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NEWSLETTER APRIL 2021

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

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Morning Tea Meeting 26th April 2021 **Guest Musician – John Veave**

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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

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REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi everyone, April has settled down into our old routine, with the possible exemption of the use of masks at the beginning of the month. Well, we all obeyed the rules and are now back to normal!

Soon (Thursday 6th May) we will have games available each Thursday morning for those who are interested in playing carpet bowls, darts, bocce (downstairs on the grass), quoits or cards to commence with, then more activities will be added to suit the members attending – have a chat to David.

The new fishing group is also active once more, meetings are on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 2.00 pm.

We are now catering for the Seagulls Football Club. This is a great fundraiser for OMU so please feel free to add your name to help whenever possible. "Many hands make light work".

A wreath has been laid at Freedom Park, on behalf of OMU at the ANZAC Day parade.

Lastly, we still have places for the boat trip on Wednesday 28th April – departing at 11.00 am at the Marina so come along by 10.30 am ready to board.

Best wishes to all – Cyril Brown.

CYRIL BROWN

ART GROUP

The Art Group is going along nicely, we have increased our group however there is always room for more. Still Wednesday morning, no art skills required, everything supplied including a fantastic morning tea. So come along and join in.

RAY CHESTERFIELD



OUTREACH

Unfortunately, with the return of COVID19 all visits to aged care homes were cancelled until further notice. However, the Outreach team did get to visit some homes last month before the lockdown commenced.

If you find yourself at a loss for something to do on these days then reward yourself and join the team.

DAVID HOODLESS

CLUBROOMS

202 Members attended the Club Rooms for March 2021. Numbers have averaged out, Fridays being low to mid 30's and Tuesdays in the 10s.

I am sorry I had to cancel our Easter Friday due to the COVID scare. I will be away for a week and returning early May.

In Mid-May I will be putting on the Seafood Extravaganza with some input from John Lawrence.

While I am away any members who are able to help Chris O'Brien and Noel Spethman run the Tuesdays and the Fridays and Seagulls Catering please do so.

The Seagulls catering is slowly improving approximately, if you would like to know the figures, they are available from David in the Office.

COL ANSON

WALKING GROUP



JOE BRAKELS

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.

SOCIAL GROUP-DINING

Dining with the “Do Do’s”

Chapter two thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine. One more for the Big 3,000t. I'm not sure whether that's the number of reports I've written for the Lunch Group or the number of points given up by the Bull Dogs. They've dropped more pills than Lance Armstrong. Perhaps we could find out where Lance got his supplies, because I think we could all do with a boost. All meals were great but for me the Sea Breeze was a stand out. Woodie was a bit of an embarrassment. He drank the finger bowl and then complained the Lemon Soup was a bit thin.



He's just lucky that he is surrounded by a bunch of dills, myself included, so he didn't stand out that much.

We're all slowing down a bit. I'm not saying Nifty is the slowest, but the incident at the Sea Breeze was a light bulb moment. Nev stood on a snail and when I mentioned it, he said "Bloody thing it followed me from home".

I should really make a note of where we've dined because sitting here now, I'm not sure where we've been. I can recall Sea Breeze and Thai Smile and this Wednesday 21.04.21 it's Fish and Grill. Another winner. But the mood will be a little somber as Denis, Des and Woodie are away. Doing God only knows what and to whom probably best we don't know. Simon the slow has been a bit crook after his covid shot, so if he turns up is anybody's guess. Anyway, I'm sure those who turn up will have a good, if somewhat quieter time.

The next outing will be the Boat Trip. So, plenty of time to select the next venue.

J.B.L

MARYBOROUGH GROUP

Wednesday 14th April was a great day for ten members of OMU. The ten members hopped on a boat called the Keeley Rose which left from Carlo Point Marina, near Rainbow Beach. The trip was organised by Peter Johnson and Frank Grant. (Many thanks to you two – we appreciate your time and efforts)

The sea was a little bit rough and the wind instead of dying down got up to 20 knots at one point.



The crew of the Keeley Rose provided us with a great experience. Nothing was too much trouble for them and we pass on our thanks for a great day.

Bill Liston, Ian Goodall and Peter Johnson were happy to tease us with their best catch of the day.



Fishing in 50 metres of water, in the shadow of Double Island Point, all members caught fish of many varieties and sizes. Everyone took fish home and had stories of the big one that got away and the bigger one that got "sharked!" the fish caught included Coral Trout, Blackall, Red Sea Perch, Snapper, Squire, Deep Sea Perch, Cod, Moses Perch, Rainbow, Flake, Parrot, Remora, Sweet Lip and numerous undersized fish were returned to the sea.

Anyone sea sick? Just a couple who shall remain nameless.

"However, we can be bought"





The trip was enthusiastically enjoyed by all onboard and now I know what to expect, I for one can't wait to go again as that was my first trip deep sea fishing. We should do this more often.

The members on the trip would like to thank the OMU for the fifty percent subsidy and lunch provided for the trip. Thoroughly a good day out.

A good day's work – it was hard but someone has to do it.



Several members had an enjoyable day with the Butchulla men down at Ravens Hill on the second Tuesday and we look forward to many more.

A bus trip to the Wondai Timber Museum is also planned for April.

Graham Dix is still in hospital in Brisbane with heart and lung issues, but remains positive and enjoys a phone call from any OMU member. If you would like to give him a call, contact me and I will pass on his number.

GLEN MILLER – CONVENER

BIRTHDAY BOYS – APRIL

Kevin Anderson	Archie Ayre	Les Curran	Stan Hoffman
Chris Jacobs	Alex Jankus	Edgar Johansen	Allan Keen
Joe Laczko	Ed Lagzdin	Tom Mayer	Glen Miller
Andrew Nott	Ian Paxton	David Walker	

NEW MEMBERS

Graham Winton (MB)

HAVE A LAUGH:

A pessimist's blood type is B-negative.

A termite walks into a bar and asks, "Is the bar tender here?"

She got fired from the hot dog stand for putting her hair in a bun.

I dyed my hair today. It was the highlight of my week.

A young newlywed couple wanted to join a church. The pastor told them, "We have special requirements for new parishioners. You must abstain from having sex for two weeks." The couple agreed and came back at the end of two weeks. The pastor asked them, "Well, were you able to get through the two weeks without being intimate?" "Pastor, I'm afraid we were not able to go without sex for the two weeks," the young man replied. "What happened?" inquired the pastor. "My wife was reaching for a can of corn on the top shelf and dropped it. When she bent over to pick it up, I was overcome with lust and took advantage of her right there." "You understand, of course, that this means you will not be welcome in our church," stated the pastor. "That's okay," said the young man. "We're not welcome at Woollies anymore either."

Now let's talk about balls – we Australians use the word ball/s to describe so many different things for example:

Balls and all – to do things aggressively and enthusiastically

Balls up – to bring to a state of confusion

Do (one's) balls on – to become infatuated with someone

To have a ball – to enjoy one's self, have a good time

To have someone by the balls – to have power over someone

To keep one's eye on the ball – to be alert

To keep the ball rolling – to keep something going, to keep up the rate of progress or activity

To have the ball in one's court – to have an opportunity or obligation to act

To play ball – to work together, team work, being co-operative

That's the way the ball bounces – this is how things are

To ball out – to reprimand, to cry out loudly

Ball park – roughly estimated, a guess

To have balls – to have courage, moral strength

To balls around – to deliberately waste time

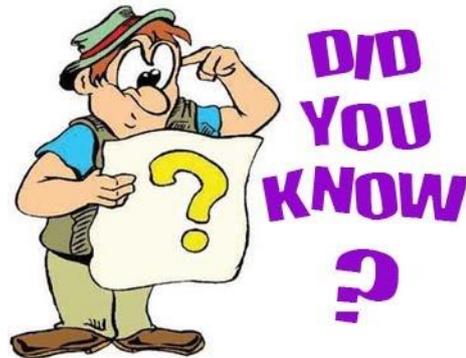
A ball of muscle – a person who is very healthy and in good spirits

To freeze the balls off a brass monkey – very cold

DID YOU KNOW?

- Did you know a hummingbird's heart beats at over a 1,000 times a minute?
- Did you know dragonflies have 6 legs but can't walk?
- Did you know a crocodile can't move its tongue?
- Did you know in 1878 the first telephone book made contained only 50 names?
- Did you know popcorn was invented by the Aztec Indians?
- Did you know an average person will spend 25 years asleep?
- Did you know hippopotamuses have killed more people in Africa than any other animal?
- Did you know an elephant's ears are used to regulate body temperature?
- Did you know the Arctic Ocean is the smallest in the world?
- Did you know the most common mental illnesses are anxiety and depression?

- Did you know the word laser stands for 'Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation'?
- Did you know crocodiles never outgrow their enclosure?
- Did you know reindeer hair is hollow inside like a tube?
- Did you know your skin is the largest organ making up the human body?



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

Commencing the first Thursday in May (6th May) in the mornings (9.30 am) will be our regular day for indoor bowls, darts and cards etc. Morning tea will be available – tea, coffee and biscuits – this will be **FREE** for all members up till 26th August then it will be reviewed.

However, if you want to come and try it out before the official start date – you are very welcome to do so – just let David know.

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**



New Swimming Group starting up on Tuesday 11th May. Meet Bob at the Aquatic Centre Boundary Road at 12 noon. Then at 1.30 pm go over the Clubroom for something to eat and drink and a chat perhaps. For more information contact Bob (0490 539 502)

Want to read this Newsletter in brilliant colour? You can you know – receive it by email or go to our new web site www.omu.org.au, if you want it emailed, please let David know what your email is and you will receive it in glorious colour. "Too easy".

If you have information that 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 24TH MAY 2021
10.00 AM
SEAGULLS RUGBY LEAGUE GROUND

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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.

YOU KNOW WHEN YOU ARE GETTING OLD WHEN:

- “Getting a little action” means you don’t need to take a laxative.
- Getting lucky means, you find your car in the parking lot.
- Tying one on means fastening your Medic Alert bracelet.
- You feel like the morning after, and you haven’t been anywhere.
- You finally got your head together, now your body is falling apart.
- You don’t remember being absent minded.
- You have a party and the neighbours don’t even realise it.
- You quit trying to hold your stomach in, no matter who walks into the room.
- You enjoy hearing about other people’s operations.
- People call at 9 p.m. and ask, “Did I wake you?”
- You have a dream about prunes.
- The end of your tie doesn’t come anywhere near the top of your pants.

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



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There are 18 words to find this time –

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| GEMSTONE | GOLD | GRAVEL | MINE | SALT | SILVER |
| SMELTER | SPRING | TREASURE | TUNNEL | URANIUM | ZINC |

The missing word from last month is: INSECTS