
December 2022 - Newsletter

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Dear Friends

It's December and as usual the year is ending in a rush. A Ball to plan, a dedication for the restored AIDS Memorial to prepare and a Christmas Dinner to look forward to.

On the Catwalk, our annual costume ball, will be held at the Carrington Hotel, Katoomba, on the traditional June Long Weekend. Or perhaps not so traditional, as next year that weekend will be the Kings Birthday weekend. The change in name will take a bit of getting used to.

Because the Carrington is a smaller venue than that in which we have held our previous balls, tickets are expected to sell quickly. You are advised to plan your ball early and be prepared to book your table on 1 February 2023 when they go on sale. Details are in this newsletter and on the web site.

Medlow Bath Park is to be the venue for the dedication of the restored AIDS Memorial on 1 December 2022. It's been an emotional and fulfilling journey over the last twelve months to see this project to fruition. I hope that many of you can visit the memorial, if not tomorrow as I write, then soon after.

After all that I will look forward to glass of Christmas cheer at the Three Sisters Christmas Dinner at the Chalet on 13 December. Book if you haven't already.

To everyone, on behalf of the Three Sisters Committee I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Until next year,

Stay safe

Terry



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly **DINNER**

Christmas Dinner **The Chalet**

46 Portland Rd
Medlow Bath

7.00pm Tuesday
13 December 2022

Price: \$40

Reservations: by the Sunday
evening prior.

bookings@threesisterssocial.asn.au

MONTHLY Luncheon

The Grandview Hotel

Great Western Highway
Wentworth Falls.

12pm Tuesday
24 January 2023

A choice of main course and
dessert

Price: \$42

Reservations: by the Sunday
evening prior

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***Wishing all our
Members and Friends a
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year***

AIDS Memorial Medlow Bath Park

World AIDS Day and Dedication of the Restored AIDS Memorial at the Medlow Bath Park Midday 1 December 2022.

A year ago, the Three Sisters Social Group and the Medlow Bath Residents Association launched an appeal to restore the AIDS Memorial at Medlow Bath Park.

The memorial was established in 1991 as a living memorial to some 250 victims of AIDS from the Blue Mountains and consisted of some 150 individually names plaques under trees and in garden beds.



**Susan Templeman
MHR inspecting the
progress of the
Medlow Bath AIDS
Memorial**

Time had taken its toll and a restoration of the memorial was necessary. The Blue Mountains community response and help from the three tiers of government has been amazing.

Susan Templeman, MP, dropped by the Medlow Bath Park to see the progress of the memorial on Saturday 12 November. Ms Templeman was visibly affected by the memorial and complimented the MBRA and the Three Sisters Social Group on their achievement in completing this worthwhile Blue Mountains Community project.


Particular mention should be made of the contributions provided by the Commonwealth Government Stronger Communities Grant, Transport for New South Wales, Mr Maurice

Cooper OAM and Mr Kerry McKenzie, Bendigo Bank, PFLAG Sydney and ACON. The Katoomba Men's Shed provided valuable assistance in cleaning and repairing the plaques and Lindena Robb painted our a stunning project logo, a forest pansy, the tree which is centre point in the AIDS Memorial Garden.


Restoration is now complete and the dedication of the restored memorial will be held on World AIDS Day, 1 December 2022 at midday at Medlow Bath Park.

From the community support of the project, it's obvious that the memorial means a lot to many people.

The Blue Mountains Community are invited to attend the dedication of the memorial. We hope that you will be able to join us on that very important day, World AIDS Day, 1 December 2022, for the dedication of the restored memorial and to remember those who have left us and the challenging times we all went through.



Three Sisters
Social Group
Blue Mountains



Medlow Bath
Residents
Association

World AIDS Day


1200 1 December 2022
Medlow Bath Memorial Park

in

- **Dedication of the Restored AIDS Memorial**
- **Remembering those affected by HIV/AIDS and their Families, Friends and Carers**

All Welcome

Join us for Refreshments Following the Dedication



Three Sisters Christmas Dinner

Our annual Christmas Dinner will be held at the Chalet, Medlow Bath, on Tuesday, 13 December 2022. It's a tradition in an increasingly traditionless world. Some things are worth keeping and enjoying. Our Christmas Dinner is just the thing.



Committee Vacancy

There is a vacancy on the committee of the Three Sisters Social Group Incorporated for an ordinary committee member. Our constitution requires that there be at least three ordinary committee members on the committee. If you are interested in joining the committee please contact the Secretary on secretary@threesisterssocial.asn.au.

On the Catwalk.

Kings Birthday Long Weekend 2023



The news that you have all been waiting for.

The follow up from the stupendous Platinum and Ruby Ball will be held on the Kings Birthday long Weekend, Sunday 11 June 2023 at a new and sensational venue.

We are excited to announce that On the Catwalk will be held at the Carrington, Katoomba.

The Carrington is a marvelous venue, steeped in history and having a unique style of its own. A style that our community can well match, or outdo.

Venue Change

Our traditional venue, the Fairmont, is unavailable for On the Catwalk. The Carrington Hotel has stepped into the breach to ensure that we can hold our traditional ball in 2023.



Venue Capacity

The Blue Mountains is not blessed with venues that can accommodate the number of guests that the Three Sisters Balls traditionally attract. While the Carrington Hotel provides a fabulous experience, its capacity is smaller than we are used to. Because of this the number of tickets for On the Catwalk will be less than normally available.

It is expected that tickets will be in demand and we advise our guests to organise their tables well before time and purchase their tickets early.

Tickets

Tickets will go on sale on 1 February, 2023, from the Carrington Hotel, 02 4782 1111.

Ticket price is \$195.



We have attempted to keep the cost as reasonable as possible and this price is slightly below last year's ball as a booking fee will not apply.

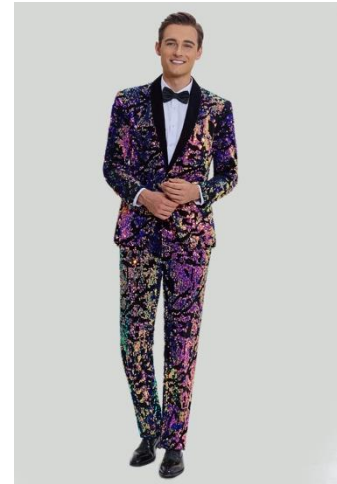


Table Reservations

Tables for 8 and 10 will be available. A seating plan will also be available in the January Newsletter and on the Three Sisters Web site <https://www.threesisterssocial.asn.au/ball/>

Every effort will be made to allocate the table of your choice but this cannot be guaranteed. If your first choice has already been allocated the Carrington staff will give you the next best available.

The Carrington has requested that all table hosts provide the name and contact details of the host and of the names of each of the guests in order to compile an accurate seating plan and for security requirements.

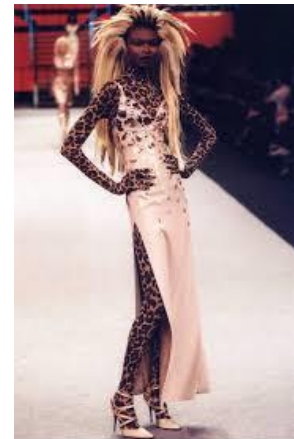
It would be appreciated that full payment for a table can be made at the time of reservation.

Guests on a booked table who opt to pay for their ticket directly to the Carrington will be able to do so within 14 days of the table reservation.

Seat Reservations

A number of well sited tables will be reserved for small parties and individuals/couples who wish to buy individual tickets.

The Carrington staff will assist in table selection.



Accommodation



Arrangements have been made for a complete wing of the Hotel for ball guests. Traditional Rooms, with breakfast included, are available for \$110 per night. Further information at <https://www.thecarrington.com.au/stay/traditional-rooms/>.

The Carrington Traditional Wing is a perfect opportunity to meet like minded people. You can also avail yourself of the wonders of the Blue Mountains sojourn, to indulge in the delights of a rainbow weekend with Bent Art and the Blackheath Disco as well as sashaying On the Catwalk.

Traditional High Tea Supreme

The Three Sisters experienced the ultimate luxury on 13 November when we enjoyed the famous silver service Traditional High Tea Supreme in the Bygone Beautys Tearooms.

Our waiter, who was dressed in top hat and tails, delicately presented a triple-tier cake stand with fine bone estate china and estate acquired afternoon tea serviettes. We enjoyed finely rolled crustless sandwiches, an assortment of homemade tea cakes, biscuits, baby scones topped with freshly whipped cream and strawberry jam.

Did I mention Champagne? There was lots.



Memories of Balls Past

Next instalment in January 2023.