



Weekly Bulletin

Friday 24 March 2023



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

REVIEW OF THE PREPAID VOUCHERS

The Prepaid voucher system was introduced following the first lockdown for COVID in July 2020 and since then, the usage has been monitored by the Treasurer with regular updates provided to the Management Committee. While I am pleased to report that there is overwhelming support for the vouchers, the unintended consequence has been the financial cost of the 'Free' voucher. This voucher inclusion was intended to acknowledge the support of regular activity participants. As at the end of February 2023, the revenue forgone was \$6,500 and is growing at approx. \$1,000 per month. Understandably, the Club cannot sustain this long term. The major concerns are for activities for which we pay an instructor or provider – free vouchers are reducing our ability to cover of these services. Therefore, the Management Committee has on advice from a Subcommittee formed to evaluate the current Prepaid Voucher system, decided:

1. Existing fee for activities would not be increased at this time
2. Changes to the voucher system were necessary to address the revenue implications of the 'free activity' for those activities we engage and pay for instructors.

Accordingly, the changes being made to prepaid voucher are:

FOR ALL \$8 ACTIVITIES – FROM 3 APRIL:

- all new vouchers issued for \$8 activities will no longer include a 'free activity'.
- vouchers issued for \$8 activities will increase to \$80 (replacing \$40 vouchers) and will cover 10 activity visits

FOR ALL \$5 ACTIVITIES – FROM 3 APRIL:

- the \$25 voucher will be replaced by a \$40 which will cover 8 activity visits and will still include a 'free activity' on the 9th visit

ALL CURRENT VOUCHERS (both \$25 & \$40) recently purchased can still be used including 'Free' activity or submitted for refund of monies remaining on partially used vouchers until 30 JUNE. But please note, after that date they will no longer be current.

These changes reflect where the changes need to occur, acknowledging that few if any of the \$5 volunteer run activities result in excess cost to the Club bar coffee, tea and biscuits.

I am a frequent visitor to the Club so anyone who wishes to discuss this issue, don't hesitate to have a chat!

Phil Burns – Club President

CLUB CLIPBOARD!



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

COUNTDOWN

All memberships renewals (except members who joined this year) are now due by **CUT-OFF DATE**

31 MARCH 2023.

The renewal fee remains at **\$15.00**, and

YOU ONLY HAVE ONE WEEK LEFT

to visit one of our lovely ladies in the office – 9.30 am to 2.30 pm Monday to Friday!

If you would prefer to use Internet Banking, the Club's Direct Credit details are:

BSB 633 000 Acc No: 159575455

However, you MUST include your name as the description, so that we can identify your payment.

We will send you a confirmation email so that you know your payment has been successful!

Due to the three-month renewal period, any Member who HAS NOT renewed their membership by 31 March, will have to reapply for membership.

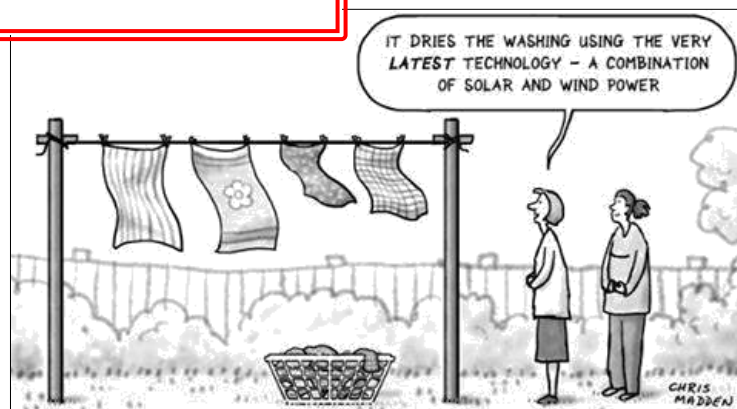
Janelle Burns, Treasurer

TIMETABLE

Sunday 26 March – Friday 31 March

*GC Gumnut Cottage *TSC Tugg Seniors Centre

Day / Date	Time	Activity	
Sun 26 Mar	2.00 pm	Sunday Fun Trivia	
Mon 27 Mar	9.30 am	Bolivia - GC	
	9.30 am	Zumba - TSC	
	10.30 am	Mov & Mem - TSC	
	1.30 pm	Table Tennis - TSC	
	2.00 pm	Improvers Bridge - GC	
Tues 28 Mar	8.00 am	Active Ex – Men - TSC	
	9.10 am	Active Ex – W – TSC	
	9.30 am	LL Cycling Group	
	10.00 am	Pool – Beginners - GC	
	10.30 am	Heart & Soul -TSC	
	1.00 pm	Mah-jong – GC	
	1.15 pm	Seated Yoga – TSC	
	Wed 29 Mar	9.30 am	Cribbage – GC
	10.00 am	'Take 55' Movie Group	
	10.00 am	Carpet Bowls – TSC	
	12.15 pm	Line Dancing-AB-TSC	
	1.00 pm	K-nit 'n' K-natter – GC	
	1.30 pm	Line Dancing-Beg -TSC	
	2.45 pm	Line Dancing-Imp – TSC	
	Thurs 30 Mar	9.30 am	500 Cards- GC
	1.00 pm	Mah-jong – GC	
	3.30 pm	Social Bridge – GC	
	3.45 pm	Yoga – TSC	
	7.30 pm	On-Line Trivia	
	Fri 31 Mar	9.00 am	Cycling Group
	9.15 am	Tai Chi – TSC	
	9.30 am	Pitch n Putt	
	11.45 am	Sit n Be Fit – TSC	
	12.00 pm	Learning Circle – TSC	
	2.00 pm	Carpet Bowls – TSC	



CLUB CLIPBOARD!

LAST MINUTE REMINDER **FOR OUR TRIVIA QUIZ** **THIS SUNDAY 26 MARCH**



Only two days to go now for our next trivia quiz this Sunday starting at 2.00 pm. So, get your team organised or just come along on the day and join a team with your fellow club members. There will be eight rounds each of ten general knowledge questions as well as an Autumn themed quiz sheet that your team can work on between rounds while the scores go up on the board. Incidentally, the perfect score is 100 which no team has achieved yet and I think the best score so far has been in the high 80s. Most of my questions are reasonably easy, or if a bit tough, I will usually give a number of possible answers to choose from. There will be a couple of prize questions where you will be given a list of clues (one at a time) and the first person to give the correct answer will win a prize for themselves. For the overall winners, each team member will get one of our prized “Smartie Pants” certificates, a packet of Smarties, and bragging rights for the next couple of weeks.

There will be chocolates for everyone, a couple of door prizes to give away, and afternoon tea to enjoy. And if that is not enough and if our office manager is feeling generous, I might also have a couple of free activity vouchers to give away. All this for our usual \$5.00 activity fee. So, why not come along and join in the fun and get those brain cells ticking over? Even if you are not a trivia fan, it is a great way to meet your fellow club members and you might get hooked and even win a prize. There is no need to book, just come along on the day, this Sunday 26 March starting at 2.00 pm. And we usually finish around 4.00 pm. You don't have to worry about car parking as the public car park opposite the club is free on a Sunday. I hope that you will join us.

Norm Swanwick

WED – 29 MAR– 10.00 am **‘TAKE 55’ Movie/Coffee Group**



A group of 9 met for coffee at Cherry Bean on last Wednesday before going to see “Light” at Limelight Cinema. It was a simple movie about man facing the end of his life and making changes to his way of life. Very slow moving, but Bill Nighy did his roll justice.

Next week we will meet for coffee at Vikings Club at 10am. We can look forward to a few really good movies coming soon. Everyone is welcome!

Pam Hall



SATURDAY MORNING PHOTOGRAPHY IN RETROSPECT

We had a great response to our recent series of Saturday Morning Photography sessions with close to 100 club members and friends attending over the three sessions. Shutterbug Camera Group member, Steve Walmsley, gave us three excellent presentations covering a wide variety of topics including how to compile photobooks, smartphone photography and the digital darkroom i.e., moving, sharing, and enhancing our smartphone photos. Steve's presentations were projected onto our big screen so everyone could see and many of the attendees brought along a memory stick to also obtain a copy of his sessions. Many thanks to Steve for his effort and the time he puts into preparing these informative and excellent presentations which I am sure was very much appreciated by all those who attended.

Each session lasted for around two hours although we did on occasions run out of time and were unable to cover as much detail as we would have liked to and/or answer all questions. However, the opportunity will exist in the near future when our Shutterbug's Camera Group will resume its monthly meetings. It is proposed that the meetings will be conducted as informal general discussion sessions where members can come along, bring their phones or cameras, and ask any questions they may have on any aspect of photography associated with using their phones and/or cameras. Further details will be advised in future club bulletins.

We are hoping to conduct further Saturday morning photography sessions later in the year and if there is any particular topic you would like covered, then please let either Steve, myself or the office know, and we will endeavour to include them as part of our future sessions. We have already had a couple of suggestions. Finally, many thanks to all those members who showed their support and attended this series of presentations. It was most encouraging and I hope that you will be able to join us once again for our next series of Saturday Morning Photography sessions.

Norm Swanwick



ACTIVITY ACTION!

ACRYLIC ART WOKSHOPS

Have you ever wondered just what we get up to at these workshops?

Maria, our tutor, leads us step by step through the project she has devised for each particular workshop. At the end of the three hours everyone takes home a finished 'masterpiece'.

Our latest workshop
was entitled
The Dramatic Silhouette.

Here are samples
of the process.



Sample
backgrounds



Tracing the silhouettes onto the backgrounds



One of our members has attended all 13 of the workshops and his mother has proudly displayed two of his works. His wife commented they would have to make another extension to their house to display the remaining 11 paintings!!!



Samples of the finished masterpieces and no two paintings are alike



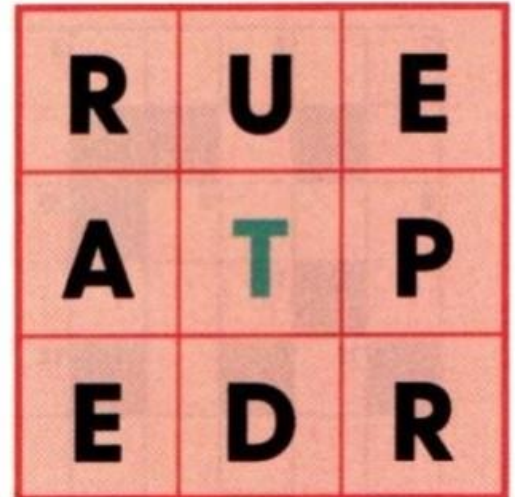
So next time you see an acrylic workshop advertised in the *Weekly Bulletin*, why not register, come along and have fun creating your very own masterpiece? Maria will lead you step by step through the chosen theme for that particular workshop!

TALKING TEASERS!

Word Maker

How many words of four letters or more can you make using the letters given here? Each one must include the central letter and you should have at least one nine-letter word in your total. Avoid plurals, proper nouns, hyphenated words, those with apostrophes and verb forms ending with "s", eg, "bakes".



26 SMART, 29 TERRIFIC, 32+ BRILLIANT!



Solution in next week's Bulletin

REBUS FOR YOU!

SOLUTIONS

1. Red in the face FACE	2. Green Eggs and Ham EGG EGG HAM
3. Backrub BUR	4. All thumbs THUMBS THUMBS THUMBS THUMBS THUMBS THUMBS...
5. Two left feet TEEF FEET TEEF	6. Black sheep of the family 
7. Big fish in a little pond po FISH nd	8. Tennis shoes ISSUE ISSUE ISSUE ISSUE ISSUE ISSUE ISSUE ISSUE ISSUE ISSUE
9. Long time, no see 	10. All in a day's work DAYSALLWORK