

PORT MACQUARIE/HASTINGS NEWSLETTER MAY 2019

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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 14TH MAY 2019

Our Guest Speaker will be Kathryn Stephens who is a “Community Educator for the charity Guide Dogs NSW/ACT.”

She will be accompanied by her companion guide dog Nessie.

The title of the talk will be **“It’s not what life throws at you, it’s how you work with it when it does.”**

“Getting to Know You” guest will be Keith Reichenbach. Part 2.

APRIL MEETING

Our guest speaker in April was the Port Macquarie Hastings mayor Ms. Peta Pinson who can be seen below with John Urquhart, who presented her with a thank you gift.

She was also presented with a Membership Form to join NSA, as she is now eligible.



KEVIN GRIMES

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Kevin Grimes, a longstanding member of our Branch. He died peacefully in his sleep on 8th May following a long battle with Parkinson's disease. We will all remember the wonderful "Getting to Know You" segment that Dale Rose presented on Kevin's behalf a couple of years ago and which gave us such a fantastic insight into his past life.

Funeral details will be circulated when known.

CHARITY TEA PARTY AND AUCTION

On Tuesday 16th April 2019 we were invited by Ann & Max Cross to attend a Charity Auction to raise money for our chosen charity for this year, being Hastings Home Hospice. Each member was requested to donate items to be auctioned off during the afternoon.

On arrival we were treated to a very English "High Tea" with Max's famous cucumber sandwiches served on china plates along with a delicious assortment of cakes made by Ann and her friends. As is traditional we were provided with cups and saucers and served piping hot tea from teapots. Very elegant and scrumptious fare.

Then it was time for the Auction and Ian Richardson volunteered to be our Auctioneer Extraordinaire for the day. Dressed in black with a gold bow tie he commenced the business of the sale. Bidding was very competitive and lively and Ian made sure he obtained the best price and managed to keep us all on our toes and make this a light hearted interesting afternoon. Everyone managed to take home some booty, but you had to be quick to secure a desired item.

A special thank you to Ann & Max for their hospitality and to Ian for a job well done. We raised a total of \$802.00.





ANNUAL MYSTERY CAR TOUR.

Our annual mystery car tour took place on Tuesday 30th April, starting in bright sunshine at the car park behind Port City Bowling Club at 9.30am



Our intrepid day Trippers car pooled as required and were given clear instructions on how to take part in this challenging exercise..... Morning tea was to be at The Little Fish Café at 10.45am and lunch at Sancrox Reserve at 12.30pm, but the rest of the time was to be spent finding streets with particularly themed names (precious stones, shrubs, etc.) and using our mobile phones to find songs associated with that name. We were required to take photos of places, birds and animals, and those of us who failed to charge their mobile phones were at a distinct disadvantage.....

Morning Tea was great - chocolate or fudge cake or a scone with jam and cream and coffee - just what was needed to boost the sugar levels and soothe the nerves.

Everyone managed to find our final destination and enjoyed a great lunch at Sancrox Reserve, some taking advantage of the BBQ, whilst others brought a cold picnic, washed down with the odd bottle of wine.....



Marking of the papers was an interesting affair, with much hilarity, in amongst the normal, noisy objections, but unfortunately the five point deduction rule for objecting was not enforced, and the winners were declared as President Joan, Graeme, Judith and Keith who managed to score over 50 points. Congratulations to this team.



The children's playground proved a huge success with the adage "you are only as old as you feel" coming to the fore with many members climbing up the rope ladders to the "baskets" and generally NOT acting their ages. Fred took out the honours for the most senior larrikin!



We would like to say a HUGE "THANK YOU" to Chris, Donna, John and Nola for all their hard work in making this Mystery Tour such fun, if a little stressful after speaking to many car groups, the comment that there were " too many Chiefs and not enough Indians" - seemed to be a prevalent issue.

I am SURE we are all (well, almost all!) looking forward to next year's event..... (Contributed by Nicola)

Downsizing

NSA are proposing an innovative incentive for low-wealth retirees to boost their retirement incomes by unlocking the wealth tied up in the family home.

The problem is that while many older people want to downsize they are reluctant because of the impact on the Age Pension. The new government must exempt up to \$250,000 of home sale proceeds from the Age Pension means test. The downsizing incentive should be targeted at low-wealth retirees to help them boost their retirement income.

This will encourage downsizing, boost income and the construction of new housing, free up older stock, and improve retirees' health, safety, wellbeing and lifestyles.

FRONT DESK

We are experiencing some difficulty with the amount of large notes being tendered to pay entry fees and raffle tickets at the front desk.

Therefore we would like to make a small request to members, where possible to come to meetings with the correct entry change to cover these amounts.

Thank you everyone.

BREAKFAST AND MOVIE EVENT

Breakfast at LVs at 8am on Wednesday 8th May proved a good option for some members and with good cause..... it was delicious! Some members went for the healthy option of the "Breakfast Bowl" - which was quite different from anything I have ever seen before, but according to Marlene and Heather, was fantastic. Jeanette favoured banana bread, but it was eggs and bacon for quite a few of the others, washed down with fabulous coffee.



We reassembled after breakfast at The Majestic Cinema to watch the movie, "Top End Wedding", a recently released Australian romantic comedy film, directed by Wayne Blair and starring Gwilym Lee (gorgeous eyes, pretty good looking and fantastic figure) and Miranda Tapsell (just plain gorgeous)! Miranda also co-wrote the film and served as executive producer - to prove she has brains as well as acting and dancing abilities.

It tells the story of Lauren, a young indigenous Adelaide lawyer, who plans to marry her partner, Ned, in Darwin - if she can organise the wedding in just 10 days and if she can find her mother who has gone missing. This sends her on a search not only for her mother but on a journey of self-discovery into her Aboriginal culture.

We thoroughly enjoyed our morning outing. Many thanks to Lee for organising this event. Contributed by Nicola.

Want to live forever? Then choose one of these professions:

Old **bankers** never die, they just lose their interest!

Old **lawyers** never die, they just lose their appeal.

Old **limbo dancers** never die, they just go under.

Old **printers** never die, they're just not the type.

Old **tanners** never die, they just go into hiding.

Old **wrestlers** never die, they just lose their grip.

Old **chauffeurs** never die, they just lose their drive.

Old **archers** never die, they just bow and quiver.

Old **actors** never die, they just drop apart.

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**“I don’t want to worry you, but the guy
who delivered the pizza was your
financial planner.”**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Every Day Morning Cruise – **10.00am Port Jet Cruise Adventures Office 1 Short St. PM.**

Every Day Eco Cruise – **1.00pm Port Jet Cruise Adventures Office 1 Short St. PM**

Every Day Sunset Cruise **6.00pm Port Jet Cruise Adventures Office 1 Short St. PM**

Every Day- Daily Dolphin Cruises. – **11.00am Cruise Terminal Clarence St.**

Every Day Sunset Cruise - **After April 7th this will be 4pm. Cruise Terminal Clarence Street.**

Every Sunday – **Jimmy's Vinyl Sunday Sessions – From 2pm The Westport Club.**

Every Wednesday & Sunday Open Nights. **The Astronomical Society. 7.15 pm both nights**

Trivia Nights:

Every Tuesday at Hibbard Sports Club 7.00pm.

Every Tuesday at Westport Club 6.30pm.

Every Wednesday at Settlers Inn 7.00pm.

Every Wednesday at Port City Bowling Club 7.30pm.

Every Thursday at Panthers 6.30pm. 19th – 25th May

EVENTS

19th May – Brisbane Water Brass Band Free Entertainment. – **10am Laurieton United Services Club.**

19th – 25th May. Library & Information Week. - **Port Macquarie Library.**

26th May. Slice of Haven Festival. - **10am to 4pm Camden Haven River Foreshore Laurieton.**

30th May – Aperture Photography Social Group- **7 – 8.30pm Sunset Gallery 2/25 Central Road PM.**

31st May- Stroke Safe: Educational Talk – **10-11 am Port Macquarie Library Meeting Room.**

31st May – 2nd June -Big Band Blast. - **Various Times – Port Macquarie Panthers, Settlement City**

Stage and Westport Park

REGULAR MARKETS.

Every Tuesday – **Real Food Local Produce Markets.** Port Central Forecourt, **12pm to 6pm.**

Every Thursday – **Kendall Bazaar and The Meeting Place 9am -12pm. Kendall Community Centre.**

Every Saturday- **Flower & Plant Market. The Botanic Merchant. 9.30am to 1.30pm. Bellbowrie St.**

Every Sunday- **Port Macquarie Art Society Market Bazaar.** Hamilton House
198 Hastings River Drive. Time 8am to 1pm.

Second Saturday: **The Foreshore Market** – 8:00am to 1:00pm. (Port Macquarie Hastings Farmers & Artists) Westport Park, Corner Buller and Park Streets, Port Macquarie.

Third Sunday - **Laurieton Riverwalk Market** – 8:00am to 1:00pm Corner Tunis and Short Streets, Laurieton.

Fourth Saturday - **Wauchope Farmers' Markets** 8:00am to 12:00pm Wauchope Showground, High St. Wauchope.

Fourth Sunday – **The Artists Markets 9am – 1.00pm. Maritime Museum 8 William St. Port Mac.**

If you know of any member who may be unwell, please let anyone on the Committee know. It is important that we offer support if one of our members is unwell and let them know we are thinking of them. If anyone is in need of a helping hand to do a small job, again, let a Committee member know. We can also arrange for transport to and from meetings if anyone is unable to make their own arrangements.

And if anyone is celebrating a big "0" birthday - again, please let a Committee member know.

If you do not wish your photo or personal information to be distributed to other members, or published on our website, please inform a Committee member.

We are now accepting advertisements for the June 2019 Newsletter.

Anyone interested should send their advert to sandybanks@bigpond.com

the cost is \$5 for 40 words and \$10 if accompanied by a photograph. This cost covers one issue only.
