

# NEWSLETTER



November 2023

## READ ALL ABOUT IT!

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you to all the members who took the time to vote in the recent local Government elections

### CHRISTMAS CLOSING/OPENING

The Christmas lunches will be held from Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> December to Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> December inclusive.

The Club will close for the Christmas break at close of business on 21<sup>st</sup> December. We will reopen on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January.

**Please note:** No activities will be permitted during the period from Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December to Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> January, inclusive.

During this time, major work is to be carried out at the Club, including sanding and repolishing the hall, steam mopping the floors, cleaning carpets and fumigating the premises.

### SAVE THE DATE FOR THE AGM

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 10.00 am on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

Nomination forms will be made available for committee positions in December.

### VACANCY

The position of Vice-Treasurer will become available next year. We welcome nominations for this position.

A clerical background is preferred.

For more information, please see Norma in the office.

### MEMBERSHIP CARD SAVES THE DAY!

As you are all no doubt aware, our membership card is not only to be used as proof of membership, but also contains the name and number of each member's emergency contact, should that be needed.

However, we have recently been told of yet another useful purpose this card has served! One of our members says she received a phone call from a stranger who told her he had found her purse (at that point she had not realised she had dropped it). When she asked how on earth he had obtained her phone number, he said he had located the 'emergency contact' named on the membership card who had given him the number. Without that, no-one knows if she could, or would, have been contacted.

It's nice to know there are still some honest people in the world but also, that our membership card has yet another valuable reason to be tucked safely in our purse or wallet!

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I've come to realise that old age only leaves me with about four taste buds:

One for wine  
One for whiskey  
One for cheese  
and one for chocolate!

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### LESSON FOR TODAY:

*(Answers on page 2)*

1. What English word becomes its opposite when the letters FE are in front of it?
2. What is the longest English word with only **one** vowel?
3. What English word is always spelled incorrectly?
4. What is the shortest **complete** English sentence?

### INTRODUCING



**RITA MONTGOMERY**  
*Ceramics*

Rita teaches hobby ceramics each Monday at the Club. She migrated to Perth in January 1972 from Burma (now called Myanmar) when she took up the position as Secretary to the Managing Director of Hungry Jacks.

Having built their house in 1978, Rita studied hobby ceramics to decorate her new home with some pottery pieces. She became a ceramics (and porcelain doll) teacher in the late 80's.

Rita quit her government job to open her own studio which she ran from 1990-1997. She also taught at various schools and community groups, including the Whitford Seniors Club.

Having retired in 2014 from positions in Tourism and Real Estate Sales and Property Management, Rita was once again drawn to ceramics. As she already knew the teacher, Zoe, she joined the Wednesday class at the Club.

However the classes were overflowing, so Rita 'took up the gauntlet' and decided to run a separate class each Monday (after much persuasion from other students and management).

These classes commenced on 9<sup>th</sup> May 1922 in which Rita says has become a very happy, friendly and diversified group of ladies (and one gentleman) who share their common interest.

Rita says she looks forward to her class each week and invites anyone interested to drop in any Monday morning before 12.00 noon to 'check out her class'. She encourages others to have the confidence to 'do whatever they love doing as they will 'get so much joy' from their achievements.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 1 December – Christmas Special – Andre Rieu film and choir – CANCELLED

Unfortunately, due to licensing restrictions we have had to cancel the planned event. Apologies to the many members who expressed their intention to attend.

### 7 December – Melbourne Cup - \*sold out\* Doors open at 11.00 am

### 18 – 21 December Christmas lunches (See separate notice)

## OP SHOP

The next **Op Shop** will be held on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November, commencing at 8.30 am

## MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

### ITALY YOGA RETREAT Amalfi Coast and Lucca



Our yoga teacher, Jason Pachol, hosted two yoga retreats in Italy from 9 September to 22 September.

Some of our members attended and they thoroughly enjoyed the adventure where they built relationships with other 'yogis'.

Thank you Jason for organising this amazing and beautiful venture.



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## ANSWERS TO 'LESSON FOR TODAY'

1. Male
2. Strengths
3. Incorrectly (Get it?)
4. "Go!" Contains a subject (who/which is understood or inferred), starts with a capital letter, contains a predicate (verb) and ends with punctuation.

## BABY BOOMERS

They called us the Baby Boomers  
Resulting from the war,  
We lived in brand new Council Houses  
Never locked the door.  
When asked why doors were never locked  
We tell them "that's a cinch -  
We couldn't afford an extra key  
And we had nowt to pinch!"

They call us Baby Boomers  
They built us schools of glass,  
We got our education  
While sitting there in class.  
The lesson may have been boring  
But the teacher you would fear,  
"Stop staring out those windows!"  
Then he clipped you round the ear!

We are the Baby Boomers  
But we didn't do too bad  
Years of health and freedom,  
A simple life we had!  
We somehow survived the fifties,  
the sixties and the rest,  
If you ask the Baby Boomers  
They'll say "we lived the best!"

*Kind permission by:  
Chalkey (Georff Stanton) 2020*

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH – 2023

### AND 'MUSICAL MEMORIES' With Peter Andersen



To be held at **12 NOON**  
(doors open 11.30 am) on  
Monday, **18th December**,  
Tuesday, **19th December**,  
Wednesday, **20th December**  
**OR**  
Thursday, **21st December**

**\$15.00 per person**  
(see notice board for menu)

Please pay at the office  
**BEFORE 7th DECEMBER**  
to reserve your place

**Numbers strictly limited**  
(Sorry, tables cannot be reserved)

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH TICKETS

Tickets (\$15 each) will be on sale from the office on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> November to Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November, inclusive from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm.

After that date, tickets can be purchased during regular office hours, as usual.

Places for **non-members** will be opened if they become available nearer the date(s)

## NOTES FROM SOCIAL SECRETARY

### Recipe Book

I thought it might be nice for some of us to share our favourite and well-tested recipes. If you are interested, please leave your recipe at the office (or in the post box outside of the office), making sure you put your name on it. **Recipes to be received by 5<sup>th</sup> December please.** If we have sufficient contributions, I will endeavour to compile a 'Recipe' booklet.

### Reserving seats at Club functions -

Most members respect our need to wait until the doors open before entering the hall, to allow time to set the room up ready for our events. However, complaints have been received recently that whilst members waited at the door, as requested, other members had entered the hall and secured places.

To make it equitable for all members, we are asking everyone to please refrain from reserving their seat(s) by placing personal items on the table or resting chairs against the tables before the doors open.

Your consideration is appreciated.

Thank you

### TREADING DANGEROUSLY!

My wife sent me a text that said "Your great".  
So, naturally, I wrote back, "No, you're great".

She's been walking around all happy and smiling since.

Should I tell her I was just correcting her grammar or leave it be?

*Author unknown*

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to **Alma and Colin Stokes** who celebrated 71 years of married bliss on 31<sup>st</sup> October.