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WHAT'S ON

12 th July	General Meeting
25 th July	Coffee Club
2 nd August	Committee Meeting
9 th August	General Meeting - Ladies' Day
29 th August	Coffee Club
29 th Sept	Annual G & S Bundanoon
29 th Oct ~ 1 st Nov	Hunter Valley Trip

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Active Members	95
Non- Active Members	3
Life Members	1
Attendance last meeting	57

At this meeting we induct Geoff McNamara into the club. Geoff and his wife Barbara live at Renwick and Geoff was involved in the apparel and textile industry for many years before retirement. Welcome to the club!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To these club members we say happy birthday and wish them many more.

Frank Conroy	Arthur Delbridge
Geoff Matthews	Barry Parsons
Bruce Pearson	David Raines
Malcolm Stephens	Don Willis

SPEAKERS

In July we have our member; Rob Epworth who will talk to us about "The Relevance of the World Bank Today. Is 50 Years Too Much?"

Visiting us will be Willy Hall with his chosen topic, "A Poisoned Chalice". Willy is the son of Peter Hall who was one of the leading Australian architects of his generation. Born in Newcastle NSW in 1931, his name is most often remembered as the architect who completed the design of the Sydney Opera House after the resignation of Jørn Utzon, but he has many other fine architectural projects to his credit.

And next month we have club member Max Powditch with the title "A part of the World most Aussies (and most others) don't know about". This sounds like another mystery trip to me!

Charlotte Nattey follows with the topic "Cartier - Jeweller of Kings, King of Jewellers". With this topic the committee decided that the ladies might be interested and therefore they are invited along to hear this speaker, to enjoy morning tea with the group and to follow up with lunch in the bistro if they choose. Note that there are no free samples being distributed however you may spot your next birthday gift!

COFFEE CLUB

Vigorous discussions were held at the Coffee Club last month on the subject of population growth. No doubt there will be more lively and interesting opinions and discussion at the July meeting. Come along and participate.

All members are welcome to this congenial, interesting and enjoyable hour or so of discussion and a cup of coffee of course!

LADIES' DAY AUGUST MEETING



Next meeting, Thursday, 9th August in your diary. The club will be having one of its Ladies' Days with the guest speaker being Charlotte Nattey whose topic is 'Cartier - Jeweller of Kings, King of Jewellers'. I am sure that I don't need to tell you who Cartier is! As this topic is of special interest to both members and their ladies we are hoping for a large attendance at this meeting. Morning tea will be available for all and for those who would like to stay after the meeting for a spot of lunch the usual bistro is also available.

Come along and enjoy a very social morning!

MYSTERY TOUR REPORT

Beforehand, everyone wanted to know where Gordon's "Mystery Tour" was going. As the date got closer, two clues were provided. First we would not be driving more than 15 kilometres to reach our destination. And second, we were to meet at the Bowral Brickwork's car park, in Kirkham Road. The date was the easiest part of the limited information that was provided, but even Allen Broome got that wrong. That left 19 of us.

Obviously (!) we were headed for Berrima...up Oxleys Hill Road. (Why would we meet at the Brickpit if we were going towards Robertson or Sutton Forest?)

And in Berrima, Gordon had arranged for us to visit Harper's Mansion, The Courthouse, the oldest continually licensed Inn in Australia, the Surveyor General and finally, the Museum. Several of our group, surprisingly, had visited only one of this four the pub!

This Month's One-Liner

If you can stay calm while all around you is chaos, you probably haven't completely understood the situation.

Harper's Mansion, circa 1835, a colonial Georgian residence with two acres of superb, established gardens, created by James Harper. The home has had several owners since Harper and his wife, including the Catholic Church (for over 100 years) and was finally purchased by the National Trust in 1978. It is in excellent condition and a trip, even just to the gardens in Spring, is another absolute must.



The Courthouse also dates to the early 1830's., and yet another magnificent sandstone building. An excellent tour. The wander through included a "son et lumiere" (sound and light) show titled "Treachery, Treason and Murder", a dramatic and moving audio visual experience of what it would have been like for the person charged in front of the all-powerful magistrate. And, oh, the freezing cells.



The Surveyor General Inn was built by James Harper, at the same time as he built the Mansion, and he was the licensee. Berrima was on the main (probably only) road south from Sydney, and thus the Inn catered for those seeking accommodation (and/or a drink.) We had lunch there in the Bistro, with the sun streaming in on our group as we faced the side of the Goal, with its No Entry signs.

And finally, the Berrima District Museum. Note the word District. This superb collection of artefacts came from almost every town in the Shire, not just Berrima. The latest addition houses the history of the German (and other) internees in or around the gaol, during World War I. Most were merchant seamen and many of them built shacks along the edge of the river. A wonderful, but probably not a well-known part, of our history.

The only disappointing feature was the poor roll up of our members...12 plus 7 of our ladies. Gordon will



probably (publicly) disagree with my view, but just think about how much organising goes into something like this trip. I'd be feeling a bit let down!

(Thanks to Max Powditch for this report)

HUNTER VALLEY TRIP ** Bookings Still Open

Departure for the Hunter Valley trip (29 October to November 1) may seem a long way off but plans are well in hand and promises to be a great time with great people.

Brief details are the same as published in our June newsletter, full details however will be circulated once all participants are confirmed, as this will enable final details to be given to all places we will be visiting.

There will be two nights when dinner is booked at a location other than the first night which is at Potters, our Hotel for the stay. Both these two venues offer a return coach transfer from Potters, with Tuesday night being complimentary and Wednesday at an additional cost of \$15 per person return.

Please advise Richard prior to your final payment whether you prefer to drive individually to each dinner venue, or to take the coach to one or both dinners. The relevant coach bookings will then be confirmed with them.

There are still a few rooms left available to us at Potters, so for those not yet decided, please join us, it will be great fun !

A reminder to those who have not paid their deposits that these are required in the usual way by the July meeting (July 12) with finals by the General meeting on 9 September.

This tour is being organized by Richard Miall and Richard may be contacted at richardinfiji@hotmail.com

A detailed itinerary is available online at [Click Here](#). This of course is subject to minor adjustments as necessary.

HINT

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