



# Launceston School for Seniors



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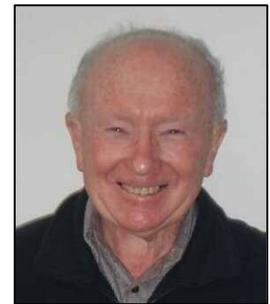
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## From the Chairman

This is the second in a series of special newsletters to keep you informed of what is happening with your School, in light of the Coronavirus pandemic that is unfortunately sweeping the World.

Most, if not all of you, are aware that the School Committee decided to close all classes and access to 8 High Street and Glenara Lakes Auditorium to take effect from Wednesday 18 March until further notice.



To those of you who did not receive a personal email to inform you of this decision, I do apologise. We are working hard to get the 'bugs' out of our email system.

Please visit [www.lss.org.au](http://www.lss.org.au) to keep an eye on any further developments under 'Breaking News.' I know how much some, if not all of you, rely on the School to fill a void in your lives – we sympathise with you, but our major concern is the health and welfare of you, our members.

We have taken the decision to defer the AGM to a date to be fixed, however, we are still taking nominations for committee and office bearers. LSS needs a strong, forwarding-thinking, hard-working committee with ideas to take us into the future. So, if you have an interest in helping progress the school and would like to make a difference, please consider nominating for a position.

You will find a nomination form attached to this newsletter. We suggest these be mailed to LSS at PO Box 903, Launceston, TAS, 7250.

If you need to contact us in the meantime, please email [secretary@lss.org.au](mailto:secretary@lss.org.au) or telephone 6334 4007 and leave a message. Stay tuned for updates and stay safe until we meet again.

**Trevor Curtis-Flynn - Chairman**



Q: What do you call a short-sighted dinosaur?



A: A do-you-think-he-saw-us!



## Registration Day Term 1 2020

The vast majority of members would have noticed little change to the registration procedure in Term 1.

Apart from completing a membership form with a slightly different layout it was business as usual in the main school building. But registration day is a bit like the proverbial duck, the head and body looks calm, but the legs and feet are working frantically.

The legs and feet were situated in the Art Room and Office. They consisted of 6 computers, 6 data entry personnel, 6 data readers, 2 form sorters and a few supporters to assist when fatigue set in. Fatigue? Entering a few details into a computer?

Try entering almost 500 forms over a 6-hour period when you were at work, let alone when you are supposed to be retired and taking it easy. And it did take 6 hours; many of the ladies and a couple of blokes started at 9.00am and were still there after 3.00pm. And to complicate matters we were using the new school database for the first time.

Brief training sessions had been conducted but many of the processes were guesswork, so the first hour consisted of many questions and a lot of trial and error. Mistakes were made but certainly not purposely, so if your information proves not to be totally correct remember that these people were all volunteers and did a magnificent job.

Vicki, Trevor and I have attempted to rectify any anomalies as we have found them and learnt much more about the system in the process. Vicki, the eternal optimist, has been working hard to prepare the Syllabus for term two and three. Hmmm!

It is hoped that by the time we return to classes we will be able to register online. For those that do not wish to enter online, nothing will change. I am sure that our fantastic volunteers will man the fort again and you can come and socialise as you always have. The main stumbling block to online registration is organising a satisfactory payment system.

Paypal is our preferred option and many of you will know what a safe, secure and easy-to-use operation Paypal offers. Whilst we are already a Paypal member, we are currently attempting to register as a not-for-profit with them to reduce the charges they impose on the money receiver. Many of you no doubt enjoy sending money through this system for free, but that is not the case if you are the receiver. And achieving this not-for-profit status with them sounds simple, but that is not proving to be the case.

We will let you know the outcome when we are advised. In the meantime, stay safe and we hope to see you all soon!

**John Husband - Vice-Chairman**

## LSS Bus Tour to King Island - February 2021

Our planned three-day LSS trip to King Island in 2021 is almost sold out!

As advised, we depart Launceston at 10.00am on Monday 8 February and commence our return journey at 3.00pm on Wednesday 10 February. The cost will be around \$1,350 plus \$190 for single supplement where applicable.

Franklins have secured our chartered flights, so our costs have already begun. If you would like to join us, a \$250 deposit is required. Just call Vicki at the office to reserve your place and either pay by EFTPOS over the phone or mail a cheque made payable to Launceston School for Seniors, to PO Box 903, Launceston, 7250.

We have two 16-seater planes booked and places are allocated in order of payments received / seats booked. At this stage there are only 6 places left, so don't miss out!



**Alan Jones – 6344 3330**

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### 4 Husbands

The local news station was interviewing an 80-year-old lady because she had just gotten married for the fourth time. The interviewer asked her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying again at 80, and then about her new husband's occupation. "He's a funeral director," she answered.

Interesting, the newsman thought. He then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a living. She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years.

After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly, explaining that she had first married a banker when she was in her 20's, then a circus ringmaster when in her 40's, and a preacher when in her 60's, and now - in her 80's - a funeral director.

The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished, and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers. (Wait for it)

She smiled and explained, 'I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go.'

## What's Happening Term 1?

Some of our classes have continued on since the closure of the school's premises, using technology as a way to get together.

### Garden Group (Fridays)

We have enlisted the help of Les Hodge (horticulturist and writer for the Examiner) in writing gardening items which are sent to members by email. **Judy.**



### Creative Writing Co-op (Fridays)



One of our members, Victor Cochrane, has set up ZOOM and although we don't have lessons or exercises, members are writing stories and reading them 'face to face' at our normal meeting time. **Peter.**

### Bushwalking (Wednesdays)

We can't undertake any of our usual activities, but we are to some extent, staying in touch by email, enquiring about each other's wellbeing and sending the occasional 'funny'. These photos are from our last walks. **Ian.**



### Scrapbooking (Thursdays)

We often joke about not getting much scrapbooking done at home. Now it's all go! But we're not only sorting photographs to scrapbook, we're baking, making cards, gardening, patchworking, reading, walking, up-cycling and having coffee with friends on ZOOM. **Penny.**



### Model Making (Thursdays)

Many of us continue to work on our models at home and keep in touch with others by phone. **George, Jim and Kevin.**

### Better Digital Photography (Mondays)

We are planning on setting up a photo-sharing site and may even put some calendars together. **John.**



**LAUNCESTON SCHOOL FOR SENIORS Inc.**  
**Committee Nomination Form for AGM 5 May 2020**



I hereby nominate: \_\_\_\_\_

for the office of:

1. Chairman       2. Vice-Chairman       3. Treasurer   
4. Secretary       5. Committee Member (11)

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

I accept this nomination:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: ...../...../.....

Nominations close at **Noon on Tuesday 28 April 2020**

Nominations should be forwarded to:  
Public Officer, Mr John Husband  
LSS, PO Box 903, LAUNCESTON, TAS., 7250

**Notes:**

1. Nominees, their nominators and seconders must be registered financial members of **The Launceston School for Seniors Inc.** for the current 2020 year – or they will be declared invalid.
2. Envelopes incorrectly addressed or containing insufficient postage will be refused.
3. Envelopes received after the closing date will be declared null and void.

If you have not previously been a committee member, please provide a description of why you would like to be on the committee and what you can contribute:

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