

The Meridian

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Dear Members

I am happy to report that the colder weather has not brought a change in numbers of those attending activities, events. On the 16th we had some nice comments from those who came to enjoy their own groups afternoon, and saw some of our ladies all dressed up for our Roaring 20's Dance. They really looked the part with their Fringes, Feathers and Boas. I arranged for the Canberra Barber Shop Singers to come along to entertain. Their voices in the harmony were simply magic. There was time for photos, before a sumptuous afternoon tea. They've promised to come back again, before our special dress up dance in August--should be hilarious. Only one sour note to what was a lovely afternoon--I wonder who pinched some of our Gladwrapped sandwiches, set out on the tables for afternoon tea. Shame on you!!

Some members enjoyed the Levers Trip on 21st May, touring Old Houses Pubs and Churches. I am told it was very good.

Those going on 'The Boy from Oz' Theatre Trip--you are reminded that the balance must be paid by 4th July at the latest.

We also had an afternoon trip to Dunkoona Vineyard at Murrumbateman. Although sunny it was very cold, but we were soon warmed up with some wine tasting. Being a non-drinker, I still decided to have a try, and felt quite warm and MERRY on the way home--and, yes, I did get a lift. Thank you everyone, to those who filled the Lions Bus, so I did not have to pay anything out of my own pocket to make up a difference.

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Cancer is a terrible thing, especially in a child, and much is needed for research. I am often asked how my own Grandson is, from those who remembered the large concert I had a few years ago for Camp Quality, when a good sum was raised. Well, Paul is one of the lucky ones. He celebrated his 16th Birthday in March. He is head and shoulders taller than Nanny--well, anyone is taller than me! All his tests last Christmas were normal, and although he does not see the Sydney Specialist for another year, we hope and pray he gets a Final Clearance. He is a young man whose faith is even stronger, as it was when he was a child. Every mickle makes a muckle, as the Scottish saying goes, in other words, every dollar, yes YOUR dollar, can help save a child's life. So again, Please Support.

Beware of the Winter chills. One of our Choir members, Dorothy Bertram, landed in hospital with Pneumonia, she had earlier been out with the Choir. Gwen Sutton, too, was almost on the verge, and was quite ill. Maybe we should be looking at cutting down on the every week performances. In many places the Choir performs the heat is overwhelming, then you come out in the cold. It will be a bitter winter, please advise if you know of anyone else who is ill. (Cyril Sutton is ill, and Marjorie Mayne in hospital).

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Brigitte Kaspar, who mourns the loss of a loved son-in-law, a wonderful family man and only 40. Indeed no-one knows 'the day or the hour'. I am sure the support, love and prayers of her friends are a comfort to her and the family, at this very sad time.

RESIGNATION

It is with regret that the Committee has accepted the resignation of our very capable Public Officer, Mr Dennis Glanville, which takes effect from the end of June 1998. As you all know, Dennis had Hip Surgery a while back, but though in obvious pain, carried on regardless. Then an op. on his eye saw him in a Sydney Hospital again for a few days. I was most surprised, on the very day he returned to Canberra, to see him at the Club catching up on all the paperwork. Now, that is TRUE DEDICATION, we need more like him!!!. The Members wish you well, Dennis, on your -er retirement? Thank you very much for all that you have put into the Club, especially behind the scenes. I add my own THANK YOU and appreciation for all your help, advice etc. and also to Jean, who has done much behind the scenes, too. "My Little Leprechaun" I fondly call her, who among the many unsung tasks, kept our kitchen drawer full of freshly laundered Teatowels. We now have to elect someone to take over the reins, and Dennis has offered all the help and advice he can give, to his successor.

Fund Raiser for Children with Cancer.

The ladies of the Garden Club hosted a Morning/Afternoon Tea. We tank all those who participated in making the day such a success--there was so much food!!!. The final sum raised will be shown on the Notice Board, but we think over \$160 so far. Wonderful!!!.

CHAIRS

Ten will be purchased at this stage of the favourite type, on a further trial, with more to be purchased at a later date. Three are designated for our frailer choir members on a permanent basis. PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE. Although you are welcome to borrow, please ensure they are put back in place for Monday mornings. Thank you.

INFORMAL DAY, Monday 15th June.

The Verandah area will be required to be set up for our Doll and Favourite Treasures Show. The Canberra Doll Society will set up a display from 11am. Our own Members are invited to bring along their own Dolls, Treasures (not the family silver). As it is a Fund Raising Day, it will be advertised and invitations have gone to the Belconnen, Turner and Queanbeyan SENIOR Citizens Clubs. The cost, \$1 for Members, \$2 for non-members, includes tea or coffee, and cake. No matter how large or small, amount is raised, it all helps, as the Club will have large heating costs over the winter. Also, it will be nice to catch up with friends for a chat.

HEATING and COOLING

At this stage we have had our latest quote from Climatrol, which Myra will be able to present to the Committee. At the meeting on 8th June. We have been advised to defray costs over a longer period. (If we accept Climatrol's quote), heating can be installed within 2 weeks, with a cooling system being added before a very hot summer arrives. It is a very sensible suggestion, as we can not spend thousands when our income is hundreds, or how long can our Club survive. We have to look to the future, too.

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Did You Forget?

To return the large, flat yellow food container that held the children's iced face biscuits sold at the Fete? The sales lady on the cake stall had purchased the biscuits and when last seen the container was in the basket, or bag, behind the table. Please return it to Marion, as it is needed.

Also, the case of the missing pianist.

On the morning of May 11, Dorothy Rafferty, long, long time accompanist to the Woden Singers, was not in her usual place at the piano. Much guessing among the Choir members--but now it can be told! Dorothy and Paul, the much-loved Irish Tenor, were nominated for the Volunteer of the Year Award, and were invited to attend a presentation of the awards at the Canberra Labour Club. One hundred certificates were awarded, and two went to Dorothy and Paul, in recognition of eight years entertaining at Nursing Homes, Retirement Villages etc. The main award went to a gentleman who for FOURTEEN years worked for the Home Library Service. Senator Margaret Reid made the presentations.

Heartiest congratulations to you both, from the Choir, President, Committee and Members of Woden Senior Citizens Club.

Man of all Jobs.

Thank you to our new young man who made such a good job of the windows on Thursday. We can really see through them, now. Over the next few weeks he will clean up the leaves, the guttering and do other odd jobs around the Club on a regular basis, and at no cost to the Club.

M.Ferguson, President.

At the Committee Meeting on Monday 8th June

1. Does anyone have any spare gardening tools--spade, fork etc.? We will need some to work on the landscaping of the parking. Also small hand tools would come in useful. All donations will be gratefully received.

2. Don't forget the Special General Meeting on 22nd June at 1pm. The quotes for heating/cooling areas of the Club will be presented for discussion----amongst other things. See notice of Agenda on notice board.

WODEN SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB FINANCIAL
REPORT

1-7-97 TO 31-5-98

INCOME

ATTENDANCE (14,307) SUBS (1,900) HALL HIRE KARATE (4,830) CATERING INCLUDES THURSDAY, LUNCH.
SOUP, AND SATURDAY SOCIAL (1,989-80) FETE (2,000) TRADING INCL WHITE ELEPHANT,
AND CRAFT SALES (2,388) H.A.C.C. INCLUDES 130-00 FOR AUDIT FEES (1,400) BANK
INTEREST (91-41) 28,776-21

EXPENSES

UTILITIES (5,168-92) CATERING TEA, COFFEE, SUGAR, MILK AND SAT SOCIAL (2,015)
PETTY CASH (200-00) MAINTENANCE REPLACEMENT WINDOW, URN REPAIRS, EXHAUST
IN KITCHEN, PAINTING KITCHEN, OUTSIDE LIGHT REPAIRS AND WHEELS FOR A TROLLY
(1,577-60) CLEANER (3,173-00) ACTIVITIES BRIDGE SLIPS CRAFT SUPPLIES AND TABLE
TENNIS BALLS (529-91) PURCHASES WHITE BOARD FOR CHAIR, WIRE SCREEN FOR EXTENTION,
FOUR FLOOR FANS., 100 WHITE COFFEE MUGS, EXHAUST FAN FOR LADIES TOILET AND
NEW VIDEO (949) INSURANCE (2,446-22) CLEANING MATERIALS (169) STATIONARY STAMPS,
COPY PAPER, NOTEBOOKS, RAFFLE BOOKS AND COPIER CARTRIDGE (510-00) WORMOLD FIRE
INSPECTION (33-00) GAS HEATER INSPECTION (70-00)

ONE OFF EXPENSES

CAR PARK (4,250-00)
ADD TO SPORT AND REC GRANT (1,000-00)

21,922-65

CASH IN GENERAL ACCOUNT (21,419-97)

CHAIRS ORDERED 10 ~~535-00~~ (455-00)
AUDIT FEES (450-00)

TERM DEPOSIT 20,000-00 12,144-00 8,492-00