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Whatever you do, always give a 100% - unless you are donating blood!

EDITORS COMMENT

Well, what a busy few weeks this has been, what with the change of personnel to your Probud Committee, a big thank you and welcome to Christine Brenton as our new Tours & Social Secretary, we will be looking for volunteers to assist her in her duties. Barbara and I also attended our first Movie Group outing, which included lunch at The Mountain Blue Cafe. We couldn't fault any aspect of this outing, the staff at the cafe were most accommodating and friendly. The Cinema itself, although very unimposing from the outside, was full of character on the interior. The film, 'The Viceroy's House' was very good, my only two reservations were that, apparently for political reasons, no mention was made of the affair between Lady Mountbatten and Nehru! And as an Englishman it was sad to think that the world perceives all The English as the characters in this story. The total disdain and disrespect shown towards The Indian population by the Ruling English are not traits learnt overnight, they have been finely honed on the backs of The British 'working classes'. We missed out on The Doyles outing as we were otherwise engaged for 10 days Grandkid sitting at The National Rollerskating C/Shops in Mount Warren, Queensland while our son & daughter-in-law coached their team. The consolation was our Grandson won a Gold & a Silver medal which just about made the 10hr drive each way acceptable. There are photos from both the Movie Group and the Doyles outing kindly supplied by Clarence Go.

Glen Davis

LAST MEETING

Meeting declared open at 10:37 by Vice President, Rayella Haines in the absence of The President, Ernie Campbell. We were also without our Secretary, Pat Ryan. Rayella decided that the meeting would be a freebie! Diane Sankey-Morris was inducted. Flowers, presented by Barbara Orth, to Brenda Emerson in thanks for her organisation of 'The Trip' The guest speaker was Fay Yorrow on the subject of **Cochlear Implants**. Quite amazing. **Committee changes**, Rayella Haines takes on additional job of Programs, Rose Ward is new Treasurer, Carole Gregory adds Entertainment to her existing portfolio as does Pat Ryan with helping out with trips. Call for volunteers to help organise with Luncheons etc. **Visitors:** Erica Brooks, Lynda Burns, Sue Mason, Stephen & Helen Mewett. **APOLOGIES:** Anne Watkins, Betty Harrison, Irene Noble & Pat Ryan. Apologies from both Ernie & Irena that they could only get there in time for the end. **BIRTHDAYS:** Ernie Campbell, Stephen Hackett, Violet Mulcahy, Margaret Faveretti, Clarence Go, Kaila Kailasapathy & Barbara Davis. **MINUTES:** Tabled from May meeting. **BUSINESS ARISING:** See Committee changes. **CORRESPONDANCE:** Australian Timore Leste Thank you letter for \$50 donation. Capitation & Magazine subscription fees. Notification of new member of PSPL General Council & assistant General Secretary. PSPL Financel Starement. National Sponsor RI Advice Group Sponsorship offering speakers. Nepean Blue Mountains & Hawkesbury regional Rose Society Trivia night invitation Friday, 11 Aug. 2017 for 7pm start at Jamisontown PS. **TREASURERS REPORT:** Rosina Ward **TOURS REPORT:** Brenda Emerson, Doyles. **PROGRAM REPORT:** Rayella Haines. **July:** Catherine Severino, Eye Health. **MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Barbara Davis. **WELFARE REPORT & CINEMA:** Carole Gregory: Phone calls to Pauline Simpson & Marion Turner. **Movie:** 'Viceroy's Liason' - 1:55 pm. **HOSPITALIES REPORT:** Kay Cane: No issues, but don't forget, Canasta @ Kay's house Tuesday 1:00pm. **NEWS REPORT:** Glen Davis: List of activity groups, critique of Movie, Members Biographies, did you know section, Aussie V Cockney rhyming slang & Notice Board for members. **GENERAL BUSINESS:** Brian: those interested in Chess or Photography. **Roving Microphone: Old Sayings**, great response. **Door Prizes:** A52-Kaila Kailasapathy, A40-Jeanette Corlis. **Meeting closed** 12:00pm. **Next meeting:** 10:30am Wednesday 19th July 2017.

THIS MEETING

The guest speaker for July is **Catherine Severino** on the subject of **eye health**. Roving microphone: Subject, **Nicknames**. **Christine Brenton**, is our new Tours & Social Secretary, we need volunteers to assist her please.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Diane Sankey-Morris: 5th. Norma O'Sullivan: 5th. Anne Harrison: 16th. Gail Kelly: 18th. Josephine Rossetto: 23rd. (milestone birthday). **Shantha Kailasapathy: 23rd.**

WELFARE

Jean Howard & Anne Johnson not well, **Carole** has phoned them both and we all wish them a speedy recovery.

MOVIE GROUP

Coming Movie " **MY COUSIN RACHEL** " Saturday 22nd. July session time 1:35pm
A young Englishman plots revenge against his mysterious beautiful Cousin, believing that she murdered his guardian.

ACTIVITY GROUPS

CANASTA @ KAYS HOUSE: Kay is changing the day for her Canasta game to the **2nd. Wednesday** of the Month commencing **August 9th**. New members welcome, just speak to **Kay Cane** at our meetings or by phone as listed under **Hospitality** on The Newsletter Heading.

CHESS & PHOTOGRAPHY: Any members who are interested in either of these activities can speak to **Brian Corlis** either at our meetings or by phone as listed under **Public Officer** on The Newsletter Heading.

WALKING GROUP: Any members that are interested in improving their fitness and general health with walking should speak to **Pat Ryan** either at our meetings or by phone as listed under **Secretary** on The Newsletter Heading.

AUSSIE SLANG - V - COCKNEY RHYMING SLANG

Well, lets start with an easy one for anyone who doesn't understand Cockney rhyming slang. The common Australian slang, as I understand it, for being ill is 'Crook'. Cockney Rhyming slang would be 'Tom & Dick', rhyming with sick. Quite often, just to confuse you, the slang can often be shortened to the first part e.g. 'I'm feeling a bit Tom', although this example is more confusing as 'Tom' is also short for 'Tom Foolery', rhyming with jewellery. And I was further confused by my two 8 year old Australian grandsons when they described a story I told them as sick! When I voiced my dismay they said, no granddad, you don't understand, that means it was good, what a relief!

More next month when I find my book on Australian slang and I promise to keep it clean and avoid the rude ones :)

MEMBERSHIP NOTICEBOARD

Unfortunately, there are no items for the noticeboard this month, there are a couple in the pipe line that the details were not ready for this months issue.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know the terms 'piss poor' & 'not a pot to piss in' come from the Tanning Industry. Human urine was used to cure and soften the Leather & Suede hides. Piss poor meant you sold your urine to the Tanners & the very poor didn't even have the pot to piss in.

PHOTOS OF THE MOVIE GROUP & BELOW - DOYLES

Photos by **Clarence Go.**



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ERNEST VINE CAMPBELL affectionally known to all as 'Ernie' was born 3rd. June 1937 in Gundagai N.S.W., home of 'The Dog on the Tuckerbox'. As the eldest of four boys, only he has the right to pass on the families' traditional middle name of Vine. Both his parents are of Scottish descent, his mother's maiden name, Beach, is of the Stuart Clan, although Ernie himself hasn't traced his Ancestry, it is probable that he is at least 4th. generation Australian. He spent his early years in Taree, where his parents worked on a Dairy Farm. His paternal grandfather then bought a farm at Blacktown, a piggery called Green Gables, where the family lived until it was com-

compulsary purchased. It is now the sight of the Minchinbury fruit and vegetable shop. He went to a private boarding school at Mosman during WW2 then onto Kendall School, which was a subsidised school having only one room and six desks! He then attended Blacktown Primary school and finally Westmead Tech.

On leaving school he joined The State Railway until retiring in 1995. At age 18 he received his 'call up papers'. Ernie was keen to join the RAAF but a medical condition thwarted his wishes. He spent the majority of his career operating signal boxes often working shift patterns that meant working 13 days out of 14 until, eventually technology, like many pre-computerised jobs, made it a mundane task! For the last 20 years he switched his talents to becoming a 'Safe Working' Supervisor. Eventually he retired at the age of 58, having become disillusioned with the changes in the job.

Whilst working up the North Coast he met his future wife, Dawn. They were married in Lithgow in 1959 where they lived until moving to Penrith in 1961. Ernie worked out of Blacktown, Seven Hills, Penrith and various Sydney signal boxes.

In his younger days he played Cricket and Soccer, sometimes for Railway teams, and also social Tennis. His wife Dawn played Tennis, but at a Competition level.

On retirement, Ernie and Dawn travelled extensively the length and breadth of Australia, they also bought an acre plot of land in Silverdale where they built a house. Sadly Dawn became ill with the early start of Dementia so they moved to Glenmore Park. Ernie nursed and cared for her at their home, his children thought it best that Dawn enter a home as they were worried about Ernie's health, but he insisted that he would know when that time had arrived. In 2007 Dawn was admitted into a nursing home where Ernie visited her every single day for three and a half years until she sadly passed away in 2011. Ernie and I had a conversation about how modern relationships seem to end at the drop of a hat, and his words were "It's part of the contract, for better, for worse". To me, this sums up the character of the man, caring, honest and faithful to all he calls friend. Sadly, fast disappearing qualities in modern life. His most endearing quality to me, is his wonderful sense of humour.

Ernie keeps busy, now in his 23rd year of retirement. He belongs to Glenmore Park Anglican Church, which has been a great comfort to him since Dawn's death. He organises outings for the 'Grumpy Old Men Club'. He is a member of more than one Probus Club, and having been a founder member of our Glenmore Park Probus Club has held many positions over the years - Programmes - 2 years, Vice President, Tours and Social - 2 years, Newsletter - 3 years. Last year he was Vice President for a few months, and is now our current President for the second time. He is a Life Member of Apex, having held many positions with them from 1966-1977.

He has also travelled extensively visiting over 30 countries. His favourites being The UK, Ireland, especially N.I., Scotland, Croatia, Slovenia and Italy, and he celebrated his 75th birthday in Santorini.

Ernie has a son and a daughter, four grandchildren, but no great grandchildren - that he knows of!

THE FUNNY PAGE



THE 'HOW TO' FOR GIVING YOUR CAT A PILL

1. Pick up the cat and gently cradle it in the crook of your left arm as if holding a baby. Position the right forefinger and thumb on either side of the cat's mouth and gently apply pressure to the cheeks while holding the pill in the right hand. As the cat opens its mouth pop the pill into the mouth. Allow cat to close its mouth and swallow.
2. Retrieve pill from the floor and the cat from behind the sofa. Cradle cat in left arm and repeat the process.
3. Retrieve cat from bedroom and throw away soggy pill.
4. Take new pill from foil wrap, cradle cat in left arm holding rear paws tightly with the left hand. Force jaws open and push pill to the back of the mouth with the right forefinger. Hold mouth shut for the count of ten.
5. Retrieve pill from the goldfish bowl and cat from the top of the wardrobe. Call spouse in from the garden.
6. Kneel on the floor with the cat wedged firmly between the knees, hold the front and rear paws. Ignore growls emitted by the cat. Get spouse to hold cat's head firmly while forcing a ruler into its mouth. Drop the pill down the ruler and rub the cat's throat vigorously.
7. Retrieve the cat from the curtain rail and get another pill from the foil wrap. Make note to buy a new ruler and repair curtains. Carefully sweep shattered figurines and vases from the hearth and set to one side for future glueing.
8. Wrap the cat in a large towel and get spouse to lie on the cat with the cat's head just visible from below his armpit. Put pill in the end of a drinking straw, force open the cat's mouth with a pencil and blow down the straw.
9. Check the label to make sure the pill isn't harmful to humans. Drink a beer to take away the taste. Apply bandage to spouse's forearm and remove blood from the carpet with soap and water.
10. Retrieve the cat from the neighbours shed. Get another pill. Open another beer. Place cat in cupboard and close the door on the neck leaving only the head sticking out. Force open mouth with a dessert spoon. Flick the pill down the throat with an elastic band.
11. Fetch screwdriver from garage and put cupboard door back on its hinges. Drink remaining beer left unspilled. Fetch the Scotch. Pour generous shot and drink. Apply cold compress to the cheek and check the date of last Tetanus injection. Apply whiskey compress to cheek to disinfect. Pour and drink another shot. Throw Teeshirt away and fetch a new one from the bedroom.
12. Ring the fire brigade to retrieve the cat from the tree across the road. Apologise to neighbour who crashed into fence while swerving to avoid cat. Take the last pill from the foil wrap.
13. Tie the sweet little kitties front paws to the back paws with strong twine and bind tightly to the leg of the dining table. Find heavy duty pruning gloves in the shed. Push pill into cat's mouth followed by a large piece of fillet steak. Hold the head vertical and pour 2 pints of water down the cat's throat to wash down the pill.
14. Consume the rest of the Scotch. Get spouse to drive you to the emergency room. Sit quietly while the surgeon stitches fingers and forearm and removes pill wedged under your right eyelid. Call at the furniture shop on way home to order a new table.
15. Arrange for the RSPCA to collect the mutant cat from hell and ring the local pet shop to see whether they have any hampsters.

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