tea and coffee is available to members free of charge during Club hours.



#### Q & A

Q: What two countries were already in a military conflict before the beginning of WW2?

Q: Name the 1940's radio show which began with "Ay Dad! Where are ya Dad?" and "Ere I am, young 'arry!"

Q: 'Good Night Irene' was a 1950 number one hit for Gordon Jenkins and the ...?

*See over for answers:*

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#### UPCOMING FUNCTIONS AND TRIPS

November	Melbourne Cup
November	A Taste of Italy in the Valley (Club trip)
December	Christmas Festivities

NOTE: Further information will be posted on the notice board in the main foyer as the events become due.

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#### WONDERFUL WORDS

(Why not expand your vocabulary?)

Wabbit (*waebit*) - adjective: weary, exhausted, feeble

"I feel more and more wabbit every day!"

### An oldie, but goodie:

#### WHAT ARE SENIORS WORTH?

Remember, older folks are worth a fortune - with silver in their hair, gold in

their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet and gas in their stomachs!

I have become a little older and a few changes have come into my life:

Frankly, I have become quite a frivolous old girl. I'm seeing five gentlemen every day!

As soon as I wake up, Will Power helps me out of bed. Then I go to see John.

Next it's time for Uncle Toby, followed by Billy T.

They leave, and then Arthur Ritis shows up and stays with me the rest of the day. He doesn't like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me from joint to joint!

After a busy day, I'm actually really tired and glad to go to bed with Johnny Walker.

What a life!

Author unknown

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## FRIENDLY REMINDER:

Attention has been drawn to some members arriving for their allotted activity before the given starting time. We would ask if you do arrive early, please do not disturb classes by entering the room they are being held in, whilst they are still in progress.

You are, of course, more than welcome to help yourself to coffee/tea and wait in the area adjacent to the kitchen, until your chosen activity is due to start.

Thank you.

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### *Answers to Q & A*

*Japan and China*

*Life with Dexter*

*The Weavers (Originally recorded by Lead Belly in 1938 and re-released in 1950)*

## INTRODUCING:

**ZOE BROXTON**

*Wednesday morning  
Ceramics Instructor*



Zoe decided to start coming to ceramics with her mother, June, in 1989. This was after she had been diagnosed with a spinal disability.

Zoe enjoyed ceramics so much that she sat for the Instructor's Certificate so she could teach her own ceramics class. She started teaching Friday morning's classes until it became apparent there were more people who wanted to participate in ceramics.

With the Management Committee's support, a further ceramics class was introduced, to be held on Wednesday mornings. Unfortunately, due to Zoe's health deteriorating at that time, she had to pass the class over to another Instructor.

However, we are happy to report Zoe is now able to take a class once again each Wednesday morning.

Ceramics has proved so popular that a further class has been introduced to run on Monday mornings, in addition to the Wednesday and Friday classes.

Thanks to the Lotteries Commission, the Club now has a larger kiln.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT!

***Keep your face always toward the sunshine and the shadows will fall behind you!***

The preacher came the other day. He said that at my age I should be thinking about the hereafter. I told him I do all the time! No matter where I am - if I'm in the kitchen, upstairs, in the garden or down in the cellar, I ask myself "Now, what am I hereafter?" (Author unknown)

## NOTE FROM SOCIAL SECRETARY

Newsworthy articles are always welcome for possible inclusion in future Newsletters. If you have any relevant stories, recognition of major milestones, interesting fact, or wish to promote classes, please speak to me. Alternatively, leave your contribution, together with your name and contact number, on my desk in the office or in the post box in the foyer.

## HONOURING FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day was celebrated at the Club on Tuesday, 6 September.

From the positive feedback received from members, the event was apparently very successful, due to good company, tasty food and adequate refreshments.

Mr. Colin Stokes, an ex-President of the Club, was the first-born man in the room at 93 years of age. He received a box of Roses chocolates, which was given as a symbolic gesture to recognise the role of all the fathers present.

We held a competition for the men in the room to guess the number of 'pins' in a unique Pilsner glass. There were actually 57 in the glass. Trevor Beegan's guess was the closest at 56 so he took away not only the decorated Pilsner glass, but also a pack of six Pilsner drinks.

The door prize of a 'money tree' was won by Narelle Harrison.

The raffle was drawn and first prize of a bottle of Hanwood Port was won by Lyn Jackson. The second prize of two tickets, donated by the Whitford Event Cinema (plus a voucher for an ice-cream or snack) was won by Jenny Stones and Marlene Pillage took away third prize which was a set of steak knives and a knife block.

Congratulations to all our winners!

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who assisted on the day. You did an amazing job!