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For good food, good fellowship and the privilege to be with friends we give thanks



THE NEXT EVENT

Stone Seared Sizzlin Steak

When: Wednesday 18th May

Time: 6:30 for 7:00pm

Where: Stonegrill Henry St Penrith
(opp Good Guys)

What: Dinner and Fellowship

Costs: \$34 per head for 3 courses

RSVP: Janice 47353037 by Monday Night



Spencer's Snippets

Hi Everyone,

It is already May – how time “flies”.

Please check out details of our next event in Janice’s Social Page.

What has ex-president Keith done to Macquarie Street?

His Post Office in Parliament House has no doubt been in the process of finalising accounts held by ex-politicians and opening new accounts for the new mob. I don’t think anyone, Keith included, has seen such a large turnover of people (including staff) as what happened back in March. Keep us “posted”, Keith. (Pun intended).

Our best wishes go to Garry Rumble as he has surgery at Westmead Private Hospital. On behalf of all members, I wish you a speedy recovery, Garry.

Janice is always hoping for greater attendance at the various functions she arranges for us.

I hope Nepean Valley Apex 40 members are keen to support the 50 year Anniversary Dinner of the Apex Club of Blacktown. This will be held on Saturday, 13th August, 2011. Please contact Janice so we can organise a table.

I encourage everyone to consider coming along for” Continuing Fellowship”.

Hope to see you at our next social.

Bryan



SOCIAL REPORT – May 2011

by Janice Wright

Our last function was our Sunday picnic at The Pioneer Village at Wilberforce. Everyone found the village even though Ken tried hard to confuse us all by writing the wrong street name in the directions. It was lovely to see so many of our members join in the fun of the day. Vic and Daphne drove from Lake Macquarie and were the first to arrive. Bryan hobbled in but then showed off by climbing up onto the table to make an announcement.

What a fantastic recovery Bryan! Jim and Wendy also joined us for the day. It's good to catch up with you again. We explored the village and found out that Channel 7 is using the village as the set for a new series they are producing. All together we had 16 people at the picnic. There was lots of food to eat and a good day was had by all. What a shame that I had to leave and go to work for the evening shift!

Our next function is a midweek dinner at the Stonegrill restaurant in Henry St Penrith. The date is Wednesday 18th May and the time is 6.30 for 7pm. The cost is \$34 per head for a 3 course meal. This will be a meal with a bit of a difference as you will be presented with a piece of raw meat on a hot rock. The meat will cook as you eat. Sounds different but it is yummy and you definitely get to have your meat cooked exactly as you like it. RSVP – Monday 16th May.

Our June function will be a ghost tour of St Bartholomew Church and cemetery at Prospect. This has been a special request from Scott Miller as he wants to be scared out of his skin. This will be held on Saturday 18th June. The cost is \$11 per person and this needs to be paid to Blacktown Council for them to accept our booking. Could all interested people please RSVP to me by 18th May (at the dinner will be fine).

SOCIAL REPORT – May 2011 (Cont)

For the July function, I have found a dinner and show called Superstars and Musicals, The Legends Continue. Bonny and Bryan have been to one of these shows previously and gave a very good review. This would be held on 16th July. I will need to book this soon and will need numbers at the May dinner. The cost is \$55 per person.

In August, Blacktown Apex will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary with a formal dinner. I propose that we book a table and support the Blacktown Apexians for our August function. The date is the 13th August and the cost is \$45 per person. Could I please have numbers for this dinner as well.

The year is just flying by when we start discussing June and July, but I guess time goes fast when you're having fun.

Cheers - Janice

The Passing Of Betty Hargreaves (OAM) - 4th May 2011 (Jill Yates' Mother)

Betty was one of the founders of the Penrith Community Aid Organisation. She was also a long-time member of Penrith Inner Wheel Club, and was President of the Far West Division Drought Appeal. Betty had received significant recognition for her community service to Penrith. She is an Order of Australia Medal recipient, a previous Penrith Woman of the Year winner, and also received the Premier's Award as Senior Citizen of New South Wales.



ACHIEVEMENTS

Founded Penrith Community Aid in 1972 Order of Australia Medal
 Womens International Year - Penrith Woman of the Year.
 Premier's Award - Senior Citizen of NSW
 Member of Penrith Inner Wheel.
 President - Far West Division Drought Appeal, raising over \$50,000
 Operated Betty's Arts & Crafts.

From the Secretary



To enhance our “continuing fellowship and friendship” with each other, I wish to start a new Dinner Notice section.

We all have special occasions in our lives which I would like to acknowledge.

This will only work and be successful if all members willingly contribute.

My idea is to set up a member list of the following:

Birthdate of each member. Wedding Anniversary of each member. **Year is Not Necessary**

Example: Bonny Spencer - D.O.B. 26th December.

Wedding Anniversary – 1st February

I would be most grateful if everyone could take a few minutes to email their details to me at: yspencer@tpg.com.au

If there is any other news or events you would like to share with us by way of the Dinner Notice, I would only be too happy to include this in the following issue.

Each month I will place the applicable details in the Dinner Notice.

I kindly ask each member to assist me in this request so I can compile the list of details.

Many thanks and I await your reply.

Bonny

St Bartholomew Church & Cemetery Ghost Tour

A recent visitor writes —

I went on this tour last Saturday night & really enjoyed it.

This was one of the places I spoke about where I experienced that vibration in the floor.(of the church)

You sure do get value for your money on this tour...it runs for a few hours & although the guides history chats are a little monotonous....it's still worth it if any of you ever get the chance to go.

The old church is absolutely beautiful to look at & they have just refurbished the entire building.

As you drive up to the church, which sits upon a hill, you can't help but feel the energy of the place encompass you as you get nearer.



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Picnic at “Hanging Rock” – not this time!!

THE PHANTOM REPORTER



It was picnic at “Australiana Village”, Wilberforce.

A great turnout of 14 members + Scott Miller and the Spencer’s granddaughter, Alexandra.

Thanks go to Vic and Daphne Ashby for firing up the G.P.S. and making the trek from Buttaba to join in.

Also, it was good to catch up with Jim and Wendy Harris. Poor Jim had some new “battle scars” after another bout with a surgeon.

Our Preso, Bryan has ditched the crutches and was there with a walking stick, and appears to be on the mend.

The group spent time wandering in and out of the old buildings and talking to various folk working there before settling down to our picnic.

Although it was slightly damp underfoot the rain held off and we had a very pleasant time chin wagging and just relaxing in a rural setting.

Well done, Janice, for arranging the day. Sometimes it is good just to have a picnic and catch up. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

See **you at the next “do”**.



During a recent planned procedure, the Surgeons found that Garry Rumble had a heart, but after being awarded an OAM for all his efforts over the years to Council, Apex, Rotary etc, the weight of this award was too much and required Garry to have his heart repaired. Apparently a valve was set to the “giving too much” setting and required adjustment. Garry is on the mend and will be back to full capacity soon. We wish him well.



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APEX 40 – NEPEAN VALLEY DRAFT YEAR PLANNER 2010

DATE OF EVENT	FUNCTION	DETAIL
18th May	Mid Week Dinner	Stone Grill Henry St Penrith
18th June	Ghost Tour	Prospect Cemetery & Church
4-6 June 2011	2011 National RORT (AGM)	Nelson New Zealand (In conjunction with Round Table 41 AZGM)
13th August	Blacktown Apex 50th Year Anniversary	Blacktown Apex 50th Year Anniversary
25th to 28th May 2012	2012 Rort Fraser Coast Qld	Bush 'n' Beach Rort More details after NZ Rort.

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