



Meridian



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Overheard in the Bridge Room:

What's that dumb husband of yours been up to lately?"

"He answered an advertisement for a handyman."

"But he hates gardening, and doesn't know one tool from another, let alone how to use them."

"So? The people advertising live just round the corner from us - what could be handier than that?"

EDITORIAL

Because no contributions have been submitted this month (apart from the report from our indefatigable President) this edition will be rather sparse. But considering the price, it is still good value for money don't you think?.

With the Christmas and New Year celebrations behind us, the editorial staff take the opportunity to wish all members a bright and happy 2002. As the present Editor (and always an optimist!) I am hoping for a much greater degree of feedback into the Meridian from the members this year. Is the Meridian failing to meet your needs and expectations? - TELL US! Should more copies be printed? - TELL US! Is there too much "Public Service-speak" in some of the articles? - TELL US! Isaac Newton showed us how the Principle of Inertia applies to a particle in motion, but let us not forget that a similar principle applies to human enterprises also. A friend has a motto prominently displayed in her home - "If you always do what you always did, you will always get what you always got." In short, nothing will change unless you take some positive action to make it change.

The Editor.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

The following message comes from your President and Committee:

On-going, effective management and streamlined administration are of paramount importance for the Club, and this is recognised by the Administration Team as we identify objectives and measures for this year and beyond.

Our Committee has identified events and functions which I hope you will find rewarding and enjoyable. We trust that they will enhance the social harmony, the resources and the vitality of the Club.

Please enter relevant dates from the list below in your diary, and make some early bookings at the office!

SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR 2002

12 February Tuesday	Birthday lunch (for Jan. & Feb. birthdays). 12.30 pm.
18 February Monday	New members and other community members - afternoon tea. 2 pm.
12 March Tuesday	Card & Games Day (lunch included). 10 am to 2.30 pm.
20 March Wednesday	Seniors Week (Council on the Ageing) Open morning to inform and educate the public about our Club. 9.30 am. to 12 noon.
24 March Sunday	Autumn Concert - to be held at the Hellenic Club. 2 pm. to 4 pm.
9 April Tuesday	Birthday Lunch (for March/April birthdays). 12.30 pm.
4 May Saturday	Annual Fete 9.30 am. to 3.30 pm.
19 June Wednesday	Birthday Lunch (for May/June birthdays). 12.30 pm.

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19 August Monday	Birthday Lunch (for July/August birthdays). 12.30 pm.
17 September Tuesday	Card and Games Day. (Lunch included). 10 am. to 2.30 pm.
14 October Monday	Birthday lunch (for September/October birthdays). 12.30 pm.
5 November Tuesday	Melbourne Cup Lunch 1 pm.
11 December Wednesday	Combined Christmas/Birthday Lunch (Nov/Dec birthdays) 12.30 pm.

Further details of each event will be notified closer to the time.



FOR SALE/WANTED

Wanted: Stereo amplifier in good working order.. Anything considered but a reputable brand with 20 watts per channel output or more is preferred. Ring 62812607

ROUND THE BOARDS

This month you have the opportunity to see your multi-talented Office Administrator in the footlights. Yes, Umar will be playing three roles, no less, in the Phoenix Players production of C.S.Lewis' well known "The Lion, The Witch and the The Wardrobe at the Belconnen Community Theatre. Details are on the notice boards, but you had better be quick - the production ends on Feb. 2nd. Bookings on 61255491

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Very best wishes to you all for a healthy, happy and contented life at our Club this year. It is so nice to see you returning to participate in activities of your choice with your friends and colleagues.

One of the most significant developments in the area which we need to be aware of is the planning which is underway for a new appearance for the Woden Town Centre. Planning and Land Management (PALM) has responsibility for this, and we have the opportunity to attend workshops in early February:

12th.Feb. 9.30am. to 10.45am. at the Woden Community Services building. The subject is "Public Transport".

12th.Feb. 5.00pm. to 8.00pm. at the Hellenic Club. The subject is "Community Design".

14th.Feb. 7.00pm.to 9.00pm. at the Canberra Institute of Technology, Woden. The subject is "Feedback and Planning Options".

Please let the Admin.Team know if you would like to attend any of these forums. We will endeavour to have a number of participants.

This week we will begin distributing to you all lists of the forthcoming special events. If you miss out, please let us know.

(A summary appears in this edition of Meridian - see above. Ed.)

Already the first birthday party on 12th.February is almost fully booked.

Three new programmes will commence in early February. A water colour painting class will begin on Tuesday Feb.5th. from 12 noon to 3 pm. It is being run on a commercial basis by a person who is hiring space on the verandah. Each participant will pay \$10 to the hirer and each member of the group will pay \$2 to the Club as the usual activity fee. You are welcome to join this group, and you may like to ask Sue Barrett, one of our members about it, as she is a keen participant.

A University of the Third Age (U3A) painting group will take place each Wednesday from Feb.6th., and a U3A Recorder Group will also commence on that date.

These new activities are an indication of the intense interest being demonstrated by individuals and groups in using our premises and facilities as a venue. One of the Admin. Officer's many responsibilities is the administration of the hiring system. He is therefore extremely busy as you will understand.

I look forward to being with you all this year.

Anne



**Cynical Sam
says**

*Where there's a will -
there's a relative!*