



COBBA NEWS.



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SOCIAL CLUB NEWS.

Hi Folks! Here we are back from our cruise to the South Pacific. WOW! Did we have a great time, talk about being spoilt! Denise enjoyed lobster and decided to look like one by getting badly sun burnt, but still enjoyed herself. Betty & Bill Lafferty were also on the same cruise, it was great have their company. However exciting it is to go on holidays, it's just as great to return home to our family and friends.

We hope the list of events which were put in your letterbox will be a help to future events.

HAPPY HOUR. They are on 9th and 23rd March. If you wish to come to happy Hour but are worried about finding a seat PLEASE give me a ring.

TAVERN NIGHTS. 2nd-16th-30th March. for these fun nights, there is room there for you.

SATURDAY MORNING RAFFLES. These are back for 2012. We need and appreciate your contribution, there are great prizes to be won, winners can be checked on the notice board after the drawing of the raffle. All prizes go into your letter box.

Big Welcome home to Bruce Wall– Jack Higginbotham and Rodney Caton who have been holidaying in Thailand for the past three weeks..

With the year now underway, we look forward to bringing you a host of fun filled events. Looking forward to you joining us at our functions.

President.. *Trish McKinley*



DAYLIGHT SAVING

OVER ON SUNDAY 1ST APRIL

**PUT YOUR CLOCKS BACK
ONE HOUR**



COBAKI LITTLE THEATRE

WE WILL BE PRESENT-
ING

'SCRAMBLED EGGS'

ON APRIL Fri. 20th– Sat 21st.
Sunday 22nd is a Matinee 2.00pm.

This production is now in full rehearsal and we
promise you

Watch our notice board for more information.



Last summer, down on Lake Isabella, located in the high desert an hour east of Bakersfield, CA, some folks, new to boating, were having a problem. No matter how hard they tried, they couldn't get their brand new 22 foot boat going. It was very sluggish in almost every manoeuvre, no matter how much power they applied. After about an hour of trying to make it go, they putted into a nearby marina, thinking someone there may be able to tell them what was wrong. A thorough topside check revealed everything in perfect working condition. The engine ran fine, the out-drive went up and down, and the propeller was the correct size and pitch. So, one of the marina guys jumped in the water to check underneath. He came up choking on laughing so

IS TRUE.

still strapped
was the trailer!



water, he was
hard. NOW RE-
MEMBER... THIS

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WATER AEROBICS An invitation to all those who have not as yet tried the water aerobics, we still have room for more. You don't need to be able to swim, nor do we put our heads under water, you only do what you are capable of doing. Come along and get that bit of exercise that maybe your doctor has suggested. This months "Seniors" paper has an article on the front page, encouraging people to do Aqua Aerobics. Our annual BBQ breakfast was enjoyed by all. A big **THANK YOU** to all the cooks and their assistants. Hope to see you in the pool at **7-00am Mon-Fri** *Tess*



CROQUET CLUB The Cobaki Village Croquet Club meets every **Wednesday and Saturday from 8.30am**. New players are always welcome, why not come along and give it a go. Its great brain food and its a terrific excuse for a "walk and talk" with very friendly company in the cool clean early morning air. Did you know that mallet sports have also been called billiards and snooker played on grass!



Hannah



BINGO Due to the passing of Vonnie Kildare there was no bingo last Monday, as the wake for her was in the hall. She will be sorely missed as she was a stalwart of the club, but we will carry on. We would welcome some new faces, how about coming along and joining in the fun. The hall is vacant from 1-00pm, the games start at 1-30pm. Admission is \$5 that also includes a nice cuppa and a chat.

Mark it in your diary– **Monday 1.30pm.**

Jean & Lillian



TRIVIA:- We had a good turn up for our first evening of 2012. However there is lots of room for new players, as we now have a number of teams on extended travels. We play in teams of four but we can match you up with other Cobakites if you don't have four OR you can come along as an observer and have a look at what we do and the fun we have. It's really not Einstein stuff, just general knowledge. February placegetters were - 1st-Anzacs, 2nd-Pasta, and a tie between Hot Shots and 4 from 3. Betty Jones won the Lucky Door prize. It isn't a late night. It costs only \$3 to play and there are lovely prizes to be won. **Next Trivia night 7th March.6.30pm.**

Myrna, Doreen & Maureen



EXERCISE: Another month gone by already. Almost into Autumn! Some of our people are away on overseas trips, long trips around Australia and so forth, but the rest of us are still at the Rec Hall three times a week doing our exercises.

Come along and join in the fun and at the same time 'take a walk' with us.
Tuesday & Thursday 7.15 - 7.45am Wednesday 7.00 - 7.45am
Keep walking Denise



COBAKI LAWN BOWLERS: We had a very successful AGM at the beginning of February. It was good to see so many members present. Thank you all for attending and for all the support you, as members, give to the club. We are all looking forward to another great year. After our wonderful trip to Nimbin in January, we had another great bowling day in February at Oceans Shores. The club, along with magnificent views of hills & ocean, provided us with morning tea, lunch & bowls, and most of all great hospitality. On **March 25th** we visit **Condong Bowls Club** for Legacy Day, back to defend our title from last year. On **April 29th** we go to **Pottsville Bowls Club** for bowls & lunch. More details will be displayed on the notice board and discussed at the meetings. Don't forget our meetings are held on the first Sunday of the month in the DK Centre @ 10.00am unless otherwise advised. and remember to make a note of the dates in **October - 26th/27th/28th**, for our 3 day trip to **Stanthorpe, Tenterfield & Boonah**.

Enquiries contact Vic 55997516 or Jim 55998956



CANASTA REPORT. By the time we are reading this, hopefully, all our lucky vacationers will have returned and those who were on the sick list now fully recovered. We are very fortunate to have such comfortable amenities where we can relax in the comfort of air conditioning and enjoy our games (and we don't have to drive home along Kennedy Drive!) If you know anyone who may be interested in playing, please encourage them to join us for a trial game.

Wednesday - 1.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Joy



INDOOR BOWLS The old year finished off most enjoyably with our Xmas spit roast dinner going down very well. We are all looking forward to a good New Year, and it has started off well, with a brand new bowls carpet, purchased a couple of weeks ago. Thanks a lot to the hard work put in by **DENISE MORTON** and the very good help of **BRUCE WALL** which resulted in **HARRY KUCKO** donating the cost of the new carpet. We **ALL** say thank you. New bowlers are always welcome or why not come along and see what goes on, I assure you, you will get a good laugh.

We get together every **MONDAY morning. 9.30am**

ALF



COMPUTER CLUB Hi Folks, It seems some readers were a little confused by my last report, so here's a repeat. President Barack Obama wants to have complete censorship of the Internet. He wants to shut down *any* website that he thinks is "dangerous to society". This control would, of course, be passed on to his underlings, Government Departments, their employees, etc. Potentially, two people could have a conversation, say on Twitter; a faceless Government employee sees it, decides it is "dangerous" and shuts down Twitter! Or whatever site it happens to be on. In a few months, half the internet could be gone! And Australia has a habit of following the USA, almost blindly sometimes, so similar censorship would be quite on the cards here too. Temporarily, at least, the Act of Congress which would allow Obama to do all this has been rejected, but look out for it to re-appear sometime later. Big Brother is alive and well!

On a lighter note, we meet on **Fridays at 10 o'clock** in the D.K. Centre.

All of you are welcome to join us— we talk about a lot of frivolous stuff too. **MAC**



LIBRARY Hi folks, nothing much to report this month, only that the library is growing by the week. Thanks to all the people who donate unwanted books, we even have a good selection of jig-saw puzzles. Sometime when you are passing the D.K. Centre, why not bob in and give us the once over. As a resident you are already a member. The only thing we ask is, please do not keep the books out too long and put everything back on the trolley when you have finished with them.

Thanks again to JIM for all his help. We are open 7 days a week during daylight hours. **IAN**



SINGLE LADIES

Our first outing of the year was to the Seabird Rescue Centre and Turtle Beach at Ballina, with a lovely home made lunch to follow. All agreed it was a lovely day out as you can see, from these ladies in the picture as they settle down for a chat!

At the end of April a 4 day/3 night trip to Warwick and Stanthorpe is planned. Anyone interested contact Lorna, House 28 – phone 5599 7483 or keep a watch on the notice board.

We are all looking forward to NSW Seniors week, 18 – 25 March as there are always some interesting things to do and some good bus trips. See the Tweed Link & other newspapers for more information. Single ladies, come and join us – we have some laughs as well as morning tea and chats, we arrange to go to various shows, usually Twin Towns and we ‘lunch’ once a month at various venues. We meet each **Wed 10.00am** in the hall.

Jean



CRAFT Hi everyone, well not a lot has happened at craft since my last report. We have had three birthdays in February--

Freda Wilcock Feb 2nd **June Peters** (80th) Feb 5th **Pam O'Brien** Feb 26th

Thank you for all the yummy treats ladies, just what we needed right after Christmas

We also send our sincere condolences to Olga Elliot, who lost her life partner Arthur on the 13th of Feb, our thoughts are with you Olga. We are still waiting for you to come to craft, it's an open invitation, why not come & visit us, find out just what we do, you will be made most welcome. We meet on **Thursday 1.30pm** in the hall.

Mary



Three Irishmen are sitting in the pub window seat, watching the front door of the brothel over the road.

The local Methodist pastor appears, and quickly goes inside.

"Would you look at that!" says the first Irishman.

"Didn't I always say what a bunch of hypocrites they are?"

No sooner are the words out of his mouth than a Rabbi appears at the door, knocks, and goes inside.

"Another one trying to fool everyone with pious preaching and stupid hats!" They continue drinking their beer roundly condemning the vicar and the rabbi When they see their own Catholic priest knock on the door.

"Ah, now dat's sad." says the third Irishman.

"One of the girls must have died."



WELCOME TO NEW RESIDENTS.. It is always a pleasure to call on our new residents and have a chat with them, we thank **BETTY & GRAEME JOHNSTON**, (160) for giving us some of their valuable time. They really are from West Tweed, we didn't have to give them direction to shopping Centre's etc. Graeme has been a member of the Murwillumbah Gun Club for many years and is still enjoying his time there. Betty is enjoying her move and looking forward to being more settled when they have finished all the changes they want to do.

TRUE STORY!!!

A noted psychiatrist was a guest speaker at an academic function where Nancy Pelosi happened to appear. Ms Pelosi took the opportunity to schmooze the good doctor a bit and asked him a question with which he was most at ease. "Would you mind telling me Doctor" she asked, "how you detect a mental deficiency in somebody who appears completely normal?" "Nothing is easier," he replied. "You ask a simple question which anyone should answer with no trouble. If the person hesitates, that puts you on track.. "What sort of question?" asked Pelosi. " Well, you might ask, "Captain Cook made three trips around the world and died during one of them , which one?" Pelosi thought a moment, and then said with a nervous laugh, "You wouldn't happen to have another example would you? I must confess I don't know much about history."



SHIRLEY'S BUS TRIP: As this newsletter goes to print we have just had our first trip for the year, to Ballina and I hope everyone enjoyed it. The next trip is to the Brisbane **Broncos on Thursday April 19th**. The cost is \$25 , which includes a smorgasbord lunch. I need 40 people for this trip, as the club will only subsidise part of the bus for 40 people or more. I will need payment **Friday 6th of April** as I will be away for the week prior to the trip. *Pam*

DAY AT THE MARKETS: Just a reminder that the bus will be leaving the village on **Sunday, March 11th at 7.15am (NSW)** for our day trip to the **Rocklea Markets in Brisbane** at a cost of **\$22.00**. Anyone who has not put their name down on the list and would like to come along, please contact me as there is still room on the bus. Money to be paid into **Mail box 171 by March 8th** please. Looking forward to a great day shopping. *Denise (171) 55998956*

YESTERDAY'S TOYS When my 5 & 6 year old grandchildren came to stay with us, they loved dragging out the pink and mauve scooters. They scooted up and down the new driveway; sailed down the street under Pop's watchful eye, fetched the mail and returned from a swim in the pool, their wet towels secured round their necks, flying in the wind. They arrived recently to see Nan with their new friends called "iPods". Time has flown, older now and apparently much wiser at 8 and 9 years. A suggestion to pick up the mail on scooters met with two surprised and sorrowful looks at each other. Oh dear, poor Nan, she lives in the past without either a computer or microwave!. "Yes Nan we'll walk over-but could we just finish these first?" Return to silent mode with their modern companions. Two inanimate objects wait in my shed, not needed but with good memories for one oldie.



If you have young grandchildren, who {heaven help them} are not into "iPods" ring me anytime to view the scooters. *Marion Giddings. 55998952*



It is with sadness we bring you the passing of

VONNIE KILDEA house 87

Vonnie passed away in hospital after suffering bad health for some time.

On the 6th February 2012.

Vonnie was one of our very early residents, she moved in with her husband Dennis who passed away some years ago.

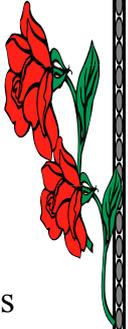
Bingo's first caller was Vonnie, and she continued that for some time, she was a tireless worker for charities and played quite a big part in work for 'The Old Barstards' along with her 'Penny Auctions' in the hall.

In all the 18 years that Vonnie was with us she was very well know by all, and always enjoyed the Happy Hours nights and a glass or two with her friends.

The family would like to thank all the marvelous people in the village for all the help and kindness shown to their mother during her time in the village.

Special thank you to Barbara Grisdale and her hard working team for the delicious spread they had made and set out for the wake.

Your village is full of wonderful feeling people.



Sadly on the 13th February 2012,

ARTHUR ELLIOTT house 281

passed away in a nursing home.

Arthur had been ill for some time and had been in the nursing home for 2 years.

Arthurs life was horses, he had a Trotting Stud earlier on.

At his funeral the theme was his horses and memorabilia of that life.

He was a true Aussie and a member of the family played 'True Blue'

Olga would like to thank everyone who send condolences and wonderful kindness.



GARDENING WITH ROSS



Bulbs: Lots of people leave their bulbs in the ground through our wet summers.

This is wrong, here we are best to dig out the bulbs, wash then clean and dry them in the sun for a day. When you are happy that they are dry and clean put them in a brown Paper bag and store them in the fridge, yes the fridge, for at least 2 weeks. This tells the bulbs that winter has arrived. Plant when winter arrives (June). Make sure that the ground is fertilized with Blood and Bone before putting them in the ground.

I expect to see lot of nice bulbs flowering this next spring.

Good luck. Ross



When my husband and I arrived at a car dealership to pick up our car after a service, we were told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the drivers side door. As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked. 'Hey,' I announced to the technician, 'its open!' His reply, 'I know.'

SOLOR PANELS. When my Electricity meter was read the last time, the gentleman reading it was kind enough to tell me that mine was not working and I needed to contact the company who installed it. I did that and they sent a electrician out to find the problem. He found that the small box beside the inverter was full of water and when it was installed it wasn't done correctly and they had not sealed it properly. He replaced the box and installed it correctly. I have had mine for around 3 years, and the leak eventually caused all the problem. John Worrall Ph. 5599 7984 is happy to have a look at yours if you are worried. John is away at present but will be home shortly. *Kath Ashby.*

NEED A GOOD HANDYMAN.. You might like to try this one, we have been told he is very good and a tireless worker, rates are reasonable. You can contact him on **5523 3954** or mobile **0407 454 761**. Thanks to Pat Niemeyer (331) for passing this name onto us.



WANTED.. Buttons for babies and toddlers cardigans, not large buttons. Elaine Torrie at 306 would love to hear from anyone who can help out, Elaine knits for the hospital and buttons are getting very expensive. Please give Elaine a call on **5599 8948** she would be most grateful.

ONLY an Aussie could pull this off!!! A true story from Mt Isa in Queensland. A routine Police patrol car was parked outside a local neighbourhood pub late in the evening, watching for the usual offenders. The officer noticed a man, leaving the bar so intoxicated that he could barely walk. The man stumbled around the car park for a few minutes, with the officer quietly observing. After what seemed an eternity and trying his keys on five vehicles. the man managed to find his car, which he fell into. he was there for a few minutes as a number of other patrons left the bar and drove off. Finally he started the car, switched the wipers on and off (it was a fine dry day), He flicked the indicators on the off, tooted the horn and the switched on the lights. He moved his vehicle forward a few meters, reversed a little then remained stationary for a few more minutes as some vehicles left. at last he pulled out of the car park and started to drive slowly down the road. The police officer, having patiently waited all this time, now started up the patrol car, put on the flashing lights, pulled the man over and carried out a breathalyser test. To his amazement the breathalyser indicated no evidence of the man's intoxication. The police officer said "I'll have to ask you to accompany me to the Police station- this breathalyser equipment must be broken." "I doubt it." said the man, " tonight I'm the designated decoy!"

REMINDER.. All items including reports **MUST** be in by the **20th of any month**. If you have something you would like in the Cobba News drop it in box 140, and it must be signed.

To all our sick folk , we do hope that you are on the mend soon.
 To all those celebrating special occasions congratulations.
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