



Launceston School for Seniors



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From the Chair – Marijke Lockwood

Thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome as the new Chair for Launceston School for Seniors (LSS) and a huge thanks to Bob Sievers for having chaired the committee tirelessly for the past 12 months.

I hope I will be able to work with you and for you for a successful year. We received many responses and suggestions to Bob's last newsletter and my Discussion Papers. I find it heartening so many tutors and members are open to positively considering and discussing possible changes to enable the school not only to survive, but also to thrive.



We will shortly meet with the Library to negotiate our Semester dates for 2024. Once the semesters are agreed upon, the Committee will consider any other changes to be implemented. They will be considered one at a time. All recommendations and/or suggestions put forward by members will be discussed and considered.

The membership numbers for Semester 1 are up from last year, and with the cancellation of ECC and a paid auditor, we are heading in the right direction to rebuild to pre-Covid results.

Our Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 9 May was well attended, and was positive. We are considering some future social activities, which Covid caused to be problematic in the past 3 years. To this end we have established a Social sub-committee who will report back to the Committee. Socialisation is an important part of the school, and is a high priority.

Social distancing is no longer required. It is up to each Tutor to decide maximum class numbers from next semester.

As the year progresses I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible. With a committed and positive Committee we are in good hands to ensure the short and long-term prosperity of LSS.

Marijke

Who's on Your Committee?

LSS Committee members are students and tutors too, and we are here to help. If you have a suggestion for improvement in the school, or an idea for a future course, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Patricia Cluley	0407 262 194	Martin Mackowski	0408 106 967
Trevor Curtis-Flynn	0418 327 946	Tina Pinkard	0488 419 939
Mick Farrell	0439 110 513	Vera Roberts	0412 488 649
Dr Paul Friedman	0448 675 993	Andrew Smith	0402 893 378
Bernadette Grimes MBE	0434 066 699	Jennifer Williams	0405 764 291
Ian Kershaw	0418 139 572		

Meet the new Committee members



Patricia Cluley – Public Officer & Assistant Treasurer

Pat has worked in offices for over 50 years mainly in administration. Over the years she has held the following positions:

- Treasurer for the Tasmanian Softball Council (5 years)
- Secretary/Public Officer for the East Launceston Bowling & Community Club (3 years)
- Treasurer for the East Launceston Bowling & Community Club (12 months)

Pat looks forward to a new era and exciting times for the school.



Dr Paul Friedman

Dr Paul Friedman received his medical degree in Chicago. He went to New Zealand in 1983 for specialist training in geriatric medicine. He then moved to Australia in 2005 for medical practice and to help train junior doctors. He is now retired but remains active in adult education.



Bernadette Grimes MBE

Bernadette was born in Northern Ireland and has been in Launceston for nearly four years. She has three children: Jackie here in Tasmania, Donna in New Zealand and Patrick in England. She travelled the world for 32 years as an army wife and volunteered for a military charity, SSAFA, for 20 years. Bernadette was awarded an MBE for services to that charity and was presented with the award by HM Queen Elizabeth II. She was a member of Anglicare SA Fundraising Board for six years and was President of the Mitcham Hills Probus Club. She is President of the Ionian Ladies her in Launceston.

Thank You

The Committee would like to sincerely thank Bob Sievers, Terence Bracken OAM and David Waters for their work as committee members over the years. We especially appreciate Bob's Chairmanship and David's technical expertise with the UMAS database and hope they will all continue their involvement with the School for many years to come.

Important Dates for terms 2 and 3

Friday, 9 June: Term 2 online registration from 11.00am

Tuesday, 13 June: Term 2 face-to-face registration 9.30am – 12 noon

Monday, 19 June: Term 2 classes commence

Friday, 25 August: Term 2 classes finish

Friday, 15 September: Term 3 online registration from 11.00am

Tuesday, 19 September: Term 3 face-to-face registration 9.30am – 12 noon

Monday, 25 September: Term 3 classes commence

Monday, 4 December: Term 3 classes finish

First Aid Course

While he was the Chairman, Bob Sievers successfully applied for a grant which will enable members to undertake a **free** first aid course. It will run on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th June from 9 till 1 and there are still spots available. If you are interested, could you please let Vicki know as soon as possible. If you would like a certificate there will be some online question and answer forms to complete.

Thanks to Bob for his persistence in obtaining this grant.

Big Morning Tea

A Big Morning Tea in aid of the Cancer Council will be held on the School's behalf on Wednesday 31 May from 10am until 12 noon at the Kings Meadows Men's Shed, 33 Nunamina Avenue. Please bring a plate. Donation \$5.00.



Science Speakers

We are always on the lookout for interesting speakers for the Science class which runs on Tuesdays from 11am – 12 noon at High Street. If you have a particular science interest, or can suggest someone who does, please contact Vicki or Liza Snow (6334 4007).



Every Wednesday during term, we show a classic movie in Room 4 at 12.45pm.

Name badges must be worn and numbers are limited to seating capacity of the room.

See you there!

Ian Kershaw - 0418 139 572

Date	
June 21	Letters to Juliet (2010 Romantic Comedy 101 mins) <i>Amanda Seyfried, Vanessa Redgrave</i>
June 28	The Railway Man (2014 Drama 117 mins) <i>Colin Firth, Nicole Kidman</i>
July 5	Ma and Pa Kettle Go To Town (1950 Comedy 80 mins) <i>Marjorie Main, Percy Kilbride, Richard Long</i>
July 12	The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas (2008 Drama 91 mins) <i>Vera Farminga, David Thewlis, Rupert Friend</i>
July 19	The Never-Ending Story (1984 Fantasy 90 mins) <i>Noah Hathaway, Barrett Oliver, Tami Stronach</i>
July 26	Van Ryan's Express (1965 Drama 112 mins) <i>Frank Sinatra, Trevor Howard</i>
August 2	Seriously Red (2022 Musical Comedy 94 mins) <i>Krew Boylan, Daniel Webber, Celeste Barber, Jean Kitson</i>
August 9	A Night to Remember (1958 Drama 118 mins) <i>Kenneth More, Honor Blackman, David McCallum</i>
August 16	The way We Were (1999 Romantic Drama 108 mins) <i>Barbra Streisand, Robert Redford</i>
23 August	Newsfront (1978 Drama 110mins) <i>Bill Hunter, Wendy Hughes, Gerard Kennedy, John Ewart</i>

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Term 2 Course Brochure

The course brochure for term 2 is out now so don't forget to check the useful information about enrolling for your chosen courses.

There are 2 new courses on offer (Spanish for Beginners on Wednesday afternoons at 12.30 and The Armchair Traveller on Friday mornings at 9.30).

We hope you'll enjoy perusing the brochure and that you'll find more than one course to interest you!

If you would like to spread the word by placing brochures in doctors surgeries or other community locations, please see Vicki in the office.

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Used Stamps

Did you know that your used postage stamps can benefit overseas missions?

There is no need to steam them off the envelope, simply cut around them and drop them into the office!



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