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NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2021

Meetings: 10.00 am on the 4th Monday of each month

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Morning Tea Meeting 25th January 2021 **GUEST SPEAKER – Margaret Butler**

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The Club Rooms are located at Seagulls Rugby League Ground (187 Bideford Street Torquay)

Office open – Monday – Tuesday – Thursday – Friday (8.00 am – 4.00 pm)

Tuesdays 1.30 – 3.30 pm

Afternoon Tea Colin Anson – Phone 4128 1538

Wednesdays 8.00 – 11.00 am

Art Classes – Ray Chesterfield – Phone 4194 7010

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REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi and welcome back for another year to everyone. Happy New Year and may it be COVID19 safe for us all. Don't let up from social distancing and hand washing so that we all stay safe.

I trust that all that were able to attend our Christmas breakup party enjoyed themselves.

Congratulations to all the lucky price winners and thanks to Bob for a sterling job collecting them from many kind supporters of our great club.

Well done to all those who earned their service medals for both time and effort. Your great help in keeping our club going is noted by us all. Our club could not exist without the input of all our willing helpers. Jobs such as outreach, the sale of raffle tickets and BBQ's keep us in the limelight of the Hervey Bay community so keep up the great work fellows! A special thanks must go to all the team leaders who spend a lot of time behind the scenes coordinating these groups.

I must make a special thanks to John Lawrence who believed that taking on the role of vice president was a job to step up to if Ann and I were away. Although he was in for a rude shock about that one he has stepped up to the position and is doing a fabulous job.

We are now settling into 2021 with the Tuesday afternoon teas, Friday morning teas also art and men's lunches returning for another year. There are also raffles at the morning teas. A \$1000 has been returned to the members from the raffles held in each Friday – great effort from George and Simon "Sweety".

We are planning to have two family outing again this year, all being well. These events will be notified nearer the time depending on no extra COVID19 restrictions being in place at the time.

Please remember that COVID19 is still a very real issue for us all this year, so keep up to date with the latest health advice.

Keep Safe, and let the office know if you hear of members needing support. .

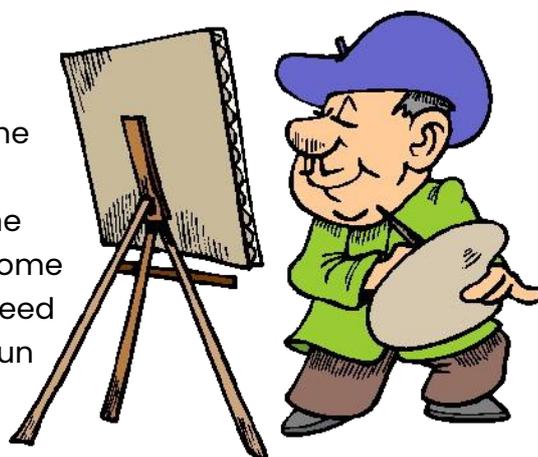
CYRIL BROWN

ART GROUP

Time has flown – another year and off we go here at the Art Group.

If you are looking to join us you will find our group at the Seagulls every Wednesday morning and you are welcome to come along (no painting ability required – all you need is a smile and an open mind). Be prepared for some fun though.

RAY CHESTERFIELD



MARYBOROUGH GROUP

January has seen members back at the clubhouse and keen to keep last year's projects rolling. We have been busy with Sausage Sizzles at Bunnings, due to a shortage of other organisations to fill the weekend spots and though we have done well from them, we are looking forward to getting back to the normal roster of one per month.

Members have been commenting on how they are looking forward to resuming the monthly bus trips, so the Maryborough committee will need to have a discussion about when that will be possible.

Guest speaker for the February morning tea will be Mick Smith from WYLD Projects to give a presentation on Traditional Burning.

Good to see members back at the clubhouse for the morning get togethers through the week and enjoying each other's company.

GLEN MILLER – CONVENER

OUTREACH

Looking for something valuing to do? Outreach will commence again in February and we are looking to get back into full swing with visiting older men in their homes, aged care homes, caravan parks and hospitals etc. We would sincerely appreciate your help, to help others. Talk to David about days, times and places.

DAVID HOODLESS

SAUSAGE SIZZLES CO-ORDINATOR – JOHN LAWRENCE



OMU has had a sausage sizzles at the Urangan Pier Markets on a Saturday morning for some time now. I took over as Co-Ordinator just before Christmas. It has been a bit of a struggle, but we're getting there. We still need a few more hands to make it easier. Bob Elgar and his team do every 6 weeks, so I am looking for some extras. I already have the basics for 3 other teams, but we could always do with more. Many hands make light work.

If you can help, I'll have some forms, so see me at the Monday meeting. We also have plans to do hotdogs in the near future. So, watch this space. We are coming to a slow period so this might be a goodtime to ease yourself into the job. The pay is rubbish, but we'll throw in the odd free sausage and cold drink. What more could you want? We go from 6am to 1pm, but even a few hours are a great help.

OMU'S BUY SELL & GIVE AWAY

Give away – Jason Recliner / Rocker – great condition – more information contact the office.

CLUBROOMS

193 members attended the clubrooms in November and 119 members in December. November 3rd was Melbourne Cup and members and their partners had a wonderful day here. The Clubroom Christmas party was held on the 11th December and from feedback received no-one went home hungry.

Clubrooms are now open every Tuesday afternoon and Friday mornings and this includes **Tuesday 26th (Australia Day)**. Tuesdays are picking up with more members attending – so come along.

Over the Christmas break the white tiles were cleaned (thanks to Eclipse). Sunglasses were required for the first week after the clean.

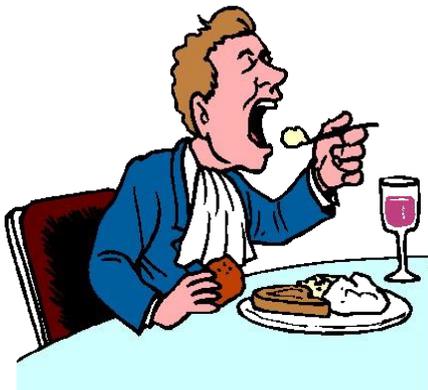
SOCIAL GROUP-DINING

Ding-a-Ling Day



Dining with Ding-A-lings

New year 2021, new title for the Wednesday Lunch Group. We visited four different venues – Fish and Grill, Soy Asia, The Tavern and the Café near the old Post Office (I can't think of the name. I have a voucher on the fridge but after an exhausting committee meeting this morning, I'm too tired or lazy to get up and find it) just know it was a great lunch. But then they all are. Fish and Grill has the best record so far. We welcome a new member Ray De Lisen, another lamb to the slaughter. I have known Ray for more than 65 years; we went to West State School so any stories concerning yours truly can be taken with a grain of salt due to old age which is strange as we are both the same age



On a more serious note, the group would like to extend our best wishes to Daphne and Trevor Dong at this trying time and hope and pray for the best result possible.

This week we are off to Thai Smile, next week who knows. I suppose we'll just have to wait till "Sultan sit on your Arse" commonly known as Simon Sweetnam not to say very common, to tell us. Perhaps at our age its best not to make plans too far in the future. Just had a phone call from my Brother Brian, the dobber. He will not be returning any time soon.

Till next month – Happy Dining.

J.B.L

BIRTHDAY BOYS – JANUARY

Laurie Bates	Kevin Freeman	Terry Pike	Shane Scope
Ken Kemp	Bruce Johnson	Ken Green	Syd Pelling
Bill Liston	John Gleeson	Colin Kamering	Barry Lohman
Graham Platt	Gerry Scharma	Graham Nason	Colin Aldred
Allen Abbey	Dennis Galley		

NEW MEMBERS

Ian Fletcher-Jones	John Swan	Rodney Paroz
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HAVE A LAUGH:

Q: What happened to the fishing boat that sunk in piranha infested waters?

A: It came back with a skeleton crew.

Q: Why can't you breed an eagle with an eel?

A: It is eeagle.

- I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes – she gave me a hug?
- Did you hear about the man who is scared of elevators – apparently, he is taking steps to avoid it.
- A patient was lying in bed, still groggy from the effects of a recent operation. His doctor came in looking quite glum. "I can't be sure what's wrong with you," the doctor said. "I think it is the drinking". "Okay" the patient said. "Can we get an opinion from a doctor who is sober?"

LANGUAGE FROM AN AUSSIE GENTLEMAN

G'day mate – Pleased to make your acquaintance

He's Blotto – Inebriated beyond the capacity to stand up

You little ripper – Words of praise fails me

Rack off – Your presence is no longer required

Fair dinkum – Of course I am telling you the truth

Pull ya head in – You may be correct in your assertion but shut up

LANGUAGE FROM AN AUSSIE LADY

Wanna cuppa – Would you care for tea?

Go and tart yourself up – Please dress in your best clothes

Want to come to our piss up? – You are invited to our party.

How ya going luv? – I hope you are feeling well.

Don't get your knickers in a knot – Don't upset yourself

HOW TO KNOW WHEN YOU ARE GETTING OLD

You need glasses to find your glasses

You turn off the lights to save money instead of romance

You sit in a rocking chair and you can't make it go

Your knees buckle but your belt wont

Your back goes out more than you do

You sink your teeth into a steak and they stay there



DID YOU KNOW?

- dreamt is the only word that ends in mt.
- the first letters of the months July through to November spell JASON.
- a cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
- Perth is Australia's windiest city.
- Elvis's middle name was Aron.
- goldfish can see both infrared and ultraviolet light.
- the smallest bones in the human body are found in your ear.
- cats spend 66% of their life asleep.
- Switzerland eats the most chocolate equating to 10 kilos per person per year.
- money is the number one thing that couples argue about.
- macadamia nuts are toxic to dogs.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Life Membership was bestowed on two dedicated and hardworking members. Left: Joe Endres, middle: Cyril and Right: Col Anson.



Congratulations you two – well deserved.

Thank you for your efforts and hard work. OMU sincerely appreciates your continued commitment over the years. Another great feast was had by all that attended at the Boat Club. Thanks to those who participated in the raffles and the auction.

Hope to see all of you back there on Wednesday 8th December 2021.

Also, congratulations go to Charlie Rowe seen here (left) receiving the OMU “Top Bloke” Award. Well done Charlie and thanks also for your “spruiking” on Saturdays at the Pier Market.



Two paintings were put up for auction from the OMU Art Group – Thanks men.

Below from left: Ray (Art Group Convenor). Middle George (winner of the auction) and right Maurice (Auctioneer from Ray White) we appreciate your time Maurice – thank you.

NEW GROUPS

We would like to commence setting up small groups (4 – 10 members give or take).

There must be members out there that share the same interests and hobbies. (You know who you are)

For example: tinkering with small engines, playing bowls (10 pin or outdoor), going fishing (no boat required), bocce, wood craft, playing cards, playing darts, watching sports, movies, BBQ's, collecting, writing (short stories or poetry etc.) just to name a few.

We would love to hear from you because OMU is all about creating opportunities for the members to be included. Have a chat to David or ring 4128 9011



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If you have information you would like included in our monthly newsletter, please pass it on to David (in the office) manager@omu.org.au or phone 4128 9011. If you know of someone including yourself who would love to help out with this publication? Please contact David. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

NEXT MORNING TEA MEETING
MONDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2021
10.00 AM
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OMU sincerely appreciates your enthusiasm and commitment with the support you provide.



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See how you go this time – 18 words to find.



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