

From the Committee

We were finally able to hold our Annual General Meeting on 14 January and elect our 2021 Committee.

The Committee positions are: President – Doug McCallum, Vice-President – Bill Morrison, Secretary – Colleen Dooley, Treasurer – John Pigott. Ordinary Members: Adele Morrison, Meg Ford, John Bunn, Wendy Dunton and Elaine Clark. Colleen is also Class Co-ordinator and John Bunn has taken on the new role of Privacy Officer, Wendy is Minutes Secretary and Bill is Editor.

Activities are returning under a COVID-safe plan which we all need to adhere to. All tutors have been supplied with a COVID-safe kit and all participants must sign in to allow contact tracing in the event of a break out.

It is very important that we consider our fellow members and friends when attending courses and activities. If you have symptoms which even vaguely resemble Covid stay home and ask yourself: “Would I visit my family the way I feel today?” If you have travelled to an area where there is Covid, leave it for a couple of weeks before returning to classes. Wear a mask if it is your personal preference.

Classes will resume in a measured way; some may have to relocate to a new venue to accommodate numbers and some may be subject to further easing of restrictions.

We are all in this together. Let’s get some normality as safely as possible. But it’s important that we don’t become complacent.

We are using a new venue at the old Railway Station which will allow larger groups than some of the smaller rooms in the Neighbourhood Centre. See page 2 for the timetable of activities at the Station.



All fees were due 1 January 2021 which will take you through to 30 December 2021. We were able to have 9 months of activities during 2019/2020 before Covid hit and all memberships were extended until 30 December.

You will need to renew your membership to be able to enrol for 2021 courses or activities you wish to participate in. Enrolments can be completed online or through ringing Colleen on 0407 274 362.

We are looking forward to seeing you all enjoying the benefits of your membership and socialising once again.

Vale Paul Ford

After a long illness, which he faced with bravery and good humour, Paul passed away on 6 January.

Paul was a former committee member, newsletter editor, tutor and friend.

When you asked Paul how he was his stock answer was, “Still on the right side of the grass” and it is fitting that his ashes will be scattered to the wind so that he forever remains that way.

Paul was an active community member, being on several committees and all were glad of his expertise and humour. A larger than life character, loud, jolly and genuine.

Our sympathies are with Meg and we are all saddened by his passing. RIP.



2021 Leisurely Lunch Venues

6/2/21	Wallace Hotel, Wallace
6/3/21	Oscars Hotel, Ballarat
3/4/21	Courthouse Hotel, Smythesdale
1/5/21	The Yacht Club, Ballarat
5/6/21	The National Hotel, Clunes
3/7/21	The Pig and Whistle Hotel, East Trentham
7/8/21	Flanagan's Border Inn, Bacchus Marsh
4/9/21	Smokey Town Café, Creswick
2/10/21	Bull and Mouth Hotel, Maryborough
6/11/21	Quoin Hill Winery, Quoin Hill
4/12/21	U3A Xmas BBQ

The Story of Ed and Nancy

Ed and Nancy met while on a singles cruise and Ed fell head over heels for her.

When they discovered they lived in the same city only a few miles apart Ed was ecstatic. He immediately started asking her out when they got home.

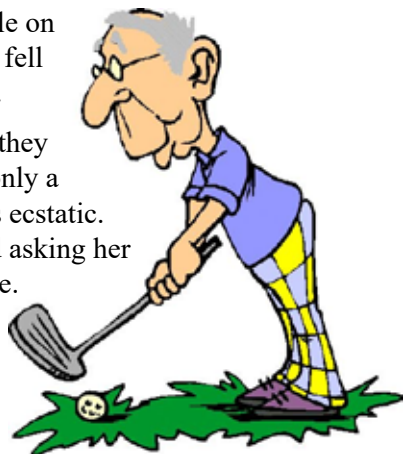
Within a couple of weeks, Ed had taken Nancy to dance clubs, restaurants, concerts, movies, and museums.

Ed became convinced that Nancy was indeed his soul mate and true love. Every date seemed better than the last.

On the one-month anniversary of their first dinner on the cruise ship, Ed took Nancy to a fine restaurant. While having cocktails and waiting for their salad, Ed said, "I guess you can tell I'm very much in love with you. I'd like a little serious talk before our relationship continues to the next stage. So, before I ask you a life changing question, it's only fair to warn you, I'm a total golf nut. I play golf, I read about golf, I watch golf on TV. In short, I eat, sleep, and breathe golf. If that's going to be a problem for us, you'd better say so now!"

Nancy took a deep breath and responded, "Ed, that certainly won't be a problem. I love you as you are and I love golf too; but, since we're being totally honest with each other, you need to know that for the last five years I've been a hooker."

Ed said, "You're probably not keeping your wrists straight when you hit the ball."



Ballroom Dancing

Ballroom dancing keeps your body and brain young and fit as we co-ordinate quick-thinking, socialising, exercising and, of course, laughing.

We have a lovely big dance floor and three expert tutors which means that we can give a fair bit of individual attention.

We teach Ballroom, Sequence/New Vogue as well as some Latin, Jive and Rock 'n' Roll, all to sounds of marvellous contemporaneous music as well as current melodies.

We offer two separate classes: BEGINNERS, and IMPROVERS. After discussion with the teachers, dancers may move up a level or enrol in both classes.

Our aim is to have fun, make friends, improve our dancing, support each other to learn and increase our repertoire. Having a dance partner is not essential. Everyone who wants to dance is welcome.

BEGINNERS are taught slowly and steadily. We start with simple sequence dances, only tackling more complex dances over time.

IMPROVERS class revises and adds to the dance repertoire.

If you want to find out more, please call Elizabeth: 0402 777 852 or Andrew: 0427 246 278, for a friendly chat. We are very happy to explain what and how we teach and discuss how we might best support you.



RAILWAY STATION TIMETABLE

Book Club	3rd Monday of every month	10.00 am - 12 Noon
Mah-Jong	Weekly every Monday	1.00 pm - 3.00 pm
Mosaics	3rd Tuesday of every month	11.00 am - 3.00 pm
Poker	Weekly every Wednesday	10.00 am - 12.00 Noon
500 Card Game	Weekly every Wednesday	1.00 pm - 3.00 pm

Something to make you smile...

