



# THE TIMES

**They are a changin again!**

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## **President`s Report: April 2020**

**THE APRIL GENERAL MEETING IS CANCELLED AS MERRIWEE COURT HAS REQUESTED WE NOT USE THE HALL TILL FURTHER NOTICE.**

Welcome to a new Probud year. Firstly, I would like to thank Margot and her band of helpers for a great year. I would also thank the Club trusting me to be your President for the next twelve months.

We have a great Committee who work happily together. My particular thanks to Greg McGilvery for voluntarily taking on the position of Treasurer. We also welcome John Quayle to the Committee. Also, many thanks to the non-committee members who do such a great job in the smooth running of the club.

We look forward to some memorable activities organised by Anne Gooley and her band of helpers. Thanks to George McKennariey for his joke sessions in the past over a number of years. We look forward to David McEvoy's contribution. Thanks to Pam Cole for her hard work in the kitchen, and to all her helpers.

I am concerned, as we all must be, regarding the COVID-19 virus. We are a club of many octogenarians. We are warned that we are of an age when the risk is heightened. Many, including myself, have underlying health concerns.

PSPL recommended that Committees, Activity Officers and members carefully consider the risks when organising functions. If any member should be unwell or concerned about attending, please send an apology. It pays to be cautious. With that in mind I have asked the three doctor members of the committee to consider the progress of the pandemic and recommend to me if necessary appropriate actions.

Could we all consider our older members and offer help if necessary. If anyone needs assistance, such as shopping or transport, please contact me or a club member. My phone contact is 0407 233 360. Please stay well.

The Ti-Trees picnic was as usual a happy occasion. Unfortunately it was necessary to postpone the Pomona trip.

I look forward to our next meeting whenever that might be.

*Barry Henzell*

### **Secretary's Report:**

We have a 'new' Management Committee for 2020–21. Our elected Committee for 2020-21 has an optimal mix of the wisdom of experience together with some fresh new faces. I am sure I speak on behalf of all Committee Members when I say we shall work diligently throughout the year ahead to ensure, as far as is humanly possible, that all members' expectations are met. Your contribution as individual members will see that happen.

**The Corona Virus :- Viral infections can become pandemic – a biological fact of life. Such events are not new. In this day and age air-conditioned international travel – by aircraft, bus, train, and cruise ship – facilitates spread. The current organism is neither a Morrison nor a Trump virus.**

**Sadly, the vulnerable, which includes some of us, are likely to succumb – again a fact of life (and death). Panic is destructive and can be responsible for a lot of miserable collateral damage, e.g. stock market volatility, interest rate reductions, travel cancellations, and supermarket shortages to name but a few. In the absence of an effective vaccine, absolute prevention is not possible.**

**Common sense (a rare commodity these days, it would seem) should prevail. Respect your personal hygiene, be courteous to all, attend to your own hydration and nutrition, supervise those for whom you are responsible, and if in doubt, rest and seek medical assistance.**

As a sailor dating from the tender age of five years, I have to acknowledge with great admiration the presentation of my dear friend and colleague, Professor John Pearn, delivered at our March General Meeting. James Cook was indeed a remarkable man. What he managed to achieve in 51 years, in the 18<sup>th</sup>. century, with minimal technology, and sparse medical knowledge, particularly in respect of human nutrition, beggars belief.

Towards the end of last year through this column, this Newsletter published two of the Ten Commandments which deal with Stress Management. There are more to come. Watch this space!

Signed :- F.J.Blackford (Secretary) Date :- 4<sup>th</sup>. March 2020

### **Membership Report:**

WE HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL MORE APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP AND ALSO QUITE A FEW ENQUIRIES SO OUR CLUB IS DOING VERY WELL THANK YOU. IT IS ALSO GREAT TO SEE PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS COMING TO OUR MORNING COFFEES AT THE VERANDAH. IT IS SUCH A GREAT WAY FOR THEM TO GET TO KNOW US AND VISA VERSA.

WE LIKE TO ENCOURAGE NEW MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CLUB BY HELPING OUT WHERE THEY CAN, WHETHER IT BE IN THE KITCHEN OR ON DOOR DUTY, TWO VERY EASY TASKS THAT HELP IN THE SMOOTH RUNNING OF THE CLUB



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## April birthdays: Members and Non Active Members:

Elva Emmerson [02] Greg McGilvery [05] Shirley Wright [09] Brian Springthorpe [10] Barbara Main [11] Nicki Duveck-Smith [12] Ann Clay [21] John Ladbrook [25] John Wright [ 25] Bruce Kynaston [ 27] Barry Henzell [30]

**Next Ten Minute Speaker:** President- Barry Henzell

## Our Little Book Corner:

*Balcony over Jerusalem* by John Lyon- reviewed by David McEvoy

Experienced journalist and editor, John Lyon, recounts his experiences and opinions on Israel and the Middle East, after 6 years a foreign correspondent for *The Australian*. Personal contact with Jews and Arabs from Israel and the West Bank throws a different light on the unending conflict between Israel and the Arab world and reveals insights into the efficacy of Israeli influence in the West. Compelling reading.

*The Electric Hotel* by Dominic Smith - reviewed by David McEvoy

The latest novel from the author of award winning best seller, *The Last Painting of Sarah de Voss*, has been lauded for its original story line and inventive and imaginative plot. This tale, set in the origins of silent movie making in Paris and New York, describes the life and misfortunes of American, Claude Ballard, and his French muse, actress Sabine. Machiavellian intrigues of Thomas Edison form part of the richly described background of this unique and somewhat fantastic historical fiction.

## Hamilton Club-General Meetings Roster for next time:

### Door Roster:

**Convenor Barbara Fitzell**

Ph: 0449 753 605

Colin Miller

Heather Miller

### Hospitality Roster:

**Convenor Pam Cole**

Ph: 3630 2508

Susan Wright

Judith Williamson

Glen McDonald

### Guest Speakers – Dates to be confirmed:

Biology and Conservation of Moreton Bay Seabirds. Dr. Peter Rothilsberg.

The Queensland Ballet, the progressive leap forward. Mr. Paul Boyd.

Riverboat cruising on the Murray. Captain Lindsay Hutton.

### Hamilton Probus Outings List for April

Date	Activity
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> April	General Meeting 9.30 am - NOW CANCELLED
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Men's Shed Coffee Morning Verandah Café - NOW CANCELLED
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Ladies' Coffee Morning Verandah Café- NOW CANCELLED
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00 am Guided Tour Old Tote Racing Museum Eagle Farm - Lunch Gallopers
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> April	2: 00 pm Guided Tour Heritage Unit – Archives The Brisbane Racing Club Doomben

### *Activities Report April 2020*

Our Probus club outings are about bringing people together, creating friendships and sharing new experiences and ideas. It is heartening to see members enjoying the outings that are organised each month by our leaders.

February commenced well with members having breakfast at Cruisers Alfresco restaurant Portside on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>. Many said how much they enjoyed the breakfast prepared by Michael, owner and chef, and the good company. As it was so enjoyable and we were well looked after, we have decided that we will do it again later in the year.

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> February our book loving members headed for Riverbend Book Store and Café at Bulimba. We had such a wonderful time listening to Susie Wilson share her knowledge of the latest interesting and popular books that we did not want the session to end. We felt we were in this wonderful bubble. After the talk we shared lunch together and continued the conversation with Susie. We will do this outing again next year.

By the time you read this edition of The Times we will have enjoyed our picnic at Ti-Trees .

## Future Activities-May be subject to change

Put April 29<sup>th</sup> in your diary for a guided Tour of The Racing Precinct. If you would like to visit the Old Tote Racing Museum at Eagle Farm, we will come together at 10:00am for the one and half hour visit. To reach this interesting Museum there are two flights of steps to climb so if you have problems with steps, this access may prove a little difficult.

At 12 noon we will have lunch at Gallopers Sporting Club and then go to The Heritage Unit comprising the Archives of The Brisbane Racing Club at Doomben. Some members may choose to visit both Racecourses or just one. The cost is \$5 per adult.

Names for this event will be taken at a later date.

The Annual Ecumenical Church Service has been cancelled

## Not a Club activity but the following may be of interest:

Northshore Sculpture by the River will host some of Qld's most prominent sculptors along the shore of the Brisbane River and in "The Shed". Over the next three months visitors can experience these sculptures and enjoy a tour and talk given by the artists.

**Open:** Friday and Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March 10:00am to 6:00pm. Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 12 noon until 7:00pm Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 10:00am to 6:00pm. Enquiries Julie Donaldson exhibitions@sculptorsqld.org.au

*Anne Gooley*

Activities Coordinator

## New Ideas:

### No.1

Do you have an interesting story that you would like us to know? Now is your chance. Perhaps talking to an audience is not your thing but telling it through The Times might be. I would be interested to hear from you. Copy needs to be received by 15<sup>th</sup> of any month. Douglas Fussell. Editor dandl.fussell@gmail.com

### No .2

Are you a poet? Can you design puzzles? or cartoons? Maybe you have some ideas that our President could use when he puts together a sheet of puzzles etc to be distributed to members. Please contact Barry at [bmhenzell@gmail.com](mailto:bmhenzell@gmail.com)

# The Comerford Files

## BRISBANE INTERNATIONAL CRUISE TERMINAL.



A decision was made by the Government of Queensland in March, 2013, to build a cruise ship terminal at the mouth of the Brisbane River, to accommodate all cruise ships with a length exceeding 270 metres. A site at Luggage Point, on the northern bank of the river, was designated as the area for the new cruise ship terminal. The Queen Mary 2 (345 metres in length) was an example of the super liners which could not be berthed in the River. It was estimated that by 2020, 62% of cruise liners would be more than 275 metres long. Final approval for the new terminal was granted in October, 2017. Work started late in 2018, and it is expected that construction will be complete, and the terminal opened in October, 2020. Already 180 cruise ships have been booked into the new terminal, which will be known as The Brisbane International Cruise Ship Terminal. Prior to 2020, all of the super liners have had to berth at the Grain Terminal at the Brisbane Port.

### Big thankyou

I have nearly mastered the technicalities of putting out The Times. However the emailing process on my particular lap top has been a major problem, and I want to thank Anne Gooley for her help with this final stage every month. Douglas Fussell Editor.

## Letters to the Editor:

Dear Editor,

I would like to congratulate you on the work you do in producing The Times- Keep it up. DHF

## Breakfast at Portside 2020

Leon Papi, Pat Gibbes and Bette- Anne Swanson





**Breakfast at Portside 2020**- How come that sheila in the green blouse always gets her photo printed in The Times?

**John Cleese:** "I`m not advocating uncontrolled panicking. If you panic for more than a couple of hours, you will exhaust yourself and you may well not have energy to panic later, when you really feel you have to. So try about 20 minutes at 11am, and then another spell at 6pm."

Women`s Coffee Feb 2020- a fine selection indeed! Below our Ti -Trees picnic



Separation of Powers