

December 2023 NEWSLETTER

Introduction

Good evening folks.

This is our final Newsletter for 2023 and I thank all members who have provided me with content such as photos and articles to include. It has been a pleasure producing this Newsletter for our amazing members over the past 12 months and I look forward to continuing next year. Please let me know if you have any suggestions on how we can improve this important aspect of our communication strategy.

Needless to say, we hope we see many of you at our Christmas Party this coming Friday at The Hangar – the weather forecast is looking very positive, so it is hard to imagine a better spot on Friday from 5 to enjoy a chat, a drink, some great food (brought by you!), the presentation of our 'Shedder of the Year' and some music later in the evening.

We also have some quite amazing door prizes donated by generous local organizations and a first for us – a 'silent auction' for a Voucher from Portsea Estate which I reckon we would all like to obtain – should be fun!

On behalf of our President, John Stevenson, and all your Committee members, we wish you a joyous Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year.

Graham Goudie (GG)

Looking for your old Skateboards

Terry is hoping some of you (or your grand-kids) have old skateboards which you can donate for a great cause. He writes:-

In 2024, PNMSA and St Joseph's, Sorrento aim to repurpose old skateboard decks into works of art. Our members will be taking unwanted skateboards, removing the grip tape and old axles and wheels. The actual board will be "repaired", where required, then sanded down for painting.

Staff and students at St Joseph's will prime the repurposed boards and add their artwork. The decks will be sold and the funds sent to the Moss Foundation which supports the development of water projects in Eswatini (formerly Swaziland).

Sorrento Portsea RSL

We like to support and promote local community groups and this is one of those with whom we have a close connection.

The Kitchen at Sorrento, run by Bob Coley from The Kitchen Tootgarook, will be operating from mid-December serving pub style food in the Sorrento Portsea RSL clubrooms. There is a new outdoor dining area to be opened around the same time. Sorrento Thai will be operating as usual.

As most of you know, a key aspect of the RSL is the promotion of live music through Tom Katz – a name many of us remember from the main street in Sorrento back in the mid to late 60's. Coming up over the next month or so are the following impressive acts:

Screaming Eagles on 16 December

Marty Rose on Australia Day

The Piano Men on 10 Feb

Music of Fleetwood Mac on 24 Feb

Music of Stevie Wonder and Burt Bacharach on 9 March.

Contact the RSL if you want further information about bookings or go to tomkatz.com.au

Men's Health Activity tomorrow

If you are interested, I suggest you email them tonight!

MEN'S HEALTH – ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION MEN AND LONELINESS: SHARING STRATEGIES FOR CONNECTION IN DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES

**Guest Speakers: Dr. RIKKA PRATTES,
Dr. KARLA ELLIOT, PROF. STEVE ROBERTS**

**MONDAY 11th. DECEMBER 2023 at 2.00 pm
Frankston North Community Centre**

**Light refreshments will be served during the session.
MALE MEN'S SHED MEMBERS ONLY**

To assist with catering numbers any Male Men's Shed Members that are interested in attending the session are requested to contact the Pines Men's Shed by email by Friday 8th. December 2023.
pinesmensshed@bigpond.com

Cardies Lunch at Sardo Restaurant

One of our many 'Activity Groups' is the 500 Card Group which, under the much appreciated leadership of BigM (Malcolm), has up to 20 players meeting every Tuesday night. A group of over 30 members and partners enjoyed a great lunch and some pretty good wine – many thanks to Danny from Sardo's for making us feel so welcome!





Sorrento Art Show in January

The Sorrento Rotary Club is once again holding it's Art Show which runs from 2 – 14 January. They are seeking support from members of our PNMS to assist in a variety of tasks. This is a very large event, so any assistance would be greatly appreciated. If you can help out for a few hours, please contact Brian Stacey on 0412 458 317 for further information.

Scams to watch out for – from Macquarie Bank'

Several members suggested I run this article as a reminder someone is always looking how to scam us. This item was sent to all MacBanks customers. so you may already have seen it.

Have you ever received a call and it just didn't feel right? It may have been part of an impersonation scam, which is when a scammer impersonates a bank or other service company by phone or SMS, asking you to authorise transactions, make a payment, or provide personal information.

According to the Australian Government's Anti-Scam Centre, three in four reported scams include some form of impersonation of a legitimate entity^.

So how can you be sure next time that person calling you is really from where they say they're from? Here's a few things to remember:

- we'll never ask you to transfer funds to another account
- never share passwords with anyone
- avoid using phone numbers or links from text messages
- check contact information using a trusted source such as the company's website.

Already this year, Australians have lost \$240 million to investment scams*. Investment scams are often sophisticated which means they can be hard to spot. Investment opportunities offering fast results and big returns can have the potential makings of a scam.

Common investment scams include:

- unsolicited investment offers such as cryptocurrency, fake corporate or treasury bonds, and fake share IPOs (Initial Public Offerings), claiming to be from reputable businesses
- fake endorsement of an investment or other business opportunities from celebrities
- early access to superannuation with a fee.

- being approached by someone who has no profile photo
- the price seems too good to be true
- a request for personal information such as your phone number or email

- the buyer overpays for an item and wants you to refund the excess amount
- the buyer wants to pay using a gift card or wants to send a prepaid shipping label.

Golf Day at Portsea GC on Monday 4 December

We had fantastic weather, a great golf course, a full field and over 80 people for lunch. All in all, our first PNMS Golf day was considered by most to be a real success. We aim to hold this event again next year and have plans to make it even better. Congratulations to our 2 winning Foursomes and the NTP and Longest Drive winners.

We couldn't have run this event successfully without a considerable team effort of blokes from our PNMS (under the leadership of Lino), the outstanding cooperation of the PGC Committee (thank you David Bristow and colleagues), the terrific work of PGC staff (thanks Will and Alf) and the generous donations of prizes which totalled well over a thousand dollars.

We pay particular thanks to Sardo, Italico, Hotel Sorrento, Sorrento Portsea RSL Thai Restaurant, the PGC and Tellurian Wines for their fantastic support.

We welcome feedback from those who took part to ensure we grow this event in future years.



The Shed at Stringers

Members are reminded that the Tuesday Group's Christmas breakup will be at Stringers Shed on Tuesday 19 December. It will be a BBQ and is \$10.00 per head plus drinks at 1.00. Please contact Rob if you want any further information.

Lunches and Functions

We have had many really successful activities and events this year – and have enjoyed providing a real variety of locations and activities for members. Your planning group has a few ideas in place for the first half of 2024 and these include:- a late summer lunch at The Hangar, Barefoot Bowls at Sorrento Bowling Club, a visit and tasting at Portsea Estate, and support of sponsors/donors such as Italico/Sardo/Hotel Sorrento. All this is subject to further discussion with the Committee.

In particular, we are very keen to hear from all members who have suggestions on possible events or locations you would like us to consider in 2024. The more input and ideas, the better the outcomes – so don't be hesitant – put forward any suggestions of places or activities you think we should add to our list of possibilities.

That's all folks. Have a great Christmas and Healthy New Year.