



Narra Notes

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General Meeting : **Tuesday 8 August 2023 at 11:00am**
Harmonie German Club, Narrabundah

Guest Speaker: **Kim Adam CEO of MV Law**
Legal Service

Future Guest Speakers

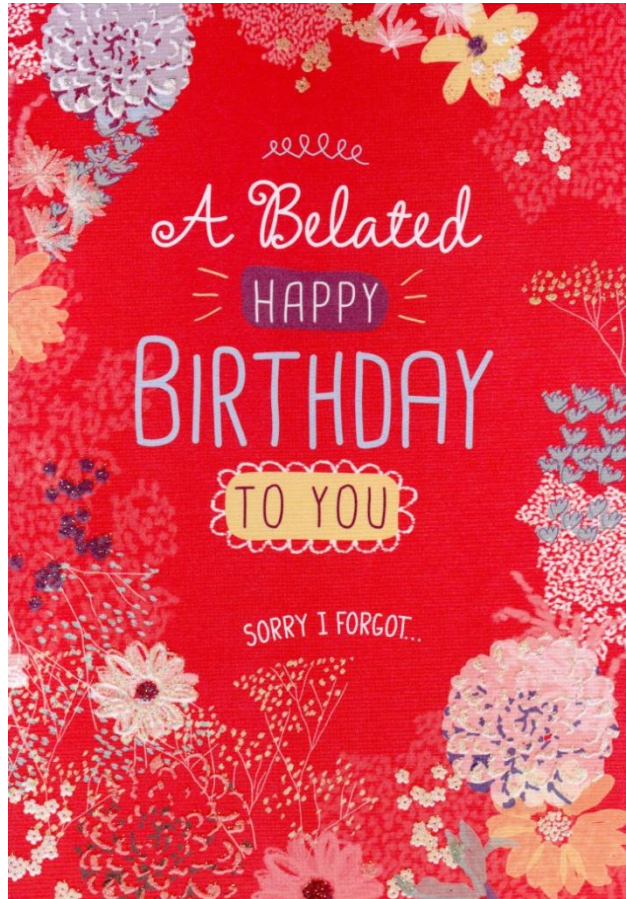
12 September : Tom Flynn : Macular Disease Foundation.
10 October : Roger Quarterman The Spitfire and the Battle of Britain.

Birthday Greetings for August

No August babies, but Oh dear! we've missed one again for July.



Belated greetings to Wally Reid.



Club Check In

Please ensure that you sign-in in the attendance book, and please wear your membership badge (this helps members to get to know one another).

COVID has faded from the headlines, but is still around (and so is flu!). We are now meeting in a larger room, which makes it easier for social distancing. However please feel free to wear a mask if you prefer to do so.

The Harmonie German Club provides the meeting room free of charge. Members are invited to show their appreciation for this by taking out membership of the Harmonie German Club. The membership fee is quite modest and will quickly be recouped in reduced bar prices if you stay for lunch after our meeting.

Books Table

Please continue to enjoy the books table, and remember that a one-for-one exchange is NOT required. If you see a book or books that you would like to read please take them home and enjoy them.

Welfare

Please inform Welfare Officer Ann if you are aware of any member who is ill or otherwise indisposed.

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**Irmina is indisposed and will be out of action for a substantial time and Peter Adams will be temporarily looking after the money.*

***The Tours and Visits roles have been merged into a single Events Officer. Position remains vacant!!*

Quote of the month

The kids won't move back home if they can't find you - that's why there are so many grey nomads living in caravans. *Anon*

An Interesting Bit

Once Ishwarchandra Vidasaygar, Bengali poet and scholar, jokingly asked Michael Manhusadhan Dutt, an Anglophile poet of great repute: “As you are a Master of English, can you make a sentence without using a single E ?”

I doubt I can. It’s a major part (vowel) used in many words.

Omitting it is as hard as making muffins without flour. It’s as hard as spitting without saliva, napping without a pillow, driving a train without tracks, sailing to Russia without a boat, washing your hands without soap. And, anyway, what would I gain?

An award? A cash bonus? Bragging rights? Why should I strain my brain? It’s not worth it !!!

And if you like to check - there isn’t an ‘E’ anywhere in that !!!!

Cartoon Corner



Dates for your diary

Tuesday, 8 August	General meeting at the Harmonie German Club, 11:00am. <i>Book in for Lanyon visit on 31 August.</i> <i>Book in for Spamalot Theatre Party on 16 September.</i>
Wednesday, 9 August	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. <i>No booking required.</i>
Wednesday, 16 August	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. <i>No booking required.</i>
Wednesday, 23 August	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. <i>No booking required.</i>
Thursday, 24 August	6:00 for 6:30 pm Informal dinner, venue The Vanilla Pod, 23 Kennedy St Kingston. <i>It helps with our bookings if you can let Peter Adams (0478 606 130) know if you are coming. But we would be glad to see you even if you have not booked in.</i>
Sunday 27 August	Dendy Cinema 3:00pm ANDRE RIEU'S 2023 MAASTRICH CONCERT LOVE IS ALL AROUND
Wednesday, 30 August	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. <i>No booking required.</i>
Thursday 31 August	Visit Lanyon Homestead, followed by lunch. Lanyon has recently been re-opened after being closed for restoration work. <i>Booking required at the General Meeting 8 August.</i>
Wednesday, 6 September	2:00 pm Management Committee, Gryphons, Griffith shops.
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Tuesday, 12 September	General meeting at the Harmonie German Club, 11:00am. <i>Book in for Tulip Tops visit on 21 September</i>
Wednesday, 13 September	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. <i>No booking required.</i>
Saturday 16 September	Theatre Party at The Q: Spamalot. <i>Booking required at the General Meeting 8 August.</i>
Wednesday, 20 September	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. <i>No booking required.</i>
Thursday 21 September	Visit Tulip Top Gardens. <i>Booking required at the General Meeting 12 September.</i>
Wednesday, 27 September	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. <i>No booking required.</i>
Thursday 28 September	6:00 for 6:30 pm Informal dinner, venue The Vanilla Pod, 23 Kennedy St Kingston <i>It helps with our bookings if you can let Peter Adams (0478 606 130) know if you are coming. But we would be glad to see you even if you have not booked in.</i>

Events:

Recent events

20 July

Chief Minister's Seniors Concert with the Royal Military College Band.

A small group attended this annual event held at the Albert Hall. The Music was provided by the Jazz Band group from the RMC Band. Jazz is not everyone's favourite genre, and a slightly surprising choice for this audience which had a high proportion of elderly folk who would perhaps have been more 'in tune' with a 'palm court orchestra' style.

Lunch afterwards at the Southern Cross Yacht Club was nice but a bit pricey. Snappers is closed for renovation.

27 July

Monthly informal dinner

This event continued to be enjoyed by a small but friendly group.

Forthcoming events+

NOTE: Some of the events listed below, such as Andre Rieu's Concert are either self booked or require no booking. They will effectively run themselves. But others, such as the Lanyon visit proposed for 31 August, require bookings to be made. This requires the involvement of an Events Officer to do the organising. At present this position is unfilled, and if this situation continues these events will not run.

24 August

Monthly informal dinner – now at 6:00 for 6:30pm.

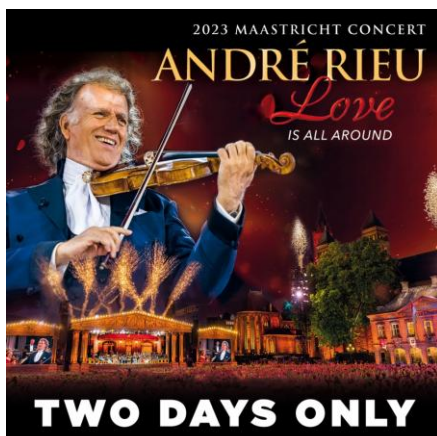
This event will again be held at The Vanilla Pod, Kingston on the fourth Thursday of the month, and this month that will be 24 August. Please let Peter Adams (0478 606 130) know if you are coming.

27 August

DENDY LIMITED SCREENING:

ANDRE RIEU'S 2023 MAASTRICH CONCERT LOVE IS ALL AROUND

The King of the Waltz invites you to his all-new cinema concert! From his beautiful hometown of Maastricht.



Join us at Dendy Canberra for the screening on August 27th at 3:00pm, as André Rieu will again stage his glorious annual summer event in the iconic Vrijthof Square this year.

The concert will be a musical feast with heart-warming pieces lovingly chosen by André, covering classics, popular sing-alongs, and delightful waltzes that make you want to dance. Along with his beloved Johann Strauss Orchestra, André teams up with the charming Gospel Choir and special surprise guests, bringing you and your loved ones a refreshing, romantic, fun party at your local cinema - you will feel that love is all around!

Share a concert experience filled with music, dance, love and happiness.

Book tickets online using the link below. All tickets are \$42.

Concert finishes at 6:20 pm – optional dinner afterwards.

<https://canberra.dendy.com.au/andre-rieus-2023-maastricht-concert-love-is-all-around---two-days-only/>

Thursday 31 August

Visit Lanyon Homestead, followed by lunch

Experience the restored 1850s homestead, discover the convict-era outbuildings, and explore the stunning gardens that make Lanyon Homestead a gem in Canberra's history.

After touring the homestead enjoy lunch inside the former Barracks outbuilding.

<http://www.historicplaces.com.au/lanyon-homestead>

Museum visits by guided tour only –booking required.

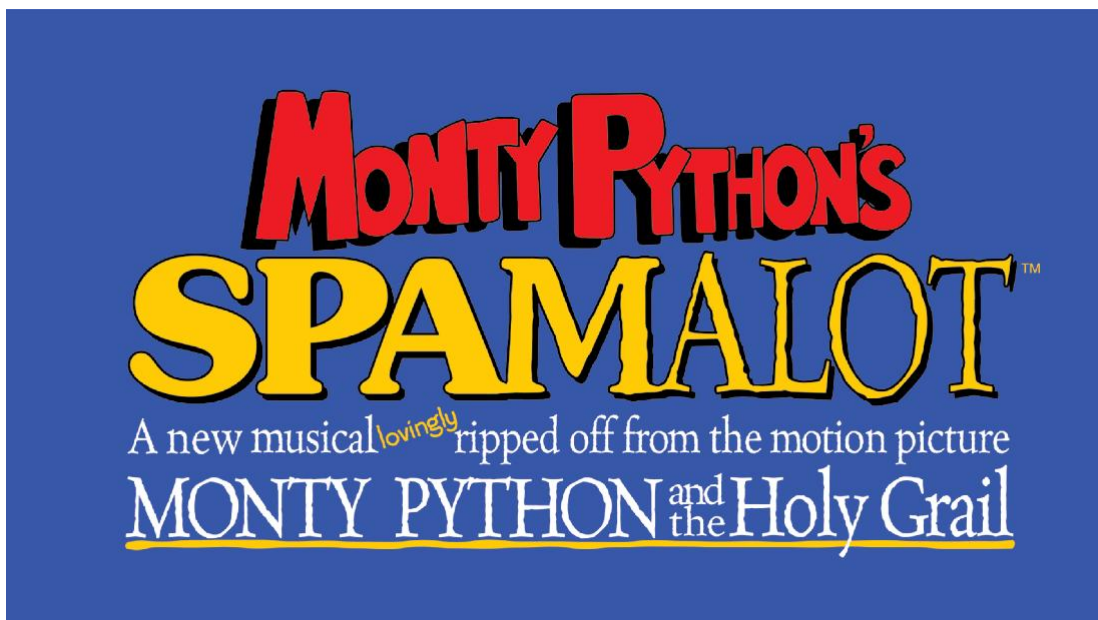
Since booking is required for both the tour of the homestead and for lunch a sign-up sheet will be available at the General Meeting on 8 August.

Saturday 16 September

Anyone interested in a theatre visit????

Theatre Party: Spamalot, presented by the Free Rain Theatre Company at the Queanbeyan Performing Arts Centre (The Q). Matinee performance so no night driving involved.

Booking required at this meeting. This is short notice, but leaving bookings until the next General Meeting is too late.



<https://theq.net.au/whats-on/monty-pythons-spamalot/>

Thursday 21 September

Visit Tulip Top Gardens

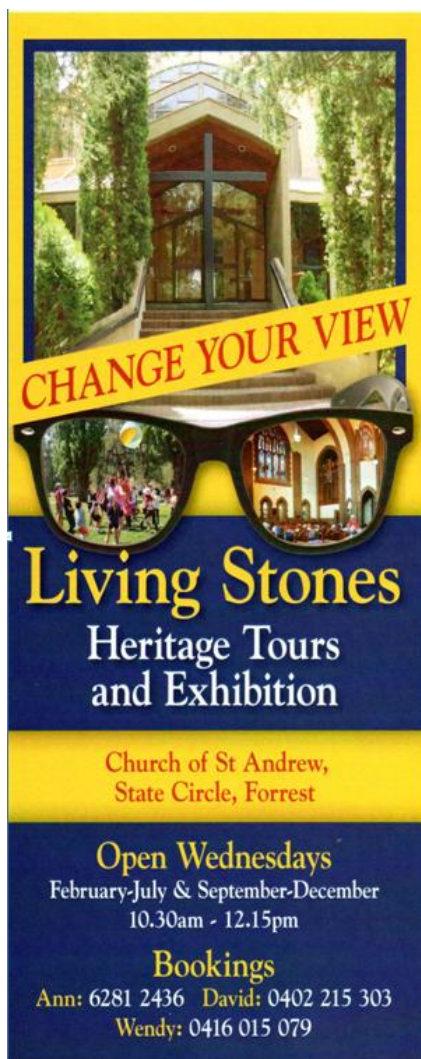
We went last year but left it a bit late and the show of blooms was a bit past its best. Planning ahead this time to try and get a better visit.

<https://www.tuliptopgardens.com.au/>

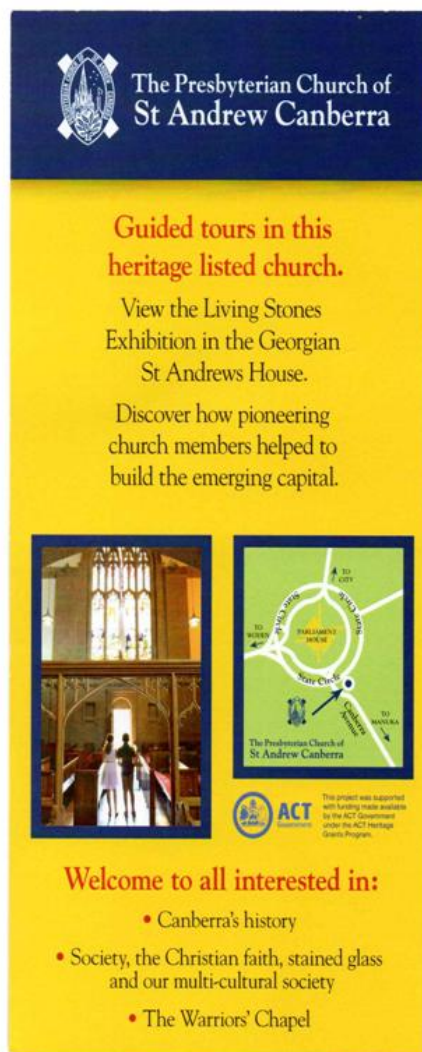
1 November

Heritage Tour of St Andrews church

This date is one of several that are still available and is still some distance away, but has been selected so that we can assess if there is any interest. A sign up sheet for you to indicate if you wish to participate will be provided at the September General Meeting. Information about the tour follows.



The poster features a yellow background with a blue border. At the top, there is a photograph of the exterior of the Church of St Andrew. Below this is a yellow banner with the text "CHANGE YOUR VIEW" in red. Underneath the banner is a pair of black-rimmed sunglasses. The lenses of the sunglasses show two different scenes: the interior of a church with stained glass windows and a group of people gathered outdoors. Below the sunglasses, the text "Living Stones Heritage Tours and Exhibition" is written in a large, bold, yellow font. Underneath this, in a smaller red font, is "Church of St Andrew, State Circle, Forrest". At the bottom, it says "Open Wednesdays February-July & September-December 10.30am - 12.15pm" and "Bookings Ann: 6281 2436 David: 0402 215 303 Wendy: 0416 015 079".



The poster has a dark blue header with the church's logo and name "The Presbyterian Church of St Andrew Canberra". The main body is yellow. It features the text "Guided tours in this heritage listed church." followed by "View the Living Stones Exhibition in the Georgian St Andrews House." and "Discover how pioneering church members helped to build the emerging capital." Below this text are two images: a photograph of the church's interior and a map showing the location of the church on State Circle. At the bottom, it says "Welcome to all interested in:" followed by a list of bullet points: "• Canberra's history", "• Society, the Christian faith, stained glass and our multi-cultural society", and "• The Warriors' Chapel". There is also a small ACT Government logo and a note about support for the program.

Heritage Tours of St Andrews have been booked by Community groups, Probus Groups, and Aged Care, every Wednesday morning at 10.30am for seven years. Each week a team of four trained Heritage Tour Guides together with our organist lead different sections. The people who built this church built Canberra!

The Tour takes about 1 hour and fifteen minutes.

The "Open House, Open Church" program enables you to enjoy the organ demonstration and chat with the organist, singalong if you wish, listen to voices from the stained glass windows, hear about the history of

Canberra, the secrets of the Memorial chapel in one of Canberra's oldest buildings; the sandstone clad neo-gothic church of St Andrew on State Circle and the Georgian House of St Andrew to view the Living Stones Exhibition.