



# 'Extra' Bulletin

Wednesday 3 April 2019

## **Management Committee Update – Parking Submission**

We have recently received a response from Minister Gentleman regarding our request for parking assistance.

While his response was negative in relation to our request, his office has provided possible alternate parking / transport strategies which we have reproduced below.

It would be of great assistance to the Management Committee in its ongoing discussions regarding the lack of parking, if these options were tried and reported on regarding their suitability as workable solutions for this growing problem.

- Some of your members may be eligible for an Australian Disability Parking Permit (also known as a mobility parking permit). Mobility parking permit holders can park free of charge in ticketed parking areas and may be entitled to park longer than the signposted time restrictions when not parking in designated mobility spaces which have a time restriction. More information on this permit is available at: [https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/1677/~/-/parking-](https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/1677/~/-/parking-)
- For your members who have the ability to walk 200-300 metres, there are 2- and 3-hour free parking spaces nearby on Anketell Street, Cowlshaw Street and Bartlett Place. These provide an alternative to the pay parking options in Tuggeranong Town Centre. The nearby South Point Tuggeranong shopping centre also provides customers who hold a Seniors Card with 3 hours' free parking.
- The Seniors Club manages its on-site car park and the availability of parking spaces on-site for patrons is something that should be raised with the management of the Club itself. The Seniors Club might wish to consider prioritising spaces in this car park based on user-need, for example, for members with greater financial or mobility need. If there is sufficient demand, the Tuggeranong 55 Plus Club may also wish to consider its own arrangements in subsidising or paying for member parking when they use pay parking or encouraging carpooling between members.
- You might also like to know there are a few low-cost travel alternatives available to your members. The Club is a short walk, for these able, from the Tuggeranong Bus Station, Club members may wish to take advantage of the Rapid Bus Service that passes through the Bus Station every 10 minutes on weekdays between 7am and 7pm and every 15 minutes on weekends. Transport Canberra provides free off-peak travel on ACTION buses for senior and concession MyWay card holders between 9am — 4.30pm and after 6pm weekdays, and all day Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays.
- Members may also wish to consider the flexible bus service, which operates on weekdays and provides transport for seniors and the mobility impaired between their home and local services. Further information is available at: <https://www.transport.act.gov.au/about-us/accessible-travel/flexible-bus-service>.

We look forward to hearing from you. *Robert Peresan Secretary*

# AN INVITATION



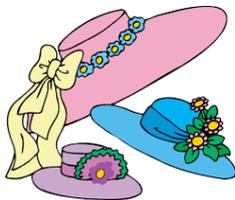
On behalf of your Social Committee, I would like to invite all club members, their families, grandchildren and great grandchildren to our special Easter Family Gathering at Gumnut Cottage to be held on Saturday 13 April from 10.00am to 12.00pm.

Our special guest will be Joy Burch MLA who along with Carlene Lockyer, winner of our "Name the New Clubhouse" competition, will cut the ribbon and officially open Gumnut Cottage.

A fine morning tea of hot cross buns and special Gumnut celebration cake awaits all and there will be Easter Eggs for everyone. An Easter Egg hunt and "colouring in" activity will be available for the children to take part in.



Decorate your favourite hat for our Easter hat competition and there will be a prize for the best hat as judged by the social committee. This will be a free event but we will be conducting a raffle for which we have a great prize pack for the winner. Tickets will be three for \$2.00 and all proceeds will be used to help offset the costs for the day.



This event is not just for families, if you don't have children to bring along, don't worry just come along yourself and enjoy a fun morning's social activity with your fellow club members.

All will be welcomed and don't forget that the public car park opposite the club is free on Saturdays, so plenty of parking available.

If you are planning to attend, it would help us with catering if you could let the office know either in person, phone or email the number of adults and if you will be bringing any children.

I hope you will be able to join us for this special occasion.

*Norm Swanwick*  
*Social Committee Chairman*

