



# NEWSLETTER

October 2024

## READ ALL ABOUT IT!

### Message from the President

I start this Newsletter by apologising to our members for not being able to circulate our August newsletter by email due to its format and its length. We will try to make sure we get it right this time.

I would like to thank **Lyn Massam** for her efforts on our behalf. She is the volunteer Secretary with the National Seniors. Lyn offered to prepare our August Newsletter for us.

An enormous thank you is extended to **Alison Blake** for organising the First Aid training on 14 September. Twenty of our members participated in that Saturday session at the Club. Alison even did some of the cooking for our vegetarian members. It cannot be denied that Alison put in an extraordinary effort to make the whole event enjoyable for all of the participants.

Our membership continues to grow. We currently have 1,050 members. The numbers in all our activities have increased to the point that we have run out of time and space. Accordingly, we need to issue a big thank you for the Table Tennis group for allowing the Chair Yoga group to use the main hall on Friday afternoons.

I would like to take the opportunity to also thank our members who have been providing their precious time to volunteer at the Club. Without volunteers our club could not function in the way that it does.

Also big Thank You to **Moreen and John Myles** for donating the Australian made Wertheim piano to the Club. This instrument is almost 100 years old and of exceptional quality and after tuning and minor repairs it will serve members for decades to come.

Have you noticed the beautiful curtains in Craft Room 2 ? We extend a huge thank you to **Elizabeth Gettingby** from the sewing group for firstly making the curtains so professionally and then to **Liz and Doug** both, for helping **Bob George** install the curtain rods.



Lastly, we have adopted some changes in to our timetable.

From 1 September, Ballroom Dancing on Thursday evenings was to be for one-and-a-half hours at a fee of \$7, and, from 6 September Chair Yoga is being held in the main hall on Fridays from 1.15 to 2.15 pm at the \$5 fee.

## SOCIAL SECRETARY

Our Bus Trips to Araluen on 2nd and 4th September were so wonderful it would be wrong not to mention it. This year there was a "bridal veil". Very imaginative and very colourful, all made from blooms. And this beautiful serene pool in such a spectacular and peaceful setting.

After a good tiptoe through the tulips, we traveled to Parkerville Tavern for lunch. We all enjoyed the food (and the wines). Our schnitzels were very tasty!! From Parkerville, we ventured on to Jadran Wines for some (more!) tasting which went down a treat. We left there well lubricated on our bus to return to Whitfords. Our thanks to our two tour guides, **Jazz** and **Pat**.



The Father's Day lunch was a great success. Again, a big thanks to all the volunteers and to **Patricia**, our new Social Secretary, and to our Social Committee member **Jazz**.

**Patricia**, with **Jazz** and **Doris**, has been working endlessly on our events calendar so please keep an eye on the notice board for these trips and events. We cannot forget **Kathy Lewis** and her lovely girls in their red aprons. Such happy devoted workers.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### ANDRE RIEU CHRISTMAS DVD

will be shown on **Monday, 21 October 2024**,  
**4pm – 6:30pm**

**MELBOURNE CUP - Tuesday 5th November** Tickets are available from the office

### TIVOLI THEATRE - Sunday 15th Dec.

Matinee performance of COMING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Please see notice board for full details of this outing. There are only 40 tickets available.

### OUR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON - three days - 17, 18 & 19 December

Please see the notice board for full details of this major event for the year. All three days will be full of surprises, lots of fun, music, dancing and entertainment. We will have our usual caterer, but a lot of the little extra fun bits will be different this year!

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Since our last Newsletter, **Ken Newbound** has organised a dance which was very well attended and **Val Hodge**, (the line dancing instructor), held a social night that was also well attended. Val donated all the entry fee receipts to the Club, so that was a nice little surprise. Another really good social night thanks to our Line Dancers.

**Phil Ranger**, our member from Table Tennis group has again delivered during 2024 National Veterans Championships in Tasmania. In over 65 years category, he has won the Gold Medal for WA in Team Competition, and Bronze (with Craig Campbell) in Men's Doubles. Sadly, in singles competition he lost to his teammate Craig who he drew in the first round. Craig ultimately won the Gold in Singles for WA, so Phil only lost to the Australian Champion.

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With sadness we advise you of recent bereavements. The amazing **Colin Stokes** (a former long-standing President), passed away recently. Colin will be missed by so many of us. He was an exceptional man who really loved our club. He devoted a large part of his life to the Club.

Our beautiful **Pearl Hachler** (from yoga) succumbed to the cancer a few months ago.

More recently, **Sheila Pitt** (from keep fit) was taken from us suddenly