

THE CANBERRA DRAFT

Newsletter of the Canberra Spinners and Weavers, Inc. (ABN 43 710 683 995)

Next Meeting – Saturday 17 February 2.00 pm

Speaker: **Liz Perry** will talk to us about her textiles from Vietnam

End of Year Celebration

3pm Sunday 26 November

Bring something to share

Donations can be made to 'Share the Dignity'



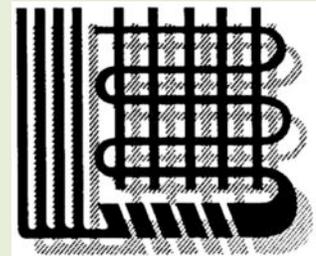
OPENING OF CROSSING THREADS

Over a hundred guests, including many past and present members, were welcomed by Shane Breynard, Director of CMAG, and Jenny Hall, CSW President, on Saturday. Janet de Boer, who opened the exhibition, told us about how she found weaving and developed her career around textiles. She praised the work and dedication of CSW members over the last 50 years and congratulated Curator, Meredith Hinchliffe, on the outstanding presentation of the exhibition.



Photo by Alison Cone

Meredith Hinchliffe, Jenny Hall and Janet de Boer at the opening



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Thurs 16 Nov 10am-2pm

Sat 18 Nov 11.30am-1.30am

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PRESIDENT'S JOTTINGS

November is here, and when you read this our two exhibitions at CMAG and TAC will be under way. I do hope many of you and your friends will visit both sites and view the wonderful work done by our past and present members. Thank you to all our members who submitted work for the '50 Years Looking Forward' exhibition at Tuggeranong Art Centre. Meredith has done a great job in designing the gallery. Thanks too to the band of people who have assisted in the collection, transport and the hanging of the exhibits and also with the catering.

By submitting your work you help promote what Canberra Spinners and Weavers does best! We hope the exhibition will inspire people to enrol in our workshops and join our association.

During the exhibitions there will be plenty of opportunities to demonstrate our crafts. Liz Jarvis is looking for volunteers for specific days and there are lists up at Textile Works. Also both CMAG and TAC would like members to drop in during gallery opening hours to spin, weave, knit or whatever. Grab a friend or organise your regular group to spend a few relaxed hours, working in a different venue!

Whilst we are on the subject of exhibitions, please be aware that all income received from fundraising through our calendar sales and raffle will contribute towards the exhibition costs. The budget for our exhibitions is on target and in line with previous exhibition expenditure. The final Arts ACT project budget acquittal is due for submission in February 2018 and this will be made available at that time. A full account of the Association's finances to date can be found in the Committee minutes in the library.

CSW Studio Open Days and Sales 24-26 November at Textile Works: this will give the community another opportunity to view our fabulous work. All work needs to be for sale. We will display some of the Canberra Show winners' work. If you are submitting work we would ask that you help out by selling, demonstrating or serving refreshments to visitors sometime during these 3 days. There are sign-up sheets in the kitchen.

Exhibition Raffle will be drawn on Sunday 26th November: Kath Phillips has woven a stunning silk shawl. Please take a raffle book and sell some tickets to friends and family. There are photos of the prize to encourage people to buy a ticket - one ticket \$3.00 or 3 tickets for \$5.00.

CSW Weave Study Group 2018 Calendar: this is a collector's item calendar! Every month has a piece of hand-spun and woven cloth. Price: \$30 (members) \$35 (non-members). This is a limited edition of a 100 and there are still a few left. Make sure to put your name down with Susan Weisser!

Our **Saturday members meetings** have been running on the new format now for nearly 12 months, the Committee would like to hear from the membership in writing please about how the meetings are being received. Is Saturday afternoon the best day for people to gather? Do you feel you are receiving enough information in the newsletter and at meetings about the ongoing workings of the association? If not, what information would you like? What do **YOU** want from a regular members meeting? Please let someone on the committee know.

There is still much organisation to do in getting our new premises ship-shape. The shop will contain a small office space for the new computer and photocopier. We thank Val Walker and Pam McDougall for their donations of equipment to assist in this reorganisation process. The loom room will store equipment that is unable to be housed in the container and is needed on a regular bases.

The CSW committee and the JAG (Joint Accommodation Group) are working on the acoustics in the main meeting room. I hope to bring you some news on the progress of acoustics insulation in the next newsletter.

At the last Committee meeting it was agreed that CSW should have a subscription with DK Yarns (a Danish supplier of unique and interesting yarns). The catalogue will be kept in the Shop for members to browse and

order from. There was also discussion about 'the shop' having yarn for sale on consignment. If you would like to see more yarn for sale through our shop can you please speak with Susan Weisser.

Belinda Rosee, our secretary, is doing a terrific job in organising our email account and responding to many requests that we get to advertise fleeces, equipment and textile tours etc. In future these emails will be posted on our website for members to access. The whiteboard in the kitchen will be used for gallery openings, roster lists etc. Please check our website regularly for up-to-date information. Paid advertisements will still be accepted for our newsletter.

There will be no members meeting in November. Instead we will hold our Christmas party on Sunday the 26th November at 3pm. This is the last day of our 'Open Studio and Sales'. Please come along and bring some Christmas fare to share and join in our final celebrations for 2017. This has been quite a year in the Association's history! We will have a 'giving tree' as has been the CSW tradition. The money this year will go to 'Share the Dignity' which helps homeless women in Canberra.

Groups will continue to meet during December and our next members meeting will be Saturday 17th February 2018 at 2pm when Liz Perry will be our guest speaker.

DEMONSTRATIONS

We have 3 major events coming up and are looking for demonstrators to show off their talents and promote CSW to the Canberra community. Demonstrators of all abilities are encouraged and can demonstrate any activity within our scope i.e. spinning, weaving, knitting, dyeing, rugging etc. We will also be selling raffle tickets to raise funds for CSW.

1. CMAG (Canberra Museum & Gallery) 176 London Circuit, Canberra City Nov 5 - March 2018

The main days for demonstrating are Nov 5 (and Feb 10 children's activities - more info to follow). We are also encouraging demonstrators to drop in on any day during the exhibition. Regular scheduled CSW groups may like to meet there instead of Chifley. Please let me know if you plan to do this so I can alert CMAG in advance.

2. Exhibition at Tuggeranong Arts Centre 137 Reed St, Greenway Nov 2-25

The main day for demonstrating is Nov 25 when there will be several events happening around the theme of animals. On that day demonstrators can sell small items of CSW work and direct people to our exhibitions at CMAG and Open Day activities in Chifley. We have been invited to bring a sheep if anyone can manage that!

Further demonstrators are invited to mind the exhibition. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays appear to be the busiest days. Minders won't need to deal with any sales, the gallery does that.

3. Open Days & Sales at Chifley Textile Works 71 Maclaurin Cres, Chifley Nov 24-26

Demonstrators are needed on all three days but the main demonstrations will be on Saturday 25th when members of the public will be touring studios around Canberra as part of Craft ACT Canberra Design Festival. The ACT Region Feltmakers are also setting up their work on 25 Nov, so we should have a wonderful array of textiles skills on show!

If you can help out please add your name to the sign up sheets in the kitchen or contact Liz Jarvis on 0419 201 878 or email lizziejay360@hotmail.com

CATERING

Thank you for your help in making the CMAG high tea such a success.

Now we move on to the **opening at the Tuggeranong Arts Centre at 6 pm this Thursday.**

'Bring a toothpick'

Remember (or not) the 60's - everything was on a toothpick
cocktail onions - green or red, block cheese and tinned pineapple

Gourmet hors d'oeuvres

Look towards the next 50 years, but remember what the food was like 50 years ago

Bring a plate with you - all will be greatly appreciated.

The **Studio Open Day and Sales (24, 25 & 26 November)**

will be a great opportunity for a fund raiser.

We will be offering refreshments - 'Devonshire Teas'



Can you make scones? I hear the lemonade ones are foolproof!

All donations greatly appreciated

If you are able to help with refreshments for an hour or two any time over these 3 days please contact Christine Gale <mailto:chgale1956@gmail.com> or phone 0407 325 523

CSW 2018 Calendars

The limited edition calendars with woven samples have nearly all been sold, but printed versions can be purchased for \$25. These will need to be ordered with a deposit of \$10.

Please contact Liz Perry: garnet@fastmail.com

OPEN DAYS AND SALE 24-25-26 November 2017

participating with

DESIGN Canberra Festival on 25 November

The purpose of our Open Days and Sale is to showcase and sell work by members of our Association. This is also an opportunity to demonstrate our skills, create appreciation for our crafts, and maybe attract new members and workshop participants.

- **Criteria:**

- All items are for sale (exception for Canberra Show prize winning items and overflow from CMAG/TAC exhibitions)
- Weaving: items produced on or off the loom using natural fibres, synthetic, metal or plant fibres as appropriate
- Spinning: creation of yarn handspun from natural fibres, synthetic or plant fibres
- Other techniques: dyeing, felting, knitting and crochet, rag rugging
- All items need to be well designed, well executed and appropriately finished.

- **Requirements:**

- Spinning is one of the foci of our Association, so any knitted or crocheted item must contain a majority of handspun fibre
- However: hand knitted socks using commercial yarns are allowed
- Weaving, another focus of CSW, accepts the use of variety of fibres and yarn alternatives
- Experimental items using any of the techniques above are encouraged
- Up to 30 items can be submitted
- Entry fee is \$1.00 per item with a maximum of \$20
- 20% sales commission to CSW
- All pieces need to have a CSW swing tag attached

- **Collection of work at Textile Works in Chifley:**

- Thursday 16 November 10.00 - 2.00
- Saturday 18 November 11.30 - 1.30

Our Activities

When people attend our rooms at Chifley they are to pay an Attendance Fee of \$3.00 into the 'Golden Box' on the table in the Main Room next to the Attendance Book to cover the cost of tea, coffee and to help cover the rental of our premises.

TUESDAY DROP-IN DAY

The library and the shop are open during the day. We meet every Tuesday from **10 am** to **5.30 pm** at Chifley. Bring your own lunch; tea and coffee will be available.

TUESDAY EVENING DROP-IN

All facilities available **5.30 - 8.30 pm** or **7 pm** if no one turns up; library, shop sales, return and hire of equipment, tea, coffee and pleasant company. Phone enquiries and any information given for basic spinning and weaving.
Enquiries Val Walker 6227 0022

WEDNESDAY EVENING SPINNING GROUP

Meets alternate Wednesdays in our homes starting at **7 pm**. If your daily routine is keeping you away from your spinning come and try our evening group. We are always happy to see new faces at our get-togethers.

8 November

22 November

Enquiries leonie.andrews@inet.net.au

THURSDAY SPINNING GROUP

This group meets fortnightly at Chifley. We gather around **10 am** and leave by **2.30 pm**. Everyone is most welcome to join us - please bring your own lunch, tea and coffee are available.

9 November, 23 November

Enquiries Barbara Stanilewicz 6281 3848

SOUTHSIDE SPINNING GROUP

This group meets at the **Erindale Library** every second Thursday (alternate to group above) from **1 pm to 3 pm**
1 November, 15 November, 29 November **Enquiries: Kathleen Phillips 6298 3498 or Betty Hudson 6231 2669**

THURSDAY WEAVING STUDY GROUP

All CSW members are welcome **10 am to 2 pm**. Bring your lunch and any show and tell, or bring along any problems with your weaving or your loom.

Thursday 15 November

Enquiries Di Adams 0407 486 356 or 6161 4825

FRIDAY RUG GROUP

The rag rug-making group also includes other construction techniques eg. crochet, knitting et al. The 'drop-in' day from **10 am to 2 pm** is on the **2nd Friday of the month** at Chifley. Bring lunch (tea and coffee available).

In December we will meet at CMAG outside the CROSSING THREADS exhibition.

10 November, 8 December

Enquiries Robin Asman 6238 3465

SUNDAY RAG RUGGERS GROUP

The group meets on the **last Sunday of the month** at Chifley **1.30 - 4.30 pm**. Tea and coffee available and lots of opportunities to explore the many ways of turning otherwise wasted fabric into fabulous rugs and much more.

26 November

Enquiries Maggie Whyte 0488 747 953

SATURDAY TAPESTRY WEAVING GROUP

The tapestry group is now joining with the **HOWS Drop-in** at Chifley, from **10.00 am to 1.00pm** on the **1st Saturday of the month**, BYO lunch. Any newcomers please confirm with Lisa beforehand.

4 November, 2 December

Enquiries Lisa Molvig 6254 2040 or email molviglisa@gmail.com

FRIDAY KNITTING GROUP

The group holds meetings monthly on the last Friday of the month from **10 am - 2 pm**. Bring along your knitting and crochet and any questions you may have about these traditional arts.

24 November

Enquiries Jenny Harber 6230 2429

YASS ACTIVITIES GROUP

Meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month at the CWA Rooms in the Banjo Paterson Park, Yass, **10am to 3pm**. Bring your own lunch - tea and coffee available. All members, new members and visitors are welcome.

1 November, 6 December

Enquiries Lynne Clarke 6226 2205

BUNGENDORE SPINNING

A group generally meets at the School of Arts building on Wednesdays from 10am. Please confirm with Fran on **6238 1559**

HANDS-ON WEAVING & SPINNING (HOWS) DROP-IN

A mixed drop-in day for weavers, spinners and knitters alike! We meet from **10.00am to 1.00pm** on the 1st Saturday of every month (except January). All members and visitors are welcome. An opportunity to exchange ideas, chat, assist each other with planning and solving problems. Our great library and shop are open!

4 November, 2 December

Membership

Memberships for 2018 can be paid now if you wish. Renewing before the end of the year gives you library privileges over the summer and you can also claim a \$5 discount. The membership form can be downloaded from the CSW website and filled in on your computer. We have a new membership email address csw.membership@gmail.com. Your subscription may be paid by bank transfer, but please remember to identify yourself or the money may become a donation until we get it sorted. You can pay by cash or cheque but regardless of how you renew your membership please fill in the form each year.

Name badges will be available in January. They are usually in a plastic box on the table just inside the main room door. We have a supply of clear holders but donations of same from those who acquire them at seminars and the like would be welcome. Receipts will be in a plastic zip lock bag labelled 2018. If you have queries with regard to membership, please email me or just ask me.

Pam McDougall, Membership Secretary.

Canberra Spinners and Weavers welcomes new member Jenny Brennan

Show time!

Now we've all put in our entries for the exhibition at Tuggeranong Arts Centre, it's time to think about another great opportunity to showcase the wonderful work that CSW members produce.

The Canberra Show has a vibrant craft competition with a range of classes in spinning, dyeing and weaving.

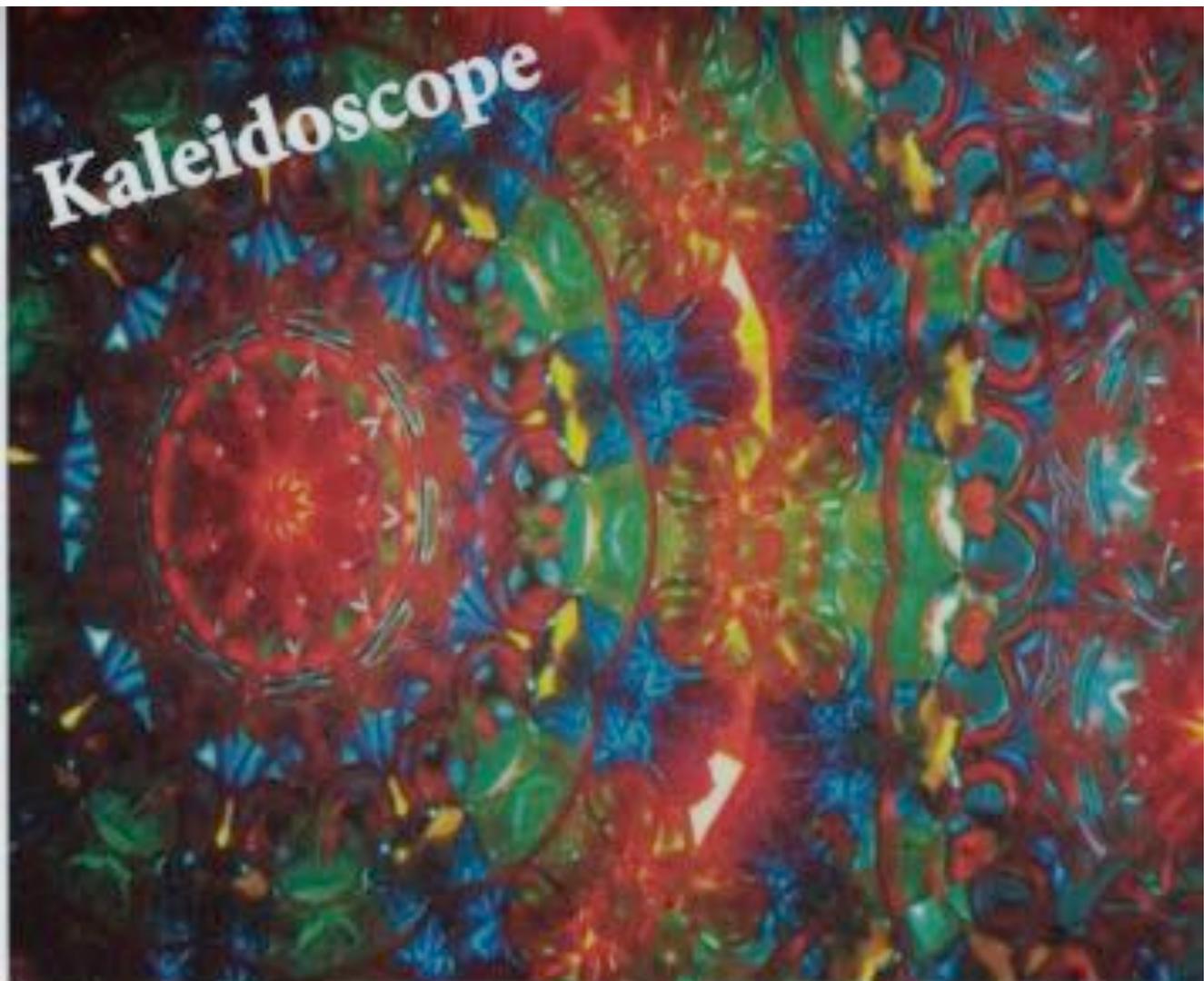
The craft pavilion attracts thousands of visitors each year, and these are likely to be people who are already interested in crafts. Having a great range of textiles made by CSW members on display could be the 'hook' to attract potential new members or participants for CSW classes and workshops.

Entries cost \$8 for the first entry or \$5 if you're over 65, and \$5 for each entry after that. You can also sell your show exhibits and the commission on sales is only 20%.

The 2018 show is on from 23 to 25 February. Entry forms are due by 21 December 2017, and entries must be delivered in person on 18 February or by post by 15 February.

Details of the classes available and the entry process are in the Crafts Expo Schedule available from canberrashow.org.au [2018 Crafts Expo Schedule](#)

And there's more good news - if you've just produced some wonderful pieces for the CSW exhibition, you can enter them in the Show!



Entries are now open for the 2018 Crafts Expo at the ActewAGL Royal Canberra Show!

This year's theme is **Kaleidoscope** - download your copy of the Schedule from the website and get crafting!

The **Recycle/Reuse/Upcycle Challenge** is back for 2018 along with all your favourite craft classes, and make sure you're there early to grab a super smart **Crafts Expo Showbag** full of goodies!

When:
23-25 February 2018, Exhibition Park Canberra

Entries close:
4:30PM on Wednesday 21 December 2017

For more information:
www.canberrashow.org.au/craft
crafts.expo@canberra@gmail.com
RNCAS Office: 02 6241 2478



FOR SALE:

Black Silk, manufactured in Europe, three different sizes available. The silk is currently on cones of approx 500 grams, but I am happy to wind off smaller amounts onto skeins if people would prefer.

3 Kilos of 16/2

3 Kilos of 20/2

3 Kilos of 30/2

Price is \$ 210.00 per kilo, or \$ 21.00 per 100 grams.

Happy for people to see and handle before buying.

If interested, please e-mail me at bmrose@internode.on.net

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE**Traditional Ashford Spinning Wheel + bobbins and rack.**

Extra rack and bobbins, 2 sets of hand carders,

Hand skein winder, assortment of other bits and pieces.

2 Kg longish, multi/grey Alpaca Fleece

Asking Price \$90.00

Contact:- Bridget Shaw Ph 62550230 (Preferred)
0409193650 (mob)

**2 Ashford Traditional Spinning Wheels****One small Robinson Loom**

If interested, please contact **Val Walker** on **02 6227 0022**



CSW 2017 Raffle: handwoven silk shawl by Kath Phillips (to be drawn 26 Nov)

Raffle tickets for this beautiful handwoven silk shawl by Kath Phillips will be on sale during '50 Years Looking Forward' at Tuggeranong Arts Centre 2-25 November.

Books of tickets are also available for members to sell. If you are able to help please contact Monique van Nieuwland or Liz Perry

monique.van.nieuwland@gmail.com (6248 6958)

Liz Perry: garnet@fastmail.com

Dates for your Diary:

Now until 5 November	'Drawing Comfort' at M16 Artspace - includes textiles by Dimity Kidston, Valerie Kirk and Suzanne Knight Hours: Wed - Sun 12 - 5pm
Now till March 18	'Crossing Threads' at CMAG Hours: Mon - Fri 10am - 5pm, Sat & Sun 12 - 5pm
2 November	'50 Yrs Looking Forward' exhibition opening at Tuggeranong Arts Centre, 6.00pm
2 - 25 November	Members Exhibition at TAC Hours: Mon - Fri 10am - 6pm, Sat 10am - 4pm
4 November	Floor talk at TAC, 2.00pm
10 - 13 November	Greenhills Getaway - enquires Jeannie McLellan: jmathome@inet.net.au
16 and 18 November	Collection of work for sale at Open Days and Sale
24-25-26 November	Open Days and Sale and Design Canberra
26 November	3 pm End-of-Year Celebration at Chifley
1 December	Floor talk at CMAG, 1.00-2.00pm

OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2017 – 2018

President	Jenny Hall	6249 1942	Shop Manager	Susan Weisser	6231 9211
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There is no phone at present
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EQUIPMENT HIRE CHARGES

Spinning Wheels and Looms \$15 or \$20 per month
 All Accessories \$5 per month

Equipment may be hired for maximum of **3 months**

Equipment may be hired during the following times-
 Tuesdays 11am to 2pm and 5pm to 7.30pm,
 or contact Equipment Officer for another time.

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The Canberra Draft

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Unless stated otherwise

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(Please include surname in transaction description and email treasurer at CSW)

CSW Members receive a 50% discount on newsletter advertising

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Contact canberraspinner1@bigpond.com

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MEETING DATES

No Members Meeting in November

26 November (Sun) 3pm End of Year Celebration

2018

17 February

17 March

21 April

19 May

CS&W MEMBERSHIP FEES

Joining Fee (new & re-joining) \$10.00

Ordinary \$75.00

Family \$90.00,

Newsletter only \$50.00

Full Time Students \$55.00

Country – beyond 50 km radius from Civic GPO \$55.00

Centrelink Concession & CES Disability Pensioners (number required) and **80 years and over** \$55.00

The Joining Fee is paid by new members and past members who were not financial in the previous year.

New members joining between 1 July and 31 October pay 50% of Fee.

Members paying on or before 31 Dec of the current year, receive a \$5.00 discount. This applies to each category of membership.

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November 2017

Next Committee Meeting Tuesday 14 November, 5.30 pm

Next Members Meeting Saturday 17 February, 2.00 pm

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