

TUGGERANONG TALKS – 27 NOV 2017

Newsletter for Tuggeranong 55 Plus Club Inc. – *Be Active Feel Great*

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'Bits n Pieces'

Christmas Closure

The Club will be closing for the Christmas / New Year Break from close of business Friday 15 December and will reopen on Monday 8 January. Can all Activity Leaders please let the office know when their groups will finish for the year and recommence in 2018. A list, advising these dates, will then be placed on the notice board and be included in the next and final newsletter for 2017.

Petty Theft

Regrettably, it seems necessary that I have to raise the issue of an increase in petty theft within the Club.

While the office staff and management aim to keep valuable Club assets locked away when not in use, members are reminded it is their responsibility to keep their own valuables safe while participating in activities at the Club.

It is also timely to remind members to be aware of anyone wandering in the Club who are not participating in an activity being conducted at the Club at that time.

Linda McDonell / Secretary

Local Free Information Session

Thursday – 30 November – 8.30am – 9.30am

Be a Tech Savvy Senior - Learn how to safely bank online.

Commbank Tuggeranong Anketell St

Online or internet banking gives you the freedom to bank when and where you want and is an easy and convenient way for you to keep on top of your finances.

Free training is provided to assist those over sixty to get online and connected. Be introduced to the use of smartphones, tablets and computers and applications to help you navigate the internet and stay connected with family, friends and the community. The new Tech Savvy Seniors information to Online Banking module is a collaboration between the NSW Government, Telstra and Commbank to help seniors bank confidently and securely online.

Sessions are FREE and refreshments will be provided. Please bring your smart phone or tablet on the day. You can also bring a utility invoice and you can be shown how to pay this on line or on your phone.

Spaces are limited so please register for the Session – Phone: 6293 1111 Email:

Tristan.solway@cba.com.au

End of Year Celebration - Christmas Carols in the Hall

Friday – 8 December – 5.00pm

As our end of year function, Christmas Carols in the Hall will celebrate the coming Christmas season in song. Betty Knight will be our piano 'virtuoso' for this old-fashioned carol fest and song sheets will be provided. This will be a free event with a light meal being provided after we have enjoyed singing some carol classics. However, in keeping with the season, if you would like to bring a plate of sweet 'Christmas themed' fare to share for dessert, please feel free to do so. The Club will provide fruit punch otherwise it is BYO drinks. This is a great opportunity to celebrate the festive season together as a Club and to raise the roof with enthusiastic singing! There is a notice on the board which is self-explanatory – please fill in the columns if you are attending.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday – 4 Dec – 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Social 'Sunday' Bingo

As this will be our last Social Bingo for the year, the Club would like to thank Warren for his contribution to this activity. His happy smile and easy-going manner has helped to make this weekend activity a fun one! Why not come along and discover why this game is so popular. You will also give your brain a workout at the same time! Games prizes are in keeping with the flavour of the day with some surprises for the season thrown in for good measure this month; bingo sheets/pens will be available on entry. Notice is on the board to let us know you are coming!

Thursday – 7 December – 10.00am – 12noon

December meeting of the Family History Group

The next meeting of the Family History Group is on Thursday 7 December. Marilyn Woodward is our 'guest speaker'. She is the convenor of the recently formed HAGSOC (Heraldry and Genealogy Society of Canberra) DNA Special Interest Group. She has agreed to come along, not to represent HAGSOC in any way, but to share her interest in DNA testing as part of family history research.

It's our last meeting for the year so it would be wonderful if as many of you who are free that day could come along, join in a discussion with Marilyn and partake of a 'festive' morning tea. *Liz Dean*

Thursday – 14 December – 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Reading Group 'Poetry for the Season'

The Reading Group is meeting on the **second Thursday** this month with the topic being 'Poetry for the Season'. Bring along a seasonal poem and a plate to share as it will be our last gathering for the year. Please also bring a book from your shelf for a fellow member to take home, enjoy over the holiday break and introduce to us when we meet again in January. *Janelle Burns*

Saturday – 13 January – 10.00am – 12noon

'Family History New starter' Session

Are you thinking about researching your family's history and are unsure where to begin? The New Year is a good time to put thoughts into action. Come along to a New Starter Session on Saturday 13 January 10.00 -12.00. Members of the Family History Group will be there to help you get started. If you need more information call Liz Dean on 0409323014. *Liz Dean*

Activities Update

Some of our fortnightly/monthly activities have had their last sessions for the year:

'Shutterbugs' – Thursday – 16 November

It was great to see so many club members (around 25) attending our November meeting to hear our guest presenter, Geoff Rohan showed us how to compile a photo book. Thanks very much to Geoff for an interesting and informative presentation. Hopefully, we will gain a few new regular members at our future meetings. Please note that there will be no meeting of the Shutterbugs in December.

Our next meeting Thursday 18 January. Our programme for the first six months of 2018 is now available. A copy is on the Club notice board and if you would like a copy for yourself, there will be some available at the office. Hope you will be able to make it to one or more of our 2018 meetings. *Norm Swanwick.*

55 Plus Film Group – 'Polska Love Serenade' - Saturday – 18 November

Our last film for 2017, was a German-Polish Christmas story about a German Odd Couple, who drive just before Christmas, in a rickety car through Poland. Slightly off beat at times, it was certainly different. The leading actress however, was delightful and added much to the charm of this quirky 'road trip' comedy. We will be back in 2018, please watch the newsletter for details! *Janelle Burns*

Investor's Morning Coffee Group - Thursday – 23 November

At our November meeting, we continued to look at cryptocurrencies, in particular, Bitcoins. Did you know that if you had bought \$100 worth of Bitcoins in 2010, they would now be worth an eye-watering \$8 million and that Westfield have a Bitcoin ATM inside their centre in the Pitt Street Mall in Sydney?

We also viewed a video on the ten most expensive stamps ever sold in the world. The top five in order are; 1856 British Guiana 1c Magenta US\$9.5 mil, 1847 Mauritius Post Office US\$4 mil, 1855 Swedish Treskilling Yellow US\$2.3 mil, 1851 Hawaiian Missionaries \$US2.24 mil and the 1918 USA Inverted Jenny US\$1.175 mil.

I think I will check my stamp collection! Next meeting Thursday 25 January. *Norm Swanwick*

Lakeside Art Group - Thursday – 23 November

The Lakeside Art group had our last art lesson for 2017 on Thursday 23rd November and during the year have enjoyed an interesting range of art tutorials on watercolour.

We would like to thank Catherine for her expertise and sunshine that she brings to every class and we all look forward to more art lessons next year mid February 2018 .

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Catherine and all the art students a fun, relaxing and safe Christmas and a fabulous New Year, and I look forward to seeing you all in 2018. *Angie Ashley*

Green Bin Rollout - Tuggeranong

Tuggeranong residents will be able to sign up for green waste collections from **Monday 27 November 2017.**

The first bins are due to be delivered in early January with collections covering Banks, Bonython, Calwell, Chisholm, Conder, Fadden, Gilmore, Gordon, Gowrie, Greenway, Isabella Plains, Macarthur, Monash, Oxley, Richardson, Theodore, Wanniasa and Tharwa, to start later that month.

Since the pilot trial began earlier this year in Weston Creek and Kambah, more than 8000 homes opted-in for green waste bins. Weston and Kambah residents can still opt-in for a green bin.

A one-off registration fee of \$50 is required to receive the service. The below eligible concession card holders are exempt from payment:

- ACTION Gold Card
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold Card
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- MyWay Seniors Card (for people who are aged 70 years and above)
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Pension Card

Residents can sign up at <https://www.actgreenwaste.ijrichards.com.au/> or call 13 22 81 for more information about the green waste service.

Out and About

There are always many events at this time of year – below are a few that are in the area to help get you into the ‘spirit of the season’!

Sunday - 3 December – 2.00pm

Brindabella Orchestra Concert - Queanbeyan Uniting Church, Rutledge Street, Queanbeyan

For the orchestra’s final concert for 2017, the theme is “Dances and Marches” and you will be sure to recognise several toe-tapping tunes. Brindabella’s conductor for this concert will be Rosalie Hannink.

Come to the concert to support the Brindabella Orchestra and you’ll be assured of a pleasant afternoon of beautiful classical music. **Entry donation will be \$5** includes a program and a delicious afternoon tea after the concert.

Monday - 11th December – 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Carols Under the Stars – Gospel Folk - Pearce Shops

In conjunction with Canberra based community choir – The Gospel Folk – the annual Carols under the Stars is held by South Woden Uniting Church at the Pearce suburban shopping centre. The event is always well attended by several hundred people from the local community. It is a very friendly, family oriented occasion with a simple Christmas message of love, tolerance and inclusiveness.

Saturday - 16 December – 5.00pm–9.00pm (Carols commence at 7pm)

Christmas Carols and Picnic – Lanyon Homestead

An evening of magical Christmas fun. Bring your own picnic to enjoy in the beautiful Lanyon gardens. Sing-a-long with the Sing Australia Choir and Tuggeranong Valley Band as the sun sets over the Brindabellas. The homestead is lit by candles and decorated for a nineteenth century Christmas. Enjoy Christmas ornament-making for children, a sausage sizzle, musical entertainment and carols on the lawns. \$10 per car, bookings are not required. Parking is limited.

Sunday - 17th December – 4.30pm (Carols at 6.00pm)

Carols in Town Park – Tuggeranong Park

Presented by the Salvos, this year’s Festival will feature Amber Nichols (from "The Voice"), Katie de Veau, The Salvation Army's National Capital Band, the Tuggeranong Salvation Army Timbrels and Canberra’s Community Voices choir. The kids will enjoy jumping castles, pony rides, farm animals plus much more.