NEWSLETTER

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READ ALL ABOUT IT!

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to pass on the baton of Presidency. Please consider nominating for this position.

Knowledge of Chairing committee meetings would be an advantage.

For any further information, please speak to staff in the office.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be held in the Club hall on 13th February, 2024, commencing at 10.00 am.

All members are invited to nominate at our Annual General Meeting (AGM) for election to become a Management Committee member.

If you are interested, please note your submission must include a statement by another member in support of your nomination.

Nomination forms will be available in the foyer and kitchen area over the next few weeks for members wishing to serve on the 2024 Management Committee. These forms must be returned to the Secretary before 12 January 2024.

We look forward to electing one or two new faces to the Committee for 2024.

INTRODUCING



Jennifer James
Rock'n'Roll Instructor

Jennifer will be introducing 'rock'n'roll' sessions at the club from 9th January, 2024 (see separate notice). She says her main hobby is dancing. She loves all types of dancing with rock and roll being her main focus. In addition, Jennifer enjoys Latin, ballroom and new vogue dances.

Not surprisingly, her three children all like to dance.

Jennifer also enjoys sewing and makes all her rock and roll costumes. She has competed in several competitions, the latest being in Brisbane on the 30th September where she, along with her partner, gained three medals!

Outside of dancing, Jennifer has gained a Bachelor of Pharmacy and has a personal interest in integrative medicine.

We look forward to welcoming Jennifer into our Club and she invites any member interested in learning to dance to join her weekly classes.

MESSAGES FROM THE SOCIAL SECRETARY

1. A huge thank you to all the members who took time out to help with the Melbourne Cup celebrations.

I didn't get the opportunity to thank each one of you individually but your contributions and the spirit in which you all assisted is greatly appreciated.

We couldn't have done it without you..

2. CHRISTMAS LUNCH TICKETS are selling fast. Wednesday, 20th December and Thursday 21st December sittings are now full. We are currently about half full on Monday, 18th December and Tuesday, 19th December sittings so don't delay if you want to join us for lunch.

We are also pleased to advise that, as we have spare seats available for the Christmas lunches on the Monday and Tuesday, we are inviting nonmembers to join us at the cost of \$30 per person. If you would like to take advantage and purchase these tickets, please see the office.

3. *VOLUNTEERS* Thank you to all the members who have volunteered to help with the Christmas lunches.

Please see the notice on the board in the main foyer to see the time(s) you are required to help.

Your offer to help is greatly appreciated.

As the year comes to an end, I urge you to take care of yourself and avoid accidents. Due to unprecedented demand, spare parts for old models like us are no longer in stock!

MELBOURNE CUP 2023

Our Melbourne Cup celebrations went off with a bang! We had a full house with many lucky winners in the sweeps and raffles.



Special thanks once again to all the volunteers who helped. (Jim Armstrong came in especially before going to a private function to ensure all the audio and video equipment was working) Thank you Jim.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas lunches:

Monday 18th December to Thursday, 21st December, inclusive.

Op Shop

Please note the next Op Shop will be held on Tuesday, **30 January 2024** at 8.30 am

We appreciate members' kind donations but would ask you **not** to donate any electrical goods or undergarments, as we cannot sell these. Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS 2024

Please note your annual membership fees do not need to be paid until the end of February 2024 **UNLESS** you intend attending the Annual General Meeting on 13th February.

Those members who will be attending the AGM will need to pay their annual membership subscription *after* 31st December 2023, but before 9 February 2024.

ROCK'N'ROLL DANCE LESSONS ARE COMING TO THE CLUB!



\$5 per session

4.00 pm to 5.30 pm in the main hall.

Commencing 9th January 2024

- Six weekly sessions for beginners
- Rotating course so members welcome to join at any time
- New moves added as confidence grows

Flat shoes required Everyone welcome!

WONDERFUL WORDS!

Hurkle-durkle

A 200 year old Scottish term meaning to lounge in bed long after it's time to get up.

"Happiness is hurkle-durkling!"

WHO SAYS MEN DON'T REMEMBER?

A couple were Christmas shopping. The shopping centre was packed and as the wife walked around, she was surprised to discover that her husband was nowhere to be seen. She was upset because they had a lot to do. In fact, she became so worried that she called him on her mobile phone to ask him where he was.

In a quiet voice he said, "Do you remember the jewellers we went into about five years ago? The time when you fell in love with that diamond necklace that we couldn't afford and I told you that I would get it for you one day?"

The wife choked up and holding back her tears, she said, "Yes, I do remember that shop!"

He replied, "Well, I'm in the pub next door!"

I went Christmas shopping last week. At the supermarket, the cashier instructed me to "Strip down, facing me!"

By the time I realised they meant my debit card, it was too late!

ONLY JOKING!

Did you hear about the man who stole an advent calendar? *He only got 25 days!*

Why was the snowman looking amongst the carrots? *He was picking his nose!*

PLEASE PUT THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY

As explained in the November Newsletter, the Club will close for the Christmas break after the last of the lunches on Thursday, 21st December.

Friendly reminder: (As all tables and chairs are used for the lunches and due to Friday, 22^{nd} December being required to clean the hall etc, there will be no other activities on the Club premises for the week 18^{th} to 22^{nd} December inclusive.

From Saturday, 23rd December to Sunday, 7th January inclusive, the Club premises will be closed due to major work being carried out at the Club by the Joondalup Council.

We will reopen on Monday, 8th January.

Just realised – the last day of 2023 will be 123123!



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE AND A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

SEE YOU ALL IN 2024!