

OLDER MEN UNLIMITED HERVEY BAY



NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2021

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

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Morning Tea Meeting 22nd February 2021

GUEST – ROGER PILKINGTON

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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

Well, another month has passed – they appear to go so quickly. This month has seen a lot of action with the commencement of our Outreach – I would like to thank the members who give up their time to attend to this most important activity that we do. We are looking to set-up some more groups – one that would be good this winter is indoor bowls here in the clubrooms. If anybody is interested with this please let me know and we will get the ball rolling (pardon the pun). I know that most of us do it however this is just a reminder to look out for your mates – make sure they are “OK”. Since we met last time two of our long-time members have passed away. From Maryborough – Theo Svenson. Theo, was very committed to Maryborough OMU and dedicated a lot of time to OMU. He was the convenor in Maryborough for the past 4 years. The other member who passed away was from Hervey Bay and he was Jim (Jimbo) Davies. Jim also served OMU well being OMU Treasurer 2009, 10 & 11. Rest in Peace both of you and thank you.

Due to COVID19 we (like everybody else) will have to make some changes to the way we fundraise. We have a COVID19 Safety Plan in place which we are required to comply with. For example, we can now only have 2 ticket sellers at one time plus our “spruiker” of course. A Roster is being circulated so if anyone is interested see David in the office. Finally, I would like to thank everyone who volunteer their time to help us – sincerely appreciate this.

CYRIL BROWN

ART GROUP

The Art Group is back in full swing – every Wednesday morning at the Club rooms. We welcome a new member – Ian. If you would like to join in this fun group you don't require anything, skills, paints, brushes etc. as it is all supplied. All you do need is a great sense of humour, an open mind and a smile on your face.

RAY CHESTERFIELD



OUTREACH

This month has seen the commence of outreach visits to most of the aged care homes in the Hervey Bay area. So far, we have visited Masters Lodge, Kirami, Bay Crest, Ozcare, Fairhaven and the Waterford. Many thanks go to Bob Elgar, David Dolan, Ritchie Tottman, Neville Hall, Noel Spethman, Bob Symons, Glen Coughran, Archie Ayre, Kevin Anderson, Ray DeLison, Ted Hammond, Len Manski and Geoff Hoare, a great bunch of blokes giving back to their community. If you would like to be part of this generous team just let me know.

DAVID HOODLESS

WALKING GROUP

The walking group is up and walking every Thursday morning using Enzo's at Scarness as the starting point. You walk at your pace – stop and rest when you want to – have a chat – enjoy the fellowship and perhaps have morning tea after to appreciate where we live.

JOE BRACKELS

OMU'S BUY SELL & GIVE AWAY

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

CLUBROOMS

The clubroom activities are starting to build up and for January we had 126 members attend which isn't bad when you consider many members being away over Christmas and New Year. Friday mornings are building, we are getting 35 members attending and having a bit of fun with raffles and chat. We can cater for numbers larger than this, so come along for a good feed and a yarn with your mates.

Just a \$1.00 in the tin for Tuesday afternoon tea and \$2.00 on Friday mornings. Easter is not far away and we will be open on Good Friday morning as usual.

COL ANSON

RAFFLE TICKET SALES – PIER MARKET SATURDAYS

Due to the many changes that COVID19 has brought into our lives there are changes that OMU must make to be COVID19 compliant. One of these changes affects the way we sell our Raffle Tickets at the Pier Market every Saturday. Commencing Saturday 20th February there will only be two (2) ticket sellers at one time plus Charlie Rowe (our spruiker). For any member who would like to volunteer selling raffle tickets there is a Roster at the clubrooms for you to choose a day and time you would like to volunteer. Shift one (1) is from 7.00 am until 10.00 am and Shift two (2) commences at 10.00 am until 12.30 pm. Only those names on the Roster will be able to volunteer.

DAVID HOODLESS



SOCIAL GROUP-DINING

Ding-a-Ling Day



Dining with Ding-A-lings

Once again, it's time for the lunch club report. Over the last 4 weeks we visited the Hospital Café, Sea Breeze, Chit Chat and Hogs Breath. On the next Wednesday it's the Kondari Resort. After that who knows. Last week we had to endure a most horrific and heartrending tale of woe. Charlie Wondrock, "The God Father", went for a walk on the Urangan Jetty in a 30-knot gale - almost a mini cyclone wearing his band new Akubra. Then aforementioned took flight and was last seen at full sail heading in a north easterly direction at a great rate of knots. Such a sad loss but if that's the worst thing that happens this week, we'll all be doing ok. The only other unfortunate thing is I can't bag Simon, "The Swift". Sweetnam, apart from the fact that he's a bit slow physically and mentally and a bit vague about as to our next venue. He seems to be holding up reasonably well for a man his age. A fate that awaits us all. The Woody and Biddle show rolls on providing a comic touch to each lunch. So, Wednesdays are never dull. So, if you like good food at very inexpensive prices come and join us anyway. What have you got to lose apart from your sanity and all self-respect? But at our age who give's, a rat's. We're here for a goodtime not a long time.

If you're interested give Simon a ring, after 10pm or before 6am is usually the best time and it's probably a good idea to call him at least 3 times as he is a little hard of hearing and has been known to change the venue at the drop of a hat, not Charlie's hat obviously. That's probably in New Zealand by now.

J.B.L.

Thought for the Month.

Always wear black trousers no one can tell if you've peed down your leg.



MARYBOROUGH GROUP



Congratulations to Frank Grant – recipient of OMU’s “Volunteer of the Year” (Mullis-Togo Award). Frank has contributed above and beyond the expectations of a member of OMU with his tireless and consistent commitment to OMU. Well done Frank and a sincere thank you for your efforts to ensure OMU is moving forward.

photo from left – Glen Smith (Maryborough Convenor), Frank and Cyril Brown (OMU President)

Also, to receive recognition for his fundraising efforts is Henry Jackson (right). Week in – week out Henry has collected bottles, cans etc and has taken them to the recycle – collected the money and has donated it all to OMU Maryborough. It is amazing how it has all added up. OMU is very appreciative Henry of your time and commitment to OMU and we thank you very much.



VALE Theo Svenson

This month has been dominated by the passing of Theo Svenson, our former Maryborough Convenor. Theo defied the odds the Doctors had given him and managed to get to have Christmas with his family, plus have January with them as well, which he saw as a bonus.

Theo was one of the original members of OMU Maryborough and was always involved in whatever was happening. He filled the position of Maryborough Convenor from 2016 to 2020 and represented our interests on the Management Committee during that time. Theo will be missed by us all and we pass on our condolences to Marilyn and her family for their loss. I found the following reading that I think sums up the type of man Theo Svenson was.

The Worth of a Man

Not, how did he die, but how did he live?
Not, what did he gain, but what did he give?
These are the units to measure the worth
Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.
Not what was his church, nor what was his creed?
But had he befriended those really in need?
Was he ever ready, with a word of good cheer?
To bring back a smile, to banish a tear?
Not what did the sketch in the newspaper say,
But how many were sorry when he passed away?

Goodbye Theo, you will be missed

GLEN MILLER – CONVENER

BIRTHDAY BOYS – FEBRUARY

John Lawrence	John Wilkie	Ted Hammond	David Blake
Trevor Cronin	Lew Heathwood	Ray DeLison	Paul Shepherd
David King	Haydn Miller	John Francis	Bill McKinley
Steve Nott	Maurie Tench	Marshall Harvey	Les Gilbert
Joe Llewellyn			

NEW MEMBERS

Garry James Steve Elgar

HAVE A LAUGH:

- Today at the bank, an old lady asked me to help check her balance. So, I pushed her over.
- I bought some shoes from a drug dealer. I don't know what he laced them with, but I've been tripping all day.
- I told my girlfriend she drew her eyebrows too high. She seemed surprised.
- I'm so good at sleeping. I can do it with my eyes closed.
- My boss told me to have a good day, so I went home.
- What's the opposite of coffee? A: Sneazy
- Husband: Honey, this coffee tastes like dirt. Wife: That's not surprising, dear, it was just ground this morning.

Two old guys, Fred and Sam went to the movies. A few minutes after it started, Fred heard Sam rustling around and he seemed to be searching on the floor under his seat. "What are you doing?" asked Fred. Sam, a little grumpy by this time, replied "I had a caramel in my mouth and it dropped out. I can't find it." Fred told him to forget it because it would be too dirty by now. "But I've got to", said Sam, "my teeth are in it!"

The old man was sitting on the examining table in the doctor's office having his hearing checked. The doctor poked his light scope in the old man's ear and said, "Hey, you have a suppository in your ear!"
"Bugger," said the old man. "Now I know where my hearing aid went."

A week after John bought a bull, he complained to his friend, "All that bull does is eat grass. "Won't even look at a cow." "Take him to the vet," his friend suggested. The next week, John is much happier. "The vet gave him some pills, and the bull serviced all of my cows!" he told his pal. "Then he broke through the fence and bred with all my neighbour's cows! He's like a machine!" "What kind of pills were they?" asked the friend. "I don't know, but they've got a strawberry taste."

Rural Australia Computer Terminology: (getting ready for the NBN in the bush)

LOGON: Adding wood to make the Barbie hotter!
LOG OFF: Not adding anymore wood to the Barbie!
MONITOR: Keeping an eye on the Barbie!

DOWNLOAD: Getting the firewood off the ute!

HARD DRIVE: Making the trip back home without any cold tinnies!

KEYBOARD: Where you hang the ute keys!

WINDOW: What you shut when the weather is cold!

DID YOU KNOW?

- when lightning strikes it can reach up to 30,000 degrees?
- spiders are arachnids and not insects?
- each time you see a full moon you always see the same side?
- stewardesses is the longest word that is typed with only the left hand?
- honey is the only natural food which never spoils?
- M&M's chocolate stands for the initials for its inventors Mars and Murrie?
- that you burn more calories eating celery than it contains (the more you eat the thinner you become)?
- the only continent with no active volcanoes is Australia?
- the longest street in the world is Yonge street in Toronto Canada measuring 1,896 km?

THANK YOU - Local businesses that support OMU. Without this support OMU would not be able to provide the level of support that we now do. This is a way that communities survive and prosper by all of us supporting each other.

OMU sincerely appreciates your enthusiasm and commitment with the support you provide.



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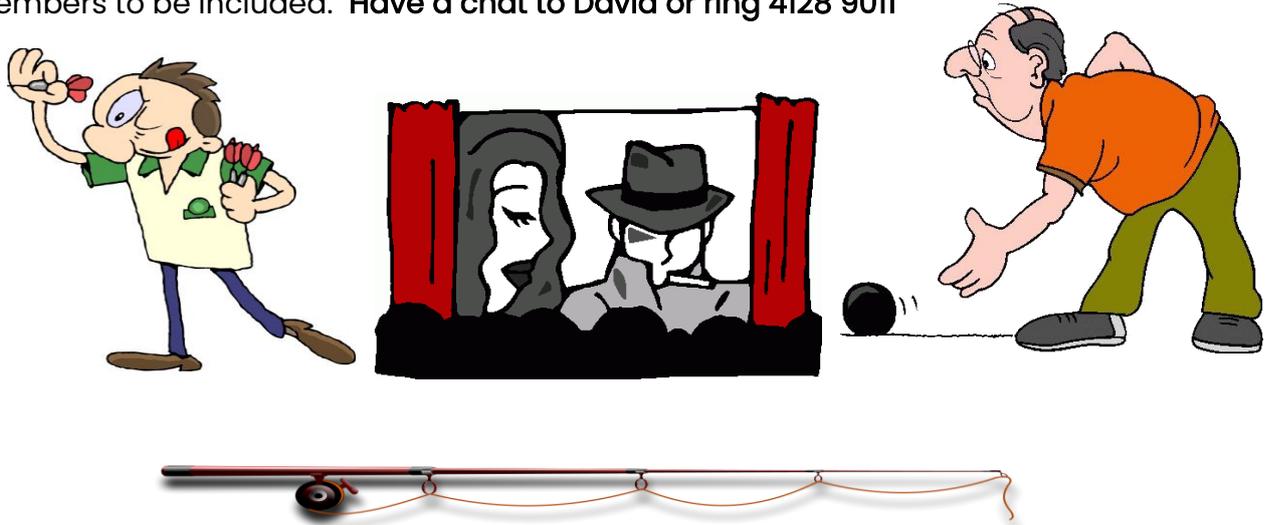
NEW GROUPS

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, indoor 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 MARCH 2021
10.00 AM
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VALE Jim "Jimbo" Davies. (October 1938 – February 2021)

Jim joined as a member of OMU in April 2006 and was part of the Fishing Group. Jim was OMU's Treasurer from 2009, 2010 & 2011. Over the years he volunteered selling raffle tickets. Thank you, Jim for your contribution and commitment to OMU – RIP.

PUTTING YOUR HAND UP TO HELP?

Are you looking to put back into the community? OMU can help you achieve this if you do. We have different areas in which you can help others in your community.



OMU appreciates all of your efforts and if you would like to be part of our dynamic team of volunteers please have a chat to John Lawrence, Col Anson or David in the office.

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