

Hillarys & Districts Branch

The Branch meets at 10:00am on the first Wednesday of each month at the Flinders Park Community Hall, 137 Broadbeach Boulevard, Hillarys.

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Notes from the President

This will be the last newsletter for this year, so I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a Christmas full of happiness, family and friends.

I hope next year brings you all Peace, Prosperity and Good Health.

I look forward to seeing you all again at the Picnic in the Park in January which will be a first get together for the New Year.

Next year for National Seniors Hillary's group, we have many outings planned, so please make sure you come along and support the club and make the organiser's efforts worthwhile.

Something to keep our Brains Active (answers at the end of the newsletter)

1. What term is used to describe the prey/predator in nature?
2. What US multi national firm started life as the computer tabulating recording company?
3. Which liquorice flavoured herb is used in making the liqueur Galliano?
4. What canal was completed first, the Suez Canal or the Panama Canal?
5. What does the name of the news channel Al Jazeera mean in English?
6. The area known Andalusia is found in which country?

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7. Which day of the week was named after Odin's son?
8. Who wrote the novel "Gone with the Wind"?
9. What are Triffids in the sci-fi novel "Day of the Triffids"?
10. What were MIR and Skylab?
11. In classical Greek mythology, Pandora's box is actually what type of a receptacle?
12. What is the capital of Canada?
13. The Valley of the Kings stands opposite which modern Egyptian city?
14. Which city is regarded as Germany's financial centre?
15. Where would you be if you were looking at The Sea of Tranquility?
16. By what name is Zaire now known?
17. Conquistadors originated from what country?
18. What is a Moko?
19. What is a Toll road called in America?
20. What fuel is used in a Bunsen burner?

For Your Calendar

Social Events – December

Christmas Lunch – At the Greenwood Tavern

Date: 3 December **Time:** 12 noon

Monthly Morning Tea - Please join Judy Varischetti and other Branch members in a pleasant morning of stimulating conversation. Please wear your name badge. Friends are also most welcome.

When: Friday, 20th December 2019 at 10am

Where: *Shingle Inn* (Opposite Concierge Desk) – Whitfords City Shopping Centre (15% discount on any purchase).

Monthly Dinner – A time for members to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or just "celebrate life" with a bunch of your fellow members and friends.

When: Saturday 21st December

Where: The Harbor Terrace Bar & Grill **Time:** 6:00pm

Please Contact Nita (Mobile Ph 0400 063 143) or if you wish to attend.

The Picnic in the Park

Where: Mawson Park-Northern end **When:** Wednesday 8th January **Time** 5pm

BYO everything. Some nibbles and drinks will be provided

Social Events – January

Monthly Morning Tea - Please join Judy Varischetti and other Branch members in a pleasant morning of stimulating conversation. Please wear your name badge. Friends are also most welcome.

When: Friday, 17th January 2020 at 10am

Where: Shingle Inn (Opposite Concierge Desk) – Whitfords City Shopping Centre (15% discount on any purchase).

Monthly Dinner – A time for members to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or just “celebrate life” with a bunch of your fellow members and friends.

When: Saturday 18th January: **Time:** 6:30pm

Where: The Currambine Bar & Bistro

Please Contact Nita (Mobile Ph 0400 063 143) or if you wish to attend.

A sneak peek at what some of our members are doing.

Our Russian Odyssey – Jacque and David Demill-Haimes.

Last year when travelling with our favourite Australian travel group, we asked some of the travellers about their favourite trip? Without hesitation several replied Russia! Even better than South America, we asked? Yes, came the reply. So, this past September we took a cruise via rivers, lakes and canals from opulent St Petersburg (reminiscent of Versailles) to amazing, historical, decadent Moscow.

We did all the touristy things like the ballet, the Moscow Circus, the underground in Moscow, art galleries and the museums. We saw Faberge eggs, Red Square and the Kremlin and walked through a space museum where a real life cosmonaut addressed us and answered our questions. We appreciated the stunning colours of autumn that could rival North America in places. Best of all, we enjoyed and learned from the people. One of our guides articulated English like the professor she had been. As an added delight, she taught us some Russian and had us perform songs in Russian for our fellow boat people!

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Travel teaches us so many things, one of the greatest is to appreciate this beautiful country of Australia which the world comes to visit. So, if you prefer to travel basically in our own country, you can enjoy our history and geography as well as global presentations such as the Edinburgh Tattoo which was performed in Sydney in October.



In St Petersburg



Russian doll purchased on cruise

Michael and Alison Morland's trip to Sydney

As some of you may be aware Allison and I were at the Edinburgh Tattoo recently held in Sydney. Besides ourselves there were high profile Australians taking in the spectacle. As we were walking from the venue our casual pace hindered a group behind who requested we step aside to allow them passage. Not being one to take things at face value I turned and made eye contact with a well-dressed bloke who smiled and commented

"No, he's OK" to whom I was able to respond

"Thank you Sir, carry on".

That I can confirm, was my conversation with our Governor General David Hurley

Another recount-able incident was navigation airport security whilst leaving Perth. A metal hip implant certainly brings out the worst and best of the system. Security were neither understanding nor sympathetic when the detector alarm identified my "foreign body". Fortunately, the publicity staff of Virgin Air were alert to what had occurred and gave us free access to their VIP lounge for an hour until we boarded for Sydney.

Oh! And something else, the Tattoo was well worth the trip,



Keep Smiling,
Michael and Alison

A thumbs up for the Whitfords Senior Citizens Centre, Banks Ave, Whitfords

If you haven't already checked that out, I recommend that you do so. The fees are \$35.00 for a calendar year, this gives you access to all their activities. Some of the activities are free and some have a nominal charge, for example the exercise classes are \$2.00. There is also a hairdresser there (that I haven't tried) They are always offering free lessons for your smartphone, tablet, laptop or computer. I've attached the timetable of classes and times.

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I wish all our members a very happy Christmas season filled with love, peace and happiness.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the various planned social events that are coming up

Lyn (newsletter editor)

Trivia answers:

1 The Food Chain 2. IBM 3. Anice 4. Suez Canal 1869 5. The Island 6. Spain 7 Thursday 8. Margaret Mitchell 9. Plants 10. Space Stations 11. A jar..

12 Ottawa 13. Luxor 14 Frankfurt 16. Democratic Republic of Congo 17. Spain 18. Maori tattoo 19. Turnpike 20. Natural Gas