

Editorial

Dear Friends

You and your friends are invited to 'A Soirée Called Wallis', an intimate event created especially for members and their friends. We also welcome friends of the Three Sisters with whom we have partied at the Ball and other events.

'Wallis' has been specially created for you to have maximum fun with good friends at a sensible time in iconic surroundings with marvellous food and drink, and fabulous entertainment. The whole package.

Also, we will be evaluating 'Wallis' as a possible format for a Ball reimagining, so your enthusiastic participation will be particularly important.

I would also like to welcome to the Committee to join Thomas on the 'back bench', Colin Seton, Alan Kerr, Kevin Nixon and Tim Corfield. I must admit to being overwhelmed at the enthusiastic response from the membership in joining the committee. It was heartening to see the commitment and obvious value that our members place on the Three Sisters. I'm sure this will place us in good stead for the future of the group.

I'd also like to acknowledge John Wilson's long service to the group in many roles, including President. John did not seek re-election and will be sorely missed.

Lastly, please note that you will be able to prepay for and use cards at our functions from hereon. Details in this newsletter. Please also note the new email address for our event bookings.

Until next time, stay safe

Terry

Upcoming Events

Monthly Dinner

Avalon Restaurant, Katoomba
7.00 PM Wednesday 11 September 2024

- Price \$47
- Prepay by Direct Debit. Card/Cash at event.

Reservations the Sunday evening prior
3sisters.bookings@gmail.com

Luncheon

The Grandview Hotel, Wentworth Falls
12:30PM Tuesday 24 September 2024

- Price: \$42
- Prepay by Direct Debit. Card/Cash at event.

Reservations by the Sunday evening prior to
3sisters.bookings@gmail.com

Payment Methods

Prepay to

- BSB: 633 000
- Account number: 193 701 778
- Reference: your surname

Credit Cards and Cash are accepted at events. Reservations are still required.

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Committee Executive:


President: Terence Preeo

Vice-president: vacant

Secretary: Larry Singer

Treasurer: Rick Hawthorne

A Soirée Called Wallis




**Featuring
the Fabulous
Miss Robyn
Banks**

**‘A Soirée Called Wallis’
or
‘I Went to a Marvelous Party’
(With Nounou and Nada and Nell)**

*You are invited to an intimate soiree reminiscent of a
scandalous period, gone but unforgettable.
Decadence, Scandal, Drama, Vertiginous Fashion, Indolent
Idleness, Wasted Lives in Suffocating Luxury.
Very Glamorous.
Very Tragique.
Very Gay.*

Tickets on sale 6 September until 6 October
from <https://www.trybooking.com/CUPQV>
More details at <https://www.threesisterssocial.asn.au/soiree>



**Three Sisters
Social Group**

**5–8 PM Saturday
12 October 2024
Palais Royale
Katoomba**

Canapes and Drinks

**\$79 First Release
\$99 After
Limited Tickets Available**

Dress Your Best

We couldn't have a Ball, but we can have a consolation prize.

Introducing 'A Soirée Called Wallis', a homage to an age of outrageous events that threatened an empire, outrageous behaviours away from Belgravia, outrageous characters of both good and questionable character and the lightning rod in the middle of it all, Wallis Simpson.

Wistfulness wrapped in Dior and restrained in jewels whilst the party raged about. It was a marvellous party before the bird in the gilded cage became wrapped in ennui and wrinkles. My God, it's sounding all too familiar. Pour me a gin.

Very Glamorous. Very Tragique. Very Gay.

The perfect vehicle for a themed party in the fabulous bijou surrounds of the Palais Royale. A chance to dress your best. Sip something cool. Nibble something nice. Chat to friends. Maybe, have a foxtrot.

Be entertained by the fabulous Miss Robyn Banks. A chanteuse of impeccable music talents, crooning tunes of elegance, sophistication, style and romance; as well as a lot of swing.

The Palais Royale offers the perfect venue for an intimate soirée. A right sized event for a select group of friends made over the years, or, maybe, just made yesterday.

You have been invited to the event of the year: 'A Soirée Called Wallis'. Three hours of canapes, drinks, music and entertainment at a sensible time. Unbeatable value. Limited tickets. Make a party. Bring friends.

Tickets will be available from 6 September at [TryBooking](https://www.trybooking.com/CUPQV). More details on our [website](https://www.threesisterssocial.asn.au/soiree).



AGM President's Report August 2024

I'd like to welcome you all to this Annual General meeting of the Three Sisters Social Group.

Three Sisters membership is close on a vigorous 40 and our financial position is healthy.

Socially, the committee continued to provide a few additional pleasures to complement our regular functions. Gaps in the social calendar to fit new events are hard to find but we persist in trying to find new pleasures.

Monthly dinners and lunches maintained their popularity.

Dinners, particularly, pose an ongoing issue for the Group due to a scarcity of venues that can accommodate a large group at a reasonable price. However, dinners have a consistent attendance and following.

Lunches at the Grand View have grown in popularity and the quality of the meals has improved considerably.

Providing any event at a price many of us expect is, in itself, an ongoing concern for the committee. We are cognisant that escalating costs are a factor in providing our activities and we try to keep costs as low as possible.

Our two outings at the VandA were very successful and we have established a good relationship with them.

The Three Sisters signature events on the Kings Birthday Long Weekend, were a curate's egg, good in parts. Our sister group, Bent Art, provided a marvellous entrée to the weekend festivities.

The Blackheath Disco at Wentworth Falls was an outstanding success. The event attracted a capacity crowd of 330 very happy and beautiful people from up and down the mountain. Miranda Fair was radiant, Dj shOrty was grooving. Greg was the lighting maestro.

There were so many people who helped make it a fabulous night. Ruth and Ron from PFlag, with Kevin, Tim, Chris and John were looking after the door. Rick, Thomas, John and Paolo looked after the canteen. Many of these people also helped to set up for the evening. In addition, Greg (from Lithgow), Ian (from Bathurst) and Cate (from Katoomba) as well as the usual gang of members were fabulous helping with the clean-up.

Particular thanks go to Greg and Larry for providing the inspiration and talent that resulted in the successful night.

It takes a lot of dedicated people to put such an event and their roles are gratefully recognised.

The Ball was, to say the least, a disappointment, having to be cancelled because of lack of ticket sales. Declining patronage, increasing costs, changing tastes and lack of appropriate venues all contributed to this unfortunate end.



This has called the Ball's ongoing viability into question. Is it worth continuing with the Ball? Can the Ball be reimagined? Is there a need for a Three Sisters event on the Sunday of the June Long Weekend?

The Committee has progressed some way in approaching these questions by planning an event, 'A Soirée Called Wallis' on 12 October 2024 at the Palais Royale. This event is being held not only to use the Ball deposit held by the Palais Royal but to assess a potential event to replace the Ball.

However, the Committee feels that such an important decision to discontinue the Ball should be put to members, which we have done. Your feedback was valuable. More about the future of the Ball later in the AGM.

Finally, I would particularly like to acknowledge the work of the committee, particularly John Wilson who has beautifully managed our events and Rick Hawthorn who has diligently managed our finances. Larry has been diligent in keeping us all in line. Nothing gets done without the talent and dedication of a committed group of people and this has been provided in spades by all the committee.

I would particularly acknowledge John Wilson's role over many year's service to the Three Sisters Social Group. John has decided not to continue with his role on the Committee this year.

When I moved to the mountains and joined the Three Sisters over 10 years ago, John was a prominent and important member of the Committee. He has held the positions of Committee Member, Vice President and President and his long association is marked by a singular commitment to the success of the group. He now feels that it is time for him to step down and concentrate on the next stage of his life.

Gentlemen, would you join me in showing our appreciation to John for his commitment and long service to the Three Sisters Social Group.

Three Sisters Events Payments

We are introducing new payment methods for Three Sisters Dinners, Luncheons and other events hosted by the Three Sisters for member's and friend's convenience.

Dinners and Luncheons may be paid by:

- prepayment through our Bendigo Bank account at BSB 633 000, account number 193 701 778, reference your surname, or,
- by Credit Card or Cash at the event

Reservations are still required at 3sisters.bookings@gmail.com

We hope to phase out cash payments in due course at members convenience.

Some events, such as the Disco and the VandA Dinners, that require payment to others such a ticket agencies or venues, will need to be paid directly to that agency or venue as is the current practice.



New Email Addresses

The Three Sisters Social Group has new email addresses. This is a part of upgrading our infrastructure.

Our new general email address is 3sisters.sg@gmail.com. This is sent to the Secretary, who will forward to the appropriate person within the group.

Our new bookings email address is 3sisters.bookings@gmail.com. Please RSVP to this email address for our events.

Please add these email addresses to your address book so our emails don't end up in your spam folder.



Join or Renew Your Membership



**New members
are warmly
welcome
\$30 and \$25**
Complete membership form
to apply
[https://www.threesisterssocial.asn.au/
membership/](https://www.threesisterssocial.asn.au/membership/)

**Membership Renewals
are now due**
**Pay by Friday 9 August to participate in the
Annual General Meeting**

Dinner will be held following the Annual General Meeting.

\$30
\$25
Concession

There will be no cost to financial and Honorary Life Members. Please advise the secretary if you will be attending by Friday 9 August 2024 on 3sisters.sg@gmail.com

Membership can be deposited to our Bendigo Bank account:
BSB 633 000, account number 193 701 778.
Please use your surname as the reference on your deposit.



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Seahorse Society

The Seahorse Society has joined with Magic Circle to stage this year's TransActShon at The Carrington on the same weekend as Oktoberfest. Now that should be interesting. They asked the Three Sisters to advertise their event.

TransActShon is a LGBTQI friendly event held over 3 days in spectacular surroundings providing a weekend experience for the Transgender and Cross-Dressing community. More information at <https://www.transactshon.com/>



Events September to December 2024

- 11 September 2024 Three Sisters Monthly Dinner, Avalon Katoomba \$47
- 24 September 2024 Three Sisters Luncheon, Grand View Hotel Wentworth Falls \$42
- 12 October 2024 'A Soirée Called Wallis' A Special Three Sisters Event. Palais Royale, Katoomba
- early November Polyester Mt Vic Flicks. TBA
- 5 November 2024 Melbourne Cup Katoomba RSL TBA
- 1 December 2024 World AIDS Day, AIDS Memorial, Medlow Bath Park. Details TBA
- 10 December 2024 Christmas Dinner, The Chalet Medlow Bath TBA



Happy Snaps AGM 2024





Happy Snaps Luncheon August 2024

