

IRONBARK NEWS

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December 2012



*Wishing everyone a happy Christmas
and healthy
New Year
from the RTC and STAA
volunteers*

Christmas Break

The RTC will be closed from 21st
December 2012 and we will be re-opening
Wednesday 30th January 2013.

Next Meeting of RTC

Thursday 8th February 6:00pm

Next meeting of the STAA

**Will be the AGM followed by the Christmas
party. Please come along ,bring a plate and
your own drinks.**

**Wednesday 19th December
6:00pm**

**Please note membership is now
due \$2
You can pay at the Post Office
or at the RTC**

STAA Christmas Party 19th December

RTC Christmas Luncheon

10th December

RSVP 5/12/12

Stuart Town STAA Meeting 21st November

About 14 people attended the November meeting of the STAA.

The main item of business was the discussion regarding the transfer of the title for the School of Arts Hall back to the Crown.

Kate read through the letter from the department which included the benefits as seen by the department for association.

Many people expressed their concerns about returning the title deeds to the Crown and questioned why this proposal had been brought forward at this time. Kate explained that the letter had come after she had returned the required annual statement from the Department of Lands pertaining to the Crown land which had been "given" to the association several years ago (this is the land behind the RTC).

A discussion then followed regarding the benefits. Kate explained that the main benefit was that the Department of Lands would become responsible for the payment of some of the insurance including public liability insurance. This costs the RTC and the STAA over \$2000 per year. Under the new scheme the STAA would pay a nominal fee of approximately \$110.

The volunteers (a very small band!) spend a lot of time raising this amount of money, money that could be spent on other things.

Richard Eade spoke strongly against the idea of returning the title to the Crown and most of the people attending the meeting agreed with him. A letter was read from John Russell, who was involved with the establishment of the incorporation of the STAA who was also strongly against the idea.

A feeling of distrust was evident regarding the government's offer to take over the title of the School of Arts Hall.

A discussion then ensued regarding the ownership of the land with some people feeling that the hall was built on private land donated to the School of Arts Committee.

The meeting concluded with a general consensus that nothing should be done regarding this matter at the present time. But we will follow up to determine what the title deeds actually say regarding the land that the hall is built on. Also to follow up grants available to pay insurance through the Public Reserves Management Fund.
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Meeting at the Old Garage

Many interested Stuart Town residents attended a meeting organised by Michael Tolhurst, the General Manager and Mike Ryan, the Engineer from Wellington Council to decide what should be done.

Options ranged from knocking the walls down, knocking the half the northern wall down and rebuilding the southern wall.

Michael explained that there was only so much money for Stuart Town but it was our choice on what we wanted to do.

Tim Winters said that the old garage was part of our street scape and that we should save as much of it as possible. Everyone agreed that it would be good to keep the front wall. Mike Ryan stated that he thought the side wall would be strong enough to stand.

The main problem was the wall that had fallen down. This needs to be replaced some way but probably not as it was as this would be very expensive.

So, Michael and Mike are going to develop a few options and liaise with Andrew, the neighbour and present the alternatives to us after Christmas.

I asked could it be cleaned up for Easter and that seems to be on the agenda. All in all it was a very successful meeting with everyone happy with the direction that is being taken.

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CHURCH SERVICES

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CATHOLIC CHURCH

Stuart Town Mass each Saturday @ St John the Baptist @ 8.30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS MASS will be celebrated on Christmas Eve, Monday, 24th December @ 5 o'clock.

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Anglican and Non-denominational

Sunday 2nd 6.00pm Holy Communion
Sunday 16th 10.30am Morning Prayer and Children's Ministry(Mumbil)
Monday 24th Christmas Eve 8pm
Christmas Eucharist
Home Communion on request (Phone Clare 68468308
Geurie Sunday 23rd 6pm
Christmas Eve
Spicer's Creek 5.30pm
Stuart Town 8pm
Wellington Services
Monday 24th 11pm (midnight Mass)
Christmas Day Wellington 8am, 9.30am

From the Bible

And the word became flesh and lived among us,
And we have seen His glory, the glory as of the
Father's only Son,
Full of grace and truth

Gospel of John 1:14

A Thought to Ponder

Truth crushed to earth shall rise again the
eternal years of God are hers
William Cullen Bryant

Community Bus to Wellington

Will run in November. Ring Lyn Rich to **book** the week before on 68 45 4355

COMMUNITY BUS TO ORANGE

Will run during 2012
Phone 68 453474. Bookings are essential.

Mobile Library will be at the School of Arts Hall on Tuesday, 13th November and Tuesday 11th December between 12.00pm and 1.30pm.
Regional Library- 6801450



To be advised of upcoming Tennis Comps

Please contact

Mat 0431782335

Sam 0419516546

Kylie 0427897200

Thank You

BIRTHDAY WISHES

3rd Jane Hunt, Kimberly Douglas, Margaret Connaughton.
6th Ben McGregor.
8th Simone Frappell.
9th Daniel Stanford, Peter White.
12th Gabriel Harris.
14th Daphne Jones.
17th Nathan Bowman.
18th Donna Serimais, Stephen Hurst.
19th Allan White, Jean Frappell.
20th Jordan Pryde.
22nd Dylan Pullbrook
24th Emily Reid, Michelle Norberry, Ella Frappell
26th Bob Walker, Peg Gibson
28th Renae Dickerson
29th Jack Ryan, Ron Vandameer
31st Wayne Flett, Maralyn Pryde.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY.

4th Maureen & Jim Wilkie.
14th Christine & Malcolm Eldridge.
19th Maralyn & Dennis Flett.

Get Well Wishes

*to Pam Gough
for a continuing recovery after her
accident.*

*Also to Kenny Clarke , best wishes for a
speedy recovery.*

THANK YOU.

Our grateful thanks.....to the Stuart Town & Euchareena brigades and `crews` who attended the fire at "Glengarry" on Wednesday evening, with speed & efficiency.

Peter & Carmel Perceval .

School News

December sees the students completing assessment tasks and teachers using this information to compile end of year reports. All students have improved and are at or above benchmarks for their years thanks to the dedicated work and persistence of Mr G, Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Burns.
In week 6 Mr G as part of the Dubbo Research Group visited a number of schools in and around Canberra who are inspiring and achieving very good academic results in the past few years and came back with some great ideas and models to help engage our students at school.
The parenting program currently being run at school has also enlightened parents into different ways to help with their children's education. Participants have enjoyed the talks, morning tea and playgroup for the little people.
Last month the primary students competed in the National Word Mania Competition and congrats to Joel, Tyler and Caitlin who made it to the semi finals. Well done.
We continue to travel to Mumbil Public School for sport on Friday. Euchareena Public School have also joined in our sport mornings so some great team sports have been played.
The prize presentation evening will be held on 13th December at 6pm. All welcome. Come along

and see what the students have achieved during the year and be prepared to be wowed by a few special performances.

As this will be the last report from the school for 2012 we would like to thank our relieving principal Mr Christopher Grossett for a fantastic year of learning, productivity and fun during the school year. The students and staff are all sad to see him move onto bigger and better things but are thankful to him for all his knowledge, help and advice he has shared with us during his time here. We wish him and Jeannie all the best and hope he finds that elusive gold nugget he has been searching for.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and happy holidays. See you in the New Year when school resumes.

Please come and support one of our local families in need at a

Trivia Night

On Saturday 8th December at Stuart Town School of Arts Hall at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start.

Admission is \$10 per adult and you are assured a fun night.

Nibbles will be provided, BYO Drinks.

Children's activities will be run throughout the night.

Easy questions and fun games with some great prizes including

\$50 food vouchers, \$100 mechanical vouchers, hairdressing vouchers, meat trays, sides of lamb, wines, spirits, beer, cosmetics, bowling gift cards, load of wood, and spot prizes just to name a few.

Some bigger items like Quilts and Holiday accommodation will be auctioned so

Bring along your family and make up a table of up to 8 and have a fun night and support one who needs our community help.

Book a table on 68468243

NO BAKE CHOCOLATE FUDGE FRUIT CAKE

This is in the No Bake section of the Recipe File and it is so nice I need to hide it or it disappears almost immediately. It is very rich, so I cut it into small squares. That also makes the troops feel better because they can come back for seconds, and they don't realise they're only getting a half serve.

I use whatever biscuits are on sale. I've been buying Oreos from NQR lately, but Coles and Woolworths often have biscuits on sale - use whatever you can get at the cheapest price. I also only use generic cream cheese, it's a fraction of the price of Philadelphia cream cheese and just as good. Sometimes you can get Philly on sale at NQR so if you shop there, keep an eye open and stock up.

Ingredients:

2 pkts chocolate cream biscuits
125g cream cheese
1 egg
1 cup mixed fruit
125g milk chocolate
1 teaspoon butter
1 tablespoon water

Method:

Split 1 packet of biscuits in half. Crush the other packet in a food processor or with a rolling pin. In a large bowl mix crushed biscuits, cream cheese, egg, mixed fruit and half the chocolate that has been melted. Line a 20cm square cake tin with half the split biscuits. Spread the chocolate fruit mixture over the biscuits. Place the remaining split biscuits on top of the fruit mixture. Melt remaining chocolate with butter and water, mixing well. Drizzle over the top and in between the biscuits. Cover with foil or plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 4 hours until set. Slice into fingers to serve.

I Believe....

*That heroes are the people
who do what has to be done
when it needs to be done,
regardless of the consequences.*

*That my best friend and I can do
anything or and have the best time..*

*That sometimes when I'm angry
I have the right to be angry, but that
doesn't give me the right to be cruel.*

*That maturity has more to do with what
types of experiences you've had
And what you've learned from them and
less to do with how many birthdays
you've celebrated.*

*That even when you think
you have no more to give,
When a friend cries out to you,
you will find the strength to help.*

*'The happiest of people don't
necessarily have the best of
everything;
They just make the most of everything
they have'*

