

COBBA NEWS

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SOCIAL CLUB NEWS



Well folks, another month has flown by and the end of the year looming. November looks like being another very busy month. With Melbourne Cup, Village Christmas party as well as Happy hours and Tavern nights.



VILLAGE CHRISTMAS PARTY. This is on **November 24th.** Booking forms will be out very soon. If you could have your forms in as soon as possible would be a big help. This will be a real fun day, as we celebrate with a delicious meal and a few surprises.

HAPPY HOURS. We only have three left for the year. These have proved to be very popular, filled with 3 choices of main meals and 2 choices of sweets. We have been adding more prizes to the raffles giving everyone a better chance of going home with one. The lucky table always causes a good laugh.

TAVERN NIGHTS. There will be five more to the end of the year, the reason for more Tavern nights is due to the Theatre Groups Show dates. If possible would you pre order your pies & sausage rolls. It is getting very hard to judge the amount needed. Write your name & house number on an envelope and put it in the Social Club box by Thursday evening. Choices are. Meat pie/ Chicken pie/ sausage rolls. All costing \$2 thanks for your cooperation.

BIG WELCOME TO Neil & Robyn Johnson who have joined us on the committee. Thanks guys! Our Jimbo has been out of action having an operation on his back, he is on the mend, but still waiting to be ok from the doctor.

PLEASE PLEASE do **not** come into the kitchen when we are cooking preparing meals. This is very dangerous to both yourself and to the committee. We are busy with **hot pots etc.** This includes coming in through the kitchen door as well as coming through the hall. We are sure you understand how serious this could get.

We do look forward to seeing you join us in the functions organised for the end of the year.

With kind regards.. Pres. Trish McKinley.



SWANS



We do have a lot of bird life in the village, but for some reason the swans are very happy here as well. The first picture they are just outside the office, and would have been happy to have gone in.

The other two are when they decided to join in the croquet game. It was suggested by Graham that if you could get the ball between their legs you would score extra points. The swans were quite happy with the game.



Recently there was a group of about 14 here, wandering around as if they owned the place.

They are quite inquisitive as one of our residents found out, they checked out his place, shed and all.

We have been watching a mother duck and her family for some time as they wander up and down the streets in the village.



The pelicans can be seen most days on the lake, they are all very interesting to watch. The ducks can keep you entertained as they have their little differences, and flutter across the lake.

We are very thankful that we are lucky enough to have the company of all the bird life in the village.

DO NOT FEED THE BIRDS

We had a lady here from the 'Wildlife' who comes quite often to check on the wildlife here and she was very upset to see some residents feeding the birds with bread. We have been asked to remind everyone that it is not the right thing to do feeding the birds bread or seeds. It can make the birds sick. They need to forage for their own food.

A woman was asked, "When you are at a ripe old age, and had to pick one, which would you choose -- Parkinson's or Alzheimer's?" This wise lady answered, "Definitely Parkinson's -- better to spill half my wine than to forget where I put the bottle."



COBAKI LITTLE THEATRE.

PRESENTING
'IF I COULD TURN BACK TIME'

ON

FRIDAY.. 15TH SATURDAY 16TH
SUNDAY 17TH —MATINEE

DOORS OPEN Fri & Sat 6.00

show starts 7.00pm.

Sunday Matinee doors open 1.00

show starts 2.00pm.

**COST \$7. INCLUDES FREE DRINK
PRIOR TO SHOW.**

Refreshments at interval.

(the price given in October Cobba News was incorrect)

\$2 of your ticket money will be given to bushfire relief.

What ever we make the Social Club will match.

THANK YOU to all the lovely Cobakites that came to help me when I had a fall. You know who you are you are all wonderful . Terry house 330.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW RESIDENT.



We are very happy to welcome **INGRID STEYNBERG**, who has moved into house **101**. Ingrid is from South Africa, and had been staying with family until she found her new home. She loves the outdoor life, walking , sketching and nature are very dear to her. Also writing and reading also are among her hobbies. She has already been to a Happy Hour and a tavern Night. Ingrid would like to thank all who have helped her with settling into her new home. A very big welcome Ingrid.

Last month we must apologise for not adding **Lesley & Kevin Wilson** house no, they have moved into 296. We can't blame the computer again so we take the blame for the mistake.



Mick walks into Paddy's barn and catches him dancing naked in front of a tractor. Mick says, "Oi Paddy, what ya doing?" Paddy says, "Well me and Mary haven't been getting on in the bedroom lately & the therapist recommended I do something sexy to a tractor."

LEADERS OF ACTIVITIES

HALL BOOKINGS—CHRIS POOLEY 55998198

<u>CANASTA</u> JOY ROACH 55997359	<u>LIBRARY</u> IAN POOLEY	55998198
<u>INDOOR BOWLS</u> JIM MORTON 55998956	<u>BINGO</u> JEAN BRUNT	55998321
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<u>TRIVIA NIGHT</u> MYRNA HUGHES 55997061	<u>POKIE BUS TRIPS</u> PAM CURRY	55997097
<u>GARDENING</u> ROSS DAVIS 55997576	<u>GENTLE EXERCISE</u> DENISE MORTON	55998956
<u>CROQUET</u> HANNAH SHARP 55997013	<u>LAWN BOWLS</u> JIM MORTON	55998956
<u>SNOOKER</u> ROD CATON 55999272	<u>AQUA AEROBICS</u> TESS FALISZEWSKI	55997487



TRIVIA:- It was good to see some new faces. It means we will play again in November, however more players are needed if we are to continue next year so come along for some laughs and a **tiny** bit of brain exercise. If you need a team we can fix that. If you need reminding when we play, let me know and I will phone or email you. Results for October:-1st – ‘Shocking’ 2nd -‘The Vics’ 3rd - ‘Hot Shots’ One of our new players, Karen, won the lucky door prize. If I recall rightly she pulled her own name from the barrel. Well done all of you. See you on **Wed Nov 6th at 6.30pm. Myrna & Sisters**



COMPUTER CLUB Hi Folks, Hope you got through Halloween O.K.! Now, what news of Microsoft this time? Oh yes! If you have a Windows 8 computer, DON'T try to upgrade to 8.1. Many people are having trouble - get most of the way through the installation of the new system and then Blue Screen Of Death! and error notice Ox-C1900101 - Ox40017. Microsoft are unable to sort it out at the time of writing this, so WAIT before trying to install it. How long to wait? I don't know. It seems to me that anyone considering a new computer should definitely look at some of the other offerings and not go blindly on with Microsoft "because that's what I've always had". Samsung for tablets and notebooks; Google Chromebook and Nexus; H.P. now have an Android notebook; lots of other Android devices and, of course Apple with nearly every type of machine. If we can help you with a choice or other advice come along on **Friday mornings at 10 o'clock in the D.K.Centre.**

Happy computing/communicating.

Mac



AQUA AEROBICS Hello again, another new month and getting closer to Christmas. I am pleased to welcome some new people to our happy group. Now the mornings are getting warmer, the water is too, I hope more will be joining us. Don't be shy gentlemen, you are welcome too. **See you in the pool at 7am. Tess**



LIBRARY Thank you to Denise Morton for the donation of books from the hospital fete, they were greatly appreciated. A thank you also to Jim for all your help while we were away. Last but not least to all the wonderful people for all your donations.

Ian

A coach load of paddies on a mystery tour decided to run a sweepstake to guess where they were going..... the driver won £52!



SINGLE LADIES We still don't know where our 'mystery trip' is going to at the end of October! Very frustrating but we are sure it will be a most enjoyable day. After that trip we are on a countdown to Christmas (hasn't it come early this year or is it that we are a getting older, the days are just flying past as we are all enjoying ourselves so much! A few of our number off cruising in November – maybe we should all be thinking about going on a cruise! Sadly one of our number, Tricia McHugh, who had been in the village for 20 years left a couple of weeks ago to live in Bendigo near her family. We will miss you Tricia and wish you all the best. Come and join us **Wednesday 10.am** in the hall, for a chat and nibbles with lots of chatting.

Jean C



GOLF CROQUET. The club championships have now been completed and I know everyone enjoyed the opportunity to compete in a friendly but very competitive environment. The event was a doubles' round robin format with everyone playing with and against everyone else. The identity of the winner will be kept secret until our Christmas breakup party in December where perpetual trophies will also be presented to the "Club Person" and the "Players Player" of the year. The championships witnessed some outstanding outcomes and the weather over the six weeks was perfect. Welcome back to John and Joan who have been absent for quite a while and to reasonably new members Margaret and Janet. Long serving member Chas wont be putting out the garbage for a while after having a disagreement with his wheelie bin. Its nice to see Freda and Betty back after health problems. Organised play is held every Saturday morning from 8.30am and residents are invited to come along and tryout this wonderful game of croquet which is great for both the mind and body. New members are always welcome. The courts which are kept in great condition by managements' Bruno and Michael overlook the lake just down from the Dennis King Centre. Its just a short walk from your home in the clean fresh morning air and it costs nothing to play. All the equipment including coaching is provided. Don who just loves his Saturday morning hit outs. Happy swinging & hoop running until next **Saturday 8.30 am**.

Hannah



CANASTA Here I am again, fingers poised over keyboard, trying to think of something new to report, but I've drawn a blank so will just have to say how much we all look forward to our game each Wednesday. If there is anyone new who is interested in cards but has not played for years, come along and see what it is all about. We are quite happy to give a few private teaching lessons if you have never played before. It is quite a simple game, unlike Bridge, and much more fun. Our numbers are creeping up again but there is always someone planning trips so we need more players to fill the gap. We meet each **WEDNESDAY 1-00 to 4-30**. Why not call in and see us.

Joy



COBAKI SOCIAL GOLF. We had a lovely day for our Golf this month with record players. It was good to see the new face's join us as we had 15 player's, 4 ladies', and 11 men plus 26 for our B.B.Q. Our winner's for the month were Carol Cannon, ladies, Don Carrick for the men. Thanks again to all our willing helper's with the clean up and cooking, we would not be able to do it without your help. A special thanks to Ralph McGee for his very generous donation of Golf balls for Prize's it's much appreciated Ralph .Our next game is **Nov.20th** and we are playing at Foxeys for a change, **10am hit off ,and no B.B.Q. that night .**

Maggie & Geoff



CRAFT. Here we are once again, your crafty roving reporter, giving you all the latest gossip from the recreation hall, are you ready for this? (*you had better take your blood pressure meds first*) Here's the big news— no one took me up on the offer to come and joined us in our craft group, shocking! Can you believe it?

Here we have a group of woman, waiting to socialise and welcome new chums to our village, what happened, nothing, nobody new came. Well I can assume my message did not reach those it was intended for. If that is the case, here it is again... We meet every Thursday at 1.00pm in the recreation hall, we break off at 2pm for a lovely afternoon tea, finish off around 3pm. You do not need to have any specials skills, as our ladies do their own thing, be it knitting, crocheting or even card making. It is just a time to socialise and get to know each other. We had four birthdays in October—Mary Colgate on the 7th, Clarice Edmond on the 9th, Mary Sutton on the 12th Betty Painter on the 20th. We hope those ladies had a great birthday. (*the birthday goodies were terrific anyway*) Be back next month with more goss, your crafty reporter.

Mary C



INDOOR BOWLS. Great to see some new bowlers who have joined us over the last couple of weeks. Welcome to you all! Just a reminder that the date for our **Christmas Party is Sunday December 1st in the Rec Hall.** We will be having our lunch beforehand at Seagulls Club as discussed at an earlier bowling morning. Afterwards we will all come back to the hall and continue on in the Christmas spirit. Anyone else wishing to join us for some fun and friendship on **Monday mornings we play from 9.30 to 11.00am.**

Jim M



EXERCISE. Just to remind everyone in the village, new or old 'Cobakites' Exercise Mornings are on **Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday fro 7.00 am to 7.45am.** Come along and join in with our exercise to music. 'walk away the kilo's'. We now have a new DVD which is working well alongside the normal DVD's which we use on different days. Hope to see some friendly faces joining us.

Denise



COBBA'S SOCIAL LAWN BOWLS . Everyone that went along to Con-dong in October had a terrific day. The Bowlers had a good morning on the greens after which we all enjoyed a tasty B.B.Q lunch. Some of us even came home with a raffle prize. Well done! Our next and last trip out this year is on **Sunday, November 17th to Pottsville Bowls Club.** Bowls commences at 9am but they have asked if we can be at their club by 8.30am. After morning bowls we will be having lunch of either Schnitzel, fish or steak served with chips & salad. **Cost for bowls & lunch \$20, lunch only \$12.** A list is on the notice board for names and choice of meal required on the day. Please don't forget to mark down preferences! Reminder about the Christmas Party which will be on **Sunday December 8th** in the hall. A list for names of people who will be going to the Christmas lunch will be on the notice board after the trip away to Pottsville. Names are required before hand for catering purposes. Please check the **NOTICE BOARD** as it gets closer.

Jim M



BUS TRIP Our last trip to Lismore was a great day out. Lismore Workers Club was very kind to a few people We are off to Ballina RSL on 10th Nov, there are **2 seats** left on the bus. hope to have one more trip before Christmas, keep your eyes on the notice board. **55997097**

Pam C



BINGO This week was very poor considering the response that we have been having, it must be due to the warmer weather and holiday time. We will still be keeping the lucky door prize going as long as the finance allows. Because after all it is your money (bingo players). At the end of each session we have a cuppa together and put the world right. So come along 1-30 pm start every Monday. Don't worry that it will be too warm in the hall, the air conditioner is great.. *Jean*

Sadly we bring you the news of the passing

on 16th October 2013 of

SYLVIA HUTTON house 38.



Sylvia has been in the village 6 years with her husband Brian, Her health has been a great worry to them both for some time.

Brian would like to thank you all who attended the funeral.

Special thanks to Berris & Don Lockett also Geoff, for all their kindness.

The Wake in the hall was organised by the family, thanks to all who went.

HOME POWER SAVING PROGRAM

This program is run by the NSW Government. They come to your house and suggest ways to save power and give you helpful hints. They also give you some globes, also a power board and draft stoppers. This is only going to continue for about another 6 weeks, then the whole program is being cancelled. Give Bruce a ring on **0418 518 000**. He will make an appointment to suit you and give you all the information you will need.



On Sunday 10th November at 10.am Deb Norman is giving a talk on how to cut your power bills, this is something that will effect us all and could be of value to us. Why not go along and listen to her, you will have nothing to loose, you could be surprised at what you could learn.



GARDENING WITH ROSS

It's time to clean out the rubbish from the garden and mulch. Make sure you use Blood and bone under the Mulch. Sugar cane mulch is still the best, BUT make sure you get the one that is only Sugar cane. Recently some mulch has been made from grass, which has seeded. This results in weed seeds in your garden. It's a good time to plant a tomato in a very large pot in the back yard. Happy Gardening Cheers *Ross*



Wanted: Someone to paint a back fence. Perfect job not required. Paint, Rollers and/or brushes supplied. Will pay. Contact Myrna at House 150 Or **Phone 55997061**.

Aging:

Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it. The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

MANAGEMENT MESSAGE.

Caravans—Motorhomes—boats & trailer owners. They are stored in the village at the owners own risk, they are **NOT** covered for flood—fire—damage or theft by Cobaki Broadwater Village insurance.

SPEEDING. There are times when cars go past our houses that you think you are at a Grand Prix. **PLEASE** take your foot off the accelerator for a bit, you will get there just as quick without giving someone a heart attack with the speed you pass their house by.

PARKING. Please do **NOT** park any vehicles across anyone's driveways, this includes your own. People must have access to get in and out of their driveways easily. Please advise all visitors of this.

TRUE STORY. As we all know 'Woman's Liberation' has been around for a long time now. You know the type of woman we mean. "*I can do it myself*" "*I don't need your help thanks*" "*I'm not useless*". Well this story is just what we mean. A lady in the village decided to buy herself a bike, no problems with that, selected the bike and bought it home in it's box. Offers of help were made, and refused. Now opening the box was the first thing to attack, with a pair of scissors in hand she started BUT that was too slow and she thought yes a Stanley knife is what I need. Slicing down the side of the box, a hissing sound came, and she thought '*I don't think that is right*' but continued to get all the parts out, then discovered that she has sliced through one tyre and tube. Now putting it together went pretty well for some time but she had to accept the help that was offered. EXCEPT she had to go back to the bike shop and get another tyre & tube.

Sometimes it does pay to except some help! It also saves money!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JAN METCALE, Jan has just turned **70** and she is not sure if she is happy about that or not. Well who really cares about numbers, it's all the good wishes you receive from your friends that makes the day. We are sure you enjoyed your day.

What is Celibacy? Celibacy can be a choice in life, or a condition imposed by circumstances. While attending a Marriage Weekend, My wife and I, listened to the instructor declare..... 'It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other.'" He then addressed the men..... 'Can you name and describe your wife's favorite flower?' I leaned over, touched my wife's hand gently, and whispered... White Wings Self-Raising Flour, isn't it. **And thus began my life of celibacy.....**



To all who are celebrating something our congratulations.

The 'Cobba News' is written by residents for residents.



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