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STORIES FROM MEMBERS

Leigh Wallace was quick off the mark and he is our second member to contribute, taking up the baton from lead "runner" Cynthia Balogh, with a story covering the period of his life from 1969-1974. However, because of its length, the Editor has decided to publish it in two parts.

This is an ongoing feature so if you want to see your story in print, get in early as there is queue. We are asking members to contribute personal stories based on past achievements, funny situations, or how COVID-19 is impacting their families' lives.

Please submit content to the Editor by
Wednesday



CLUB CALENDAR



06 April 2020
You will be invited by email to attend a ZOOM meeting at 1pm Monday.

13 April 2020
No meeting –
Easter Monday

Lighten up with
Corona Light



DATES TO REMEMBER

Board eMeeting
07 April 6pm Tuesday

NB This is a week earlier than advertised in the March Minutes

10-13 April - EASTER



ZOOM

<https://zoom.us/test>

If you access this site, you can test your internet connection, before joining our Monday meeting.



A little Bit of History from the Life of Club Member Leigh Wallace OAM

PART 1 – FOOTBALL OR MUSIC

1969 was the year that Strathmore High School's Music Teacher, Mrs Vanson, was asked to nominate a student or students for possible inclusion in a youth choir being formed to appear at EXPO '70 in Osaka, Japan. She knew that I could sing and had been a member of Channel Seven's "Brian and the Juniors" in the mid- '60s, hosted by the late Brian Naylor. So, my name was put forward, leading me to an audition at Channel Nine studios in Richmond before a panel comprising, among others, ex-Seeker Athol Guy and music legend John Hawker. After several days of singing different songs, in various musical styles, the total group of 600 was whittled down to 44, then eventually to the desired number of 28. This number was then taught the country-music-style song "Riding to the Never Never", with Athol singing the lead. It had been decided that the group he was forming (to be known as The Young Australians) would comprise young singers aged between 16 & 21, who could harmonise in eight parts (not the usual four). Once the right musical balance of soprano, alto, tenor and bass was found by the audition panel, I was pleased to be offered a place as a "First Bass".

What a dilemma! I had just been interviewed by the North Melbourne Football Club and invited to sign up with them after having finished the season with West Coburg Under 17s. I had subsequently played the last game of 1969 season with the North Melbourne Thirds, alongside my West Coburg team mate David Dench. But after much deliberation, I decided to take the music route. David took the football route, becoming a champion full-back and team captain in later years.

I was happy with my decision but the Brunswick Football Club had been informed by North Melbourne that I had declined their offer. My main reason was that I would be committed to singing and choreography rehearsals on two week nights and all day every Saturday, so there was no way that football training and playing could be included. Brunswick offered me a less intensive weeknight training regime but it was still a problem on Saturdays so again, I declined.

PART 2 – NEXT ISSUE

ZOOM "TECH" MEETING DEBRIEFING

We had a somewhat chaotic, but fun Tech meeting on Thursday morning. Twelve members managed to claw their way onto the screen (even Barbara!).

We did discover that:

- Laurie may have found out that he doesn't have a camera on his computer!
- the meeting shuts off exactly after 40 minutes, with little warning
- BUT if you log back in, using the same Meeting ID, you can rejoin the meeting and get another 40 minutes! (thanks Gordon)
- an Ipad will only display 9 faces, without scrolling, so a computer is better for big meetings
- good idea to check your ambient lighting, Geoff Cook looked somewhat ethereal as he sat in front of a window
- powerful computers/Ipads can use virtual backgrounds by loading photos off their hard drives (Gordon was in Petra, Neil was on the moon!)
- old computers don't have the power to show videos and run the meeting (Peter)
- it is better to setup a Zoom account (by just Signing up on Zoom.us) as it allows you to have meetings with friends and families

If you didn't manage to log on for any reason you can ring Peter (0419 357 905) or Bruce (0412 849 091) to try and talk through any technical issues before the next meeting on Monday

Web Master – Peter Carr





BUSHFIRE RELIEF Dinner

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The Rotary Club of Heidelberg Bushfire Relief Dinner
Tuesday evening 25th February
Watsonia RSL Club
6 Morwell Avenue Watsonia 3087
Doors Open 6.30 pm
Entrees Served 7.00 pm sharp

"An Evening with Athol Guy presenting The Seekers' Story"
perhaps the most successful Australian entertainment export ever
Athol will be supported by Rod Hulls and Jenny Blake, providing live renditions of Seekers favourites

- \$50.00 from each ticket and all auction proceeds will go to the Relief Fund
- Rotary to assist with a variety of Aftermath Relief for communities affected by bushfires
- Rotary to obtain fodder, and ensure delivery to where it is most needed
- Rotary to supply fencing materials and labour to install it
- Rotary District 9790 to monitor all Relief Fund spending



Please arrange bookings via the trybooking link below
Bookings to be finalised by 5.00 pm Thursday 20 February 2020
Cost per person for 3 course dinner plus entertainment \$90, or \$900 for tables of 10
Drinks at Bar Prices
Dress: Evening Wear



<https://www.trybooking.com/8HTMD>



Editorial

Much has happened since the 25th of February, so let us not forget all of those who suffered in the horrific bushfires, especially the farmers who work so hard to feed us and who have experienced devastating drought, floods, then bushfires.

It is also time to again recognise the tremendous effort made by Club members and others, to ensure the success of the Bushfire Relief Dinner as a fund-raising event.

Some stand out, without being named.



COVID-19

Use this link for the latest COVID-19 information from the Victorian Government

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>