



Narra Notes

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General Meeting : **Tuesday 13 February 2024 at 11:15am**
Harmonie German Club, Narrabundah

Guest Speaker: **John Worcester**
Community Broadcasting in Australia

(Next month Stuart Warner to provide musical entertainment)

Presidents Ponderings

Welcome back to the resumption of regular meetings. I hope you all enjoyed a happy and relaxing festive season.

During the break your committee has been discussing some aspects of club activity and we have some new ideas to present.

The first issue is club membership. We have been struggling to fill all the committee positions ever since COVID interrupted our lives, and our membership dropped to about half of what it had been when the club was formed. The committee is of the view that the present membership of around 20 is simply not enough to maintain a viable flourishing club. So we propose running a membership drive by taking a stall at the next German Markets at the Harmonie German Club on Sunday 17 March. This event has been selected because members of the public attending the markets are likely to have some affinity with the locality and/or the Harmonie German Club and this increases the likelihood of interest in our club. Planning is already well underway: we have booked a stall at the markets and are proceeding with gathering the necessary resources and materials for the event. This is just preliminary advice and there will be more to say in next month's issue of NarraNotes. We will of course be looking for volunteers to help run the stall on the day.

Another proposal that we are putting forward is to establish another regular (monthly) event to complement our other regular activities and broaden the scope of what we offer. The suggested format is a visit to a nice place for morning coffee that has some other feature of interest associated with it (eg the cafe at Old Parliament House). After enjoying a social morning coffee participants are then free to explore the associated feature of interest independently. This is proposed for the third Tuesday of the month: members are likely to be free on Tuesday because that is when we have our general meeting. It means that we will have an activity on three of the four weeks each month. We will be following the minimalist management approach. No

bookings or reservations, just a notification in Narra Notes of the 'where and when' and just turn up as you wish. So nobody will be inconvenienced by any last minute changes or clashes of events. Please refer to the activities section of Narra Notes for details of the program. Members will indicate their approval or otherwise by voting with their feet!

Peter Adams

President

Narrabundah Probus Club Inc

Financial Report

Financial transactions since November General Meeting as follows.

Income:	Nil
Expense:	25.00 Gift voucher guest speaker
	146.00 Gryphons (Christmas party)
	32.34 Harmonie Autumn stall
	8.39 Welfare expense
Balance:	625.76

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.

Birthday Greetings for February - None for the month of February.

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.

A volunteer is needed to look after the books table next month – Roger and Ann will be away

Welfare

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

Your Club Management Committee

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

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 13 February	The first General meeting for 2024 at the Harmonie German Club, 11:15am.
Wednesday, 14 February	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. <i>No booking required.</i>
Tuesday 20 February	10:30 am meet for morning coffee at Old Parliament House cafe, afterwards visit OPH displays individually. <i>No booking required.</i>
Wednesday, 21 February	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. <i>No booking required.</i>
Wednesday, 28 February	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. <i>No booking required.</i>
Thursday 29 February <i>NOTE this event has been moved from the fourth to the fifth Thursday to avoid overcrowding in one week.</i>	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>
Wednesday, 6 March	2:00 pm Management Committee, Gryphons, Griffith shops.
Wednesday, 6 March	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. <i>No booking required.</i>
Tuesday 12 March	General meeting at the Harmonie German Club, 11:15am.
Wednesday, 13 March	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. <i>No booking required.</i>
Sunday 17 March	Special Promotion event at Harmonie German Club markets.
Tuesday 19 March	10:30 am meet for morning coffee at Dirty Jane's cafe and afterwards explore DJ's Emporium individually. <i>No booking required</i>
Wednesday, 20 March	2:30 pm Afternoon tea at Gryphons, Griffith shops. <i>No booking required.</i>

Quote of the month

A Prayer for Growing Old Gracefully

Lord, Thou knowest better than I myself that I am growing older and will someday be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all; but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end. Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains; they are increasing, and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening cock-sureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet, for a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people; and give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so.....Amen.

~ Author Unknown

Cartoon Corner



Wife: I have a bag full of used clothing I'd like to donate.

Husband: Why not just throw it in the trash? That's much easier.

Wife: But there are poor starving people who can really use all these clothes.

Husband: Honey, anyone who fits into your clothing is not starving.

Husband is recovering from a head injury now



Events:

Recent events

Thursday 28 December

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

A small group kept the flame burning!

Wednesday 24 January 2024

Club special committee meeting

Convened to consider proposal to hold a promotion event on 17 March.

Thursday 25 January 2024

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

A small group getting into the swing of writing '2024'!

Forthcoming events

Tuesday 20 February

Outing to Old Parliament House 10:30am

Enjoy morning coffee with friends at Old parliament House and afterwards explore OPH and/or the "Behind the Lines" exhibition in your own time.

This is the first event of a proposed new monthly series to take place on the third Tuesday of each month. Future venues being considered are:

Dirty Jane's cafe

Rodney's Garden Centre cafe, Pialligo

Parliament House Terrace cafe

National Portrait gallery cafe

National Library cafe

Mount Stromlo Observatory cafe

(If and when they re-open)

High Court cafe

National Museum of Australia cafe

Truffle Farm

National Arboretum cafe

Botanic Gardens cafe

Australian War Memorial Poppy's cafe

Tidbinbilla Tracking Station cafe

(If and when they re-open)

The committee would like to know what you think about this activity, and any suggestions you may have for places to include.

Thursday 29 February

Informal dinner at the Vanilla Pod, Kingston.

Note that this event has usually been held on the fourth Thursday of the month but has been moved back a week to keep it a week after the Old Parliament House visit.

Tuesday 19 March

Outing to Dirty Jane's Emporium in Fyshwick

Enjoy morning coffee with friends at Dirty Jane's and afterwards browse over the extensive displays of art, craft, memorabilia and bric-a-brac in your own time.

12 – 18 May

Invitation to join Tuggeraong Probus Club on their Border Hopper Tour

The Tuggeranong Probus Club is organising this Border Hopper Tour with Murray Magic Tours in May. The cost is \$1,300 twin share and \$1,500 single which includes tours each day, admissions, coach transport, all breakfasts and evening meals and some lunches. Travel to Deniliquin to meet the motel's pick up coach is by NSW Trainlink coaches and trains. Please see the itinerary and additional information sent by email as two additional documents with Narra Notes.

Members of the Narrabundah Probus Club are invited to participate in the tour. A decision to do so is required by the end of February and a \$100 deposit paid to Tuggeranong Probus Club.

If you are interested in this please contact the Tuggeranong Outings Officer, Valerie Sanders, by email at valerie.sanders@live.com.au. She will advise you of their club's bank details for the \$100 deposit to be paid to secure your booking. When all bookings are in, Valerie will pay Murray Magic Tours the deposits from all participants. She will provide Murray Magic Tours with the email contact details of all participants and Murray Magic will contact each person with payment details and deadlines. These payments will be made directly to Murray Magic Tours by individual tour participants. The preferred payment method is to pay the \$100 deposit directly into the bank account of the Tuggeranong Probus Club (details as advised by Valerie); the remainder will be paid directly to Murray Magic tours.

Valerie is holding an information lunch at the Mawson Club when tour numbers have been finalised. A date will be set at this meeting for participants who are interested in doing so, to meet at Canberra railway station to book together on the coach, train and coach to Deniliquin and return. The Murray Magic coach will meet the Trainlink coach at Deniliquin to transport the group to the motel at Barham NSW. People with Trainlink Pensioner Vouchers can travel free to Deniliquin and return to Canberra and Seniors' Card holders travel at half the adult fare.

Additional background information can be found at <https://murraymagictours.com.au/>.

Probus Points

The Probus South Pacific website www.probussouthpacific.org will give you access to the current magazine issue – try it!