

# Three Sisters Social Group

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## From the President

Hello Members and Friends

The Corona Vaccine rollout is gaining pace but slower than predicted soon over fifties will be able to join the queue. Hopefully vaccination numbers will increase rapidly now the Australian produced Astra Zeneca vaccine is available and now those over Seventy will all be soon vaccinated. Soon most GPs in Australia will be able to administer the vaccine in coming months as the rollout continues. As yet I myself have not booked in to have my vaccination I am in no hurry I intend to get my flu vaccination first which will be on Thursday then I have to wait two weeks.

Things are starting to get back to normal except for overseas travel but now at least you can go to New Zealand oh joy but it's better than no were. I won't be going anywhere soon till things are much better except for travelling around New South Wales.

The dinners and lunches are going along quiet well but it would be nice to see a few more people coming along. Thirteen people attended the April dinner at the Avalon Restaurant it was a great night the menu has been increased making the meal even more Fabulous.

Next month's dinner will be at Canton Palace Wentworth Falls. The Banquet meal is always changing and if you



## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021**  
**7.00pm**

Venue: Canton Palace,  
7 Station Street,  
Wentworth Falls  
Price: \$35.00 BYO

**Numbers limited to 20 persons**

Please send your booking to  
[bookings@threesisterssocial.asn.au](mailto:bookings@threesisterssocial.asn.au)  
by Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May



**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021**  
**12.00**

Venue: The Grandview Hotel,  
Great Western Highway,  
Wentworth Falls

Menu: Will be a choice of  
main course and Dessert  
Price: \$ 29.50

**Numbers limited to 30 persons**

Please send your booking to  
[bookings@threesisterssocial.asn.au](mailto:bookings@threesisterssocial.asn.au)  
by Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

would like a special dish off the menu just let me know.  
Hope to see you all there.

Ten members and friends attended the April luncheon at the Grandview Hotel in Wentworth falls. The food was excellent and the menu is always changing so come along this month and be pleasantly surprised.

Everyone is sad there is no Costume ball, but don't be too disappointed as we are planning for an alternative function on Sunday the 10th of October.

Watch this space for further details.

As we are not having the Annual Costume Ball this coming June we will have a normal monthly Dinner.

The AGM will be on Tuesday the 10th of August at the Grandview Hotel Wentworth Falls and will include a complementary dinner for financial members, non-members will have to pay, price to be advised. This will replace our normal monthly dinner, bookings are essential.

Take care and stay safe my friends.

So Good bye for now.

Your president

John Wilson

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## **Aids Memorial Medlow Bath Park Preservation**

This article contains important new information about the proposed preservation of the Aids memorial at the Medlow Bath Memorial Park. Members and friends of the Association are urged to acquaint themselves with this important development.

The Blue Mountains Aids Memorial project was initiated in 1991 and the Medlow Bath Park Advisory Committee, including many Three Sisters members, planted 120 trees marked with small, ornamental naming plaques. The Medlow Bath Park was transformed from a somewhat forlorn and inhospitable area to a quiet, peaceful and contemplative space by the Committee of volunteers.

Over the years the Three Sisters Social Group have conducted annual memorials and working bees at the park.

It is now 2021, 30 years since the initiation of the project to provide a living memorial the lives of the 250 victims of Aids in the Blue Mountains. Needless to say, the ravages of time and nature have affected the memorial, particularly the plaques placed under the trees and, indeed, the trees themselves.

Many of the plaques and their plinths have been damaged and uprooted by the advancing years and lawn mowers. Some plaques are missing, although the Three Sisters committee have rescued a few. Other plaques are overgrown.

The Medlow Bath Park has been attacked by Armillaria root fungus which is affecting the trees in the park. Some of the memorial plantings have been infected and one has succumbed. It is likely that the fungus will spread throughout the park. The fungus is extremely difficult to control. Despite the BMCC investigating remedial action, the future of the Aids memorial trees is very uncertain.

The Medlow Bath Residents Association has received a small, very small, Community Assistant Grant from the Blue Mountains City Council to conduct remedial work on the park. The MBRA has approached us to partner in this work

This restoration will entail with an understanding that the preservation of the memorial is of utmost importance to the fabric of the park and the story of those who succumbed and those who survived. Our proposal is to collect the plaques with an aim to construct a sensitive, contemplative memorial space to house them.

As an initial step we are negotiating to have concept plans for a proposed new memorial and have entered discussions with the Blue Mountains City Council about the placement of the memorial.

Needless to say, all this work will come at some expense and involve ongoing planning. It will, of necessity, be a longer-term project due to funding and aesthetical considerations.

Fund raising will be an important part of our plans and the Committee is currently finalising and important community function to help achieve this.

We will welcome your comments. Please send them, or your contact details for a chat, to Terry Preeo, at [vice-president@threesisterssocial.asn.au](mailto:vice-president@threesisterssocial.asn.au)

#### **Medlow Bath Park Aids Memorials February 2021**



Top left to right  
Overgrown plaque, Original  
Plantings 1993, Empty  
Plinth, Damaged Plinth,  
Main Memorial.

## **Three Sisters Events and Functions**

The Three Sisters enhanced social activities program pushed off at a stunningly successful BBQ at Kevin and Tim's garden paradise on Anzac Day.

After a seemingly stress-free consummate hosting role, Tim was wont pen the following:

Thank you for coming to the barbeque on Sunday afternoon. Kevin and I are both glad and pleased that everyone had a great time. It was by your being there that it was the success that it was. Many thanks go to Carol, Jim & Sue and John & Alan for bringing extras like cheese platters, potato and pasta salads and cookies to add to the food. Your kindness and generosity were extremely appreciated.

We envisage this as the kickstart of future social events for our social club.

Tim has plans to organise future events such as movie outings, gallery exhibitions, etc. Several members have already told us that having pleasant company to attend such events will be particularly welcomed.

Future outings may include:



**Supernova (M):** A heartbreaking look at the emotional toll that comes with accepting mortality. Sam and Tusker, partners of twenty years, are traveling across England in their old camper van visiting friends, family and places from their past. Following a life-changing diagnosis, their time together has become more important than ever.



**Follies:** New York, 1971. There's a party on the stage of Weissman Theatre. Tomorrow the iconic building will be demolished. Thirty years after their final performance, the Follies girls gather to have a few drinks, sing a few songs and lie about themselves.





*Keep*  
**10 October 2021**  
*Free*  
**Standby for a  
SPECIAL  
ANNOUNCEMENT**



**The Three Sisters'  
Monthly Dinner**  
Tuesday 7.00pm  
11 May 2021

**Canton Palace**  
7 Station Street  
Wentworth Falls





Blue Mountains

**IDAHOBIT** MAY 17

# IDAHOBIT 2021

International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism & Transphobia

**A BLUE MOUNTAINS COMMUNITY EVENT**  
**'Together: Resisting, Supporting, Healing!'**

For updates & queries check out our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/IDAHOBITbluemountains>

## FLAG RAISING

Monday, 17 May  
10am-11.30am  
BM City Council  
Katoomba  
Music, food, Speakers  
RSVP attendance  
info@thriveservices.org.au  
or call 47 62 1555

## YOUTH WORKSHOP

Dealing with  
Prejudice  
Wed., 19 May  
4pm-7pm  
Check Facebook for  
Booking updates  
(workshop partner  
MYST)

## TRIVIA KARAOKE

Sunday, 23 May  
2pm-6pm  
\$10 entry  
Bookings through Eventbrite  
Venue: Katoomba RSL  
Prizes, games & fun!  
(thank you to  
Katoomba RSL &  
NYS Sounds)

IDAHOBIT Trivia/Karaoke Tickets, Sun 23/05/2021 at 2:00 pm | Eventbrite

A COVID-19 safe community event

We acknowledge the Darug and Gundugurra peoples as the traditional owners of the land in which we will be gathering.

Blue Mountains IDAHOBIT activities are planned by community members, local organisations, NSW Health, supported by Blue Mountains City Council & ACON.

