



COBBA NEWS



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SOCIAL CLUB NEWS.

I am writing this just prior to heading off on our very exciting cruise to New Zealand. We will be well rested and all set for another year of fun, on our return! The days and months seem to fly by so fast. April will be busy with happy Hour and tavern Nights, thanks to Bruce, Dianne, Mary, Jean and Jim for holding the fort while we are away.

HAPPY HOUR. We did book in a happy hour for “Good Friday” 18th April. I will ring the fish& chip shop to see if they are open, as I think most of us would like to stick to the tradition of “Fish & Chips”. Watch the notice board for more information closer to the date.

SUNDAY TAVERN AFTERNOONS. These are held on most Sundays after Tavern Nights. Bar is open for you to enjoy a glass or two while listening to some music and catching up with other residents. There have been different eats available to buy, such as sausage sizzle, pie or sausage rolls, and pizza. Starts at 4 till 7pm. Give it a try.

Our fridges are all in good working order again. It seems the minute you mention that they may break down, they do! Thanks to Ken Downs, our reliable fridge mechanic.

AUDITOR WANTED. We are looking for a new Auditor to audit our books, if you would like to help out in this way please give me a call. The Social Club would really appreciate your help.

We have had great response to our call for helpers (friends of the Committee). What a great team! Jan will get busy when she gets home and will let you know just where and when, your help will be most appreciated.

Regards (Pres) Trish McKinley.



**CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR
ON SUNDAY APRIL 6TH**

COBBA NEWS

SPECIAL NEWS ITEM JUST RECEIVED!



THE MAN HIMSELF.

His duties will start on
April 1st.

Introducing our
COBAKI SOCIAL CLUB
NEW PRESIDENT.

MR BRUCE KETTLE

Bruce has many new ideas for the village, making things a little less work for the committee.

All meals will be double the price.

Everyone will be given a job to do at Happy Hours one will be to help cooking the meals.

All activities will be charged by the committee for the use of the hall.

There will be a charge for the use of the car wash bays and hoses.

This will enable the committee to collect a good weekly wage. Dress code—NONE.

He is sure that all residents will be very pleased with these small changes. He has more in mind as well, like meal prices going up and liquor prices going down.

A **MAN** full of great ideas for the village future.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW RESIDENTS



Welcome to the village **MARGARET & BOB ALLUM**, who have moved into house **229**. They have moved from Carool, and are looking forward to village life. Margaret is going to try her hand at Indoor bowls and making new friends. They have already been to a Happy Hour and had a very pleasant time there.



JANETTA & JOHN ROSS are settled into their new home, **180**. It was a short move for them, coming from Banora. They were about to head off on their walk around the village when we called, it is one of their hobbies. Janetta loves reading and crosswords. John also loves reading, doing puzzles, along with his computer. They both really enjoy walking.

It is always a pleasure to visit our new folks and explain a bit about our village, thank you to both couples for giving us the time.



John McKinley celebrated his **86th** birthday with family and friends at a party in the hall. It was a real fun night, and lovely to see the family there to help him celebrate. We had the usual cake cutting ceremony.

The night had a few surprises! John & Trish's granddaughter is getting married, but the date clashed with Trish's cruise. The answer to this predicament was to have a wedding ceremony at the party. It was no trouble to organise that, with the help of some costumes from the Theatre Group, all was set ready to go. The up coming bride & groom were taken away and dressed for the wedding. The officiating preacher arrived 'The Reverent I Am Jolly', with his Bibel in his hand, took his place. The music started with the bride on her dads arm (also dressed for the occasion) and the bridesmaid's in pretty pink satin frocks, followed. It was a pity the bride had to continual pull her veil on after it was stepped on! Reverent I Am Jolly performed a very solemn Ceremony, the exchanging of rings took place and then they were pronounced husband & wife. This was followed by the wedding waltz. The groom couldn't wait for the cutting of the cake, he sliced a bit off and danced while he ate it. The official cutting of the cake then took place. The groom was a man of few words and started his short speech with "What are the cricket scores" A toast to them both, and the fun and laughter continued.

A photo of the happy couple, during the ceremony .
They were very nervous as they tried to take in all that is ahead of them in married life. Thanks to Rev I Am Jolly.
We wish them all the very best for their life ahead.



LEADERS OF ACTIVITIES

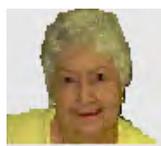
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AQUA AEROBICS No! April 1st didn't come early, nor has the circus come to Cobaki. Management is desperately trying to keep the water fowl out of the pool area, where they are creating a **health** hazard, so we are asking the people to **please** stop feeding the birds. So long as the warm weather continues, so will Aqua Aerobics although I will be unable to be there, due to knee surgery. I have decided it is time for me to step down from the leadership and allow someone new and younger to take over. Next season which usually commences in September will have a new leader as yet to be named.

Tess



CANASTA It was good to see our travellers safely home with us again. Our numbers still are fluctuating, as there are always other commitments which occur and have to be dealt with. However, we always manage to have a few full tables and continue to enjoy our Wednesday afternoons. I felt quite deprived when I had to miss last week because my Home Help day was changed from Tuesday to Wednesday, but hopefully that was a “one-off” and won't happen again. When making appointments with tradies or doctors etc. we all tend to say “any time except Wednesday afternoons”. At our stage of life, all pleasant activities are precious and need to be preserved. Don't forget, we would love to see any of the newcomers to the Village who may be interested in joining us on **WEDNESDAY 1-00 till 4-30** .

Joy



GOLF CROQUET is played every **Saturday morning from 8.30am** on the lawns overlooking the greens just down from the DK Centre. New members are always welcome. Why not come along and at least give it a try for I am sure that you will find this passive form of exercise, which is also very good brain food, very much to your liking. The Group has been enjoying very good weather lately and it will just get even better from now on. There is nothing like a slice of fresh clean air and a good laugh to start off your Saturdays. By the way you don't need any equipment as it is provided.

Happy hooping until next time.

Hannah



note.

BINGO. It is pleasing to see some new players, especially with some of our regulars taking holidays, but it would be nice to see more. So if you can, come along to the hall on a **MONDAY at 1-30pm** and join in the fun, you will be made most welcome and a cup of tea and a chat afterwards finishes the afternoon on a happy

Jean & Mick



LIBRARY Not much to report, the library is still doing well with plenty of DVD's being donated by all you kind people. Don't forget if you have any DVD's stacked away that you don't watch anymore, we will gladly accept them.

We are open everyday during daylight hours. So why not drop in. *Ian*

An attractive blonde from Cork , Ireland , arrived at the Las Vegas Casino. She seemed a little intoxicated and bet twenty thousand dollars in a single roll of the dice. She said, "I hope you don't mind, but I feel much luckier when I'm completely nude." with that, she stripped from the neck down, rolled the dice and with an Irish brogue yelled, "Come on, baby, Mama needs new clothes!" As the dice came to a stop, she jumped up and down and squealed. "Yes! Yes! I won, I won!" She hugged each of the dealers, picked up her winnings and her clothes and quickly departed. The dealers stared at each other dumbfounded. Finally, one of them asked, "What did she roll?" The other answered, "I don't know - I thought you were watching." MORAL OF THE STORY.

Not all Irish are drunks, not all blondes are dumb,but all men...are men!



INDOOR BOWLS: Another month gone by already! Time flies when you are having fun! That is what happens on Monday mornings at Indoor Bowls. Welcome to all our new members. We have had quite a few join us over the past few weeks. Thank you to all the helpers that assist with the setting up and putting things away before leaving. Your help is much appreciated! Bowling starts at 9.30am in the Rec Hall on Monday mornings. Finishing approx. 11.30am.

Jim





COMPUTER CLUB Hi boys and girls, here's some more technology trivia for you. Latest figures from China show there are over 700 million smartphones and tablet computers in use there. And more than a quarter of them are 'top end' (think iPhone 5S and Samsung Galaxy 4) models. Of that quarter Apple has about 70%.

Some of us have senior seniors who want to use email, etc. but have some difficulties with the complexity of computing in general. Well, there are easier than usual email programs available, try PawPawMail (sounds juicy doesn't it?) or maybe Easymail. Happy computing, and if you want to come along we meet on **Fridays at 10 o'clock** in the D.K.Centre library/meeting room.

Regards,

Mac.



COBAKI COBBA'S SOCIAL LAWN BOWLS CLUB: I hope that all members were happy with the information that was mailed into their letter boxes. Committee information, bowling dates etc. If anyone hasn't received this info please contact me. More about defending the 'Legacy Day Trophy' in our next report. We will be visiting Mullumbimby Bowls Club on Sunday, April 13th, travelling by coach. Check notice board for details and list for names. This will be another great day out, so hope to see you there. The following next two bowls days will be Sunday, May 18th visiting Cudgen, then another trip to Nimbin by coach on June 22nd. Please note: Lunch at Seagulls Club, will be on May 4th after our May monthly meeting, details later. For any inquires about the club, please contact me at house 171, or call 5599 8956.

Jim



SINGLE LADIES; Some of us attended a few events during Seniors Week – 2 of us went on a bus trip to Yamba – it was a lovely day but never again will we travel with J & B Buses on their bus that has 5 seats across (in lieu of 4), and was really a 'school bus'. A complaint was lodged and the person lodging the complaint was told that 'they didn't need people like her on the trips!' Well, we live and learn! To make up for that, a group of us went to the Tweed Heads Public School for a concert put on by the children – it was really good – we will all go again next year! Then we continued onto a Seniors Lunch held at the Baptist Church just behind Bunnings, which was also most enjoyable. One of our number, Patti Fitzsimmons, turned 90 on 16th March and we will celebrate her birthday ASAP – I think she is still recovering from family celebrations at the time of writing! We are looking forward to our next trip on April 2nd, going to the Kingston Butter Factory (it stopped making butter many years ago but is still an interesting venue), and then onto the Buddhist Temple in Rochedale. We do try to do some 'interesting' trips!

We meet **Wednesday mornings 10am** in the hall. Any single ladies are welcome to join us any- time, so come along for a chat a n d a cuppa!



Jean



CRAFT; Has it really been a month since our last Cobba report? 'just like sands of the hourglass there go the days of our lives', I think the holes in my sieve have suddenly got bigger, because the days are getting awfully close together. We were very happy to welcome Joy into our group, and hope she enjoys her time spent with us. We were also very happy and pleased to welcome Betty Paynter back into the fold, after a nasty accident while she was on holiday, prevented her from travelling home for many weeks. We wish a very belated happy birthday to Jill Farrar who celebrated her birthday on March 13th. If you are new to this resort we like to call 'The Village' you will be made very welcome in our craft group. We meet **Thursdays 1.00pm in the hall.**

We are waiting to make your acquaintance.
Mary



POKIE BUS TRIP; Our next trip will be in April to Byron Bay and the services club . I am away for two weeks but will put a notice on the board when I get back. I am hoping to go on **Thursday 17th of April.**



Pam 55997097



TRIVIA- Great to see our regular players turning up and it was good to welcome some new additions to our happy band of Brainiacs!!! We had our usual fun evening. Results were:- Lucky Door Prize – Jeanette Jordan. 1st place was Team Anzacs 2nd place was Team Amigos 3rd place was Team Hot Shots and just missing out on 3rd place by one point was Team Shocking. Well done everyone. Don't forget to tell your friends, it's much more fun with lots of people.

My sisters and I will see you again on Wed 2nd April at 6.30pm.

Myrna

No English dictionary has been able to adequately explain the difference between these two words. In a recently held linguistic competition held in London and attended by supposedly the best in the world, Samsundar Balgobin, a Guyanese man, was the clear winner with a standing ovation which lasted over 5 minutes.

The final question was:.. How do you explain the difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED in a way that is easy to understand. Some people say there is NO difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED. Here is his astute answer:

When you marry the right woman, you are COMPLETE. When you marry the wrong woman, you are FINISHED, and when the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are COMPLETELY FINISHED!!

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SOCIAL GOLF NEWS; Another very warm day for our Golfers this month .Despite our numbers being down due to holidays, we still managed to get 10 players 1 Lady 9 Men. Well done Cliff Boyd for taking out our 1st prize. We welcomed 2 new members Joy & Norman Chapman, we hope they enjoy our Golf days. Our fines Master is certainly causing lots of laughs with every one very happy to hand over their \$1 fine .Thanks to Arthur Mears for taking over our B.B.Q. cooking.

By popular vote it's back to Chinderah on April 16th with 8.am hit off.

See you there *Maggie ,Geoff*.

ANOTHER LOOK AT GOLF. It has so many hidden traps as one of our golfers found out. As we know this has been a very dry summer, and playing at Foxes there are many spots where the water just lays for ages and some spots that are a little hilly, all this usually adding to a great game of golf. An unnamed player recently was playing the first 9 holes and not doing to badly, but her next shot had gone off line a bit, she could she it was were the water had been but looked very dry now, after giving it a little test with her foot decided all was well. Taking a larger step to get to the ball, and down she went up to her knees in mud. Horror oh horror!!! When she tried to get out all was not well, she yelled out, "HELP" and three knights in shinning armour came running, they tried all different ways to pull her free. Fred suggested she lay back and he would catch her, by put his arms under your armpits and pull that way. One foot would came free but not the other, it was stuck, the only thing to do was go down with her hand and move some of the mud from around it by this time she was looking like a chocolate coated frog. At last foot was free, with help it was a matter then of trying to get some of the mud off, they did that as best possible with towels and bottled water. There was no way she was missing out on her golf, her shoes were wet & muddy and slurped as she walked. On finishing the 9 holes she went back to the club house and explained her predicament to the attendant and did suggest in a very calm way that he should at least have a sign there, then ask for a hose. "You are standing right next to one"! She hosed herself down and continued to finishing the 18 holes. Could you imagine what it looked like each time she bent over with the sight being her rear end covered in mud, as well as her shoes singing a Slurpee song. She is going to be in debt to her three knights Fred, Bob & Brian for ever!



We do wish that someone had found a camera first, then we could have given you the real photo of the event.

This photo is as close as we could find.



ROOKIES SNOOKER CLUB. Welcome new member Grahame Mahoney. Good to see Rod and Jack arrived safely back from their overseas trip already. The monthly B.B.Q. last Wednesday was another success. The winner of the scotch was Bill Ryan, who delegated Duncan to divvy out a wee dram to those with the taste! The next function will be our get together in the Rec hall on **Sunday 13th**

April 2014, plenty of good food and drinks plus a few raffles—be there.

See the notice board for details, over the next couple of months. Etc etc. Regards **Garry**

Did you know the game of snooker is a cue sport which emerged in its modern form in the late 19th century, with roots going back to the 16th century form of English billiards.

Billiards was popular among the British Armed Forces stationed in India. As billiards was only a two player game, new games such as life pool and pyramid pool were developed in order to accommodate more players. Eventually, these two games were combined to form snooker. The name snooker comes from a comment Chamberlain made about a player who missed a shot. He called him “a real snooker”, referring to lack of experience ‘snooker being the slang term for a first year cadet. The first official set of rules for snooker were drafted in 1882 at

Ootacamund in Madras Province.

Next month we will follow the beginning and early years of this game.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA FOR CANCER

This year we are holding the morning tea on **WEDNESDAY 7thMAY in the hall.** All are invited, so put that date in your diaries and come along to help with raising money to fight this dreadful disease. To assist Denise and myself, we would be very grateful to receive donations of small items for sale at the morning tea—please let **Denise (171) 5599 8956** or **Jean (17) 5599 9273** know if you are able to help. All money goes towards research.



SPIDER BITES. This message comes from the ‘Australian Red Cross’



This is a new known spider, so please take note, it has been found all over the Eastern Australia and heading to WA. Looks similar to a huntsman. The spider is in all states so please watch out. Not a good look! Please take note of this spider—it is dangerous.



The picture of the thumb is a bite that is 5 days old, it does get a lot worse. A good safe guard is to wear gloves when you are in the garden. If you do get bitten it would be wise to go and have it seen to straight away, especially if you know it was one of these that bit you.



A police officer pulls over a speeding car. The officer says, “ I clocked you at 120 Kph, Sir” the drive says, “Hell, officer I had it on cruise control at 100, perhaps your radar gun needs calibrating.” Not looking up from her knitting, the wife says: “Now don't be silly dear, you know that this car doesn't have cruise control.” As the officer writes out the ticket, the driver looks over at his wife and growls, “Can't you please keep your mouth shut for once?” The wife smiles demurely

and says, “You should be thankful your radar detector went off when it did.” As the officer makes out the second ticket for the illegal radar detector unit, the man snarls at his wife through clenched teeth. “Damn it woman, can't you keep your mouth shut?” The officer frowns and says, “And I notice that you're not wearing your seat belt, sir, That's an automatic \$75 fine.”

The driver says, “Yeah, well you see officer, I had it on, but took it off when you pulled me over so that I could get my license out of my back pocket.” Wife says, “Now, dear, you know very well that you didn't have your seat belt on. You never wear your seat belt when you are driving.” As the police officer is writing out the 3rd ticket the driver turns to his wife and barks, “WHY DON'T YOU SHUT UP?” The officer looks over at the woman and asks, “Does your husband always talk to you this way Ma'am?”

“Only when he drinks too much.”



Sadly we bring you the news of the passing of

TRISH McHUGH formally house 44.

Passed away on 21st March 2014.

Trish had been in the village for many years and made lots of friends over that period.

She moved into a nursing home closer to her family on Bendigo.

Trish had been in bad health for some time.

Our condolences to her family



PATIENCE



Chocolate Easter bunny

In a jelly bean nest.

I'm saving you for the very last

Because I love you best.

I'll only take a nibble

From the tip of your ear

And bite from the other side

So that you won't look queer.

Yum, you're so delicious!

I didn't mean to eat

Your chocolate tail till Tuesday

Ooops! There go your feet!

I wonder how your back tastes

With all that chocolate hair.

I never thought your tummy

Was only filled with air!

Chocolate Easter bunny

In a jelly bean nest,

I'm saving you for very last

Because I love you best.





Anzac Day.
25th April.

It is a time to remember
those who fought and died
for us so we can live
as we do to-day.



Dear Lions Bay School , God bless you for the beautiful radio I won at your recent Senior Citizens luncheon. I am 87 years old and live at the West Geelong Home for the Aged. All of my family has passed away so I am all alone. I want to thank you for the kindness you have shown to a forgotten old lady. My roommate is 95 and has always had her own radio, but, she would never let me listen to it. She said it belonged to her long dead husband, and understandably, wanted to keep it safe. The other day her radio fell off the nightstand and broke into a dozen pieces. It was awful and she was in tears. She asked if she could listen to mine, and I was overjoyed that I could tell her to bugger off. Thank you for that wonderful opportunity.

God bless you all. Sincerely, Edna



COBBA NEWS ARTICLES. If you would like to put something in the Cobba News all you need to do is drop a note in Box 140, all items must be signed. Maybe you want to sell something, tell us of a good tradesman, want something or celebrating a special occasion, we are happy to help in any way. Our phone number is on page 1.



DAY LIGHT SAVING ENDS

ON

SUNDAY 6TH APRIL.

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