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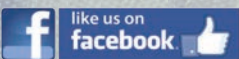
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with Susannah Friis

The new year is upon us and we are once again looking down the barrel of new opportunities and the chance to either keep going the way we are or make some changes.

At the beginning of a new year, it's always good to look back. Looking back isn't something I have to try too hard to do. I am a sucker for history. I just love it.

I can clearly remember when my penchant for the past began. I grew up in Tassie and when I was about 10, I went on a school excursion to historical Richmond.

For those who aren't aware, Richmond was established in the 1800s and much of its history has been retained. Following my classmates from olden day shop to olden day shop, one display caught my eye. It was a small leather shoe with a card next to it that said "Child's school shoe, circa 1830". The thought that this very shoe had been used by someone just like me to go to and from school blew my 10 year old mind. Ever since then, I have been enamoured with history, particularly the ordinary and 'every day' things.

When I was in England three years ago, what would make me catch my breath would be the small ordinary household items, imagining how many hands had touched that exact spot on a wall, picturing who had used that teaspoon for their cup of tea (Yes, I'm a complete pain to travel with anywhere historical!).

The past has a way of making us think about our present and our future. Seeing as special every day things from centuries ago helps us view the incidental things of today in a different light. It's not just the big moments in our lives that shape and mold us, it's the innumerable little things. There is intimacy in the ordinary. When I think about people I've loved who are no longer around, it's often the little things that will trigger a memory of them. Remembering how someone took their tea or coffee, which book was their favourite, seeing their most-loved treat at the bakery; we remember the little things that made them who they were.

As we embark on this bright and shiny new year and focus on all that is to come, let's remember to take the time to reflect on the specialness of the past and allow that reflection to inform our future. It's easy to focus on the big things we have planned for 2019 but take time to treasure and appreciate all the little things that make up this life and of which our present is full.

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ROTARY CLUB of Greater Springfield

UPDATE BY Fiona Lorimer



“When you wake up in Bangkok and go to bed in Kathmandu – you know you’ve just started a great adventure”. These words describe the commencement of recent retiree and local Rotarian Paul Roger’s journey as a participant in September’s ShelterBox Nepal Trek 2018. Paul and eight other fundraising trekkers (including five Rotarians) discovered the majestic Annapurna region of the Himalayas during the two-week experience. Funds raised by Paul and the other participants totalled \$44,500, with all monies going directly to ShelterBox.

After a day of acclimatising in Kathmandu, Paul and the group travelled to Pokhara where they started their six-day journey in the Annapurna range. The group slept in local tea houses and guest houses with trekkers sharing the role of carrying the ShelterBox. Despite some very wet days and leech attacks, all completed the journey tired but in good spirits.



Each ShelterBox contains a family-sized tent to protect people from the elements and provide a safe space where recovery from physical and emotional trauma can start. The contents differ depending on the disaster and climate. Items such as solar lights, water storage and purification equipment, thermal blankets and cooking utensils help start the process of creating a home and rebuilding of lives.

Paul is Vice Chair, a Director and Committee Member of ShelterBox Australia and has been actively involved with the organisation since 2008 as a fundraiser and Ambassador. ShelterBox provides practical assistance for families around the world robbed of their homes by natural disaster and conflict (currently approximately 85 million people).

We all take for granted the right to shelter, food and water as basic needs enabling us to live with dignity and security. Imagine if your home and possessions were suddenly gone, along with the homes of those around you. In Australia, assistance is received from first responders and the government. Such help is not readily available in some countries though. Thanks to the generosity of volunteers, donors, and supporters, not-for-profit agencies such as ShelterBox can quickly respond with vital shelter and other essentials.

For further information about the crucial activities undertaken by ShelterBox, visit www.shelterboxaustralia.org.au or perhaps come to one of our weekly meetings to meet Paul and other Rotarians.

The Rotary Club of Greater Springfield meets at 6.30pm every Thursday evening at Brookwater Golf and Country Club, 1 Tournament Drive, Brookwater. For enquiries regarding club activities, contact me, Fiona Lorimer on 0413 801 300.

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As you have been enjoying the January holiday break, I am sure that like most people throughout the world, you have remained "connected". Digital technology certainly offers us an array of personalized services, day and night, at our fingertips on many and varied devices.

It's certainly going to be a very different world for young people beyond graduation from formal schooling. Already they have the capacity to access 90% of all human knowledge on their personal device; and the ability to organize their own learning and respond quickly to new challenges, thanks to these amazing advances. The new digital world will be profoundly beneficial to society with an abundance of information available at our fingertips. It has never been a better time to be a worker with special skills or the right education, because businesses will use technology to create value.

However, technological innovation will also disrupt the world of work, as we know it. If a task can be automated it will be. Boundaries will cease to matter and work that can be performed offshore will be. There will be under employment and unemployment. The economy will be reshaped and jobs that we have not even thought of will be invented.

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The real and lasting skills that will assist young people to cope in the new world are what some might call the 'soft skills'. In addition to being highly literate in English and Mathematics, and adept with technology, young people will need to think for themselves, to have maintained their childhood creativity and inquisitive nature; to be culturally sensitive, socially and emotionally competent; to be resilient when the unexpected happens; to possess high level interpersonal skills and the confidence and ability to lead and to participate in teams.

The imperative for young people is to have plenty of opportunities to develop these skills as a foundation for work in the new digital age.

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Principal, St John's Anglican College

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A photograph of two students in red blazers working in a classroom. A male student on the left is holding a small robot, and a female student on the right is looking at a laptop. A larger white robot with red accents is on the table between them. The background shows a classroom with posters and a map.

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The logo of St John's Anglican College, featuring a shield with a cross and the college's name, with the motto "FAITH SERVICE COURAGE" below it.

Carols @ Robelle another great success



Chair of the Carols @ Robelle Domain Committee, David Morrison, thanked all who attended the Springfield City Group Carols @ Robelle Domain on Saturday 8 December.

The Carols are organised by the Greater Springfield Combined Churches and sponsored by various businesses within Greater Springfield.

Major sponsors were Springfield City Group, Orion Springfield Central, Ipswich City Council, IGA Springfield Lakes, USQ, McDonalds (Greater Springfield Stores), Heritage Bank Springfield, Greater Springfield Vets and McGrath Agents Springfield.

David Morrison said it is estimated that 6500 attended the carols which concluded with a magnificent fireworks display by All Fired Up Fireworks. The police commented on how well organised the night was and how well the crowd behaved.

Planning will soon commence for 2019 Carols @ Robelle Domain.



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Recognising local volunteers for International Volunteers Day



Just some of the many volunteers who were honoured recently at the International Volunteers' Day breakfast.

Volunteering Services Australia (VSA) in partnership with Ipswich City Council hosted the International Volunteers' Day breakfast in December, to recognise and reward the invaluable contribution volunteers make in Ipswich.

The event celebrated the achievements of over 250 volunteers from various sectors, with a delicious hot breakfast, performance by Alchemy Street Choir, Guest Speaker Jo Jones from Volunteering Services Australia as well as trivia and lucky door prizes. Volunteers received a certificate of appreciation and Christmas pudding to take home.

"It is inspiring to witness the difference that volunteers make individually and collectively in our community and this event provides us with the opportunity to express our appreciation and thanks for their service," said Vicki Meyer, Community Engagement Officer for Volunteering Services Australia.

Mandated by the UN General Assembly, International Volunteers Day (IVD) is held annually on the 5th of December with this year's theme being 'Volunteers build resilient communities.'

Camira Friends & Neighbours

Update by Barb Gorman

Last November over thirty members and friends enjoyed a five day trip to visit the Hunter Valley Christmas lights. After an overnight stay in Tamworth the group travelled to Scone where they visited the magnificent Belltrees Homestead.

The next stop was Cessnock where the travellers went for a carriage ride and later enjoyed wine, cheese and chocolate tasting. Lunch at the Monarchs in the Hunter was excellent and members were impressed with the amazing Royal collection display. Later on the group went to the Hunter Valley Gardens for their Christmas Dinner and the Christmas Lights tour. The lights were great and certainly did not disappoint.

On the way home they visited The Clog Barn in Coffs Harbour for lunch and went to a clog making demonstration. Thursday night was the last overnight stay which was at the Big Windmill. Dinner was at the Bavarian Restaurant that night. On Friday the group stopped for lunch at the Coolangatta Surf Club.

Everyone agreed it was a great trip and once again many thanks to Val Malynn and Suzanne Jessen for their organisation and thanks to all who helped make the trip such a success.

Fifty plus members joined in our November bus trip to Springbrook. We took in the beautiful views at Hinze Dam, Canyon Falls and The Best of All Lookout before heading for lunch at the Springbrook Shop and Café. It was a good day and we appreciated the cooler weather up on the mountain. Thanks to our bus trip convenor Val Malynn for her organisation.

Christmas markets were held late November with a number of members providing items for sale which included plants and a variety of Christmas craft items. Members also donated items for prizes in the raffles. Thanks to all those who contributed.

Around 80 people attended our Christmas lunch which was held at Brothers Leagues Club in Booval. We had a lovely lunch and enjoyed the company.

The final meeting for 2018 was held on December 12th. Many members joined in the Christmas spirit wearing their Christmas attire and decorating their tables. A good end to the year!

Our Clean Up day is on January 15th and a Natter and Chatter day will be held on January 16th when we begin a new year of fun and friendship.

If you would like more information about the club contact Suzanne on 0408 068 305.



Christmas Breakup at the club.

Centre ensures kids are all set to pack healthy lunch-boxes



Children in the School Readiness program at Woodcrest Early Education Centre are ready and excited to pack their own healthy school lunches this year and continue the healthy eating habits they learnt during their time at the Centre.

The team at Woodcrest Early Education Centre were delighted to have a visit from the Healthy Cooking Company's Dietitian Megan Gracey late last year. Megan came to present an interactive workshop on healthy lunch boxes to the children who would be graduating and moving onto prep.

The workshop proved interesting and informative to both children and parents alike. Megan taught the children about the five core food groups that make up a healthy lunch box: vegetables, fruits, grains, dairy and meat/alternatives. As part of the session, each child received a lunch box for prep next year, as well as a recipe book filled with yummy nutritious lunch box-friendly meals and a checklist for parents. The children also had the chance to play a game and fill their lunch box with pictures of nutritious lunch box-friendly foods.

All children attending Woodcrest Early Education Centre receive daily morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea from the Healthy Cooking Company. The Healthy Cooking Company was established by the founders of Queensland Childcare Services to develop healthy eating habits in the children who attend their Centres. In order to build a solid foundation for health, young children need to be exposed to a wide variety of nutritious foods in positive social contexts.

Megan and the team at the Healthy Cooking Company are passionate about preventative healthcare and educating children and their families about healthy choices.

The Woodcrest Early Education Centre will continue to promote a wide range of healthy eating habits to all their children. The Centre will be having Megan visit again early this year to present her 'Magic Beans' session to teach the children all about legumes.

For more information about the Healthy Cooking Company visit www.healthycookingco.com.au or phone 3806 0087. For any childcare enquiries please contact 5438 7311, or email woodcrest@qccs.com.au or call into the centre at 28 Woodcrest Way, Springfield (no appointment necessary).

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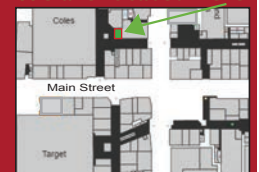
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FROM THE DESK OF

Charis Mullen MP

State Member for Jordan



To all the readers of The Greater Springfield Times, a very happy 2019. I hope you enjoyed a safe, happy and restful Christmas.

Of course, a new year means new beginnings and fresh starts. For many local students, it is the start of a new school year and the return to well-known routines.

But what about those students who finished Year 12 in 2018 and who haven't quite worked out a plan for the future? To support Year 12 graduates into work, the Queensland Government is offering free TAFE in high priority areas.

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- permanently reside in Queensland.

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Act on your New Year's resolution now!

The first 2019 season for Springfield Lakes mixed touch football is set to start this month and organisers are keen to encourage residents to come along and join in the fun.

The competition starts 30 January and finishes 29 May with games held every Wednesday night from 6pm-9pm at the corner of Springfield Lakes Boulevard and Summit Drive. Nominations are due no later than 23 January with a maximum of 24 teams being accepted into the competition.

To register a team, the team contact must fill out the Team Nomination Form. Go to http://websites.sportstg.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=14-4301-0-0-0 for all the relevant details and links.

Once a team has been registered, the team contact will receive a team code which they must pass on to their members so that they can register for that team.

A minimum \$200 deposit is to be paid no later than 23 January with the balance of \$900 to be paid no later than 8 August.

To participate in this competition, players must be a minimum of 12 years of age, with a minimum of two female players to be on the field at any given time.

All teams joining the competition must have their colours approved by the competition coordinators prior to the start of the season otherwise the nomination may be withdrawn. Due to the referee shirts being predominantly pink, team colours are to contain no more than 20% pink.

To enquire about teams or being a referee, contact Paul on 0411 348 470 or send an email to lakestouch@hotmail.com.



Talking Teeth

with Dr Bryan Dubbeldam
Robelle Dental Centre

I hope that all readers had an enjoyable holiday break and are ready to approach the challenges and celebrate the highs that 2019 may offer. For many of you, the first hurdle is the 'back to school' routine, so I thought that this article I would concentrate on children's dental health, and I will look from babies to children.

For most babies, teeth will arrive sometime between four and 10 months and usually it is the bottom middle ones. From this age, it is important that parents start brushing their baby's teeth as plaque will grow on them and may cause tooth decay. Simply use a brush with some water, and introduce it as part of a morning and bedtime routine. At around 18 months introduce a children's toothpaste onto the brush.

There will be times as a child develops that they will put up a fight. The dental profession feels it important as parents that your children see you cleaning your teeth. The reality is that toothbrushing is an essential part of modern life and modelling this behaviour can make the resistance easier to overcome.

Only when a child is around six to seven years old do they develop the necessary fine motor skills to clean their own teeth effectively, and even then, it is important to supervise them closely. It is around this time that the first baby teeth will be lost and the adult teeth arrive. This is the time to move to an adult toothpaste. For all children, just use a pea sized amount of age relevant toothpaste. Throughout childhood it is important for parents to regularly check their children's teeth for things that might not be normal. Healthy teeth generally have a pearly cream/yellow appearance. Despite the mass marketing, teeth are not white! If you see grey, brown or black teeth, this is a strong indication that something is not right. It is important to seek our advice in these situations.

We will see children from around 12-18 months old. This is often as part of the parent's appointment. Over the years, we have found children from three years are generally old enough for a check up where they are happy to sit in the dental chair by themselves. There is a tendency to think that baby teeth are disposable, and it doesn't matter too much what happens to them. The facts are completely opposite. Not only are children's teeth important for eating but are essential for growth and development of the jaws. Early loss, particularly due to tooth decay, can lead to orthodontic problems in the teenage years.

As a family dentist, and a dentist with a family, I know that raising children is a tough job. I don't want dental health to be harder than it needs to be. Regular home care and professional visits from an early age minimises the need for dental treatment. If your little ones are off to Prep this year, and are yet to see a dentist, make the time to ensure dental issues aren't going to affect their learning, and embark on a journey of good dental health for life. Call our practice on 3470 1313 to arrange that first dental visit.



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*a message from
the desk of*

Milton Dick MP
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Happy New Year and welcome back for 2019. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and found time to spend with family and friends.

I was fortunate to recently visit our local SES emergency volunteers who do a fantastic job of looking out for our community during tough times. Whilst they are always there when disaster strikes, make sure you look out for one another and stay safe over the summer storm season.

Throughout the previous year I met with many local residents, community organisations, schools and businesses. It's important to me that as your local Federal Member that I am available to hear direct feedback from locals on a wide range of issues.

The most common topics raised included investing in our schools and hospitals, more support for local businesses and looking after our seniors and pensioners.

There was also strong support to protect the independence of the ABC with more than 300 residents attending 'Future of the ABC and Public Broadcasting' local community forums.

Like many communities around Australia, we heard from many locals who said that the ABC was their 'go-to' choice for news and entertainment and that it must be protected well into the future.

This is why I'm proud to say that I'm a strong supporter of the ABC and would back an alternative government to reverse the latest \$83.7 million unfair cut to the ABC, as well as guarantee funding certainty over the next ABC budget cycle.

I'm also pleased to announce the first round of successful applications for the Stronger Communities Grant Program. Almost \$150,000 worth of grants have been allocated to groups throughout the community towards projects such as building restoration, storage facilities and the installation of air conditioning for charities.

Springfield Lakes YMCA, Forest Lake Junior Rugby League Club and Centenary Christian Kindergarten were among those included in the first round of announcements, with more to follow soon.

As always, if there is anything I can assist with please email me at Milton.Dick.MP@aph.gov.au or call my office on 3879 6440. All the best for a happy and successful 2019.



Division 2 Community Office Update

by Fran Bloom

Augustine Heights

Site construction for Keema Automotive Showroom has commenced on the corner of Augusta Parkway and Technology Drive, Augustine Heights. The motor showroom will be developed in two stages that will ultimately be comprised of three motor showrooms, outdoor vehicle display and vehicle servicing workshop. Stage 1 includes a 707m² motor showroom, outdoor display area and a 16 bay vehicle servicing workshop. The proposed development will generate employment for the Ipswich community during the construction phase of the project and once the site project has been fully developed approximately 100 people will be employed.

Community Pet Resolution Web Platform - Barkup

Approximately 40 percent of households own a dog. The new BarkUp website is now the 'go to' place to help neighbours and dogs live in harmony in our community. Residents can take positive action on barking dog issues without the need to contact council in the first instance. Most dog owners are unaware their dog is causing a problem. BarkUp is an easy way to record and anonymously notify your neighbourhood dog owner of their dog's excessive barking. When the information is logged, the website automatically generates an anonymous letter. For more information on BarkUp, visit to Barkup.dog.

Fun For The Holidays, Discover Ipswich

Beyond the heritage city you'll find beautiful country roads leading to some great destinations, including working farms open to the public. Alternatively, visit the Workshops Rail Museum or the Ipswich Art Gallery located right in the heart of the heritage city. Ipswich also has bike and walking trails for all levels and ages. For more information on attractions across the region see Discoveripswich.com.au.

'My Ipswich Alerts'

From floods to fires to storm readiness, Council's range of emergency management initiatives ensures local residents are kept informed and updated. Sign up to 'My Ipswich Alerts' to receive severe weather updates via smartphone app or email. You can visit Ipswich.qld.gov.au/emergency for further information.

Fran, Susan and Caroline hope you had a safe and joyous Christmas and we look forward to assisting you in 2019. Should you wish to contact us at the Community Office our phone number is 3818 6900 and email div2office@ipswich.qld.gov.au.



The Container Refund Scheme which is run by COntainer EXchange (COEX) is now operating in Queensland, primarily established to reduce the number of drink containers that litter our environment or end up in our waterways or landfill but also to provide an income stream for non profit groups.

Springfield Lakes Nature Care Inc. (SLNC) is the only environmental group in our region and we have registered with COEX, as a virtual donation point.

Our group would like to hold some free workshops for the community and fund activities to help support our fauna. You can help us raise funds by donating your refund from the beverage containers to our group simply by stating our Scheme's ID code C10002285. 85% of the containers collected are mandated to be recycled, so by not putting the glass, aluminium, plastic or Tetra Pak containers in your yellow bin, you also ensure that these items are recycled and help the environment. However, please remove all lids - these can still be collected and taken in separately for recycling and lastly, do not crush the cans or bottles as the barcodes need to be read.

The beverage containers that are eligible are items generally consumed away from home; such as soft drinks, water bottles, iced coffee or flavoured milk, juice in small Tetra Pak juice containers or pop tops, along with beer and alcopop bottles. Most containers will display the 10c refund message somewhere on the back or bottom of the container. Drink containers that are generally consumed at home like cordial, plain milk, wine bottles and spirit bottles and other containers such as condiments and cleaning products are excluded from the COEX Container Refund Scheme.

There are a few different types of container refund points available.

Depots: Drop off your eligible containers at The Big Red Shed, Darra; 18 Sumners Road, DARRA. Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7.30am to 4.30pm & Saturday 8.39 am to 1.30 pm or at TOMRA Recycling Centre, at 355 Brisbane Street, West Ipswich. Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am to 7pm, Sat-Sun 7am to 5pm. When taking the receipt for the number of containers to the cashier, just state SLNC's ID code C10002285 and the funds will be directly deposited into our bank account.

Drop-offs: Place your containers in bags, (some specify see-through bags so that staff are not endangered by items that aren't containers) print a sticker or write SLNC's ID code C10002285 on masking tape with permanent marker pen and stick it to the bag, which you can either drop into a bin or hand to staff. These will be counted later and

funds debited to our registered account. Many drop-off points require glass bottles to be in a separate bag from the plastic and cans. The nearest Bag drop offs to Springfield are: Re.Turn-it @ Lifeline, Redbank Plains; 2 Shannon St, (Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm, Sat 9am to 4pm) or Re.Turn-it @ Salvos, Browns Plains; Bag- 58 Eastern Road, (Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am to 5pm).

Organisation specific drop-off points: these are cages/bins which allow anyone to donate their beverage containers to an organisation that they support. When collected by the refund point company, all containers in the cage/bin will be deemed to be from the organisation with the Scheme's ID. SLNC is currently working on getting a cage for container drop-offs, so watch this space!

You can also visit the BVLD Restaurant at Spring Lake Metro (shop 7/1 Springfield Lakes Boulevard) and have a drink for us. The restaurant is the first business that is donating the empty drink containers they collect from tables to SLNC- thank you BVLD.

If any other businesses would like to donate to our group, please contact our group to arrange a suitable time so we can address a bin swap service. Perhaps you can even do an eco-friendly walk, by picking up some beverage containers from around the parks and neighbourhood to keep our suburb looking clean and keep our lakes litter free

All the information you need can be found at the Containers for Change website <https://www.containersforchange.com.au/>

If you wish to become a member of our land and water care group, membership is free, please contact info@springfieldlakesnaturecare.org.au. Meetings are held at 5.30pm on the first Tuesday of the month at council community rooms or you can follow us on www.facebook.com/SpringfieldLakesNatureCare to check out what events are happening.



Then & Now

a look back at Greater Springfield with David Morrison

We can be proud of the magnificent infrastructure we have in Greater Springfield.

Infrastructure is important to attract people to a particular area that are searching for a certain quality of lifestyle and it is people who act selflessly that make our fantastic community what it is.

One local person who has gladly performed at our local Carols for many years is Paris Morgan. To witness Paris grow from a child into the young woman she is today reminds me how quickly the years do go by.

As we embrace 2019 I trust we will all appreciate the infrastructure we have but more importantly the people in our lives and community.



Local talent Paris Morgan performing at Carols @ Robelle Domain 2013 and 2018



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THE Art Studio

with Jolanta



The beginning of 2019 marks a significant milestone in the life of Erika Williams, The Springfield Anglican College Chaplain and Assistant Curate at St Andrew's Springfield and local Springfield resident.

After years of study, she is now enjoying a short but well-deserved rest after being admitted into the Anglican Church just days before Christmas.

The conclusion of the years of study and hard work towards her vision and the final, significant stage of this journey came with a creative twist. Erika wished to create her own natural fibre garment to mark this significant milestone in her life and the lives of her children, and in the process, to explore the world of textile art.

After careful planning and fibre selection, the creative journey of making a unique art cloth for Erika began.

"This amazing opportunity to learn an ancient skill and technique enabled me to make a garment that I required for my new ministry as a deacon in the Anglican Church," said Erika.

"Making a felted stole that is an original piece provided an opportunity to be involved in the creative process and explore new materials. Learning to identify the materials in the textiles has given me a better appreciation for the effort, time and materials that go into making these garments."

Felting is the oldest way of creating clothing, adornment, shelter or protection. And amazingly, the unique process of felting has not changed much over the centuries, though its application has become much more contemporary and in tune with the current trends, fashions and preferences.

The process Erika learnt took us back to the rituals and celebrations marking the life cycles of humanity, the art of clothing or adornments, handcrafted objects, life rituals and celebrations so important in the life of every generation.

Whether the project is a small or large one, it plays a significant role in our lives...through creative pursuits we make our own memories, our own rituals and celebrations, highlighting the importance of making and belonging.

What is a creative project awaiting to celebrate your own life or perhaps yours and your family milestones? Take the first step. Make it happen. Celebrate your life! Create your own traditions!



Message from Council

by Interim Administrator, Greg Chemello



Resilient, positive, passionate, courageous, strong, determined...these are just some of the words I'd use to describe Ipswich City Council staff.

I have been incredibly impressed by the dedication of your council's workers during the past three months.

Change isn't always easy and not everyone finds it comfortable. However, council staff have continued to move forward with a steely resolve and a commitment to positively contribute to our new vision for the council and the city.

Yes, they've continued to empty your bins, care for your parks and gardens, and build or repair your roads but while fulfilling these day-to-day tasks, many of them have stepped up to have a say in the city's future.

I've been impressed by their positivity and by the high calibre of their ideas and insights.

They're certainly a resilient bunch. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all 1200 of our people – from the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) through, for their unwavering support and belief that we can get your council back to where you want it to be.

It hasn't been easy, and admittedly, I've faced my fair share of challenges and uncomfortable moments over the past three months but I know that together we will achieve great things between now and March 2020.

Speaking of our people, I hope to soon be able to announce the appointment of our new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) who will help us achieve our goals and keep our staff focused, inspired and engaged. Watch this space.

If you happen to spot a council worker on your travels, perhaps fixing your road, mowing your footpath or processing your rates payment, be sure to give them a smile and say thanks. After all, it's their job to improve the quality of life for our community...your community. And they do it with immense pride in their city.

Did you know that council's motto, "Confide Recte Agens", translates to "Be confident in doing right"?

It's been in place for 158 years and it's something council intends to once again deliver to the community and council staff during this period of interim administration and beyond.

Have a wonderful and safe start to the New Year.

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If your group would like their contact information listed please send your request to springfieldtimes@Inp.net.au

Goodna/Springfield Probus Club Update

by Robyn Girdler



As one year ends and a new year begins, it is time to look back over the year at Probus and review our many and varied activities which all lived up to our motto of : Good fun, good friendship and good fellowship. At our club, we usually the extend theme to include "Good food".

The year was brought to a close by our 10 Year Anniversary and Christmas Dinner at the Brookwater Golf Club. This was to celebrate ten years since the beginning of our club which has grown to encompass around 60 members today. The size of our club is a strong attraction for many of our members as it allows us to develop good relationships with many members.



Outings or excursions occur each month and are organised by club members in turns. Our outings are usually accessed by car pool or by train and include a lunch and possibly a morning tea. The first of these was a train trip to Redcliffe where we met with members who had recently moved out of our area. Three of the outings were picnic or barbecue type outings with two Breakfasts in the Park at Domain and one Picnic by the River at Colleges Crossing. There was a City Trip where we travelled by train and City Cat and visited the markets in the city and lunched at South Bank. A trip to Beenleigh Distillery saw a number of members adding to their alcohol stocks. A visit to the Incinerator Theatre with lunch, a short play and a tour of the theatre was definitely an eye opener about our local facilities. Two excursions led out of town to the west. One took us to the Camel Farm on the Scenic Rim and the other on a short tour around the lower Brisbane Valley to lunch at Wivenhoe Dam Café. A visit to the Event Cinema at Orion to watch "Bohemian Rhapsody" was followed by lunch at the Beach House and was a visit back in time for many Queen enthusiasts.

All of these activities are rounded out with three other functions each month. On the first Wednesday of each month, we come together for a meeting which is followed by a guest speaker. Our amazing Julianne has accessed interesting, informative and surprising speakers ranging from Birds in our Backyard to Wildlife in Africa. And in between that there were Professor Roly Sussex who spoke about the English language, an expert meteorologist and an author/journalist who spoke about his books. Afternoon tea and a fellowship break are always a good opportunity to catch up with friends. Members also regularly report back to the club on what they have been doing or on their interests in a five to ten minute spot. Birthdays are recognised and significant ones celebrated with a cake at afternoon tea. An element of fun is introduced with things such as dressing up with a Christmas theme or playing the Goo-Spri Games (our take on the Commonwealth Games).

The second of the functions is a morning tea. These are regularly held at Brookwater Golf Club and members are able to spend a couple of hours relaxing in good company while enjoying their choice of beverage and freshly baked muffins.

The third function each month is a lunch outing. The venues are varied with regular attendances at the Monier Hotel in Darra, Springfield Tavern and Blue Fin. Morning teas and lunches are varied each month across different days of the week to cater for our busy lives in retirement.

Are you looking for a social club for retired or semi-retired men and women? Are you looking for fun, fellowship and friendship? The Probus Club of Goodna-Springfield meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 1.30pm at Camira Friends and Neighbours Hall, Bruce Lane, Camira.

If you would like to come along to a meeting or need more information, please phone Penny on 0412 270 628 or email gsprobus08@outlook.com. Visitors are always welcome.

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6.30-8.30PM	Goodna Gymnastics
WED	
9.15-11.00AM	Petite Stars
9.30-10.30AM	Goodna Gymnastics
1.00-2.30PM	Let's Dance - Free Line dancing classes
3.30-5.00PM	KNECT Kids Primary (fortnightly)
6.15-7.15PM	Konga the Jungle Body
5.30-7.00PM	Karate
2.00-7.00PM	Mobile Library (fortnightly)
THUR	
6.30-7.30PM	Rhee Tae Kwon Do
6.30-8.00PM	Goodna Gymnastics
FRI	
9.30-11.30AM	Playtime
7.00-10.00PM	KNECT Youth
SAT	
9.00-2.00PM	Free Pentecostal Church of Australia
9.00-NOON	Goodna Gymnastics
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