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***The Next General Meeting: will be held
on Monday 16th June 2025 at 10.30 am
at Merimbula RSL Club
followed immediately by the
June Committee Meeting.***

Life Membership Recognition for Fran and Wally Elfring



At this month's meeting Fran Elfring accepted a plaque from President Colin Gibson to mark the granting by our Club of Life Membership to Fran and husband Wally for their long and continued contributions. Unfortunately Wally was not well enough to be with Fran on the day. (The plaque was designed and made by President Colin)



Lakes Entrance Bus trip. April 25th, 2025:

Barb Crowe Crowe has generously allowed me to use her trip diary as the basis for an account of this recent trip. I have taken a few liberties, but hope the basic facts remain correct. Thank you to Lee Daynes for extra photos.

Day 1. At 09.45 with luggage loaded, 25 travellers boarded the Palmers Coach for the trip to Lakes Entrance in the care of hostess, Kaylene Collins, bus driver Geoff and tour guide Sue. Travelling south on the Princes Highway through Pambula and Eden, across the Victorian border to Genoa, they then headed east to Mallacoota, arriving at 11.20



The first stop was near the Airport at the Mallacoota RSL Bunker Museum where a welcome morning tea was served. After a tour of the museum, a more than generous lunch was had at the Mallacoota Hotel. Following lunch, it was back to the highway and on to Orbost and Cann River, Nowa Nowa and Lakes Entrance. At 5.30 the weary travellers checked into the 'Bellevue on the Lakes' Resort and settled in later gathering for a buffet dinner in the Albert & Co Restaurant.



Day 2. Next day the group's first visit was to the Griffith's Sea Shell Museum where they toured through their wonderful collection of shells and sea life including sea horses, and the retail shop where many other nautical items as well as shells were sold.



At 10.00 a short drive down the Esplanade took everyone to the Port Jetty where the 'Stormbird' was boarded for the cruise through the lakes to the Wyanga Park Winery.

Seals, black swans, coots, pied cormorants, seagulls and cormorants were seen along the way. At 12.00 we arrived at the Winery where we had a very generous wine tasting before having lunch. 'Stormbird' arrived back in Lakes Entrance at 3.45 with the happy cruisers.

Day 3. At 08.30 the bus headed for Buchan via Nowa Nowa, arriving at Buchan and the caves, just before 10.00 for the Royal Cave Tour. Met by two guides who gave a brief explanation, the group ventured deep into the cave. After the cave tour, at the park the group was ready for morning tea, then drove into Buchan for a tour of Buchan with local guide Rhonda Coates. Lunch was at the Buchan Hotel and by 2.15 they reboarded the bus for the trip back to Lakes Entrance via Nowa Nowa.



The planned visit the Stoney Creek Trestle Bridge had to be cancelled as the road to it was closed.

Day 4. The following day started with a walk to the Port Jetty where the 'Sunbird' waited for the cruise through the lakes to Metung. Again there was much wildlife to be seen including seals, black swans, coots, pied cormorants, seagulls and cormorants. By 12.15 the 'Sunbird' arrived at the Metung Hotel Jetty where the group had lunch. After lunch the bus took them to Bairnsdale through Swan Reach, Johnsonville and Nicholson, crossing the Tambo, Nicholson and Mitchell Rivers along the way. The Gippsland Rail Trail could often be spotted along the way. In Bairnsdale it was planned to visit St. Mary's Catholic Church, however a funeral was in progress so a look at the outside was all that could be done. They travelled to Nyerimilang Heritage Park. where guide Marion gave a tour of the Homestead and grounds explaining its history. On return to the Resort, it was time to start packing as there next day was the journey home.



Day 5. At 08.30am on the last day, luggage and passengers were loaded and the journey home began.

The Orbost Exhibition Centre was a highlight of the Orbost stop and people were amazed at the wonderful woodwork on display and for sale. Also interesting was the Slab Hut next door, an original hut from the early settlers' days.

Allan and Barb walked to the Cemetery and visited the grave of Arthur Thomas Edward BLANKS, Allan's Great Grandfather, who died in 1938.

From Orbost next stop was Marlo, and the Marlo Hotel for lunch which was declared (at least by Barb and Allan) to be the best meal since leaving home.

The journey continued east to Cape Conran past where the Snowy River flows into Bass Strait. From Cape Conran it was back to the Princes Highway and to Merimbula via Cann River (Comfort Stop), Genoa, Eden and Pambula, arriving in Merimbula at 4.45.



Guest Speaker: Gary Stilling

Gary has been a lawyer for forty years who has worked mainly in the ACT. Although he 'retired' ten years ago he continues to do some work. He will no longer officially be a lawyer after June this year. While the law from State to State may vary slightly he explained some general principles which hold true in all States. about the importance of making a will, Guardianship and Powers of Attorney..

There are two types of Power of Attorney – the basic one where a nominated person can act on your behalf in certain circumstances. and an Enduring Power of Attorney which gives greater power to the person you have nominated. It is important to understand the difference.

Guardianship is for someone who may act on your behalf when you cannot make decisions for yourself. Retirement Homes require you to have both a Guardian and an Enduring Power of Attorney.

Wills are for you to decide how you want your estate distributed after your death. If you do not have a will and have no children your entire estate goes to the Commonwealth Government.

Gary advised that you check your Will every five years to make sure it is valid and doesn't need to be updated due to changed circumstances.

If you die 'intestate' (without a will) your affairs will be controlled by the Public Trustee and they decide who gets the proceeds from your estate after selling any property.

If your birth certificate cannot be found then your siblings cannot be established for your estate's distribution. In this case, church records might be researched which could give the names of parents allowing the issue to be resolved. However, this takes time and a percentage of the estate is taken each year by the Public Trustee until this is resolved, reducing the amount left to be distributed to the family. Superannuation is dealt with separately to the estate unless you have a binding death nomination with your superannuation fund.

When making out a will it is advisable to have 2 executors to make sure your wishes are carried out. If you make a will and then get married or divorced your will is revoked so a new will needs to be made.

Family Provision Legislation allows a spouse or eligible relative to appeal if they feel a will does not adequately provide for them. Appeals are expensive and not always successful. Sometimes it is better for a settlement to be made between the parties.

It is important that all signatories on the document are signed with the same pen to avoid potential difficulties at a later date.

Gary recommended against using a 'newsagent, will kit. There are too many possibilities for unintended consequences, and making a will should always be done in consultation with a lawyer.

At the end Jack Findlay thanked Gary and presented him with a token of our appreciation.



2nd - John Green 18th - Iris Ballard, 18th - Terry Reilly,
22nd - Elaine McEwan, 29th - June Tandy,



12th - Tom McKendrick, 14th - Wendy Salisbury, 19th - Sue Donnelly,

OUTINGS Our **June Outing** will be on **Monday 2nd June, 2025**
to **Lumen Christi Catholic College**

Park and meet in the bus stop area behind the College at 11.15 am. \$5 ph will be collected on the day as a donation to the College. Let Bill Tandy know if you are attending to help the College for catering We have had a a close connection to the College for over 30 years since the Club was established.

Our July Outing will be a '**Christmas in July**' lunch on Monday 7th July 2025 at the Seahorse Inn, Boydtown. Meet at 12.00 noon for a meal served at 12.30 pm.

The cost for members will be **\$35.00** and for non-members **\$45.00**.

Please pay at the June meeting if you will be attending.

**Last 😊
Laugh!**



"Welcome back, sir. Are you planning on being our guest for one night only, or will this be your usual extended stay?"

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