



NEWSLETTER

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The trouble with practical jokes is they often get elected. (Barnaby Joyce 2018)

EDITORS COMMENT

A belated happy & healthy New Year to you all. I am sure you all will forgive me if this issue of The Newsletter is a little sparse. As there wasn't an issue in January, it's taking me a while to get back into the groove. The saving grace is, yet again, we have a wonderful biography, this time it is the turn of Lorraine Batterham. As you can imagine the grammar and punctuation has had to be 5 Star! As a retired Head of English, she has certainly kept me on my toes, quite right as well! On the 17th January a group of us from the club with friends and relatives saw "Beautiful" The Carol King Story. Thanks to Chris Brenton, we had marvelous seats at The Lyric and the show was top notch. Music and singing were first class, the sets were very clever, without detracting from the story line as they changed and there was a lovely gentle humour running through the script, the costumes were absolutely right for the periods covered and song after song brought back nostalgic memories for most of us there, I cannot recommend this show too highly.

On the 3rd February the Movie Group saw "The Greatest Showman", apart from myself & Roy King, everybody loved it, as far as I was concerned it made the same mistake as older film musicals where they would break into song at the most inappropriate times, the makers could have learnt a lot from "Moulin Rouge". On the 10th, we saw "The Post", I can foresee a sequel to this in the near future involving Trump, instead of Nixon! A very intriguing story that eventually lead to the Watergate affair. Tom Hanks and Meryl Streep were excellent as were the rest of the cast. 17th February The Movie Group see "Darkest Hour", so looking forward to this, Garry Oldman is one of my all time favourite actors. If I don't finish The Newsletter today (16th Feb.) I will add the review. Well that's about all folks, except to say don't forget we need more members to stand for Election to the Committee..... and finally a great big thank you to my lovely wife Barbara for making it possible for me to fulfill a dream. From the age of 21 I always wanted to own a Mustang, 51 years later on Tuesday 13th we picked up a new Ruby Red Mustang coupe. Our boys no longer have an inheritance and Barb is on the third of her top ten hit list. :-)

Glen Davis

LAST MEETING

Meeting declared open at 10:37 by President, Ernie Campbell. The guest speaker Peter Sweeney on the subject of RANS. Plus Jenny & Simon from AAT Kings **Visitors:** Robin Robertson & Lyn Smith. **APOLOGIES:** Betty Watkins, Alayne Humphries, Lorraine Batterham, Brenda Emerson, Shantha & Kaila Kailasapthy, Pat Montgomery, Patricia Sanders, Bruce & Elaine Williams. **BIRTHDAYS: Dec.** Patricia McCall, Shona Hackett, Evelyn Martin, Iris Kilminster, Ron Greenfield, Maria Go, Elaine Metcalfe & Chris Brenton. **Jan.** Teri Gould, Robert Hillsmith, Helen Ward, Jeanette Corlis, Ernie Johnson, & Margaret Greenfield **MINUTES:** Tabled from Nov. meeting. **CORRESPONDANCE:** Wildwood Garden @ Bilpin info. Probus Sth. Pacific increase in Capitation fees to \$13.50. 2018 Program from 'The Joan'. Northern Districts Golf Day organised by Beecroft Probus 5th Nov. PSPL office closed, 24th Dec. - 4th. Jan. **TREASURERS REPORT:** Rosina Ward, total funds \$3875.67 **TOURS REPORT:** Christine Brenton, Xmas Party @ Mulgoa, "Beautiful" @ The Lyric, Brunch @ Lattitudes, Harbour cruise, Irish Show @ Burning Log, Windsor, Good Old Days @ Sydney Town Hall. **PROGRAM REPORT:** Rayella Haines. **Jan:** no meeting. **Feb:** Graham Wilcox, Author of Federation. **MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Barbara Davis. **WELFARE REPORT & CINEMA:** Carole Gregory: Phone calls to Roy King, Clarence Go, Ernie Campbell, Ron Greenfield, Karen Figg, Marion Turner, Max & Chris Brenton, cards to Marion Turner & Margaret Greenfield. **Movies:** 'The Greatest Showman'- 'The Post'- 'Darkest Hour'.

HOSPITALITIES REPORT: Kay Cane: Xmas morning tea, no charge. **NEWS REPORT:** Glen Davis: No Jan. Newsletter, One double page in colour for Xmas edition. **GENERAL BUSINESS:** No meeting in Jan.. **Roving Microphone:** Run out of time.

**** WE ALSO SAID A FOND FAREWELL TO IRENA MCKENZIE WHO HAS NOW MOVED FURTHER UP THE COAST**** Meeting closed 12:00pm. Next meeting: 10:30am Wednesday 21st. February 2018.

THIS FEBRUARY MEETING

The guest speaker for February is **Jan Plume, subject - Hypnotherapy.** **Jenny Thomas** - will be at the meeting to collect the balance for the May trip Melbourne to Adelaide. Also pay Chris Brenton for 'The Irish Show' and/or 'The Good Old Days' concert. **Roving microphone:** Subject, unusual Funeral arrangements!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

6th: Terri Gould. 21st: Robert Hillsmith. 23rd: Helen Ward. 24th: Jeanette Corlis. 26th: Ernie Johnson. 28th. Margaret Greenfield.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

17th: Marion Turner. 19th: Betty Watkins. 26th: Joy Hotson. 29th: Pat Ryan. (leap year only!)



Lorraine Batterham was born Lorraine McPherson on 11th November 1944, in Lismore, NSW, to Max McPherson and Mary Isabella Paisley. Her paternal great grandfather emigrated from Scotland in the 1800s, and her maternal grandparents came from Northern Ireland in 1912. Lismore was a dairy farming area, so needless to say both sides of the family were dairy farmers. Lorraine was the eldest of eight children, six girls and two boys. Most families in the area at that time had large families.

Lorraine's first school, at Wyrallah, had about 30 students and two teachers. Occasionally the lessons were radio broadcasts. The McPherson children either rode to school on horseback, sometimes two or three per horse, or walked. This year the school celebrated 150 years since parents, including her great grandfather, requested a school to be built there.

Bread and ice [for the icebox-no fridge] were delivered three times a week to the "Cream Box". There too went the cream, skimmed off the milk, collected to go to Norco to make butter. The skimmed milk was used for raising the animals. They had to get to the bread quickly, before the magpies beat them to it, using a stick to fend them off. They grew fruit and vegetables, and slaughtered the occasional pig for meat. All the children helped out on the farm, rounding up cattle, milking, pulling noxious weeds, and feeding the pigs and calves, as all farm children did. A memory she shared was that in 1954, when the Queen and Prince Phillip were touring Australia, all the school students were taken in the back of a cattle truck to see the Queen at Lismore Showground. Being cyclone season the day was marred by torrential rain, followed by the biggest flood at that time. All she remembers is that she may have seen a blurry white gloved hand waving through the rain!

Lorraine's secondary school was Lismore High, where she began in 1957. She liked school, apart from P.E., hating it so much that she found a place to hide during the lessons, until discovered! Her favourite subjects were English, History and Geography. Having received good results for her school Leaving Certificate, she won a Teaching Scholarship meaning that she would go to University without cost to her family. Aged 17, in 1962, she left home to go to the University of New England in Armidale where she graduated with a BA Dip Ed, in 1965. Her father wanted all his children to have "a good Government job". They obliged him by becoming teachers, nursing sisters, a meat inspector, and a police sergeant. He was proud of all his family until his death in 1970, when the youngest child was ten.

Appointed to Inverell High School in 1966, to teach Geography, History and Commerce, some of Lorraine's friends set her up on a blind date with a young man who they said had the same sense of humour as her. On first meeting she wasn't very impressed, but soon changed her mind about Bruce Batterham, and they they were married in Lismore, in 1969. Lorraine transferred as a teacher to Bruce's home town, Bingara, a small town of 1500 people, an hour's drive from Tamworth, where Bruce operated a Newsagency and Gift Shop. Lorraine continued teaching, at the Bingara Central School and over the next years became a mother of two girls, Marijka and Inga. Bruce wanted to build a motel, so they bought land on the edge of town where they built a small motel and restaurant. Lorraine continued to teach, helping out at the motel, cooking and cleaning at the weekends, and living at home with the girls, while Bruce lived in the Motel during the week. They kept the Newsagency on, until they eventually sold it. This was a very busy period of Lorraine's life, teaching, keeping house, organising the girls, and working in the motel.

Bruce was keen to have a larger motel, so in 1979 the family moved to Gunnedah, a larger town, in a coal mining area, buying an existing motel in a good position on the highway. The family lived in a house across the highway. Lorraine was working as a casual teacher, as well as helping out at the motel. They extended the motel, adding 10 more units; after three years the increasing coal mining industry encouraged them to sell at a peak time, before too many new motels were built. This time they moved to Tamworth, in 1981, where they stayed for the next 26 years. They built town houses and operated two take-away food shops. Lorraine continued to teach, this time at TAFE, but on a casual basis. After selling both the shops and town houses, Lorraine went back to full time teaching, at a Catholic High school, for the last 19 years of her career, until she retired in 2003, as Head Teacher of English.

During the 1990s Bruce managed a motel for a local company, was a commercial traveller, for a short time and then decided that he wanted to own a video shop. He'd found a run-down one at an affordable price in Nepean Square, Penrith, so they purchased it and Bruce built it up to a thriving business. Their daughters both worked in the video shop at times during their University studies, and Lorraine came down at weekends and school holidays. Ill health forced Bruce to sell the shop after about five years and he returned to Tamworth. They had built a small investment house in the new Glenmore Park in 1994 where Bruce, girls and Lorraine lived in the holidays. They rented it out for a few years but soon after her retirement sold their Tamworth home, moved to Glenmore Park, in 2007, to be closer to their daughters and grandchildren, who were beginning to arrive by then. Bruce was later diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease and Vascular Dementia. Lorraine cared for him at home as long as she was able, but the last 13 months of his life were spent in a nursing home, where he died in 2015, aged 80. Fortunately, Bruce was able to spend a lot of time with his daughters and know his five grandchildren.

The couple was always involved in community organisations and groups. Lorraine supported Bruce in his many official posts. She was a member of ZONTA and VIEW Club for a time and also trained and volunteered as a Lifeline Counsellor, for 18 years in Tamworth. She enjoys gardening, family history, movies, plays, musicals and concerts, reading (belonging to a book club), U3A and Probus. With her interest in family history she has been able to trace her family back at least seven generations, and has been fortunate enough to travel to the places where her ancestors lived and to establish links with the families who remain in Scotland and Ireland. Dementia Support remains important to her.

Lorraine's main passion, apart from her family, is travel. She has flown over Antarctica and travelled to much of Asia, west coast of USA, New Zealand, UK and Europe, Turkey, Russia, Canada and Alaska, much of Australia and most recently six countries in Africa. Her trips were with friends, family, Bruce and their girls, sometimes by herself. Each trip as she says "made her heart sing and gave her great delight". She hopes to travel for as long as she is able.

Lorraine joined Probus to make contacts after re-locating. She also belongs to Penrith South Probus.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEB. 2018 Wednesday 21st. :Probus general Meeting: Applications for Committee positions close.

FEB. 2018 Wednesday 28th. :Harbour cruise with High Tea. **Leaving from Circular Quay Wharf 6.**

Arrive 12:15 latest. Departs 12:30, returns 14:20.

MARCH. 2018 Wednesday 14th. 11:00-14:30 The Irish Show, featuring The Black Water Irish Band.

The Burning Log, 2 Dight Street, Windsor. **\$46 pp including lunch. Pay at February meeting.**

APRIL. 2018 Monday 30th. :The Good Old Days Concert at Sydney Town Hall. The Magnificent Voice of Tahu Rhodes - in concert. 2:00 pm show. Have lunch first. **Tickets \$45 pp pay at February meeting.**

*****PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CLUB CANNOT ISSUE REFUNDS OTHER THAN IN THE CASE THAT THE EVENT IS COMPLETELY CANCELLED*****

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 1st.-8th. 2018: Melbourne to Adelaide, Great Ocean Road. Jenny will be at the February meeting to collect the balance for this trip or you can pay at her offices.

October 19th.-27th. 2018: Tasmanian Trip. **2018:** Visit Planetarium, Woolongong.

November 2018: Christmas Lights Tour, Hunter Valley.

UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS

February 2018: Jan Plume - Hypnotherapy. Plus Jenny Thomas, Travel Associates.

March 21st. 2018: April 18th. 2018: AGM. Lorraine, Penrith Library services.

WELFARE

Carole has sent cards to Pat Ryan, Iris Kilminster & Pat Sanders.

MOVIE GROUP

24th. Feb. 11:20 session : **FINDING YOUR FEET.** On the eve of her retirement a middle class judgemental snob finds out her husband has been having an affair. English comedy starring Joanna Lumley, Celia Imrie and Timothy Spall.

10th. Mar. Time TBA : **ALL THE MONEY IN THE WORLD.** True story of the kidnapping of 16 year old John Paul Getty 3rd. & the desperate attempt by his mother to convince his billionaire Grandfather to pay the ransom. Starring Michelle Williams, Christopher Plummer & Mark Wahlberg.

17th. Mar. Time TBA : **MOLLY'S GAME.** True story of an Olympic-class skier, who ran the worlds most exclusive high stakes poker game & became an FBI target. Starring Jessica Chastian, Idris Elba & Kevin Costner.

ACTIVITY GROUPS

CANASTA @ KAYS HOUSE: 11:00am 2nd,Wednesday every month . Speak to Kay for more details.

WALKING GROUP: Every Saturday 7:30am. While the weather is hot! Meet at The Coffee Club Tench Ave.

Jamisontown or Glenmore Park. Any members interested, please speak to **Pat Ryan**, Club Secretary, at our meetings or by phone as listed under **Secretary** on the Newsletter heading. **The walking venue varies and suits most abilities.**

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

.....and one more finally. I have no more crosswords at present, the cryptic ones were too English and the quick ones have run out and I haven't enough time to sort out any "did you knows". So I will use a lesson taught me by 'The Master', Ernie Campbell, and fill the spare side with nostalgic photos and plus a few jokes I have been storing up. Glen Davis.

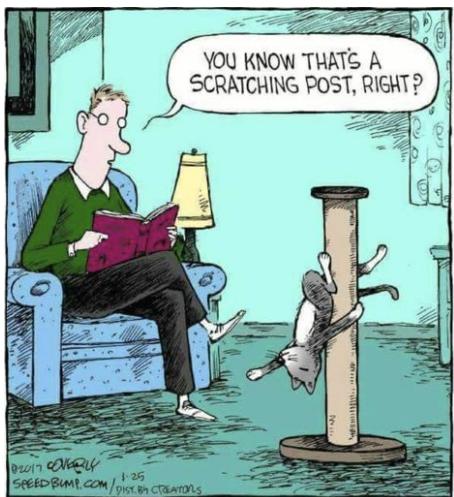


"Hurry! Our New Year's resolutions start in ten minutes."



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MAY 2017 . SYDNEY TRAMWAY MUSEUM AT LOFTUS *Didn't we have a lovely time*



**THE BIG TRIP..... what a fantastic time you all had.
barbara and I missed this one (in the UK for her Mums 90th.)
We won't miss the two this year, booked for both!**



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