

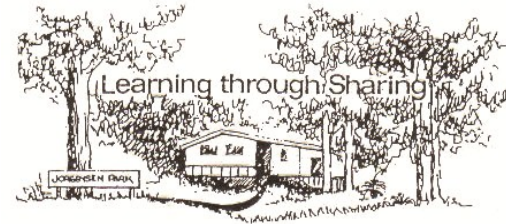
**UPDATE FROM BRIDGET HOGARTH ON
CHOGM**

"They also serve who only stand and wait." and so it seemed to be that a lot of the time we were standing around waiting, waiting, waiting. With moments of great excitement interspersed with the odd moments of sheer terror (that was when I was a little slow with my reactions while driving the luggage master of Botswana who was in charge of all the camera equipment and nearly put him and the cameras through the front window of the van. (Oops)

This all happened during CHOGM when I volunteered to be a driver. Did you drive the Queen? was the main question and the obvious answer was 'NO!' but I was lucky enough to have been in the main foyer of the Exhibition centre when all of the heads of state came in the main door only about 5 metres away. The national costumes were superb especially from Sudan and Uganda. The Governor General looked amazing and elegant and dignified and Oooohh I want to grow old just like her. OK I may have to grow another foot and slim down at least 10 kgs but I can still wish. HRH looked every bit as regal as she is and Julia Gillard was far prettier than the tabloid cartoonists make her out to be.

To get this job Peter Daniel from French beg. and myself had to attend 3 general training sessions and then a two day driving course to teach us how to drive in convoy, park 50cms away from the curb and reverse through chicanes (what the point of this was, I have no idea.) The vehicles we had to drive were all top of the range Holdens, Fords and people mover Kia's Carnivals and I was lucky enough to drive delegates from the Dominican Republic, Ghana, England and Botswana along with assorted Australian liaison officers, volunteers, security and police officers. Sue Gosling-Smith (Waste not, want not) was in a prime position as a venue officer and was able to escort and direct delegates from all nations to their desired place. Our uniforms were very smart with white shirts, black trousers/skirts and a dark purple tie with the CHOGM logo on it. The other volunteers had an equally smart polo shirt in dark purple with a white contrasting stripe over the shoulders and down the sides with black trousers/skirts.

The highlight of the whole event and I think the other volunteers would have to agree with me, that we were at the right place at the right time. All of the people we had seen on television were there in real life and in WA and in front of us. It was an experience of a lifetime!



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CENTRE TALK

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An Octogenarian Life Song

While I may remember the words, I fear
The melody sometimes escapes me.
But the musical comedy of life my dear
Gives a performance that never forsakes me.

This old man's head is filled with the sound
Of the love songs you've woven around me
And the orchestral strings that together we found
Are the gentlest of chords that have bound me.

When one of us goes, as someday we must,
And our duet's reduced to a solo.
All of love's music, alas, must adjust
To the tempos that sadly must follow.

But our music, my darling, nobody could match
Bring on Stradivari, or Steinway, or Kiri, or Satch.

~ Cedric Baxter
Poets Corner Class Member

SCULPTURE Class News

Congratulations to **NEIL ELLIOTT** who took out the 1st prize at the Darlington Art Show in the Sculpture section and also to Vern Turling, ex-member of the Sculpture class for Highly Commendable in his exhibit at the same show.

Well done Neil and Vern!

DAVID STORER TREASURER

On behalf of all the members of the KCLC, we wish our Treasurer, David Storer, a speedy recovery after recently being in hospital.



A BIG 'THANK YOU'

FROM KING EDWARD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

To all the wonderful ladies who have knitted hats, booties and jackets for the premature babies at King Edward.



At any one time there are between sixty and eighty babies in the hospital's Intensive Care nurseries. The bubs in incubators wear hats and booties and those big enough to move into a cot wear a jacket as well. As all these are changed regularly you can imagine how many knitted items are loved and washed each day!

Thank you ladies, your time and efforts are very much appreciated.

Sandra Smith (Art History & Cryptic Crosswords)

Know Your Trivia:



1. How many countries are larger than Australia?
2. In which country is the world's highest waterfall?
3. Which animal produces the biggest baby?
4. Which land did Puff the Magic Dragon live in?
5. In the movies, who plays the role of Harry Potter?

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MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH WINNERS

Congratulations to Steve Thyer who won the quilt in the Melbourne Cup Lunch raffle.

Also, Congratulations to Jackie Hair who took out the 'best hat' prize, a fabulous framed oil painting 'Kakadu' kindly donated by Pat Natta.

GREETING A STRANGER

- Remember the saying 'A Stranger is a friend you do not know'? Well, we have a little challenge for you ... Introduce yourself to another member at the Centre who you might have seen but have never met and ask them FOUR questions (nothing too personal, of course). The most inventive question or answer might (or might not) be in the running for a prize. So ... DON'T be startled if you're stopped by a fellow member, but ... DO have your answers ready!!

GENERAL MEETING

**A GENERAL MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON
FRIDAY, 25 NOVEMBER
AT 10:00AM.**

ALL WELCOME!!

THE KALAMUNDA SHOWTIME SINGERS

presents...

THE ROYAL GALAH CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

At the Performing Arts Theatre, Canning Rd, Kalamunda

Saturday, 26 November 2011 at 8pm
Pre-Concert drinks from 7:15pm. Light supper after show.

Sunday, 27 November 2011 at 2pm
Afternoon tea will be served during the interval.

Tickets \$15

The Lucky Charm Newsagency—9257 2668
The Paper Place Newsagency—9453 9963
High Wycombe News—9454 5195
Sid Hepton—9454 5649



KCLC MEMBER NEWS

Meg Cook, a long time member has moved to a retirement village in Willuna. We wish Meg all the best in her new home.

Trivia Answers:

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| 1. 5 (Russia, Canada, USA, Brazil, China) | 2. Venezuela |
| 3. Blue Whale | 4. Honoh Lee |
| 5. Daniel Radcliffe | |