

# Grapevine

## From the Editor



We OCR residents travel a lot whether it be local, interstate, overseas whatever. There is always some of us away or returning.

Just wondering if anyone in their travels to the UK has seen the **London Stone**. I understand it is just a piece of oolitic limestone, but this little, non-descript piece of rock has a very important part in the story of London. Some suggestions claim the Stone is a key to the continued existence of London.

It is not of a type of rock normally found in the London area but seems to have from Kent back in the realms of mystery and myth. The question of why it is (and has always been) in the general area of what is now Cannon Street has never been definitively answered either by science or archaeology. Certainly, many myths surround it: a foundation stone of pre historic London; a Druidic sacrifice altar; a Roman mark-stone; even said to be the stone from which King Arthur pulled the sword Excalibur.

Whatever its original purpose it survived all manner of trials including the Great Fire of London and through the Blitz in 1940. As such it has become a touchstone for London itself.

So, if you are in London, go and find the Stone at 111 Cannon Street.



## From Your Residents Committee

The next scheduled quarterly residents meeting will be held on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 at 4.00pm in the Clubhouse.

In accordance with our Constitution, any resident who wishes to put forward a Notice of Motion for discussion at the meeting must do so in writing on the appropriate form (see the OCR Residents Guide under OCR Committee) at least 72 hours before the scheduled meeting.

The notices should be delivered to the Secretary, Diane Lewis house number 132 or alternatively they can be emailed to 2019OCRRC@gmail.com.

For those residents who do not have access to email please contact me #132 and I will arrange for a Notice of Motion form to be delivered.

**Di Lewis**  
**Secretary**  
**Residents Committee**

## PROTOCOL WHEN USING THE CLUBHOUSE

Home owners have the full use of all facilities within the resort; there are certain protocols on the use of the clubhouse:

1. Book for any private activities through the office.
2. Furniture and accessories are to be returned to original placement.
3. Garbage is to be emptied to outside bins.
4. Dishwashers are to be emptied and crockery and utensils stored in original place.
5. Floors are to be swept and mopped.
6. After BBQ use the hot plate to be cleaned and fat container emptied.
7. All doors and exits are to be secured.
8. Lights to be switched off.
9. Entry door to be locked.



## Meet 'n' Greet is back!

On the 3rd Friday of each month in the Clubhouse starting at 4:00pm.

What to bring?

A small share plate of nibbles and your own drinks, plus a few gold coins for the Raffle, which will be drawn on the night, and the 100 Club.

The Lucky House number will also be drawn so be there or miss out!

## Trivia Night

In the Clubhouse Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2019.



Enjoy an evening of fun and laughter with the opportunity to meet and mingle with other Residents. Trivia will be a little different this time. We will focus on Music, Movies and Television.

There will be a cost of \$5 per head to cover prizes and paperwork, bring your own drinks and snacks if you wish.

You will be seated according to the table number you draw on the night and there will be tables of 6 only. HURRY – LIMITED PLACES

If you would like to join us please enter your name on the sheet in the Clubhouse, place your \$5 in an envelope, clearly marked with your name and house number and place it in the letterbox at house 50.

In order to organise paperwork, prizes and tables - close off date will be **Friday 30th August 2019**.



Sunday, September 1st - 9am for 9:30am start  
in the Clubhouse (doors locked till 9am)

scrambled eggs • bacon • tomato • sausage  
mushrooms • baked beans • bubble n squeak  
toast • orange juice • tea and coffee

\$10 per resident - \$15 non resident

Names on the list in the Clubhouse by

Monday 26th August



Wear your favourite sportswear to go with our  
sporting theme (jumper, shirt, cap etc)

Please place money in an envelope with your  
name/s and house number into Jill's  
letterbox #57 Timor Lane

Spring raffle will be drawn on the day

## Conversations at OCR in The Clubhouse Theatre Hosted by Kevin Lewis #132.



### Future Conversations Presentations.

The Conversations Series has and continues to provide presentations that are entertaining, enlightening and informative and are all presented by your fellow residents.

If you think that you might have a story to tell please give Kevin Lewis #132 a call or email [kevanddilewis@gmail.com](mailto:kevanddilewis@gmail.com) and we can discuss your story. Each presentation goes for approximately 40-45 minutes with questions and discussions either during the presentation or at the conclusion. time?

Venue: Clubhouse Theatre

**Save the date: Saturday 12th October at 6:45pm**

The Band in concert with support act Charlee's Angles Ukulele group.

Venue – The Clubhouse.

This issue of the Grapevine and the September issue will feature how these two musical groups came about.

### **First up, The Band.**



What and who is The Band?

Good question. There has been much ado lately about this phenomenon simple known as "The Band". Being a journalist, it raised my curiosity so I decided to do a little digging and the following is what I uncovered, which wasn't much at all really, actually a waste of my time but here goes.

Talk on the street lead me to a place called Ocean Club Resort where I eventually tracked down the ring leader of this so-called band and I should have woken up then and there but I persevered, which I still regret. His name is Robert Grogan, also known as house 171 (don't laugh it gets worse). He is the lead guitarist in The Band and has played in other bands as far back as he can remember - which isn't very far. Rob informed me he had all the right equipment (by that I mean musical equipment). Rob was an obliging fellow and wanted to introduce me to the other members of The Band and so I went long for the ride.

First up was Fred Baker the keyboard player. Now Fred is not a bad style of a bloke and, like Rob, had played in bands since he was a young fellow; his memory appears to be on par with Rob's. Fred certainly knows his music, his fingers sure can tickle those ivory's. He came across as a person

wanting everything to be perfect. He must be a Virgo, I'm guessing.

Next up was a most interesting chap (to be polite) and the patriarch of the group, David White, who like Rob and Fred had been heavily involved in music for the majority of his life. David had a very successful band known as the "East Side Jazz Band." David's band was kept very busy playing most nights and was even the backing band for Jonny Young's, "Young Talent Time", in the days of Tina Arena and Debbie Byrne. Wow Impressive! David, according to him, is an accomplished musician with expertise in playing Saxophone, Trumpet and Clarinet. Nothing like blowing your own trumpet. Sorry, couldn't resist.

Now according to these three professional musicians, Rob, Fred and David, the other three members of the band are nothing more than would be's if they could be's, or if you like frustrated musos. I thought they were being a little harsh until I met them. Although there was an exception, the youngest in the group, their bass player Tracey Bruce. Actually, I wondered at the time why they hadn't called the band "Beauty and The Beasts". The fascinating thing about this charmer was she only took up bass barely 6 months ago and according to the other members was doing very well. Tracey does not possess a music background although she has something the others members don't, a memory.

The fifth member of the group is a self-confessed long-time closet guitarist who the members say should have stayed there and the key buried. I thought that was a little unfair until I met him. His name is Charlee Bruce and much to my astonishment and bewilderment is Tracey's husband. How did that ever happen? The real joke amongst the group is that Charlee is their lead singer. They asked me not to print that but hey I'm a journo what do you expect.

Well I thought I had seen it all until the final member showed up late, which is apparently normal. They say he continually forgets where the Activity Centre is located where they practice twice a week. He bragged about having a good memory but said it was short. Now I don't wish to say anything bad about him but everyone else does so I might as well. According to him his name is Andrew Jackson (there are doubts, his doubts, not



the bands) and he claims to be a rhythm guitar player and singer. Apparently, he was told by Rob that he would have to get rid of the cotton strings on his guitar and buy some real ones. Fred said he sounded better with the cotton ones. According to other sources (who wish to remain anonymous) he was only allowed into the band to give his lovely wife Trish a break two days a week. Rumour has it that Trish almost begged Rob to practice every day but the boys refused as they considered that would tantamount to mental abuse.

All jokes aside this is "The Band". Other names suggested were, The Wrinkles, Six Shades of Grey and Strange Sounds, among others which weren't printable.



In summary, Rob and Andrew were the initial two who use to jam together and were occasionally joined by David and Fred. Charlee and Tracey who came on the scene much later, met Robert while participating on OCR Thursday morning walks. Andrew, they met when they attended the ukulele group of which he was a part. Rob thought it was time to get a little more serious and felt they should meet for a jam session but it wasn't viable in someone's home so he booked the Activity Centre for two days a week. As Rob, Andrew, Charlee and Tracey were setting up for their first session, much to everyone's delight in walked Fred and David and the rest as they say is history.

As a journalist of 40 years I have never come across anything quite like The Band. I will say this, age is irrelevant to these musos and, although they are the most unlikely group of misfits to come

together, from what I observed they love their music, have bonded well and are most certainly having a lot of fun.



Signing off  
Joe the Journo

Foot note: They did mention that they had a concert coming up but none of them could remember when or where.

**Let's Dance.**

**Every Tuesday at 6.30pm**



The 6-week couples Rhythm dance class has ended with 13 couples participating.

Although the formal instruction has ended, the dancing doesn't have to stop there. Every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm the fun continues in the Activity Shed. All couples are welcome to come and join in and maybe even learn a few more dances.

It's not just rock and roll on Tuesday nights. We have a variety of dances, not too difficult and there is always someone there willing to help and show you the steps.



Perhaps NOT

If you would like to know more, have a chat to Charlee or Tracey #200.

### Travellers' Tales

From Gary Hall

Travelling in 2019

While many of us travel overseas there are many who travel this large land. Visitors from overseas marvel at the anonymity of our little island. On a map the distance does not seem great until you set out and the fuel gauge starts to move into the red zone. Grey nomads make a large percentage of those traveling.

On the first May 2019 we joined those on the road. The Wright's, Foster's and Franklin's joined us on this adventure. Setting out from OCR four of us (Mark, Mary-Alice, Ngaire and I) set our sights on a free camp on the Golden Valley Highway near the town of Cassilis. . Now if you are free camping you must have a fire for sitting around.



From there the four of us travelled to Parks for our next stop. As we were passing the Parks telescope,

we called in. Mark worked for the CSIRO and some of his work was on parts for the telescope so we were lucky to have a look over the internal workings. (P2)



From Parks we headed to Hay. This is where the Fosters and Franklins joined us as they were in Sydney visiting family.

Mark and I tried fishing - one of us actually caught one. While travelling you must keep your eyes open for the unusual and the interesting.



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Silo trails are very interesting and there are many.



Did I say look for the unusual? We came across Accra's the Spanner man. Makes all his art work from spanners. When you consider the fact that he has been wheelchair bound from the age of eight, his work is truly remarkable.



Having made our way through the wheat belt we arrived at Port Elliot where we booked into the caravan park. Gale force wind and heavy rain, did I say HEAVY? It did not take long for the water to build up and flood the low areas. From here we took day trips. There's always time for coffee in Victor Harbour. Next was Goolwa where the

Murary River meets the sea. Then on to Strathalbyn with very interesting buildings.

From Strathalbyn we pressed on to Wilmington with another fire to keep us warm. We then travelled through Port Augusta and down to Whyalla. This is where we first sighted the vast colour change in the sea.

COWELL. Why is this town highlighted? Well we gave the Residents a good laugh watching two motor homes and two caravans driving around in circles looking for a free camp. Eventually we found it and happy hour was necessary to calm the nerves. Another little town was Tumby Bay. Lovely old pub and there was another painted silo. Having made a base at Port Lincoln we explored the region. Coffin Bay is noted for its oysters and of course we had to sample a few. They were very nice.



We moved on to Streaky Bay, Point Labatt Seal Colony, Murphy's Haystacks



and many coastal drives discovering whistling rocks and blow holes, mostly free camping where we could. Free camping gave us the opportunity to have camp fires.



Streaky Bay had the best caravan park we encountered – better amenities than a five-star hotel.

There are many places in Australia that are beautiful and unique. Ngaire and I took over 500 photos; other members of our group probably took as many perhaps more. We were away for many months and travelled some 11,500 km – back home for a well-earned rest.

**Don't miss out on the next OCR traveller's trip on 28th- 30th October.....at Sawtell.** Swimming, Beach Walks, Canoeing, Surfing, Fishing, Croquet, Tennis, Bowls, Coffee at one of the many cafes in the main street. Plus, other organised entertainment.



The organisers are: Pauline and Ray Cooper #133 and Cher and Steve Cameron #187

If you haven't got a Caravan, Motor Home, Campervan and would like to join in the fun there are always cabins or a motel.



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