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NEWSLETTER **March 2024** EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

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We had a serious incident at the Club just recently. A lady in the Art Room passed out. We called an ambulance and searched for her red membership card without success. Fortunately, someone in the Art Room knew the member's full name. A search of our members' register revealed her address but again, no emergency contact details. Now, just think how much more beneficial it would have been for the welfare of the member, as well as the first responders, if we had her emergency contact details immediately to hand.

We recently had an incident in the office where there was an emergency for one of the office bearers and if the hospital had not been able to contact the emergency contact, the patient treatment would have been delayed and could have been crucial, given that the patient could not breathe without emergency surgery.

So in the space of 2 days we had 2 incidents when we needed emergency contact details. Please complete your coloured membership card and carry it in your purse or wallet when you are at the Club.

To amplify the benefit of carrying your coloured membership card; one of our members lost a purse and it was returned to them when the person who found the purse discovered a red coloured membership card and contacted the owner via the information on the card (in 2024 it is red coloured but this will change each year).

A footnote to this story is – as the lady in the Art Room seemingly passed out, it resulted in a slight domino-effect. Two other ladies were knocked over and required assistance. Whilst we do have a defibrillator in the Clubrooms at the ready, the Vice President had applied to the City of Joondalup for a Grant in the hope that a number of committee members and / or ordinary members can participate in first aid training in the verv near future.

Whilst, officially, members do have until 31 March to settle their membership fees, we urge you to pay your fees for 2024 as soon as possible now, and, of course, complete your red membership card and carry it in your wallet or purse

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