

THE BUGLE

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COCOA'S PRESIDENT'S REPORT May 2023

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 3rd JULY 2023

Hello all COCOA members and a special welcome to new members. I do not have a great deal to report at this time, everything is in motion again following the AGM.

Glad to report all our travellers are safely home again, with the exception of Olive Ward whom I believe is due home this week, hope all went well for you.

The AGM and lunch went off OK but it would have been nice to have more members present. With just 27 members (just made the quorum) and 25 apologies. I cannot stress the importance of members attending this one day when we can all get together to vote on the election of Committee members and to hear any concerns you may have re the running of COCOA.

Once again we have a full Committee and thanks to those of you who have put your hands up to come along to the monthly meetings to learn to take on committee duties, namely Trish Leslie and Barry Howell. We also have someone who has shown interest in standing for another position next year.

At this point I welcome our new Vice president in Chris Gaggin and also thank Joyce Stephens (retiring) for your support as Vice President and Past committee member. There are still other positions which will become vacant, so please if you would like to commit to any position, please contact me and we can arrange for you to come along to some meetings to see what is expected of you.

I will be stepping down next year after 8 years service and I can only say it has been a really great time.

My thanks to all our committee over the last year(s) for your dedication to COCOA.

I am happy to report the lunch at the Albion was most enjoyable and was well attended by 38 members. The only downside was Rosie, after organising the event, being unwell and unable to join us. I'm pleased to say she has now recovered.

Check this Bugle for more day outs, would be good to see more members taking part.

I am very pleased to report there will be two new Camp Leaders for Bunbury next year in Joyce Stephens and Carol Scoble, I'm sure with Joy's past experience and Carol's capabilities all should be well.

Our next camp will be at Serpentine in October, application forms are included in this Bugle. You will note (as advised at the AGM) the cost is a little higher but this is unavoidable as all venues have increased their fees and bus hire has risen by approx. 30%. The day out will be a country trip.

We require a minimum of 30 members or we have to pay for that number, so please make the effort to attend, it is a good camp and the catering is excellent. Leaders will be myself and Iris along with Olive Ward.

Look forward to seeing many of you with hopefully new members.

Peter James
PRESIDENT

TOODYAY OUTING:

Lunch at Toodyay Hotel in June was an enjoyable day. Some went by car and quite a few on the train from Perth. There were 33 members who enjoyed a morning tea, before wandering about the town. Some accompanied Mike who was a worthy guide, of the history and buildings of the town. Thank you, Mike, for organising the day and making it interesting. A longer story of the day, written by Rosie, (our worthy outings organiser) can be seen in Letters to the Editor in July Have A Go paper.

LUNCH AT COTTESLOE:

Thank you Pam Simpson

Just 2 weeks into winter and I'm driving up Stirling H/way thinking that today is such a beautiful day and thought of a cold and rainy winter far from my mind. Trying not to run off the road I love seeing the ocean, calm and serene with the sun shining over the water and many ships on the horizon waiting their turn to venture into our loading docks. Where else in the world would I rather be?

We arrive in 2's and 3's and even one by one, to the Albion Hotel, Cottesloe. Some have returning from visiting faraway places; we came by train, bus and car. I see familiar faces seated closely together, enjoying conversations, as they are warmed by the slow burning log fire in the Bar.

Everyone happy to see familiar faces and to greet new faces here for the first time. All here for the purpose of enjoying good food, good humour and fine company. After eating yummy food and catching up with my new friends, I prepare to journey home, feeling good. I really enjoyed the day with my COCOA friends.

Regards Pamela Simpson

President's report presented at the Annual General Meeting 24th May 2023

Firstly, I welcome everyone to our 35th Annual meeting, and a special welcome to all new members, especially those whom I haven't met.

Since the last AGM we have had 4 Camps, Lancelin (Leaders Judy Hampson & Jenny Aurisch), Bunbury (Leaders Peter & Iris James) ably assisted by trainee Claire Chalmers, and Quaranup in Albany (Leaders Jewel Wilcox, Chris Gaggin & Jim Simcock), Busselton (Leaders Chris Gaggin & Judy Hampson)

My thanks to all leaders for their hard & efficient work.

All camps went well though numbers were a little low, we really need to get numbers up in order to keep running these camps. Our next camp will be on 16th October at Serpentine, which will be run by myself & Iris with Olive. Please consider this camp as we are required to have a minimum of 30 people to avoid having to pay for extra.

Other events were several day outings to The Stirling Arms, Woodbridge Hotel & Day trip to The Grosvenor Hotel & Toodyay (with Mike's help) & thanks to Rosie Hope, who is an expert on bus & Train timetables, all were very successful and enjoyed by many members.

In addition Jewel arranged both the Christmas in July & the Christmas lunch at the Harold Hawthorne Centre, both enjoyed by all those attending.

The committee have been working hard to get as many members as possible onto the electronic contact list. Emails are proving to be a much more economic basis for the club, especially the Bugle. Our thanks to Geoff Graham & Glenys Arnold for their very capable efforts in this area.

We have had a number of new members joining up due to the excellent stories Rosie Hope has included in the Have a Go magazine, keep up the good work Rosie. In addition last month I worked with a journalist Annie Mills from the West Australian who wrote an article in the Sunday Times about our Cocoas Group. This also brought another influx of new members. It seems there are many people interested in our activities.

It is pleasing to see members willing to come on the committee. Firstly I invited Chris Gaggin as a guest at Committee meetings with a view to have him nominate for a position. I am very pleased for him to now nominate as Vice President for the coming year. We also have Another member in Trish Leslie has indicated her interest in learning about the treasurer's job, this is very encouraging. There are other positions which will become vacant next year So any other members who are interested, please talk to me about it. As a guest, you can see how the committee works. Please remember, our Club is as good as our committee, as a President, I am very appreciative of this committee who all work together & have kept Cocoas running smoothly. Thank you to each and every one of you.

We are still looking for people to take on camp leader positions, as a 2IC you will have the guidance of experienced leaders to help you learn what is expected, please give this serious consideration.

On a sad note, it is always my duty to inform you of the passing of some of our members. In this past year, we lost Vic Cooper who passed away suddenly last year and my sister Brenda Butt in January this year, many thanks to those of you who attended her funeral.

I look forward to another successful year with good friendships being formed. If you know of anyone who needs some TLC, please let me know, we have a really nice Welfare officer in Barbara Player, who will make contact. I wish everyone a good & healthy year.

Peter James



COMING EVENTS

AUGUST: Lunch at Fremantle:

FEDERAL HOTEL: 23 WILLIAMS STREET

DATE: 10th August. 2023 **TIME:** 11.30 for 12.00

Train to Fremantle station. Bus from Station to Markets. A short walk down an arcade, which leads to the Federal Hotel; opposite the Post Office. Ring Rose to make a booking. Phone: 94478246(pref) or 041 6015 697

SEPTEMBER: Lunch at Perth:

Public House in Perth: 263 Adelaide Tce Perth

DATE: Thursday 14th September 2023 **TIME:** 11.30 – 12.00

Catch any bus down St Georges Terrace...Free transit zone! Alight prior to Victoria Ave.

Pub is diagonally across opposite corner.

Telephone: Rose 9447 8246 or 0416 015 697. A fortnight before to reserve a place.

OCTOBER

Serpentine Camp: October 16th to 21st (see page 5)

NOVEMBER

Have A Go Day. Wednesday 15th November

NOVEMBER

Picnic at the Matagarup Bridge:

DATE: Thursday 16th November **TIME:** Any time from 10.00 to 12.00

The picnic spot is at the foot of the Matagarup Bridge on the East Perth side of the river.

Catch the Red Cat from Wellington Station to Stop No: 27751 Sailani Av Matagarup Bridge, walk toward the back of the bus, follow the slight incline to the bridge, but descend the

steps before the bridge and you will find yourself in the most beautiful tree studded area,

with tables and chairs and BBQs. **WARNING.** The path from the picnic spot to Victoria

Gardens, where you will find the toilets, is also a **BIKE PATH.**

DECEMBER

Christmas Lunch

Tuesday December 12.

More info in the next Bugle.

Welcome to New Members

Margaret Parke, Denise Patience, Julie Simpson, Victoria Johnson, Anne Jeavons, Frances Honig, Alan Guy, Lynn Fisher, Pam French and Ian Watson.

SERPENTINE CAMP: BAPTIST CAMP TRANSIT ROAD, JARRAHDAL

Monday 16th October to Saturday 21st

Enquiries: Camp Leaders: Peter James 0477 422 865

2IC: Iris James 0418959794, Olive Ward 0404 913 007

CLOSING DATE: 30 TH SEPTEMBER, 2023 . COST \$430 per Person

Pay by Cheque(.....) made out to: Come Out Camping Older Adults

Or Bank Transfer (.....) BSB 306050 A/C No 415858-3. Please include your NAME.

One form per person or couples. PLEASE NOTE: Both must sign.

Please read carefully & COMPLETE ALL details MARKED** and send the forms to:

IRIS JAMES, 5 CHATEAU COURT, MOUNT RICHON 6112

**Name.....M(....) F (....) EMAIL.....

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**Address.....P/Code.....Phone.....

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**Going by Car?..... Can you pick up anyone at Armadale station: YES/NO

**If you can help, please indicate how many: and we can put them in touch with you.

**Do you need transport from Armadale? YES/NO (if we can arrange)

There is no public transport past Armadale Station, taxis are available, it is about 20kms.

Taxis could be shared. Note: we do not pay for taxis

**Any special Dietary Requirements.....

**Will you be taking part in craft sessions? YES/NO (Needed for materials)

**In case of EMERGENCY contact:

Name.....Phone.....

**PARTICIPATION OF ACTIVITIES WHILE AT CAMP – INDEMNITY FORM

I declare I fully understand the physical fitness & health requirements necessary to Safely participate in activities at this camp. I acknowledge I am responsible for my own Safety & I participate at my own risk.

I also accept no liability shall be attached to Come out Camping Older Adults (Inc)

Or it's officers and I indemnify them by signing this form.

**SIGNATURE.....DATE.....

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NOTE: Any Cancellations after the cut-off date could incur a 50% Penalty

ADVENTURES BY THE SEA BUSSELTON CAMP ROSIE HOPE

I plonked two slices of bread on top of several other people's contribution. The conveyor belt in the toaster gobbled them up and spat out two golden brown pieces of toast. Who owns this lot? I asked.

Big Peter, HANDS ORF!

Well I swear the very devil got into me. I saw the gentleman in question in deep conversation; his back turned to the toaster and before you could say "knife" I swiped those golden beauties and was at the far end loading plum jam onto them. Meanwhile Peter could be seen at the toaster looking very puzzled and examining the toaster from top to bottom. His mouth was set in questioning, hard line, as he watched, tall, skinny Peter (who I swear has hollow legs) walk past with a plate load of goodies, high as Mt. Everest in one hand and two innocently acquired slices of toast in the other.

We were at COCOA's Busselton Camp and my cabin was a few steps from the ocean. It was late Autumn and the ever changing mood of the sea was a marvel to behold. Previously that morning I'd stood under a storm laden sky covered in dark clouds. Slate grey water topped with white crests crashed onto salt white sand and the thick foliage that rimmed the foreshore shook menacingly. Fearing an impending violent storm, I'd hurried back to the activities room where a blazing log fire soon warmed me up.

Another memorable day, I was invited to join a group and we drove through the delightful coastal township of Dunsborough and on to Eagle Bay and Bunker Bay, where we clambered down some rickety steps to where the sea crashed through huge boulders to form clear tiny pools kin basins formed by smaller rocks. On we drove through heavily wooded forests to the Lavender Tea Rooms where we indulged in some exotic fatteners.

On our bus trip I discovered how much Busselton has developed in recent years. Several cranes dotted the skyline and the foreshore was alive with coffee addicts. Further toward the Marina new houses abounded. We drove on to Simmos Ice-cream Parlour, and in a parkland setting enjoyed a picnic lunch and ice-creams. Every one of us slurping a different colour.

Then on to Anniebrook, a huge emporium of all things imaginable to entice folk to part with their hard-earned cash plus there was a restaurant for those who needed a coffee fix. All set amongst, sheep, guinea pigs running wild and chooks.

Although we shared accommodation we all remained good friends, even though in the middle of the night, one lady having observed her roommate leave the room for the loo, which was across the lawn. She decided to follow her. The first lady returned to the cabin, locked the door and fell fast asleep. Leaving the poor castaway to spend the rest of the night in the Activities Room, situated down a dark pathway. A good setting for a Midsummer murder series. Attending her ablutions on another night a lady was horrified when a cubicle door opened and an equally horrified bloke blundered through; having entered the wrong toilet in the dark.

Photos of the Busselton Camp, courtesy Ian Watson.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS!

AUGUST

Enzo Gugiatto	1st
Peter Burgess	3rd
Betty Taylor	11th
Marmion Wakefield	13rd
Brian Crossley	14th

SEPTEMBER

Barbara Johnson	1st
Chris Edwards	4th
Leilani Schlieben	7th
Patricia Prestidge	8th
Shirley Stevenson	9th
Kim Quek	11th
Roma Straiton	11th
Patricia Kennedy	13th
Barbara Johnson	15th
Terrence Hewson	17th
Elizabeth Mayer	18th
Mike Cox	23rd
Molly Harris	23rd
Barbara Ford	27th
Janet Read	21st
Monica Wheeler	21st
Noleen Jesser	28th
Rayleen Downey	16th
Maureen Allen	19th
Brian Tuck	28th
Nancy Vernaleo	29th

OCTOBER

Peter Stonewood	3rd
Tony Leslie	6th
John Dillimore	6th
Rosemary Fautleroy	7th
Lynette De Ruyter	8th
Annette Ginns	9th
Maureen Redfern	9th
Claire Chalmers	10th
Hans Mayer	12th
Dale Guppy-Candido	12th
Frances Chadd	14th
Des Dwyer	14th
Jean Harris	17th
Jim Simcock	20th
Michael Stackpole	20th
Jackie Burdett	23rd
Les Hollands	25th
Kathy Burgess	26th
Sheryl Coleman	26th
Jennifer Eddy	28th
Carol Morgan	30th

President	Peter James	0477 422 865
Secretary	Daphne Field	0409 370 922
Treasurer	Carol Scoble	9447 0818
Registrar	Judy Hampson	0450 735 415

If you are over 55 and would like to join, or have any questions regarding our COCOA Club, please call our Registrar.

Judy Hampson Phone 0450735415.

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