



Mundaring
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JANUARY HIJINKS

February birthdays:

Wow, February isn't really the month for cabbages, except maybe in parts of the Northern Hemisphere!

Rosemary, Meg, Brenda, Lilli, Mary, Verna, Leonie and Gwyneth celebrate a birthday in February, a couple on the same day, though years apart! Enjoy your special day, with hearty good wishes for a year of joy and contentment one and all.

Folk & Blues: Where: Amphitheatre, Sculpture Park. **When:** Saturday, 23 March, 5 to 7.30 pm **Bring:** BYO picnic and chair – top level of the Amphitheatre. Come along for a fun time Enjoy music and dance in the cool of the day and support the Shire's meagre offering of free summer entertainment for adults!

Committee news:

(1) Dinner:

There's been no committee meeting since December, but following the resolution at the AGM, in November committee members (with a budget of \$50 each) treated themselves to dinner at the reopened Old Mahogany Inn, enjoying the balmy evening outdoors under the trees (no roosting birds above), eating (we nearly all had the Tuesday night steak special – though 'twasn't so special for a couple of folk!) chatting and listening to some lazy jazz. Thank you!

(2) Totem poles:

A couple of members have been busy reigniting efforts to install mosaic artworks – wheels preference is for 'totem poles' – at the western end of Sculpture Park. With the support of Jenny Kerr, Artistic Program Support at the Mundaring Arts Centre, Sally is working on an application for a grant from the Shire's Inspire Arts Grant for funds to engage an artist to prepare plans, whilst Cheryl is contacting the Mundaring Primary School and the Home-Schooling Group for intergenerational support for the project.. The legendary Eric McCrum is also providing support and advice for local flora and fauna, botanical and indigenous names.

wheels sculpture project for Sculpture Park:

To help kick start this ideas for this project - join the legendary fount of knowledge of birds, bees, plants and animals and their indigenous names too, **ERIC McCRUM**, together with families from the Home Schooling group for the intergenerational project to bring life to the western end of Sculpture Park, for an information session to be held at **Hilltop Grove Community Centre, 1425 Jacoby Street on TUESDAY 19TH MARCH at 2.00 pm**. The afternoon will be facilitated by Jenny Ker, Artistic Programme Support, Mundaring Arts Centre. As well as your suggestions on what form the artwork should take you may also be able to put pencil to paper to bring your thoughts to life! So do come along to what should be an informative and fun afternoon. Light afternoon tea provided. For catering purposes PLEASE LET SALLY know if you will be there - **text or ring 0423 178 266. or email wheels1795@gmail.com by Monday, 11 March**. Hope to see you there.

wheels wandered

Perth Trails, Walyunga: ‘twas warm and sunny when we boarded the bus at 7 am to head to Walyunga to lend willing hands to greet runners/walkers at the end of their early morning jaunts! –only a small field of 356, spread pretty evenly among the three groups. The long (12k) and medium (9k) runners had departed before we arrived; the 4kers, headed off soon after. It wasn’t too long before the first runners reappeared and then for the next couple of hours we were busy handing out medals, unbuckling belts and filing away (sweaty) numbers (in strict numerical order) ready for their next outing. Some of us scored a tasty, treat of a hot little sausage roll from the ‘coffee and pie lady as a “thank you for our volunteer efforts. We will receive a small cheque of \$350 from the Trail organisers too! Thank you to the Spokes and friends who provided the Crew!.



PERTH TRAILS TWO! The organisers have asked if wheels would like to provide the Crew for their winter outing at the State Equestrian Centre, Brigadoon on **SUNDAY 7TH JULY.** We need to be there by 8.45 so would leave Mundaring at 7.45 - not too early for a winter's morning.. It's not arduous, and it's quite good fun. It helps the trails community - there can be more than 800 runners/walkers at an event - and earns wheels a small honorarium to plug the hole left by vacating Bunnings sausage sizzle. If you are interested **PLEASE LET SALLY KNOW - 0423 178 266 OR** email **wheels 1795@gmail.com ASAP** as we need to confirm attendance with Perth Trails.

Games Afternoon and Martha’s 90th birthday celebration – with help from Cheryl’s pen -

First, a game of spoons . Seated around one long table, spoons placed in the centre – one less than the number of players, everyone dealt 4 cards. The dealer takes a card and passes one on to the person on the left, the faster the discarded card is passed on the more frantic it becomes. The aim is to be the first to gather 4 of a kind and quietly take a spoon, which is a signal for everyone else to make a grab for one too. The person who misses out gets the letter S, and so on till someone’s losses spell Spoon. **Lyn Y.** was somewhat at a disadvantage, joining the group after explanations were given and having to move seats to be more able to reach the spoons in the centre of the table. The move didn’t help, and she was spooned out – at which time we split into two groups to play “Bananas”! –a game played with tiles with letters of the alphabet. A bit like scrabble except each person uses their allocated tiles to make interlocking words.



Various codes are used to enable tiles to be swapped. The first person to use all their tiles wins. In hindsight it would have been more equitable if the two players whose first language was not English played in their mother tongue. And that was all we had time for before a "surprise" birthday afternoon tea in Martha's honour. We had some tasty contributions from some of our Spokes and Sally made enough cupcakes to form a very large 90. When asked if she was going to blow out the candles Martha said, "There's only two!" (we didn't want to set fire to Hilltop!). Thanks for the “bubbles” Matha – and, yes, Sally really did make all those cupcakes! **Sally** - who pinched the walnut off the cake (check out the pic!)

Summer Stroll – a slight change in area, but still beside the river at Woodbridge, instead of Viveash. It was bright and sunny, and the easterly breeze was still moving the air, so it was a pleasant start along the path, with



intermittent dappled shade. It wasn't long before the faster walkers left the stragglers behind, who strolled as far as comfortable before finding a seat to enjoy the tranquil river scene, one lone egret foraging on the far bank. One or two tried out the exercise equipment! With a second wind the slow walkers headed back, to the children's playground to set up morning tea, Martha having to stand on tippy toes to reach the childproof lock on the gate! After a "Sally" scone with tea/coffee we felt able to tackle the drive back up the hill, noting the temperature dropped by 4 degrees as we reached the forest. A pleasant and convivial way to start the day.

Bacon & Bap Brekkie – Garvey Park:

The morning was warm, and we decided to eat first – probably not a good idea, though we thoroughly enjoyed eggs whichever way, bacon and baps, tea or coffee too, with Sally wielding the tongs. Afterwards we stopped in the shade of the trees to enjoy the tranquil river scene – one majestic lone black swan, numbers of kayakers, doubles and singles, glided by, and one upright paddle boarder too. Most of the group turned left down the sunny side of the path .. a couple went right and were able to enjoy patches of shade. The sunny-siders didn't walk too far, 'twas too hot, and retired to the Swan Café to enjoy an ice-cream, chat and catch the cool breeze on the verandah, joined by the other two not much later. We whiled away an hour or more, and stopped for cheap fuel at Atlas before heading back up the hill;

Home movie – from Hazel's pen:

'Woman in Gold' This film based on the true story of Maria Altmann (Helen Mirren) who six decades earlier fled the Nazis in Vienna during WWII and settled in Los Angeles. She sets out to reclaim her family's artworks seized by the Nazis, amongst them a famous portrait of her beloved Aunt Adele by Gustave Klimt called 'Woman in Gold'. With the help of a young lawyer Randy Schoenberg (Ryan Reynolds) Maria embarks upon a lengthy legal battle to recover this painting and several others, but it is not easy because Austria considers them National treasures. She eventually wins her case, and the portrait is now on permanent display in the Neue Gallery in New York. The film has many flashbacks to Maria's life in Vienna as a young woman from a wealthy family. It has some harrowing scenes depicting the persecution of Jews. After the movie we moved outside to the verandah for lunch and those of us who experienced WW2 recounted their childhood memories of that time. As is often the case with Home Movies the discussion afterwards is sometimes just as enjoyable as the movie itself. Thanks once again Ray and Sally for being such lovely hosts.

40+ Fabulous –

a Fringe Festival event at the Kalamunda hotel. We had a leisurely drive through the forest, noting a multitude of fallen and/or mutilated trees, on the way. Parked just outside the back entrance, there was time for a quick drink and a snack of chips and garlic bread on the upstairs verandah before we took up front row seats in the large room, which we guessed held about 100 patrons – mainly young woman of a certain age, with a springling of older women and young men - who spent an enjoyable hour with raconteur/humourist Emma who regaled us with stories of her life – the good, the bad, joyous and sad in such a way that had her audience laughing uproariously. She delved briefly into the past – what was expected from a wife and mother in the 50s and 60s, greeted with guffaws of laughter from the young women but lived experience for some. On home territory, at the end of her performance Emma was emboldened to thank a couple of women who had supported her through a difficult period, tears and hugs all round. Happy, but reflective, we headed home via the more 'suburban' route, thinking we would be less likely to have a surprise encounter with a kangaroo.