

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to 2020 – what's being called the *New Roaring 20's*

We hope all members had a safe and happy Christmas and New Year, and that nobody has been affected by the recent bushfires, or now flooding in north Queensland.

Your committee has been working towards providing another enjoyable social year with interesting guest speakers and bus trips. You will find in this newsletter some other suggestions to increase our social activities, charity donations and fund raising, on which we look forward to your input.

Pat Will is coordinating the first bus trip of the year on *Monday 16 March* which will be a *Mystery Tour* to keep you guessing where your final destination will be. A separate flier will provide all the details and cost.

2020 MEETING DATES

Arrival at 10:00am for a 10:15am start

February – Monday 3 February
March - Monday 2 March
April – Monday 6 April
May – Monday 11 May (later date due to the Labour Day public holiday on 4 May)
June – Monday 1 June
July – Monday 6 July
August – Monday 3 August (Annual General Meeting)
September – Monday 7 Sept
October – Monday 12 Oct (later date due to the Queen's Birthday public holiday on 5 Oct)
November – Monday 2 Nov
December – no meeting but Christmas bus trip

GUEST SPEAKERS

At each monthly meeting we are joined by guest speakers from a wide variety of occupations and interests with the following confirmed to date:

February – Coorparoo RSL
March – Christmas Child
April – Organ & Tissue Donation
May – RACQ, The Years Ahead
June – How To Live At Home Forever
July – Crime Stoppers

DO YOU ENJOY READING?

To help raise funds for the club we would like to trial a book/magazine swap programme whereby members can donate novels to the club for other members to enjoy. Books would be available for a gold coin (\$2 or \$1) and magazines for \$0.50 each.

Books donated should be in reasonable condition and magazines no older than 6 months.

MOVIE GROUP

With the Dendy Cinemas close by, we would like to canvas the idea of starting a Movie Group for members to attend movies together on a regular basis (at your own cost). We are proposing either a morning or early afternoon session on the 3rd Monday of each month. If you are interested, please advise Freya Tienan.

INTERESTED IN ATTENDING LIVE SHOWS?

If you are interested in attending live shows at QPAC or other venues please advise either Pat Will or Freya Tienan so we can try to coordinate a group booking. Some shows that may appeal include:

Senior Moments 2: Remember, Remember – at the Playhouse from 4-8 March (matinees available). Australian showbiz legends Max Gillies, Tony Barber & John Howard provide a seriously silly comedy revue of sketches and songs.

Queensland Pops Orchestra – Simply the Best – Concert Hall – 18 April (matinee available). Nathan Kneen, Jason Lopez and Gregory Moore lend their operatic, musical theatre, and comedic talents to the first concert of 2020.

World of Musicals – Concert Hall – 1 May (7:30pm only) – brings the very best of musical theatre to life with an international cast bringing London's West End and New York's Broadway to Australia.

NAME BADGES

Even in the smallest of groups, it's sometimes difficult to remember everybody's name. As the group grows, that task becomes even more difficult, so it would help us all greatly if you could wear your name badge at each meeting. Knowing another person's name breaks down barriers to conversations and makes fellowship more personal.

If you would like to obtain a Coorparoo Branch name badge please advise Graham so we can organise for them to be made. Cost will be \$9 for pin on type or \$10 for magnet type. Otherwise, please ask for a stick on tag for the meeting.

CHRISTMAS CHILD

If members are able to contribute to the monthly Christmas Child they will be very welcome. Most items can be bought at discount shops:

February –	Pencils (no crayons)
March –	Rubbers/Sharpener
April –	Face Washers
May –	Tennis Balls
June –	Combs/Hairbrushes
July –	Bangles/Necklaces
August –	Small cars for boys
September –	Soap
October –	Cuddly Toys
November –	Cuddly Toys (same as Oct)

ARE YOU A KNITTER?

Following the very informative presentation by our November 2019 guest speaker Capt Ross Nicholls, President of the Mission to Seafarers Brisbane, we would like to contribute to their organisation by providing knitted beanies and scarves for them to distribute to crew heading to colder climates.

Please advise Carole Clayton if you are able to assist in this area as she hopes to have Capt Nicholls join us again towards the end of the year and would like to present him with these items.

Also, recipe books are popular with crews, so any books you may like to contribute would be appreciated – but later in the year please as we have nowhere to store them.

CHARITY COLLECTIONS

Julie Jermy is still collecting bread tags and tea bag tags to help raise funds for the Wheelchair Foundation. It would be appreciated if members who use either of these items could they please collect them to bring to each monthly meeting for Julie to pass on.

NEVER SHORTEN 2020 TO 20 ON LEGAL DOCUMENTS

When you sign and date cheques or legal documents this year it would make sense to shorten 2020 to 20, wouldn't it? Apparently not. The problem stems from the ease at which the year 20 can be changed to any date from the last two decades e.g. 04/01/20 could easily be changed to 04/01/2017, giving scammers a chance to defraud you.

Always write the full year 2020 to cover yourself.

COORPAROO RSL MEMBERSHIP

The Coorparoo RSL is very generous to our club in many ways, and to reciprocate, we encourage our members to join the RSL as well. Annual membership is just \$5 so please consider helping the RSL.

TRIVIA

What did the cross-eyed teacher say?
I can't control my pupils.

BRANCH CONTACT DETAILS

If you have any queries please contact our Secretary, Graham Tienan, on Mobile 0407 736 453 or email nsacoorparoossec@gmail.com

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President –	Freya Tienan
Vice President –	Pat Will
Secretary –	Graham Tienan
Treasurer –	Evelyn Jamieson
Guest Speakers –	Carole Clayton
Bus Trips –	Pat Will
Committee –	Elsie Debney; Julie Jermy; Joan Saal Lorraine Field;