

# Three Sisters Social Group

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



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## From the President

We are living in interesting times, as an ancient Chinese curse has succinctly put it. "May you live in interesting times" is seemingly a blessing, however the expression is ironic; life is better in "uninteresting times" of peace and tranquillity than in "interesting" ones, which are usually times of trouble.

Apocryphal this may be, and I don't know about you, but I would gladly return to the more "uninteresting" times before our lives have been disrupted and our social interactions curtailed.

The Three Sisters Social Club is not immune to the demands of this new world order and we have reluctantly had to cancel our monthly lunches and dinners for the foreseeable future. We hope that this will only be for a short time and will keep you posted about the resumption of these events.

We have also cancelled our signature annual Queens Birthday events, the Disco and Costume Ball for this coming Queens Birthday weekend. The "Elegance" theme is to be carried over until next year's Annual Costume Ball in June 2021.

So Good bye for now  
Your president  
John Wilson

## **The Three Sisters Functions and Events Cancelled**

It seems we've had it all over the past twelve months, drought, heatwave, bush fires, flood, contagion and, now, isolation.

I guess there's only so much we can stand without it affecting every facet of our lives. And so it is with the Three Sisters Social Group. We have reluctantly had to cancel both our regular functions, our monthly dinners and lunches, for the foreseeable future. Rest assured though; these popular functions will return.

We have also cancelled our signature events, the Queen's Birthday Disco and Ball scheduled for the June long weekend. These events have been carried over until next year, new and improved and better than ever. We'll really feel like having a party by then.

## **Worst Year**

It has been a crook twelve months. But take heart, it hasn't been the worst period recorded, not by a long shot.

The worst years could have been 1346-53 when the Black Death wiped out 60% of Europe's entire population killing 50 million. Or 1918-1919, when the influenza pandemic killed 50 million to 100 million people, mostly young adults and it infected an estimated 500 million people.

But 536 takes the cake. In Europe, it was the beginning of one of the worst periods to be alive, if not the worst year.

A mysterious fog plunged Europe, the Middle East, and parts of Asia into darkness, day and night—for 18 months. Temperatures in the summer of 536 fell to 1.5°C to 2.5°C, initiating the coldest decade in the past 2300 years. Snow fell that summer in China; crops failed; people starved. The Irish chronicles record "a failure of bread from the years 536–539". Then, in 541, bubonic plague struck the Roman port of Pelusium, in Egypt. What came to be called the Plague of Justinian spread rapidly, wiping out one-third to one-half of the population of the eastern Roman Empire and hastening its collapse.

All things considered, maybe our circumstances are bearable after all.

## **Accommodation Sought**

A fellow member has referred a letter from Luis to the Committee who would like to rent a room or granny flat in the mountains for the coming months.

Luis, who lives in Sydney, writes:

My is Luis. .... I am currently looking to rent a room or a granny flat in the mountains or Sydney metro with guys that are responsible, and either is isolating themselves or preparing to. If renting a room, as I am non-smoker, would prefer non-smokers.

I am diabetic and take this whole issue extremely seriously. Would you by any chance know anyone with a spare room or granny, that perhaps need some income? I do have landlord referees available in both Sydney and Melbourne.

... I just want to be anticipatory and careful and perhaps look for a place where I will not be exposed if things get bad in the coming months."

If this is a potential match for you, will you please contact Terry Preeo at [vice-president@threesisterssocial.asn.au](mailto:vice-president@threesisterssocial.asn.au) and he will provide you with Luis' contact details.

### **Monthly Newsletter**

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