



COOLANGATTA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE NEWSLETTER

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TWO NIGHTS ONLY!

It's not everyday you have the opportunity to hear live music at the centre. This June we have two live bands hitting the stage, both local Gold Coast bands who will play Rock n Roll music to get you on the dance floor.

Route 66- Friday 7th June

The Mustangs – Sat 8th June

Tickets - one night \$20 pp

Two night special - \$35pp

Tickets are being sold online through Eventbrite. Click on our website for the link or see reception. We encourage our general members to support this club fundraiser and join us on one or both nights. If you need to work on your moves, join our rock n roll dance class on Wednesdays at 1pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Club receives \$5000 from 2018 Volunteer Grant

We are happy to announce that we were recently informed of our successful application in the 2018 Volunteer Grant Program. The Volunteer Grants aim to support the efforts of Australia's volunteers. When making application organisations must detail how the funds will be spent. We applied to spend the money on volunteer police checks, fuel reimbursement and storage for volunteers. We have until June 2020 to spend the grant. We plan to distribute fuel cards to active volunteers later in the year.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Annual General Meeting will be held Wednesday 19th June 2019 at 9am. The agenda will be posted on the noticeboard in due course.

Volunteers know the drill

Every group at the centre has a volunteer coordinator or tutor. We educate our volunteers on internal procedures and what to do in different situations and emergencies. For instance if someone falls ill during an activity your volunteer coordinator knows how to respond. They may ask for your assistance to alert the Centre Coordinator. On Friday 5th April 2019 sixteen (16) of our volunteers came along to our second compulsory volunteer training session. We reviewed emergency procedures, using a fire extinguisher and performed a practice fire drill. One issue that arose as a result of the fire drill was the fact that members are not writing their names legibly in the attendance books. In the event of an emergency evacuation we will use the activity books to find and rescue those who do not make it out. If your name is missing or illegibly written it could mean your life or danger to the lives of rescuers looking for you. So please sign in, print legibly or ask someone to write it for you if you have difficulty. We also went over our procedures for customer service, grievances, and fraud. Another role our volunteers fulfil is making sure the books, attendance and monies received all balance. Please bring the correct change for your activity and make sure not to slip in foreign currency.

Stopgap Dance

Thursday 16th May 2019

6.30 pm – 10.00 pm

Our regular Friday and Saturday night dances cannot be held on election weekend. The centre has decided to offer our New Vogue dancers a substitute night. Cancel your regular Thursday night plans for the 16th May and join us for our special Stopgap Dance. A pre-election promise you can count on. Dance program to suit everyone!

Members \$7 and Non-Members \$9

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello to all our members and friends,

Our centre is one of the 400 Gold Coast City Council - owned buildings on the coast. Every year approximately 50 council buildings are inspected. On average every 8 years the council conducts a Building Inspection on our centre. We had our building assessment on Thursday 18th April 2019. The Engineer walked the building and grounds with myself and the Centre Coordinator. He was looking at structural integrity, safety and fire equipment. Overall the inspector stated the building was in good repair, but he will be making a few recommendations. We will receive a written report in due course with the final findings. Well done to Peter our maintenance officer and current and previous committee members for keeping the building in such a good state. Early in April our membership numbers were 978 paid for the 2019 year, but, there were still 542 members from last year who have not yet renewed. Would it shock you to know that 81% of those who haven't renewed come from our local suburbs. That's 441 people. Yes, some may have moved, some may have stopped coming due to health and other reasons. But some are still active in the club and have not renewed. 441 memberships is just over \$3500.00 in revenue for the club. How do you feel about non-members enjoying member benefits? I encourage you all to check your "paid to" date in the right bottom corner of your card. Check your cards and come forward to reception to renew if necessary. Finally, I wanted to remind you all again of the need to consider a position on our Committee. We cannot operate without a committee. There is plenty of support and coaching from paid staff and the 3 re-nominating committee members. We value your support.

Brian Finch (President)

COORDINATORS REPORT

Dear Members & Visitors,

Just prior to Easter we had a fault with one of our electrical circuits. We had to rewire the circuit from the board to the area. Thanks to Pete and our electrician Matt for working together to get this sorted quickly. Our tiled entrance takes heavy traffic and water had made its way under some tiles. There were 4-6 that had lifted and were replaced this month. You may have noticed we are heavily cutting back our gardens. It is all part of our plan to increase our visibility, reduce outdoor labour and improve the safety of members and guests. By law we cannot obstruct exits. Bike riders and motorised scooters cannot be parked in exit routes around the building. This includes the undercover areas at the front of the building or along the fence on the ramped entrance. There is a bike rack at the eastern front entrance and scooters may park next to the

disabled car parks in the front. Please see me if you need more clarification. We had many public holidays and the attendance at many groups has been down. It was particularly evident at bingo when we only had 30 on 23 April. We wanted to thank all our loyal bingo players for sticking with us through the recent changes to operations. Our Tuesday bingo bus service is now on hold due to inadequate numbers requiring transport. There are seats available on our mini bus trips, both trips heading up to Brisbane for organised and interesting tours - see noticeboard for full details. Remember the elections are 18th May so many activities are cancelled on the day prior. See the noticeboard flyer for full details. The centre is excited to bring our New Vogue dancers a Stopgap Dance on Thursday 16th May 2019 at 6.30pm. This substitute dance will get you through the election weekend. We are having two external meetings at the centre on 23rd May. Unfortunately, due to overbooking we have to cancel our Qi Gong class on this day to accommodate these events. There will also be cancelled activities for the 7-9 June for our Rock n Roll dances and local festival. Talks are underway to hold second Stopgap Dance on Thursday 6th June in the evening. Next Folk Club will be Thursday 27th June 2019 (no folk club in May). On that point, Folk Club is strictly no BYO drinks. Following several incidents of people smuggling in their own drinks deliberate or otherwise we may be forced to do bag checks on entry in June. A brighter note to finish on. We are in early stages of putting together a Christmas in July Party planned for the 25th July 2019. Pencil it in your diaries and watch the noticeboard. See you around the halls! **Renae Barron (Centre Coordinator)**

Start of New Financial year

Our 2018-19 financial year came to an end at 31st March 2019. We finished with a small nett profit this year after investing much of the profits back into the club. Some of the projects included: building the wall, 3 new air conditioning units, new carpets and minor maintenance works such as painting. Our association's financial records will now be audited by McKern and Associates. The associations final audited reports will be available for financial members to view at the Annual General Meeting. **Make sure you've got it written in your diary - Wednesday 19th June 2019 at 9am.** Come support your committee who are members just like you and have given of their time to serve you and the association over the past 12 months.

Important Dates to Remember

6 May	Closed Labour Day PH
16 May	Stopgap Dance 6.30pm
17 May	Closed from 3pm for Federal Elections (activities cancelled)
18 May	Federal Elections (all activities cancelled)
20 May	Nominations for Committee open
23 May	Qi Gong cancelled today only
23 May	FREE Seniors Safety Session (Call: 07 5581 6642 register)
5 June	Nominations for Committee close
6 June	Stopgap Dance (TBC)
7 June	R&R Dance – <i>Route 66</i> (get your tickets on eventbrite)
8 June	R&R Dance – <i>The Mustangs Band</i> (get your tickets on Eventbrite)
19 June	Annual General Meeting 9am
27 June	Folk Club 4.30pm

Overjoyed with Donation

Joy Boden long term member and now life member has been donating prizes for our Easter raffle for many years. The raffle this year raised \$115 and there were 7 lucky winners. Fundraising and a giving spirit are the foundation on which this club was built and every dollar counts. Thank you to all who purchased tickets and supported the raffle. Thank you Joy for your generosity and support of the club.

Be Connected in our Digital World

Don't get frustrated or despondent, share your technology troubles with us and get the help you need. We offer individual computer and technology support three mornings a week. If you have a new phone, ipad, tablet or laptop we can help. If you need help understanding data, messaging or emails, we can help with that too. Book in to see one of our friendly Be Connected Digital Tutors.

Wednesday – Linda

Thursday – Geoff

Friday – Lynne

Bookings essential see Reception or phone 07 5536 4050 to book.

Mini Bus Trips head to BRISBANE in May!

Insider Tour Brisbane Airport (BNE)

Thursday 9th May 2018

Departing 8.20am and returning by 3pm.

Guided tour of Brisbane Airport, lunch at the Transit Tavern. Come learn about the operation of one of Australia's fastest growing airports. Interesting, informative and fully guided, these tours are great for those interested in the fascinating world of aviation. Lunch at own cost, Members pay just \$15.00

Guided Tour Port of Brisbane

Wednesday 22nd May 2019

Departing 9am and returning by 3pm.

Once we get to the venue we will board their 25 seater bus at noon for the port tour. On our guided tour we will see some of the daily activities of the port. The tour guide will explain how an efficient and sustainable port operates. As well as how Brisbane port protects the environmental values of the area.

Lunch at own cost, (port tour fee included) members price just \$ 25.00

EASTER SPIRIT ALIVE AT THE CENTRE

Our Thursday 18th April 2019 our dancers got into the Easter spirit. There were fluffy ears, cotton tails, easter hats, eggastic table displays and splashes of colour. The group enjoyed a dance program put together by Brian Babcock. Followed by a shared morning tea. Join us Thursdays from 8.30am (New Vogue program). Our Saturday night crew also got into the Easter Spirit with their social dance on 20th April. Thanks go to our amazing volunteers who put in some much effort to run these special events for you.



SPOTS ARE LIMITED REGISTER TODAY!

Free seniors safety session

Feeling safe and confident helps us to stay mobile and makes it easier to enjoy community life and recreational activities. Gold Coast seniors are invited to come along and learn strategies to help keep you safer at home and in the community. Topics will include personal safety, home security, scams and cyber safety.

Thursday 23 May, 10:00am – 12:30pm
Coolangatta Seniors Centre
2 Gerrard Street, Coolangatta.

Presenters will include the City of Gold Coast, Queensland Police Service and the Office of Fair Trading.

Places are limited. To secure your place, phone 07 5581 6642 or email your name and contact details to liveable@goldcoast.qld.gov.au



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Cruise departs 24th September, 2019

Day	Date	Port	Arrive	Depart
1	20/9	Fly from Australia to Rome		
2	21/9	Transfer from airport to the hotel and check-in		
3	22/9	Skip the Line Colosseum, Roman Forum and Palatine Hill Tour		
4	23/9	Enjoy Rome at your leisure		
5	24/9	Transfer to the port and embark Koningsdam		
Cruise Itinerary				
5	24/9	Rome, (Civitavecchia), Italy		5pm
7	26/9	Dubrovnik, Croatia	9am	11pm
8	27/9	Kotor, Montenegro	8am	5pm
9	28/9	Spilt, Croatia	8am	5pm
10	30/9	Ravenna, Italy	8am	5pm
11	1/10	Korcula, Croatia	9am	5pm
12	2/10	Corfu, Greece	9am	6pm
13	3/10	Catania, Sicily, IT	11am	11pm
14	5/10	Valletta, Malta	8am	11pm
16	6/10	Naples, Italy	7am	6pm
17	6/10	Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy	7am	
17	6/10	Transfer from the port to the airport and fly home today		



Special is valid until
28th June 2019

Stateroom Type	Rate PP
Inside	\$4,959
Outside	\$5,299
Balcony	\$5,599
BC - Vista Suite	\$6,299

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