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What's up next !

Wednesday 9th at 12:00

Mawson Club Lunch

Wednesday 30th 10:30

GeoScience Australia

President's Piece April 2025

A southerly buster followed the very welcome rain, and I reached for a jumper. We had 25 millimeters in Isaacs which was very welcome. All we need now is some more warm weather to ripen a good crop of tomatoes. We wish.

ANZAC day is not so far away and according to tradition Canberrans turn our heaters on for the winter months in Canberra. Maybe the warm weather will continue past ANZAC day and our tomatoes may ripen yet.

My goodness the mornings have been getting darker and darker which means the end of daylight saving for 6 months. Did you remember to turn you clocks back 1 hour on Sunday 6 April? If not, you will have been running early for any appointments.

Our April meeting will not be at the Stirling Labor Club as we are going to visit Geoscience Australia in Symonston. Details can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

Lois and I took time out recently to go to the movies to see Bridget Jones, Mad about the Boy. One of the best laughs that we have had for a long time. A lovely movie with plenty of laughs and a few tears. Check it out at your local movie theatre.

We also went along to the National Museum not to see the Pompei exhibition but to see the other museum exhibitions. We managed morning tea and then when in the first gallery when we were instructed to depart the museum due to a fire alarm. Alternate plan, ring daughter, who works at the ANU and join her for lunch at one of the numerous cafés on campus.

Long time member of National Seniors Australia Canberra South Branch Marion Kossatz passed away on Saturday 22 March. It is worth remembering that Marion was a foundation member of our Branch and the inaugural President of the Branch.

The first General Meeting of the NSA Canberra South Branch (Formally NSA Canberra and Region Branch) was on 23 June 1993 was held at the Weston Creek Labor Club (Formally the Weston Creek Football and Sports Club).

Marion was also a personal friend to Lois and myself and will be missed.

Cheers for now Richard

APRIL

Yes, it does jump out at you. A quarter of the year gone already. Hot Cross buns have been on the shelves since Christmas and I suspect with Easter over this month they will be looking for the Christmas decorations.

So, what can we expect this month. When I looked at the calendar, I thought "what a crazy Month" for workers, parents and grandparents and for kids.

School Holidays 12th -28th

Easter 18th – 21st

ANZAC Day 25th

So, with all those Public and School holidays, if you are looking for things to do. Check Out

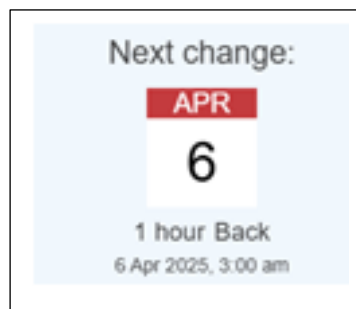
[National Folk Festival 17th – 21st](#)

[National Museum - Pompeii](#)

[Her Canberra](#)

[Events in Canberra](#)

I'm sure you'll find something in there to suit your taste. But there is more



Well, the days are shortening and this weekend we move back to EST. The East Coast is again the same time zone, and we will stay

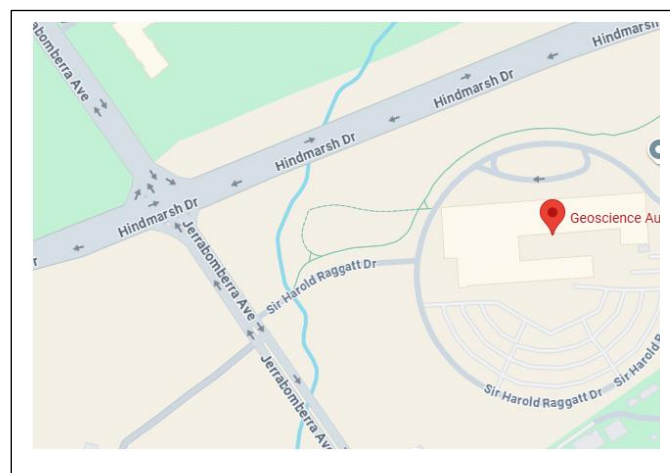
that way until Sunday 5th October.

If you are ever looking for all things about time and date, there is a Web site you can visit [Time and Date](#)

Geoscience Australia

As was mentioned in the Presidents' Piece, this month on the last Wednesday of the Month, 30th APRIL in place of our normal meeting at the Weston Creek Labor Club we will be visiting Geo Science Australia in Symonston.

We will be meeting in the Foyer at 10:30 and going to the [Blackstone Café](#) for morning Tea and an introduction to the work of [Geoscience Australia](#)



There is plenty of parking at the Venue, entry is from Jerrabomberra Ave near the Jerrabomberra Ave, Hindmarsh Drive intersection.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW CANBERRA?

At last month's meeting we had we had a quiz session on this topic. It proved interesting with the collective minds of those present gathered in groups of 6 wrestling with topics like "Where in Canberra" (a collection of photos showing only a portion of the photograph), "Old Canberra" (photographs from by gone days)

And here a couple you might like to ponder.

"There are 17 Suburbs in Canberra named for Prime Ministers which ones are they?"

And

"What am I?"

- 1 The closest suburb is Yarralumla.
- 2 Parliament House is to my east.
- 3 I can be seen from the Arboretum.
- 4 I can be accessed from Lady Demman Drive
- 5 I am integral to a major Canberra feature.
- 6 I was started in 1960 and completed in 1963.

See the answers later.



Australia Votes

As we are all well aware by now the next Federal Election is on the 3rd of May. For the next few weeks, we will have to put up with annoying TV adds and core-flute signs every 100m along the roads. However elections are important and as we all need to vote, its worth while checking our [voting details](#) for this and all electoral details go to the [Australian Election Commission](#) website. Here you will find all the correct information on [voting before polling day](#)

April Fool's Day

Over the years there have been some impressive efforts to catch out people on April 1st. I am sure many of you will have memories of personal ones and those perpetrated on the wider population. I think it was one of the old current affairs shows that ran a story on Spaghetti pickers showing strands of spaghetti hanging on grape vine supports and predicting a shortage of spaghetti due to a strike by pickers. This year though, my favourite was the school principal who told the Year 11/12 cohort that they had been selected for a special program to add a year thirteen to the curriculum, drawing gasps and howls of protest, only to be reminded of the date.

FAMILY MEMORIES

Just recently a cousin of mine sent me a copy of a book he has written and published to convey to his children the lineage of their family. In retirement I have taken a greater interest in family history (not to the extent of writing a book, but....)

Reading the book and the stories in it had me thinking, how many stories and how much Family history has been lost. So often older members of families do not pass on information they see as irrelevant, but when they are gone so too is the information.

After my father passed away, we found a 28-page letter he had written outlining aspects of this childhood and early working life. My mother left behind several notebooks and diaries some of this not very useful. However, there was information which we have used to recall dates and events sometimes forgotten. There were also letters I had written to her many years earlier while on posting overseas. Much of which I would have struggled to recall. With today's reliance on email and social media that would have been lost.

Sometimes we just need to document who we are and what we do.

Prime Numbers - Word Search

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Eighty nine, Eleven, Five, Forty one, Nineteen, Seven,
Seventeen, Seventy one, Sixty one, Thirteen, Three,
Twenty three, Two

Answer Page

Prime number WordSearch

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Suburbs and Prime Ministers

Barton, Deakin, Watson, Reid, Fisher, Cook, Hughes, Bruce, Scullin, Lyons, Page, Fadden, Curtin, Forde, Chifley, Holt, Whitlam.

What am I?

Scrivener Dam