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JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

This Newsletter advises of the July General Meeting which will be held by Zoom on **Tuesday 14th July at 10 am**.

Your management committee deliberated long and hard before reaching this decision. It principally reflects the concern that we have that we are of an age which makes us vulnerable to infection by the virus. In other words, the decision was primarily motivated by the importance of protecting our health.

Many of our members are familiar with Zoom because of its use by the SIGs. For those who are not, or have inadequate equipment, please let us know and we will do what we can to enable you to be with another member, at the time of the meeting, who is familiar with the process and has the equipment. We outlined in our last issue some details of obtaining and installing the necessary webcam; we are happy to make those details available again if you request us to provide them.

We look forward to everybody joining us for the July meeting.

MEMBERSHIP:

Current membership is comprising of 65 active & 4 non-active members. Our Associate members number is 15.

The committee have regrettably received a resignation from John Mott he has been a Membership Officer & Woodcraft Convenor during his 23 years with our club. We wish him and his wife Margaret all the best with their future endeavours.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As at 31 May, Club funds in the Westpac account were \$3,629 after excluding funds attributable to members who have paid meeting fees in advance and Boroondara grant monies that have not yet been spent. The CBA Function account has funds of \$2,133.

The move to allow payment of the annual fee by direct debit has proved both timely and successful as 34 Members paid in this manner.

As mentioned last month, the club is moving to streamline its banking arrangements and move from paying accounts by cheque to an online process which still requires dual approval for all payments. We will also permit limited use of a club bank debit card for small accounts that require immediate payment.

Investigations are under way to see if we can find a cost-effective EFTPOS system which will enable members to pay for function and theatre events by debit/credit card. Members will be updated when we have something to report.

FUNCTIONS

While these activities have been cancelled for the time being, we will be 'ready to go' again once a relaxation in public meetings will allow us to return to our original plan for 2020 and 2021.

ZOOM LUNCH & CHAT - Thursday 25th June. Convenor Graydon Findlay P: 9859 6964

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The format will be similar to our pleasant Zoom meeting in May when Dine-Out, Cinema Lunch and Walking Group members combined to chat over a light lunch and talk about either of two nominated movies that participants had watched at home in comfort prior to the Zoom lunch. Details about the movies nominated for June will be emailed to participants about a fortnight prior to the lunch.

Please get in touch if you would like to become a participant or if you are likely to need assistance getting connected to Zoom.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

- **HERITAGE / GENEALOGY GROUP:** Convenor Graydon Findlay P: 9859 6964
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Our next **H&G Zoom meeting** will be on **Monday 15th June**. Please note this is a week later than usual due to the public holiday on the second Monday. The meeting will be from about **10.40 to noon**. This time is a bit later than usual but the specific H&G part will be about an hour from 11.00-noon and the 20 minutes prior to that will be available for welcoming people to the meeting, and for participants to have the sort of chat that usually takes place during the morning tea break at SIG meetings. During our meeting we'll have a segment on National Heritage listed sites and I will give a presentation on what I have been able to find out about the lives of two of my great grandparents & their families who migrated to Australia.

Please get in touch if you have not yet participated in a zoom meeting. I will organise a time when we can practice joining a zoom meeting so that you will be able to take part on Monday 15th.

- **WALKING GROUP** Third Friday in the month** - Richard Heal M: 0415 776 039 E: richard_heal@bigpond.com

The next walk will take place on **Friday 19th June** and will be along the Outer Circle Walking track commencing at Canterbury Road in Canterbury.

Park in Avenue Athol and meet at **10.30 AM**. [*Melways Map Ref: Map 46 A10*]. We will plan on having a picnic lunch in a nearby park after the walk so bring along your lunch and personal seating. New walkers always welcome.

- **INVESTMENT GROUP:** Second Thursday in the month. Convenor: Don Campbell P: 9836 6330
M: 0418 512 001

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 11th June at 10 am** using Zoom Video Conferencing facility.

The subjects are to be covered are:

1/ the looming debt crisis for many countries and what will be the outcome.

2/ continue with housing/real estate investment crisis

3/ how are some of the internet companies going.

All members are invited to join in the discussions.

- **COMPUTER GROUP:** Fourth Tuesday in the month. Convenor: Rodney Manser M: 0418 164 432
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Our next meeting on **Tuesday 23rd June** will be conducted via Video Conferencing using "Zoom"

An email will be sent to you advising how to join the meeting. We will be discussing Email programs i.e. Microsoft Outlook, Gmail, Apple Mail why & how we use them.

Our meeting in May was well attended which covered the use of Zoom in all our meetings and in breakout rooms covered Topics Email, Software, Browser, Security & Games.

Microsoft O/S 3.0 & Solitaire turn 30 years old in month of April.

According to Microsoft, Solitaire is one of the most played games on the planet. Microsoft Solitaire Collection hosts over 35 million players each month, and is available more than 200 countries and territories, in 65 different languages.

If anyone is interested in a document "Can You Replace Your Mac with an iPad in 2020?" please contact the Convenor Everyone is welcome to join a Zoom Video conferencing session at our meetings.

Anyone interested please contact the Convenor Rodney Manser.

- **PHOTOGRAPHY/TRAVEL GROUP:** Third Tuesday in the month. Convenor Nino Xerri M: 0410 571 446
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Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 16th June** via Zoom Video Conference.

Denis Spinley will present images from trips to Norway, Sweden & Finland and Don Campbell will present images from his trip to The Serengeti Plains in Africa.

This promises to be a very interesting morning, following the successful meeting held in May. Looking forward to seeing all the Photography/Travel SIG members at the meeting.

Other Special Interest Groups plan to organise appropriate meetings in the future.

If you are a regular attendee at SIGs, your SIG Convenor will be in touch with you in due course. If you are not a regular attendee but would like to be included in the video conferencing arrangements, you are encouraged to register with the relevant convenor and advise if you are likely to need assistance getting connected.

USEFUL RESOURCES:

- Our website has a link to the Department of Human Services re Coronavirus
- The following article on “Coronavirus Survival Guide” has been published by Probus South Pacific P/L (PSPL):
<https://livewellclub.com.au/wp-content/uploads/flipbook/2/mobile/index.html>
- You may wish to contact PSPL to receive a copy of their regular newsletter.
Email marketing@probussouthpacific.org to be put on the mailing list for their regular Newsletter.