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From the President

Hello Member's and Friends

Freedom at last now we are back to some form of normality providing you are fully Vaccinated, and all venues are checking your vaccination Certificate at the door. Last week the Number of Australians over 12 years of age fully vaccinated was 64.1%. In NSW 79.3% are fully vaccinated and very much looking like reaching 95% which would be a great result. Soon we will be able to get a booster shot and let me assure you I will be lining up.

On 9th of November the AGM Dinner will be our first function since the end of lockdown and for Members it will be free. So, as we are limited to 23 people, I suggest you book early and Note: members get preference.

Also, we will be back to Normal with our Monthly Luncheon on Tuesday the 23rd of November at the Grandview Hotel again numbers are limited to 23 people so book early. Hope to see you there.

In December we will be having our Christmas dinner at the Chalet in Medlow Bath with a glass of bubbly to start followed by the usual Christmas fair supplied by our host David. It should be a grand affair, as yet we are not sure if there will be any restrictions on numbers by



UPCOMING EVENTS



AGM

7pm Tuesday 9 November 2021

**Grand View Hotel
Wentworth Falls**

**Registration essential.
Complimentary dinner for members.**

Reservations:

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1200 Tuesday 23 November 2021

**The Grandview Hotel
Great Western Highway
Wentworth Falls.**

**A choice of main course and
dessert**

Price: \$ 30

Reservations:

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then but we will confirm numbers in the December Newsletter.
Already many people have Booked in advance.

Planning is under way for the 2022 June long weekend Costume Ball at the Fairmont Resort Leura and hopefully it will go ahead so start planning now. Tickets will go on sale early in the new year.

I hope everyone is enjoying their new found freedom providing you are fully Vaccinated. For those not vaccinated please do so to keep your friends and family safe unless you have a valid reason not to do so. It's easy to do so don't be afraid. Most of us have been vaccinate against Polio, Measles and even the common Flu so what's the problem.

Take care and stay safe my friends.

So, Good-bye for now.

Your president

John Wilson



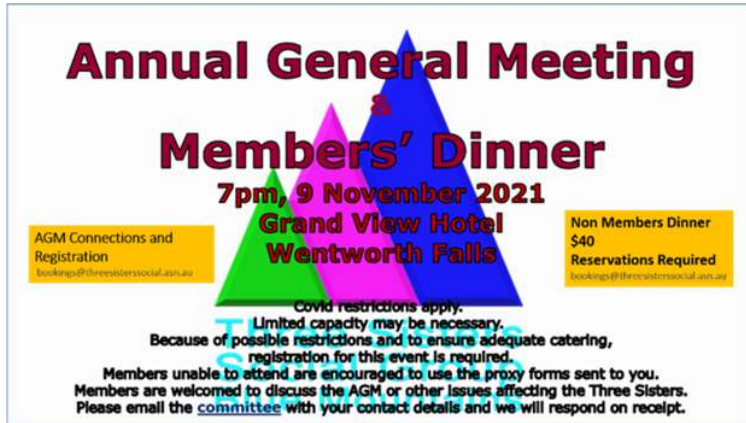
Annual General Meeting

The AGM for 2020-21 will be held at Grand View Hotel, Wentworth Falls on Tuesday 9 November 2021 at 7pm. Please download the agenda and other documents from [here](#).

We haven't been able to have an AGM for quite some time so it's important that we take the opportunity while it presents itself.

It is also a good opportunity to get together after the trial and tribulations of the last 100 odd days.

If you will be attending, please get your booking [here](#) by Friday 5 November 2019.



Annual General Meeting & Members' Dinner
7pm, 9 November 2021
Grand View Hotel
Wentworth Falls

AGM Connections and Registration
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Non Members Dinner \$40
Reservations Required
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Covid restrictions apply.
Limited capacity may be necessary.
Because of possible restrictions and to ensure adequate catering, registration for this event is required.
Members unable to attend are encouraged to use the proxy forms sent to you.
Members are welcomed to discuss the AGM or other issues affecting the Three Sisters.
Please email the [committee](#) with your contact details and we will respond on receipt.

Aids Memorial Medlow Bath Memorial Park

Restoration of the Aids Memorial involves the collection of the individual plaques in the park and centralising them in the circular garden beneath an old pine grove.



International Aids Day
Medlow Bath Memorial Park
1200, 1 December 2021

- > REMEMBERING THOSE AFFECTED BY HIV/AIDS AND THEIR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND CARERS
- > MEMORIAL'S 30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION
- > MEMORIAL RESTORATION PLAN REVEAL

ALL WELCOME

We have an estimate of \$17,000 to complete the work. After our major fundraising event, 'Elegance. A Sparkling Afternoon Tea and Dance', had to be cancelled we are actively considering alternative revenue raising events. 2022 will be an eventful year and we hope that you will join us on this exciting journey.

250 residents of the mountains succumbed to Aids. Although the LGBTIQ community were hugely affected, so to were families, friends, neighbours, carers, medical professionals and mountains folk. Of course, not only members of the LGBTI community succumbed and these folk too are remembered in the memorial.

The memorial, together with the development of Medlow Bath Park, was completed in 1991. The Three Sisters and other members of the LGBTIQ mountain community were instrumental in establishing the Aids Memorial and, indeed the Medlow Bath Park. The Three Sisters and the Medlow Bath Resident Association are committed to the preservation of this historical site.

The park contains 110 individual plaques placed under trees by family, friends and carers. The Aids memorial has become part of the fabric of Blue Mountains society and has great community and historical significance for the Blue Mountains.

Since its inception the memorial has been succumbed to the ravages of time, whipper snippers and mowers. The Three Sisters and the Medlow Bath Residents Association have got together to restore the memorial. We will need you help in this endeavour.

International Aids Day, 1 December 2021, will see the launch of our fundraising program. The Three Sisters and the MBRA will be holding a simple commemoration and design reveal on that day at 1200. It cannot be stressed enough that this is an important and significant event. The preservation of the memorial, one of very few remaining in Australia, depends on our contributions, financial and spiritual.

Christmas Dinner 2021

We will be holding our Christmas Dinner at the Chalet on 14 December 2021.

Numbers may be limited so it's advisable to get in early.

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Queen's Birthday Weekend Disco and Ball 2022

The Disco and Ball are once again scheduled for the June Long Weekend. The theme is Platinum and Ruby. Platinum representing the Queen's platinum anniversary of her reign. Ruby representing the 40th year of the Three Sisters Queen's Birthday Ball.

Tickets for the Ball will be available in late January, 2022.



Elegance. A Sparkling Afternoon Tea and Dance



What Might Have Been - Part 3

Seating Chart

Table

1. Three Sisters Official Party and Honoured Guests (Top Table, TTs)
2. Three Sisters Hoi Polloi (HP)
3. Three Sisters Drag Bag Aficionados (Bags)
4. Central Coast and Hunter Tulle and High Heel Evening Sandal Appreciation Society (Tall)
5. Northern Shire High Tech and Synthetic Frock Club (Static)
6. Illawarra and Southern Shire Straight Seam Society (ISS)
7. Right Side of the Latte Line Ladies Luncheon Libators (4L)
8. The Millicents (Millies)
9. Almost Mid Mountains Arts and Craft Ltd (MMLt)
10. Upper Mountains and Lithgow Party People (PP)
11. Mid Mountains Macrame and Hat Appreciation Alliance (3M)
12. Upper Mountains Theatre, Acrobatic and Trail Biking Troup (TAT)
13. Loose Fraternity of Mid Mountain Internet Dating Dudes (MIDDY)
14. Leura Real Estate Agents Confederation (GetReal)
15. Upper Mountains Art and Artistic Endeavour Guild (AAE)
16. Upper Mountains Weekly Scone Scrumping Fellowship (WSS)
17. Hep Cats and Jive Bunnies Katoomba (Hep)
18. Medlow Bath Toole Taunting Tunnel Team (4T)
19. Gardeners (Weeds)
20. Under 40s – The kids' table (Kids)



A Three Sisters Serial - Elegance. A Sparkling Afternoon Tea and Dance.

Part 3 – Electro Swing

Reprise

Continuing our entirely fictional event, what might have been.

At the beginning of part two we started with Count Basie so it was only fitting that we ended this session with another from the Count, [Topsy \(U Tube Music Link\)](#).

What a finale. On to part 3 of Elegance. A Sparkling Afternoon Tea and Dance, Electro Swing.

Official Business

“Milord”, announced the President, indulging in a bout of wishful thinking, “your Honour, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen and those identifying as nonbinary, I bid you good afternoon”. The official part of the day’s proceedings was commencing.



Official Guests - Aveline Anytime, Charles Peking, Jean de le Lune, Alicia Audacious, Olivier W Hanks

Followed was a flurry of official welcomes, ingratiations and general back slapping.

Johan Gently, Hon President,

then gently reminded us of why we’re here; to raise funds for the restoration of the Medlow Bath Park Aids Memorial. A silent auction was available in the anti-room and all present were asked to participate. Raffle tickets were available to purchase. There was a rush for the door, for the best possible reasons.

Then it was down to show business.



Lula - Partly Frocked



Madelaine 'Blue' Peaks

I got through all of Last Year

[I'm Still Here \(You tube Music Link\)](#)

Lula was back, this time partly, yet fabulously frocked, to introduce a very special guest.

The Three Sisters were very fortunate to secure the fabulous musical talent, who calls the mountains 'home'; to front the footlights for our sparkling assemblage.

Madelaine 'Blue' Peaks is/was an incomparable talent of the stage known for her extensive repertoire of interpretations of show tune standards for electrifying cabaret performances.

No sooner than Lula had introduced this formidable talent than the red headed dynamo was brilliantly spot lit on centre stage.

True to form, Madelaine had picked a show stopper. A song that has a resonance for today. A song personal to everyone in the room for they were 'still here'. She channelled her stage character Carlotta from the musical Follies.

It starts slow with words that resonate;

"Good times and bum times, I've seen them all
And, my dear, I'm still here"

Singing to the converted. The song slowly building to a scream of defiance and indomitability.

A fanfare of virtual harps interrupted my attention, a moment of reverie in a turmoil of tempest. I was transported, momentarily, to the Opera House Concert Hall, circa 1995, or was it 96? No matter. The Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras sponsored Follies in Concert played to a packed auditorium of Sondheim tragics and wannabes. The highlight, at least for me, was an electrifying performance of this very same song by our own Jill Perriman. Most of the concert is a bit blurry to me these days, that is except for that lone woman dressed in a startlingly white sheath, brilliantly spot lit on that huge stage backed by the Sydney Symph.

Madelaine brought me back to reality. In truth my memories lasted but for an instant. I swept along in the song with Madelaine.

Then the finale,

"I've run the gamut, A to Z
Three cheers and dammit, C'est la vie
I got through all of last year, and I'm here"

Almost drowned by a universal acclimation, whistles, calls of 'encore', banging of palms on tables and the carpet muted stamp of feet. The audience at a stand as one. We all 'got through all of last year' and we let the world, well the Resort, know it.

Then, to the dance floor for our next set, **Standards in Swing.**

STANDARDS IN SWING IS FUN. IT IS YOUTHFUL, BOUNCY, RHYTHMICAL, SWINGING AND, WELL, FUN, NO MATTER OF ONE'S STAGE IN LIFE.



IT STARTED INNOCENTLY ENOUGH. IRENE AND JASON JIG, FROM THE 3M TABLE, START SEDATELY, TO NIGHT AND DAY [Night and Day \(You Tube Music Link\)](#)



MIDDIES, SOCIALLY AWKWARD AT FIRST, DISCUSS THEIR NEXT MOVE. WHERE DID THEY LEAVE THEIR PHONES? LET'S MISBEHAVE SEEMED LIKE THE PERFECT SONG TO TAKE THOSE FIRST TENTATIVE STEPS TO NON-ELECTRONIC INTERACTION



MMLTs WERE QUICK OFF THE MARK. HATS WERE OPTIONAL BUT THE MACRAME WOVE ITS MAGIC IN SUBTLE WAYS.



PUTTING ON THE RITZ HAD TAKEN A NEW FORM. THE TANGO RITZ WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN BY THE ADMIRING CROWD. DIEGO AND STAN OF THE HPS TABLE PULLED OUT ALL STOPS. THE THREE SISTERS AT A STAND MARVELLED AT ONE OF THE BEST KEPT SECRETS SINCE THE AFFAIRE DE LA GLAD. [Putting on the Ritz \(You Tube Music Link\)](#)



STYLE PLUS FROM THESE LEURA LADIES FROM THE GETREAL TABLE



[Let's call the whole thing off \(u tube music link\)](#) IS THE LAST THING THESE TWO GORGEOUS THINGS FROM TAT HAD ON THEIR MIND. A BEAUTIFULLY JOYOUS VERSION OF THIS CLASSIC WAS A



[Jungle Swing \(u Tube Music Link\)](#) JUNGLE SWING GOT EVERYONE ON THEIR FEET. THERE WAS NOT AN EMPTY TABLE TO BE SEEN. A TUNE FROM THE 20S FOR A CROWD FROM THE 2020S.

PARTY LIKE IT'S 1929

[Party Like it's 1929 \(You Tube Music Link\)](#)



JANISE AND IAN FROM THE ISS HAVE BEEN PRACTISING FOR WEEKS. THEY ORIGINALLY LEARNED THEIR ROUTINE IN HIGH SCHOOL.



THESE TWO HEP CATS WERE CAUGHT CUTTING A RUG TO THE LAST SONG OF THE SET. ALICE AND STANLEY WERE INDEED PARTYING LIKE IT WAS 1929



DID YOU FLOSS? ELEUTERIO AND ISANDRO FROM ISS, SOUTH OF THE BORDER, UP FRONT AND PERSONAL



GETTING REAL.
THE MILLIES SAY IT ALL.
NOTHING MORE TO ADD REALLY.

Standards in Swing

Elegance Play List Set 2	
Name	Artist
Night and Day ***	Gani Tamir
Let's Misbehave ***	Trevor Ashley, The Easy Virtue...
Peeping Tom Feat. Rosie Harte ***	Jamie Berry
Why Don't You Just Call ***	Tape Five
Clap Your Hands - ***	Parov Stelar
Puttin' on the Ritz 2017 (Jazzy Radio Mix) ***	Taco
Let's Face The Music And Dance (feat. Clémentine & George Bangable) ***	Clémentine & George Bangable
Geraldine's Routine ***	Tape Five
Clap Your Hands (Extended Club Version) ***	Pavlov
Shall We Dance ***	Gabriel Kitzman
Let's Call The Whole Thing Off (Wolfgang Lohr & Justin Fidèle Remix) ***	Fred A. Staire
Hummin' To Myself ***	Pisk
Hit Me Like a Drum ***	Parov Stelar
Jungle Swing ***	PISk
Re-Charleston (Radio Edit) ***	Wolfgang Lohr -
Who Dat Down Dare [AUDIO] speakeasy jazz remixed ***	Pisk -
Lost In The Rhythm (Original Mix) ***	Jamie Berry ft. Octavia Rose
If Swing Goes, I Go Too (Remix) (feat. Darren Fewins) ***	Darren Fewins
Party Like Its 1929 ***	Tape Five

Selected musical highlight

[Night and Day \(You Tube Music Link\)](#)

[Putting on the Ritz \(You Tube Music Link\)](#)

[Let's Call the Whole Thing Off \(U Tube Music link\)](#)

[Jungle Swing \(U Tube Music Link\)](#)

[Party Like it's 1929 \(You Tube Music Link\)](#)



WELL, THAT WAS AN EXPERIENCE