Weekly Bulletin

Friday 18 December 2020

CLUB CLIPBOARD

FESTIVE SEASON TIMETABLE

The Club will close today
FRIDAY 18 DEC 2020
and re-open on
MONDAY 18 JAN 2021

List of Returning dates
is included in this Bulletin

Some activity groups are continuing during the break – see below

Day / Date	*Time*	*Activity*
Fri 18 Dec		**CLUB CLOSES**
Mon 21 Dec	9.30 am	Bolivia (cards) - GC
Tues 22 Dec	*8.30 am*	*LL Cycling Group*
	1.00 pm	Mah-jong - GC
Wed 23 Dec	9.30 am	Cribbage - GC
Thurs 24 Dec	1.00 pm	Mah-jong - GC
Mon 28 Dec	9.30 am	Bolivia (cards) - GC
Thurs 31 Dec	9.30 am	500 (cards)- GC
Mon 4 Jan	9.30 am	Bolivia (cards) - GC
Tues 5 Jan	*8.30 am*	*LL Cycling Group*
	1.00 pm	Mah-jong - GC
Wed 6 Jan	9.30 am	Cribbage - GC
Thurs 7 Jan	9.30 am	500 (cards)- GC
	1.00 pm	Mah-jong - GC
Fri 8 Jan	*9.00 am*	*Cycling Group*

FIRST SOCIAL EVENT - 2021

AUSTRALIA DAY BRUNCH

Tuesday 26 January – 9.00 am

To start the new Club year, we are holding the annual Australia Day celebration but with a different twist. This social catch up will be a brunch, starting from 9.00am. The barbecue menu consists of eggs, bacon, sausages, onions and bread rolls followed by lamingtons and fresh fruit. A feast worthy of the morning lake view!
It will be a true Aussie affair with an impromptu Poetry Slam (following the success of last year); why not bring along your favourite Australian poem. And for the energetic amongst us, there will be darts, quoits and Pitch and Putt golf.
Cost $15.00 – Bookings with payment by 22nd January 2021

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

A big thank you to Club Member, Colin Carpenter who answered the call last week to assist with trailer and manpower to take the cuttings from Gumnut Cottage to the Mugga Lane tip.

Your help was much appreciated!

CORRECTION FROM 'A MERRY COVID CHRISTMAS'

The item should have read 'a surprise guest, Natalie Ware from **Woden** Community Centre who thanked members for their generous donations via our Donation Baskets in each building. Apologies for my 'faux pas'!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

FAREWELL JACKIE!

As many of you know, exercise instructor Jackie Yow will not be returning in 2021. Jackie has been with the Club for eight years and during that time has been totally committed to delivering varied exercise sessions for Club members. She has also introduced Seated Stretch sessions and a Men's Exercise group which have both been successful additions to the Club's program.

After a 15-year strong career as an exercise instructor and personal trainer, Jackie is going to continue her passion for people but in a different direction.

On behalf of the Management Committee, I would like to thank her for her dedicated contribution to the wellbeing of members and wish her well with her new endeavours. And as a Club member, we may see her in the future as a participator in one of the many Club activities!

Regarding the future of the exercise sessions, we will be actively seeking a replacement for Jackie so that the program can continue in 2021.

THANK YOU!

As the year draws to a close, it is hard not to reflect on what an extra ordinary year it has been. From fire, flood and pandemic, we have lived through a definite 'moment in time'. For all members who have returned to Club activities, I would like to thank you for helping the Club fulfill its obligations and for your continuing support. Restriction on numbers has meant implementation of different methods and you have made our role easier by complying without question.

I would also like to thank all the activity leaders, the office volunteers and my fellow Management Committee members for their contributions over this somewhat challenging past year.
As a Club we rely solely on our volunteers and we simply could not function without their collective efforts. I am sure that all Club members will join me in wishing them all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Phil Burns, President

The Management Committee,
and our lovely office ladies,
wish all Club Members and their families
a safe, healthy and peaceful Christmas
and holiday season.

We look forward
to enjoying your company in 2021!

TONGALA HAY BALE TRAIL

The tiny regional Victorian dairy community of Tongala with a population of just under 2,000 people, has taken a new approach to Christmas cheer this year with its hay bale Christmas trail.

The 18 magnificent installations are spread out across the town which is just 20 minutes out of Echuca.

The idea came to life after a local family painted some bales to look like Bluey and Bingo from the popular ABC children's television show, *Bluey*. Painted during the June school holidays as a bit of fun for their own children, the bales quickly became popular amongst the community.

These characters kick-started the Christmas initiative with local artists, creative mums, the two local primary schools and the kindergarten getting involved. A total of 35 big round and 20 square hay bales were used to make the variety of 18 different themed installations. It has been a huge community effort with local farmers lending their time and tractors to move the bales about.

It is hoped that the painted bales will be an incentive for people travelling through to get off the highway and explore those smaller parts of regional Victoria.

The installation will stay up until the end of December and the small town is already looking to the future to make the trail an annual event!

QUICK CHICKEN, CRANBERRY AND BRIE CANAPES

For an easy finger food recipe, you can't look past these cheesy chicken pastry bites, made from only six ingredients.

INGREDIENTS

1 1/2 sheets frozen puff pastry, just thawed
1 small smoked chicken breast, finely chopped
100 gms brie, cut into 24 even pieces
100 gms (1/4 cup) whole cranberry sauce
2 teaspoons fresh thyme leaves
1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh chives

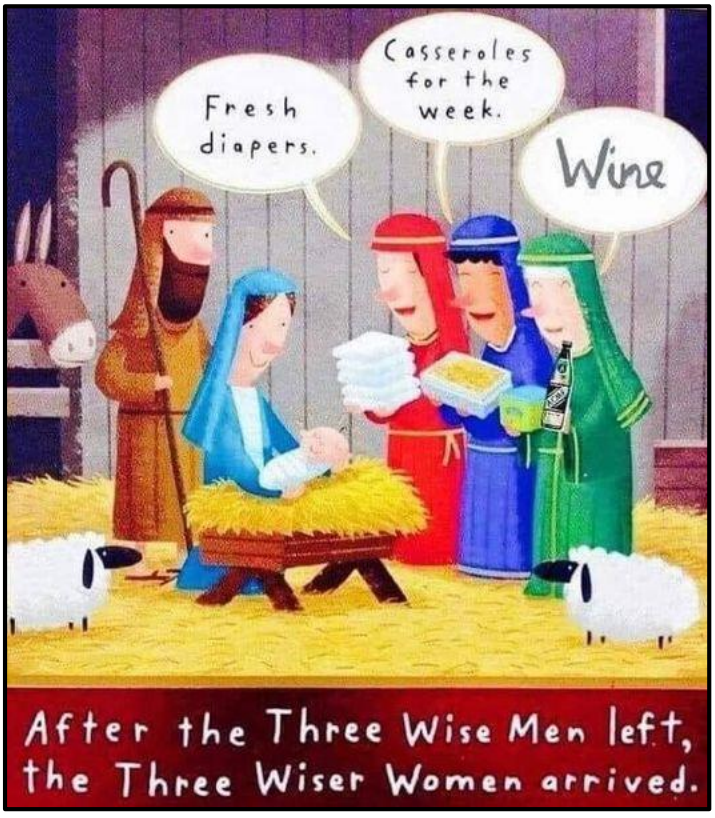
METHOD

Step 1 - Preheat the oven to 220C/200C fan forced.

Step 2 - Cut the whole pastry sheet into 16 even squares. Cut the half sheet into 8 even squares. Line 1 1/2 tbs (30ml) capacity mini muffin pans with pastry squares (the pastry edges will be higher than the muffin holes). Place in the freezer for 15 minutes to firm.

Step 3 - Bake the pastry for 10 minutes or until light golden and crisp. Use a spoon to gently press down on the pastry to flatten slightly. Fill each hole with a little of the chicken. Top with a piece of brie and cranberry sauce. Scatter with thyme.

Step 4 - Bake for 5-7 minutes or until golden and the cheese has melted slightly. Sprinkle with chives.



SPOT THE DIFFERENCES ANSWERS

1. Flag handle shorter
2. BBQ gains leg
3. One less dot on boy's shorts
4. Man's leg gains shadow
5. Flower gains leaves
6. Sun loses spike
7. Hat gains a cork
8. Boy's bottom lip appears
9. Man's short pocket altered

HOLIDAY TIMETABLE

Day	Activity	Last Day 2020	First Day 2021
Mon	Games Morning	***Continuing**	
	Crafty Corner – 1st & 3rd	7 Dec 20	1 Feb 21
	iPad SIG – 2nd	14 Dec 20	8 Feb 21
	Table Tennis		**TBA**
	Bridge – Social	14 Dec 20	18 Jan 21
	Yoga	14 Dec 20	18 Jan 21
Tues	Active Exercise - Men	15 Dec 20	**TBA**
	Active Exercise - Women	15 Dec 20	**TBA**
	Euchre Card Group - ***new activity**		**19 Jan 21**
	Leisurely Ladies Cycling Group	**Continuing**	
	Mah-jong	***Continuing**	
	Seated Yoga	15 Dec 20	19 Jan 21
	Gardening Club		**TBA**
Wed	*Ten Pin Bowling*	9 Dec 20	3 Feb 21
	Cribbage	***Continuing**	
	Carpet Bowls	9 Dec 20	20 Jan 21
	Seated Stretch	16 Dec 20	**TBA**
	K-nit and K-natter	16 Dec20	20 Jan 21
	Bridge – Beginners	16 Dec 20	20 Jan 21
	Line Dancing – Beginners & Improvers	16 Dec 20	20 Jan 21
Thurs	500 Cards	***Continuing**	
	Family History Group – 1st	3 Dec 20	4 Feb 21
	Book Club – 1st	3 Dec 20	4 Feb 21
	Pool Group – 1st & 3rd	3 Dec 20	21 Jan 21
	Android SIG – 2nd	10 Dec 20	11 Feb 21
	Lakeside Art Group – 2nd & 4th	23 Nov 20	11 Feb 21
	'Shutter Bugs' Camera Group – 3rd	19 Nov 20	21 Jan 21
	Reading Group – 3rd	17 Dec 20	21 Jan 21
	Lawn Bowls – 2nd & 4th	10 Dec 20	28 Jan 21
	Mah-jong	***Continuing**	
	Bridge	17 Dec 20	21 Jan 21
	Yoga	17 Dec 20	21 Jan 21
Fri	*Cycling*	**Continuing**	
	Pitch n Putt – 1st & 3rd	4 Dec 20	22 Jan 21
	Tai Chi	18 Dec 20	15 Jan 21
	Zumba	14 Dec 20	1 Feb 21
	Learning Circle	18 Dec 20	22 Jan 21
	Carpet Bowls	11 Dec 20	22 Jan 21
	Uke 55 – Uke Group	11 Dec 20	29 Jan 21
Sun	*Walking Group - 1st & 3rd*	20 Dec 20	17 Jan 21