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NEWSLETTER

August 2022

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

Where: Seagulls Rugby League Ground, 187 Bideford Street, Torquay

Meetings: Maryborough 10.00 am on the 1st Tuesday of each month

Where: Frank Lawrence Circuit, Maryborough Airport (last shed on the right)

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Patron: George Seymour (FCRC Mayor)

Next Meeting 22nd August 2022

Guest Speaker: John Anderson (Historical Museum)

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

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

Tuesdays 1.30 – 3.30 pm

Afternoon Tea Noel Spethman – Phone 4194 5562

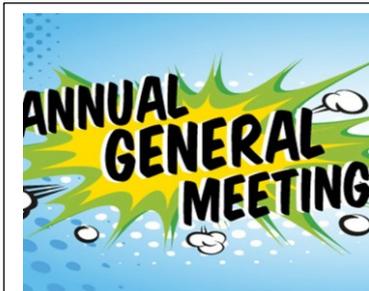
Wednesdays 8.00 – 11.00 am

Art Classes – Ray Chesterfield – Phone 4194 7010

Thursdays: 8.00 start Walking Group at Enzo's Esplanade Scarness – See Joe Brakels Ph: 4128 9473

Fridays: 8.30 – 11.30 am *Morning Tea, jokes and "used bull fodder"* – Chris O'Brien Phone 0490 188

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OMU – AGM
Monday
October 24th
10.00 am



OMU GROUP CONVENERS

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WALKING GROUP	JOE BRACKELS	4128 9473

REPORTS

ART REPORT:

August found the Art group working on numerous projects. Ray is working on tropical fish and reef, Steve is still undertaking his colouring, Noel's double horses are really looking good. Joe is aiding Noel with both painting and technique issues. David was sketching various topics including lighthouses. Ian's cheetah in the jungle now looks like a jungle with a leopard hiding successfully in it. Mick always appears to have a few ideas going ranging from Mona Lisa to various ships through the ages. Thanks once again to Ray for his efforts on creating a great morning tea. "Happy" (97 Years) arrived with a new assistant last week. He does enjoy coming to our group and always likes to encourage all the artists



IAN PAXTON



I told my wife she
should embrace her
mistakes...
She hugged me.

OUTREACH

Some of the places we visit have very strict entry conditions to prevent COVID however COVID has been present apparently leaving us (OMU) a bit undecided as to "do we go or not". However, we do visit a couple of places where all is good. The most popular place to visit is the afternoon "Happy Hour" with hot nibbles and drinks however, this is on hold at the moment. Hopefully, soon all will back to what we do very well.

DAVID HOODLESS

MARYBOROUGH

15 OMU members visited Whistle Stop Museum and the loco shed. A very good museum packed with a lot of exhibits, then off to the loco shed to see the home of Mary Ann Loco and PB15 loco 299. There were two chaps to give us information about railway history and working of steam locomotives. One chap was a retired driver, he had driven steam, diesel and electric locomotives.

Also, we have been to Old's Engineering Workshop, we had a guided, of the museum and workshop. We saw them pouring molten bronze into moulds to make surveyor's markers. We then headed to the White Lion Hotel for lunch.

The walking group is still powering on. A great social morning topped off with a great breakfast. As usual, new members are always welcome. You can walk at your own pace, no prizes for coming first.



Following comments from members who were on the July bus trip, I wrote to the Committee of the Community Access Bus and raised the issue of questionable driving standards by the CAB-supplied driver. CAB Committee members were quick to respond and reported they had raised the matter with their driver, who apologised and requested that OMU members bring any driving matters to his attention, as soon as they happen. CAB Committee members were concerned that OMU may cease to use their bus. I assured them that OMU is well aware of the need for the CAB bus in our community and we will continue to conduct monthly bus trips, thereby ensuring that the CAB service is available to all. A different day out this month. We stayed at home in Maryborough and visited the Whistlestop Railway Museum and Old's Engineering Works. An interesting and informative day, focussed on local history and world-renowned engineering capability.

Maryborough has the election of committee members at our September meeting. Nomination forms are available at the clubhouse.

Don't be shy.

WALKING GROUP



Still looking for a member to step forward and take the reins of this healthy, enjoyable activity. Joe has been unwell of late and has been unavailable to continue. Therefore, we are looking for another member who would be interested with organising the walk. This is a great activity and we are very keen for it to continue – to be the organiser is not hard and I am very sure that you will really enjoy it. It consists of walking and talking (more talking than walking I have been told) Please phone David 4128 9011 for more information. Your interest is appreciated – thank you

DINING GROUP – DINING WITH DILLS

Eating on the Road

To quote the Great Willy Nelson “On the Road again, I can’t wait to get on the road again, having lunch with my friends, I can’t wait to get on the road again.”

Yes, the lunching loonies have left the Bay and ventured to the wilds of Torbanlea to enjoy a great meal at the Miners Arms Hotel and Bistro. A great feat of organisation. Usually, to get this mob together is like herding cats, but we managed to all be there in the right place at the right time. The only sour note to put a bit of a dampener on the day was the absence of our beloved leader and spiritual mentor, one Simon “The Slow” Sweetnam struck down once again by some mystery illness. We can confirm that it is NOT the dreaded “Monkey Pox”. Swine Flu, Foot and Mouth, Mad Cow Disease and Distemper have also been discounted. During the month we dined at The Tavern, not good, Whale Bay Asia, the emperor prawns, excellent and Seabreeze.

This week we’ll be off to the Hervey Bay Museum for a BBQ and a tour with other members of OMU and partners. Chief Cyril Brown doing the honors and the Raffle Crowd supplying the cheese cake. After that who knows, today Torbanlea, tomorrow the world. We may even invade the Ukraine, knives and forks at the ready. I’m sure we could do a better job than Putin. Well, that’s enough insanity for the month. Let’s get back to the real world. On second thoughts let’s just stick with the nut jobs. Much safer.



All the best Simon. Hope to see you in the next week or two.

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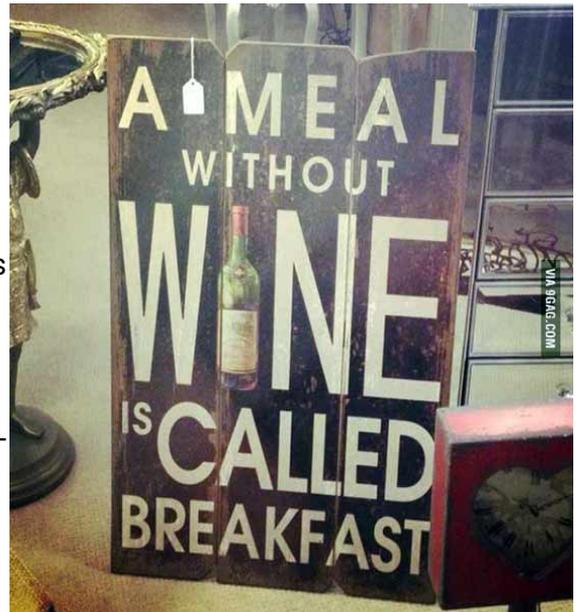
CLUBROOMS

Another busy month (July) in the clubrooms with 174 members and visitors enjoying the atmosphere.

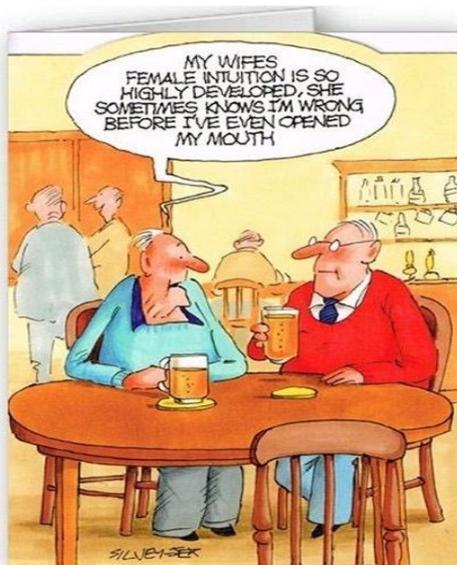
Christmas in July was postponed because of the lack of support of members however, Oktober fest is in the planning and more details will be shared with the members as time goes by. Anyone willing to help out - thank you and talk to Chris O'Brien.

In the past 12 months we have been able to upgrade the air-conditioning and with the financial help from Bradnam's we were able to purchase a chair lift.

Thanks, Bradnam's

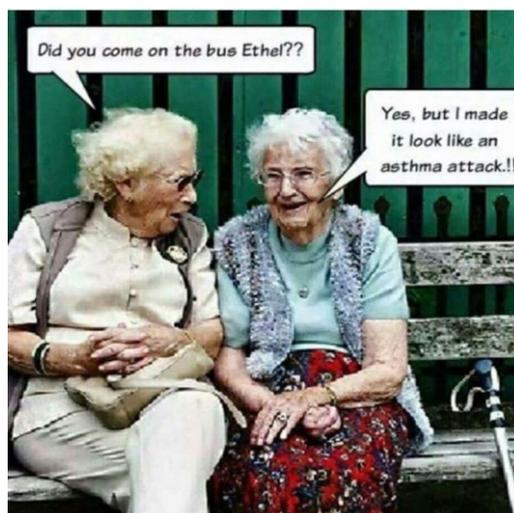


DAVID HOODLESS



Three Seniors.

Three senior citizens at breakfast discussing their bowel movements. First man boldly states, I'm still in great shape, every day I wake up at 5:00 AM and I spend about 3 minutes on toilet and I have a healthy crap and I'm good for the day. 2nd man states yeah me too I wake up at 4:30, spend about a minute on the toilet and have a healthy crap and I'm good for the day. The third man not to be outdone, yeah, every day at 4:00 AM I have a healthy crap, then I wake up



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HAVE A LAUGH

COURT – (all true)

These are from a book called Disorder in the American Courts, and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and now published by court reporters who had the torment of staying calm while these exchanges were actually taking place:

q: : How far from the accident were you when it happened?

a: : He replied "10 metres, and 31 centimetres"

q: : Nonsense how can you be so precise?

a: : Well, I knew some bloody fool would ask me so I measured it.

q: : What is your date of birth?

a: : July fifteenth.

q: : What year?

a: : Every year.

q: : What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?

a: : Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

q: : This myasthenia gravis... Does it affect your memory at all?

a: : Yes.

q: : And in what ways does it affect your memory?

a: : I forget.

q: : You forget. Can you give us an example of something that you've forgotten?

q: : What was the first thing your husband said to you when he woke up that morning?

a: : he said, "where am I, Doris?"

q: : and why did that upset you?

a: : my name is Susan.

q: : She had three children, right?

a: : yes.

q: : how many were boys?

a: : none.

q: : were there any girls?

q: :Are you sexually active?

a: :No. I just lie there.



q: :Could you see him from where you were standing?

a: :I could see his head.

q: :and where was his head?

a: :just above his shoulders.

q: :Any suggestions as to what prevented this from being a murder trial instead of an attempted murder trial?

a: :the victim lived.

q: : How was your first marriage terminated?

a: : by death.

q: : and by whose death was it terminated?

But wait, there will be more next month.

BIRTHDAY BOYS – AUGUST

Gerald Wyatt

Bob Elgar

Tony Van Eynde

Brian Williams

Carl Garber

Rod Schwerin

Ross Tulloch

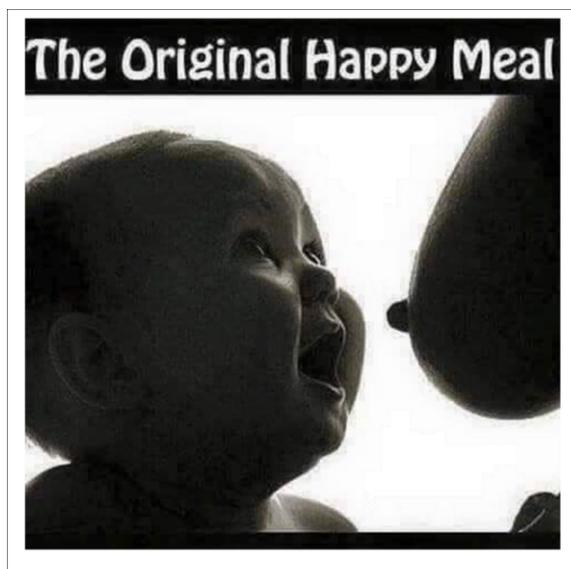
Andrew Pomeroy

Bill Whittred

Ian Goodall

Doug Wellard

Geoff Hoare



Attention: anyone missing a child in an orange coat...come to the Lingerie dept. Your child is hungry! 🤪🤪🤪🤪



TOKENS

Something new to OMU members who frequent the clubrooms.

Members can purchase \$2.00 and \$1.00 tokens and use them for entry to the clubrooms – Monthly meeting, Tuesday afternoons and Friday afternoons only.

CANNOT be used to purchase raffle tickets or the Art Group on Wednesdays.



BABY BOOMERS – REMEMBER THESE?



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Did you know the fastest insect is the Australian dragon fly (its top speed is 57 km/h (35mp/h))

Did you know 20% of China's plants are used in medicine

Did you know 2/3 of the world's eggplants are grown in the US New Jersey

Did you know it was once illegal to slam your car door in Switzerland

Did you know people in Iceland read more books per capita than any other country

Did you know the word denim comes from 'de Nimes' or from Nimes which is a town in France

Did you know the world's smallest mammal is the bumblebee bat of Thailand

Did you know England's Stonehenge is over 5,000 years old

Did you know there are 132 rooms in the US White House

Did you know Hawaii is the only US state that grows cacao beans which go into the production of chocolate

Did you know Brazil accounts for 1/3 of the world's coffee production

Did you know coffee is grown commercially in over 45 countries around the world

Did you know coffee represents 75% of all the caffeine consumed in the US

Did you know Japan is the 3rd largest consumer of coffee

Did you know over 5 million people in Brazil are employed in the coffee industry

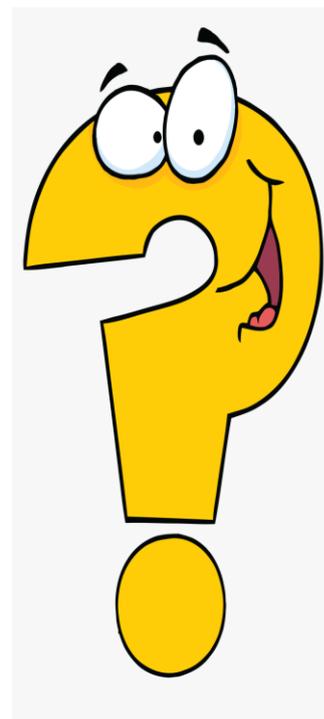
Did you know the Cambodian alphabet has 74 letters

Did you know instant mashed potatoes (dehydrated potato flakes) were invented in Canadian in 1962

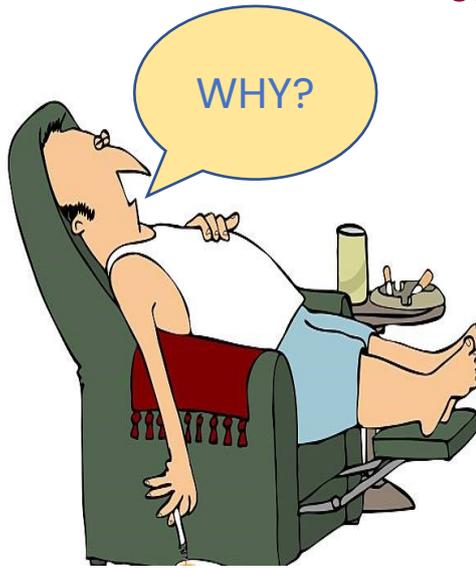
Did you know England's first great industry was wool

Did you know the average age at which America's presidents have taken office is 54

Did you know 40% of Amsterdam commuters get to work by bicycle



Take a deep breath and relax for a couple of minutes.
See how you go this time –



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There are 20 words to find this time –

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| BRUISE | CARE | CATARACT | CHART | CONDITION | FAIN'T |
| FRACTURE | ICE PACK | MEDICINE | SEDATE | SORE | STABLE |
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