

Editorial

Dear Friends

Easter has come and gone and the rest of the year stretches before us. It seems we have woken up after the post-Christmas lull.

Firstly, I have a request. I would appreciate it if you could purchase your Ball ticket as soon as possible. Indeed, it would be great if your tables could be finalised as well. We have a considerable number of guests who have nominated their group where the nominated host is yet to get their tickets.

Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

I am also pleased to announce that the Three Sisters Social Group has booked the Victoria and Albert Guest house for a Sunday Roast Luncheon on 5 May. Our lunch last year was very successful and I'm sure this will event will be even better. See the article in this newsletter for details.

Terry

Upcoming Events

Dinner

The Avalon, Katoomba
7:00PM Wednesday 10 April 2024

- A choice of main course and dessert
 - Price: \$47
- Reservations by the Sunday evening prior to bookings@threesisterssocial.asn.au

Luncheon

The Grandview Hotel, Wentworth Falls
12:30PM Tuesday 23 April 2024

- A choice of main course and dessert
 - Price: \$37
- Reservations by the Sunday evening prior to bookings@threesisterssocial.asn.au

Blackheath Disco in Wentworth Falls

Wentworth Falls School of Arts
7pm Saturday 8 June

- Tickets on sale 1 March 2024
- See <https://threesisterssocial.asn.au/disco/>

Royal Gala Performance Ball

Palais Royale, Katoomba
6:30pm Sunday 9 June

- Tickets on sale
- See <https://threesisterssocial.asn.au/ball/>

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A Three Sisters Social Event

Roast Luncheon at the V and A Guesthouse Mount Victoria

"Who doesn't love a roast dinner?" Whoops, wrong question.

Rather, "Who loves a roast dinner?"

Better still, "Who loves a Sunday roast dinner?"

Answer: The Three Sisters Social Group.

When the roast dinner is at the lovely Victoria and Albert Guesthouse in the incredibly lovely Mount Victoria our roast dinner can only be very much better.

Our last visit to the V and A was a great success. We nestled amongst the wood-panelled and sumptuous wall paper and white linen around the vast dining table amongst Victorian splendour. Since then, the V and A has invested a lot of soul and flair in creating one of the mountains premier destinations.



Sunday Roast Lunch

***Victoria and Albert Guesthouse
Mt Victoria***

Sunday 5 May 2024

1230 pm for 0100 pm

Price \$65

***Beef Roast and all the trimmings
plus Dessert***

Glass of Pre Lunch Bubbly

You are going to love this event even more than the last.

Your spot at the table can be reserved by purchasing a ticket from the Three Sisters Social Group at:

- BSB: 633 000
- Account number: 193 701 778
- Reference: Your Name



Royal Gala Performance Ball



It would be greatly appreciated if you could finalise your Ball arrangements as soon as possible to enable us to finalise our Ball arrangements.

Buy tickets

The annual ball is heading for its 43rd anniversary. It's a unique and fun event which has attracted ball goers from far and near and last year's ball attracted rave reviews.

This year proves to be better than ever.

Tickets are available through IWannaTicket for \$230+bf.

Buy tickets

Tickets guarantee you a place at a table. We will not be issuing actual tickets, paper or digital. You can view the seating plan at the venue to identify your table.

Sitting with Friends

When you purchase tickets, you will be asked the name of your host or the table name. Please nominate one person in your group as host or enter the name of your table. This will enable friends to be seated together. It would help if you have a host/table nominated before you purchase tickets. Tables will accommodate 10 guests.



Going Solo?

Ticket buyers that do not nominate a host or table will be seated in sparkling and fantastically welcoming company by the Sisters.

Buy tickets

For more Royal Gala Performance Ball information go to <https://threesisterssocial.asn.au/ball/>

Blackheath Disco in Wentworth Falls

You read it correctly. The Blackheath Disco 2024 will be in Wentworth Falls.

The traditional venue, the Blackheath Community Hall is undergoing well overdue renovations and will not be available to us this year.

The Three Sisters has pulled out all stops to ensure that the Disco will provide the fun and frolics that we have grown accustomed to over the many years that it has been in existence.

The Wentworth School of Arts will be the Disco's home this year. See you there.

Buy tickets

For more information go to <https://threesisterssocial.asn.au/disco/>



April Dinner



7 PM, Wednesday
10 April 2024

The Avalon

18 Katoomba St
Katoomba
\$47

Reservations: by the
Sunday evening prior

bookings@threesisterssocial.asn.au

April Luncheon



Luncheon

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Wentworth Falls
12:30pm Tuesday

23 April 2024

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Three Sisters
Social Group



bentART Trivia (Fundraiser)

When: Sunday 21 April

Time: 2 – 5pm

Where: RSL Katoomba (Auditorium), 86 Lurline St Katoomba

Cost: \$20 members, \$25 non members

Who doesn't love trivia! Aaron will once again test your knowledge and host a fun afternoon of entertainment, laughter, prizes, catching up with friends and raising funds for bentART. Can the reigning champions win again? Can you stop them? Can you rip a Mintie wrapper into the longest piece? Can you toss a coin closest to a prize? Come along and find out. We'd love to see you there.

Tables of 10

250 places available

[**Buy Tickets**](#)

Blue Mountains Pride

The Blue Mountains Pride group now has its own Facebook page [Blue Mountains Pride Facebook](#)

As a new partner in Blue Mountains Pride, Pink Mountains has changed the name of their Facebook discussion group to Blue Mountains Pride Community Discussion Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/bluemountainspride>. Join this Facebook group to keep up with what is happening in the Mountains.

The Blue Mountains Pride coalition of LGBTQI groups is growing and is well on its way to be a force for good in the mountains.



Easter Reflections

There is something reflective about Easter. Maybe a hangover from the barely remembered rituals and symbols past practices. Maybe it's because that extra Easter Monday offers more opportunity to think.

All it takes is a trigger.

My trigger was three letters to the editor of the Blue Mountains Gazette, belatedly perused. I like the local letters. It gives one a perspective on local issues and what the local ratbags really think on issues small and small.

I have to declare that I, too, am a local ratbag who, from time to time, has dipped my pertinent pen into that particular pond.

Funnily, it wasn't the topic of these letter that got me thinking. That topic was about the right of the Blue Mountains City Council or its officers to comment on the ghastly humanitarian crisis in Gaza. The topic was deemed to be inappropriate for local government to concern itself. More of that later.

It was a comment in one of those letters that unleashed a train of thought that I needed to explore. This was basically because, superficially, I may have some unthinking sympathy for their views. That was until I read in one letter that Same Sex Marriage is an example of an issue that should not be under the purview of local politics.

It was the reference to 'same sex marriage' that got my goat, mainly because that correspondent had engaged in robust conversations about this particular issue in that particular publication during the SSM hysteria.

It was step too close to hypocrisy to ignore.

Thus began a train of consciousness, or a rope of continuity, if you like.

SSM reached its messy conclusion but it did not finish the underlying problem of entrenched anti LGBTQI sentiment. That morphed into the realms of religious freedom and the right of religious groups to sack gay teachers and expel gender diverse kids. Matters that were gaily discussed in local discourse by the same correspondent at the time.

The losers in all that nastiness were, of course, the children whose existence was exposed by the same discourse in many local platforms in Australia's cities and suburbs.

That nastiness and bigotry and ignorance and associated threats of violence, once started, has continued to this day.

And how has this affected the BMCC and its citizens? Well, Council meetings have been disrupted over trans issues and the local families with trans and gender diverse kids have been threatened with violence. The BMCC and families were attacked about a proposed picnic/BBQ at Wentworth Park Lake for the families of differently gendered children. The event had to be moved somewhere 'safe'.

So, closing the circle, it is evident that most certainly SSM and LGBTQI issues are local issues and must be included in local political deliberations and social institutions.

As for the BMCC and its officers' role to play in the Gaza situation; well the BMCC is the local branch of our three tiered system. It is closest to the people and has a responsibility for social cohesion at the local level. Many of the BMCC constituents are affected by the humanitarian disaster in the middle east. Some are in real pain.



The BMCC has a responsibility within its purview and has the right to be concerned about them.

As Tip O'Neal, Speaker of the US House of Representatives in the 1930s, was prone to say, "all politics is local".

As for the three correspondents to the BM Gazette; they were just employing a reactionary tactic to stifle free speech for people they disagree with.

