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Newsletter 20 December 2022



Dear Members,

Welcome to our December Newsletter to celebrate the highlights of 2022 and share some news on activities over the Christmas period and into 2023.

As usual, the Club will be open throughout the Christmas period, although some activities are having a break until early or mid-January 2023. Check with your group or follow this link to the website <https://mteliza55plusclub.org.au> for updates.

Christmas Lunch at Stepples, Mornington on Friday 16 December 2022



Such a great day was had by all. The room was abuzz for well over 2 hours with more than 60 club members enjoying a lovely lunch and great social interaction. The function was booked out a month in advance. As we could only accommodate 65 members at the function room, we luckily had a waiting list to fill the places when COVID and other problems struck a few members who unfortunately could not attend. The only attendee below the 55+ age group was the Mornington Peninsula Shire Mayor Steve Holland who drew the raffle prizes and also had a great day.

General Club Activities

Activities have been going very well since our return late in August this year. We are now getting requests to extend our activities in 2023. The Committee is seeking feedback and expressions of interest for new activities, such as darts, an additional table tennis session, ballroom dancing and very basic balance and Tai Chi classes. All suggestions are very welcome, such a Scrabble or other games. Please send an email to mail@mteliza55plusclub.org.au (clicking the link is safe) to register your interest or suggest new classes.

When visiting the Club, please view the noticeboard to ensure you are aware of the latest activities and information, or visit our website www.mteliza55plusclub.org.au

Saturday Night Dances

Our dances (New Vouge/Sequence) on the first and fifth Saturdays of the month are doing very well. Lots of fun, socialising and exercise had by all.

- First Saturday (Twilight - 7 January 2023) from 5 pm till 9 pm
- Fifth Saturday (Twilight) from 5 pm till 9 pm

The cost is \$5 dollars. Please bring a plate to share. For more information contact Jenny Dodds via email at jenniferdodds@gmail.com

Activities over the Christmas/New Year break

Most activities will cease between Christmas and New Year:

- Table Tennis resumes at 9 am on Monday 2 January 2023
- Line Dancing resumes at 12:30 pm on Monday 16 January 2023 - in 2023 there are three classes to cater for different groups on Monday afternoons)
- Dancing will most probably resume on Tuesday 10 January at 10 am (please check
- Cards will resume on Tuesday 3 January at 1 pm
- Tai Chi will resume on Wednesday 4 January at 11 am
- Bowls will resume on Wednesday 4 January at 1 pm
- Snooker and Billiards will resume early January: up to the participants

Our Films every second Friday

As you may know, films are shown at the club every second Friday at 1:30 pm. They have been very popular. But we have to pay a licence to show each film and the Committee have agreed to open the film sessions to family and friends, and the general public, to help cover the cost.

Members still pay \$3 and everyone else \$5.

The next film, **Cabaret**, will be shown on 20 January 2023. Click on the following link to view the trailer is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EfL1J4QVhSM>

Come along and enjoy.

Membership Subscriptions

Over the last month or so the Committee have been endeavouring to update our membership register. This task has mainly been completed although we are still getting a few stragglers who have not responded to our requests to verify their personal details. We welcome many new members have also joined the Club.

From January 2023, the Mount Eliza Neighbourhood house will no longer be accepting any 55+ memberships. These will all need to be made through the 55+ club. Your Team Leader will have Membership forms and be able to accept and register payments. Other alternatives for payment are on the form.

As you know, all 2021/22 members do not have to pay a fee for 2022/23. New members still need to pay the \$10 fee unless joining after 1 January 2023 when the fee is reduced to \$5.

Solar Panel Installation

Solar Panels are currently being installed on the roof at the 55+ Club. This project is a result of a successful grant application jointly funded by the State Government and Mornington Peninsula Shire, with a half contribution from the 55+ Club.

The installation of solar panels will greatly assist the Club in reducing our electricity charges and to do our little bit help the environment.

2022 Annual General Meeting

We had a successful 2022 AGM on 4 November 2022.

Our Committee for 2022/23 Financial Year is:

President: Leigh Eustace

Vice-President: Dawn Whittaker

Secretary: Patricia Luke

Treasurer: Rhonda Idzcak

General Committee: Lorraine Brown, Jenny Dodds, Peter Millman, Kate Kemp, David Quinn, Teresa Quinn.

Thank you to John Cant for his work on our previous Committee. We welcome back all former Committee members including Peter Millman, after a year's break, and new members David Quinn, Teresa Quinn and Patricia Luke.

We do miss our former Secretary Sue Chaffey who would have been the first to put up her hand.



Our Committee wish all club members and families a Merry Christmas and Happy and Safe New Year for 2023.

Finally, I would like to thank our Committee and members for their help and support throughout the year. We look forward to another successful year in 2023.

**Leigh Eustace
President & the Committee**