

# Three Sisters Social Group

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Committee members: Timothy Corfield, Patrick Lee



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly **DINNER**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021**  
**at 7.00pm**

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

**Numbers for this event are strictly limited to 20 persons.**

Please send your booking to [bookings@threesisterssocial.asn.au](mailto:bookings@threesisterssocial.asn.au) by Sunday 7 March.

**MONTHLY Luncheon**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021**  
**at 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 21 March.

## From the President

Hello Members and Friends

It's now March and finally the Corona Virus Vaccine is being rolled out firstly to Health care workers, Border Security personnel, Commonwealth Employees including Defence personnel and Aged Care residents Then presumably it will be the over Sixties which will include many of our members and people with underlying health problems and then the masses. I hope that the majority of the population will get vaccinated but it is not mandatory. Hopefully this will lead the road to recovery for Australia and the rest of the World. I certainly will be getting Vaccinated.

Restrictions are slowly being lifted but not early enough for our 40th Annual Costume Ball to take place unfortunately and also the Blackheath Disco due to the dancing numbers restriction. By June dancing maybe allowed but time does not allow us to organise the events. We are planning to hold an alternative event to the Ball and are in the process of organising something to be held at the Fairmont Resort maybe a High Tea or a Cocktail party as yet we have not finalised our plans.

Our monthly Dinners and Lunches are still continuing with numbers on the improve which is great to see. Fifteen members and friends attended the Dinner at the Avalon Restaurant in Katoomba which was a great night the food

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fabulous as always. This month's dinner will be at Canton Palace in Wentworth Falls where you will be treated to an Asian feast. Don't forget to book early as numbers are still limited.

The luncheon as usual was a great success 11 members and friends attended and enjoyed the regularly changing menu which makes it more interesting. Don't forget to book for March, bookings are essential.

Take care and stay safe my friends.

So Good bye for now.

Your president

John Wilson



## **Aids Memorial Preservation** (Reprinted)

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.

It appears that we have arrived at juncture where decisions will have to be made about the future of the Aids memorial.

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

It now remains to be decided on what this work 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.

There appears to be a couple of options going forward.

One is to do nothing and allow the plaques to slowly devolve into the ground and succumb to the deprivations of lawn mowers and metal collectors.

The other is to collect the plaques with an aim to construct a sensitive, contemplative memorial space to house them, possibly near the main memorial.

This latter option will need to be longer term project due to funding and aesthetical considerations.

The first step, however, is to obtain Three Sisters members and other stakeholders' opinions, suggestions and recommendations as to the way forward. This, for some, is an emotional issue and we are conscious of need to achieve a sensitive solution to this important matter.

We will welcome your comments please send them to Terry Preeo, at

[vice-president@threesisterssocial.asn.au](mailto:vice-president@threesisterssocial.asn.au)

If you prefer to have a more personal approach, as many people do, please send your contact details and Terry will be in touch.

**Medlow Bath Park Aids Memorials  
February 2021**



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