

# SUNSHINE MESSENGER



## NEWS FROM THE SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND GROUP OF 5W

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### NOTES FROM THE CONVENER

This is a lovely time of the year; the jacarandas are still in bloom, flame trees are blooming and poincianas are beginning to decorate Brisbane and the whole south East Queensland area. How lucky we are to live in this beautiful country. Suddenly it was time to clean and pack away our winter clothes and find if our lightweight summer clothes still fit. Always a gamble!

Our Christmas Meeting and Luncheon promise to be a special time for us before we move towards family celebrations. The Women's College will prepare a special Christmas meal for us and will be decorated in Christmas finery.

At the October meeting it was decided that a donation of approx \$10 pp to Oxfam would be better than a Secret Santa gift. This will be collected at the December meeting and used to buy "gifts" similar to last year (chicken families, goats, sewing lessons etc for the underprivileged).

Members of Book Group 2 became tired of such a pedestrian name and have decided that its name is Women of Words (WOW). All the members liked this name – short, crisp and incorporating "Women" which is part of the 5W name.

Recently a local member has stayed with my cousin who lives in Tasmania on a very successful visit. Often, we think of only contacting overseas members but Australian members are ready to welcome other Australians. Over the years, I have often stayed with a Sunshine Coast member and her husband and they have stayed with us. My husband and I regard them as very good friends quite apart from our both being 5W members (Hello Jenny and Ross).

As 2011 concludes, I hope that you achieved most of the goals that you had set for yourself and are looking forward to 2012 with happy anticipation.

A very happy Christmas to everyone.

Marion Jones Convener

### SPECIAL CHRISTMAS



### SEQld 5W MEETING & LUNCHEON

10 December 2011

Time: 11.45 for 12.00 noon

Date: Saturday, 10 December 2011

Venue: The Women's College within The University of Queensland, College Road, St Lucia,

Meeting Room: The Freda Bage Room (turn left from the front foyer and it is the 1st room on the right) or ask a staff member if in doubt.

Parking: Park in the carpark in the front grounds of The College in College Road (opposite the lagoon); then proceed through the front door to the foyer. Parking is free.

Bus: Bus 109 is only 100metres from The College and takes 12 minutes from the corner George & Adelaide Sts, CBD [www.members.optusnet.com.au/seql5w/Links](http://www.members.optusnet.com.au/seql5w/Links) for other transport options including the City Cat).

Meal: Meeting is followed by a delicious and extensive buffet lunch (**\$22 to be placed in a named sealed envelope and handed to the Treasurer, Gail Gillespie, on arrival**).

Dietary Requirements: Please let Marion know if you need special consideration.

Drinks: Juice and iced water are free; wine \$4.00 glass

RSVP: asap but essential by Friday, 2 December 2011

Presenter: Shirley King "Russia and Scandinavia"

Chairperson: Nene Hartnell

\*\*\* Please note: anyone who accepts for a function but then does not attend and does not send a timely message, will be required to pay for the luncheon. RSVP as usual but for emergency withdrawals please telephone Marion: 07 3355 4432 or 0407 037 680.

\*\*\* Please Do Not Ring The College\*\*\*



**Book Group 2:** Marion Jones, Yvonne Flanagan, Penny French, Pam Holmes, and Jan Jones attended the lunch/book club meeting today at the home of Penny French. We may have been few in number but there was a great deal of discussion about the book "The Conductor" by Sarah Quigley. Pam led the discussion. Lunch was spent on Penny's beautiful outdoor patio next to the swimming pool and then we adjourned to the air-conditioned lounge as the weather was quite hot. The 5 missing members were either travelling or had other engagements. Pam introduced us to the author and to the background of the book – the siege of Leningrad and the composition and performance of Shostakovich's "Seventh Symphony". The consensus was that the book was well worth reading not only as a novel but as a source of knowledge about the German invasion of Russia and the life of composers and the performance of orchestras in Russia at the time.

Shostakovich's composition "Seventh Symphony" was played in the background while we discussed the book

The next session will be held at the home of Marion Jones on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January – the book to be discussed will be "The Devil's Eye" by Ian Townsend – another book based upon real events. It is about a hurricane in North Queensland in 1899. There are plenty of copies in the BCC library. Liz Davis has picked this book and will lead the discussion.

It has been decided by members that Book Group 2 will be called Women of Words (WOW).

In March, the book chosen by Women of Words is "Persuasion" by Jane Austen.

#### Jan Jones

**Book Group 1:** This month's book club meeting was very enjoyable. Attendees - Justan, Annette, Elizabeth, Pat, Wendy and Helen. Varied discussion on book. The majority of members liked the book.

Next meeting is 14 Jan and it was decided to have any book of our own choice. Justan to host. All agreed to bring ideas for 2012 to next meeting –

Comment was made on how good it was to have small numbers – Makes for a better meeting.

#### Helen Huth in Jan Knight's absence

If you would like to join either Book Club 1 or Book Club 2 (WOW) there are still a few vacancies. Please see Jan Jones or Jan Knight.

#### Next Book Group Date -

12.30 pm Saturday, 14 January 2012

### MEMBERS MAY LIKE TO JOIN IN THESE ACTIVITIES FOR OCT, NOV AND DECEMBER

**WEBSITES:** [aco.com.au](http://aco.com.au) [www.asq.com.au](http://www.asq.com.au) [www.dendy.com.au](http://www.dendy.com.au)  
[www.operaqueensland.com.au](http://www.operaqueensland.com.au) [www.palacecinemas.com.au](http://www.palacecinemas.com.au)  
[www.qldtheatreco.com.au](http://www.qldtheatreco.com.au) [www.qso.com.au](http://www.qso.com.au) [www.qtix.com.au](http://www.qtix.com.au)  
[ticketmaster.com.au](http://ticketmaster.com.au)

**ABBREVIATIONS:** ACO (Australian Chamber Orchestra) ASQ (Australian String Quartet) BBS (Bille Browne Studio) CH (Concert Hall) CT (Cremorne Theatre) JWC (Judith Wright Centre) LBT (La Boite Theatre) LT (Lyric Theatre) PH (Playhouse) QB (Qld Ballet) QCT (Qld Conservatorium Theatre) QSO (Qld Symphony Orchestra) QTC (Qld Theatre Company) QYS (Qld Youth Symphony) SLQ (State Library of Qld) TDC (Thomas Dixon Centre) TET (Toowoomba Empire Theatre) TNT (Twelfth Night Theatre)

25 Nov @ 8:00 John Waters Looking Through a Glass Onion (John Lennon) Prices u/k CH Ph: 136 246

26 Nov @ 8:00 " " " " " "  
Twin Towns, Tweed Heads Ph: 1800014014

26Nov @ 8:00 QSO Towards a New Era  
(Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Strauss) CH \$59-\$85 Ph: 3833 5000

2,3,4,7 Dec Opera Australia Lakme Palace Barracks \$23-\$27 Ph: 1300 627 385

3 Dec @ 7:00 Brisbane Chorale with QSO (Choral Classics 3) Handel's Messiah... All of Heaven Before Me CH Ad. \$55, Conc \$45, F/T students \$25 Ph: 136 246

3-21 Dec @ 2:00/6:30/7:30 QB Swan Lake PH \$84-\$50 Ph: 136246

9 Dec @ 7:30 Camerata of St Johns Pictures TET \$18 (students) - \$39 Ph: 1300 655299

10Dec @ 7:30 " QCT \$(students \$23 - \$62 Ph: 136 246

From 5 January Mary Poppins LT \$60-\$130 Ph: 136246

Carmel Harris

### TRAVEL BUG

- ❖ Shirley King told us about her interesting organised camping trip to the Kimberleys;
- ❖ Gail Gillespie has been kicking up her heels in Italy;
- ❖ Imelda Lewis has travelled to Kenya; (Hope to have an article for next Newsletter!)
- ❖ Cynthia O'Gorman has really got the cruising bug;
- ❖ Lyn Douglas has had a long holiday in Spain and the UK;
- ❖ Judith Tambling enjoyed a luxuriously green Lake Eyre;
- ❖ Pam Varcoe visited many countries in South America;
- ❖ Val Fisher has been in the Balkans
- ❖ Rosalie Evans and Mary O'Mara have been travelling through Greece, Turkey, Israel, Palestine and Jordan
- ❖ Charmaine Roney met up with Kaye Paton from the Blue Mountains and has just returned from another OS trip with some tales to tell
- ❖ Carmel Harris went to Europe and England;
- ❖ Laverne Marshall travelled to Quilpie and surrounds and recommended the trip to others;
- ❖ Patricia James reported on her trip to Philippines

### FILM, EXHIBITION & LUNCH DAY

Saturday, 21 January 2012

*Jan Knight*

### MEMBERS' NEWS

I urge you to regularly look at the Group's website [www.members.optusnet.com.au/seqld5w](http://www.members.optusnet.com.au/seqld5w) as it will usually have the information you want about dates etc. I set it up at the request of members and I manage it for your benefit.

Marion Jones

### TRAVELLERS' TIPS

**Planning a trip? Been somewhere interesting? Like to share any useful travel tips? Know of a member having a birthday or celebrating something special? Tell us about it!**

**Please send contributions e.g. travel tips, photos, travel stories, books, movies, theatre recommendations, reviews, recipes, websites, classifieds etc to [fivewnews@yahoo.com.au](mailto:fivewnews@yahoo.com.au)**

**The publication dates for each bi-monthly edition will be in the last week of January, March, May, July, September, November. The deadline for contributions will be the 12th of those months. Your contributions are needed.**

### MEMBERS' WELFARE

Card sent to Maureen Walsh who has not been well. Hope you are feeling better now, Maureen.

**Carmel Harris**

### 2010-11 COMMITTEE

**Secretary** - Charmaine Roney

**Financial Officer** – Gail Gillespie

**Events Coordinator** – Carmel Harris

**Coffee/Film Club Coordinator** – Jan Knight

**Book Clubs** – Jan Jones (2) and Jan Knight (1)

**Membership/Venue Coordinator and Newsletter Co-Editor** – Marion Jones

**Welfare Officer** – Carmel Harris

**Newsletter Editor** – Imelda Lewis

### TRAVEL NEWS

CJ Dennis, Howard Florey, Peter Dawson, Douglas Mawson, Tom Kruse and Mo Rene are all South Australians.'

I recently spent some time in Adelaide before joining a trip with 'Outback Spirit' to Lake Eyre, something I've always wanted to see, in a remote part of South Australia.

We passed through Snotown on the way to Port Augusta and the ANZ Bank building is still there.

From PA to Marree we saw numerous derelict farm buildings which some have been used in films sets. Marree was once an important railhead and this is where the Birdsville Track and Oodnadatta Tracks commence.

In the afternoon we ventured by vehicle into a part of Lake Eyre South National Park and saw water in the distance I guess one or two kms away, an unbelievable sight.. We were unable to get to close due to recent rain.

The next day I enjoyed two 75min scenic flights over Lake Eyre North N.P. and this was FANTASTIC, water water everywhere, almost like an inland sea, hard to imagine.

We landed at Kalamurina Wildlife Sanctuary close to the banks of Warburton Creek and were very lucky to see a huge wedge tail eagle feeding her young, plus numerous other water birds including a new one for me in the Black Tailed Bush Hen.

This airstrip is being made all weather so the Flying Doctor can land when necessary.

After leaving Kalamurina we followed the Birdsville Track which was closed being 4 km wide, the punt was in use. \$10 a trip and one vehicle at a time.

At times the Birdsville Track can be 47km wide and I flew about 750km over Lake Eyre.

On to Wilpena Pound next passing through Brachina and Bunyeroo Gorges, where I enjoyed a very small plane ride over this natural beauty. The only problem were the kangaroos on the runway while we were descending, thank goodness they could hear us.

On our return we saw numerous wind farms, around Hallet which is where another famous 'croweater' in George Hubert Wilkins was born.

I am a fan of Hans Heysen and his paintings certainly do the Flinders Ranges justice.

I had a pleasant phone call with Wendy Morony in Adelaide.

Did you know Adelaide is the only capital named after a female? Queen Adelaide was the wife of William IV. Of course I bought my family home some delicious Haigh's Chocolates.

**Sandra Harbottle**

### FUTURE GET-TOGETHER DATES 2011-12

11.45 am for 12.00 noon Saturday, 11 Feb. 2012

11.45 am for 12.00 noon Saturday, 14 April

11.45 am for 12.00 noon Saturday, 09 June

11.45 am for 12.00 noon Saturday, 11 August

11.45 am for 12.00 noon Saturday, 13 October

11.45 am for 12.00 noon Saturday, 08 December