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From the Chair

Hello again everyone. Another Newsletter to provide updates on what has been happening at LSS. Your Committee has been busy, and at the most recent Committee Meeting, several Sub-Committees were set up. We had offers of assistance from some other members of LSS, which is great. If you have any skills you can apply to assist in ensuring LSS is well served and well positioned currently and into the future, please let Vicki or a Committee Member know.

Your Committee, with the assistance of Sub-Committees, will be undertaking the following tasks in the next few weeks and months:

- Update and maintain all our computer and communication requirements and review new options.
- Set up a new and updated website for the public to view, to give a clear idea of what LSS is all about before anyone decides to join as a member.
- Undertake financial analysis of all current systems and assets, and find best outcomes for LSS into the future, including if LSS will join U3A. Weigh up the pros and cons, cost-wise and for operational purposes.
- Asset Register and Maintenance – set up an electronic register of all LSS assets, which will then be updated each Financial School Year.
- Finalise LSS Policies to ensure LSS has appropriate policies in place to guide all members in relation to rules and regulations and processes to follow if any issues arise. These will be updated on a regular basis if necessary. The Draft Policies are currently being reviewed by all Committee Members before sign-off.
- Review Occupational Health and Safety issues, as and when they arise and follow up on any action required.

- Social and Promotional events – to ensure maximum socialisation available for members, and when and where any promotional events are happening. Assistance will also be requested from LSS members to help if required.
- Consider any Grants available and whether they are worth applying for. If so, what LSS's needs are and whether LSS meets the required criteria for the Grant/s.
- Ensure Newsletters and Annual Magazine are produced in an informative and timely manner.

As you see from the above, your Committee and Sub-Committee Members are all hard working and dedicated volunteers. Without them, LSS would not be able to function operationally, financially, or socially. We owe each one a huge vote of thanks and appreciation, along with all our Volunteer Tutors.

I hope you have a safe winter break and that we will see you all back in Semesters 2, which starts on Monday 5 August. **Don't forget to book your tickets for the Trivia Lunch on 16 July (see page 4 for details)!**

Marijke,
Chair

Introducing new Committee Member Sue Newman



I was very pleased to be elected as a member of the Launceston School for Seniors Committee. This is my third year attending courses at the School and I nominated as I felt I could contribute actively at a Committee level.

My thoughts at first were how could I use my skills to encourage new membership or sustainability of existing members? In a previous working life I coordinated events and functions to offer education and knowledge to a varied number of medical professions and their families often coordinating up to 120 individuals. I felt that these skills would benefit my role on this current Committee and my role on the LSS Social Committee. I have a broad knowledge of IT and data input, finance, project coordination and have worked in many varied areas of expertise both in the private and public arenas and have travelled extensively.

My experience involves thinking 'outside the square'. These skills are often innovative ideas on how to implement avenues to encourage new or current members to actively enjoy their learning experience and social inter-action whilst participating in LSS courses and functions.

In this new role I look forward to collaborating with all Committee members and all LSS members to ensure everyone enjoys the experience of being part of this important community organisation.

Circle Dancing

Historically, circle dances are traditional folk dances from many cultures. Dances often relate to rites of passage, and many have a spiritual aspect. The dances are as varied as the cultures they come from. Many dances have a story and we share those as we learn the dance.

Tutors select many gentle meditative dances to suit the abilities and energy of the group on the day. Every session includes some dancing and some background information. You do not have to remember anything from previous sessions and new members are always welcome.

The Circle Dancing class is held in Room 4 at High Street from 11.00-12.15pm on Tuesdays.

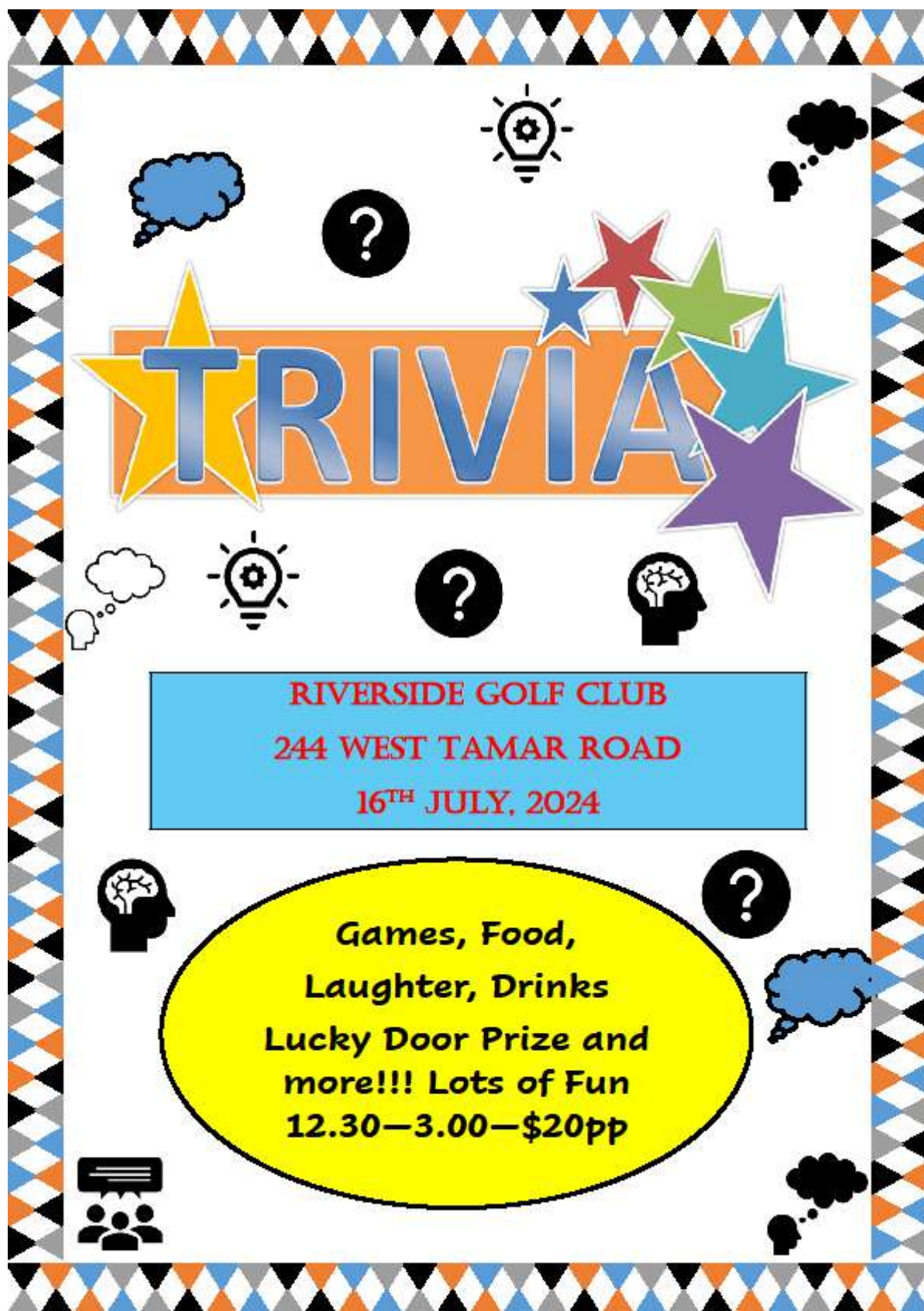
Bus Tours

Over the years many of our members have enjoyed school-organised bus tours of one day or multiple days in length under the care of Jo and Kerry Franklin. Although the School is no longer organising such trips, you can still enjoy travelling with Franklins Tasmania.

For more information, contact Jo on 0419 514 255 (in **office hours only** 10am-4pm Monday to Friday) or visit their website www.franklinscoaches.com.au.

Suggestion Boxes

If you have any ideas or thoughts about improving any areas of operation at LSS, there is a Suggestion Box in the Lunchroom and another one on the table in front of Vicki's Office. If you have a suggestion, please explain how you think this could be implemented and the benefit this will provide for our members. Ensure you put your name to the suggestion. The boxes will be emptied daily and will be locked to enable privacy. They won't be there to vent any frustrations.



RIVERSIDE GOLF CLUB
244 WEST TAMAR ROAD
16TH JULY, 2024

**Games, Food,
Laughter, Drinks
Lucky Door Prize and
more!!! Lots of Fun
12.30–3.00–\$20pp**

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!

Harvest Market

We will be attending Launceston's Harvest Market on Saturday 20 July to publicise the School and its activities. If you are able to spend part of that morning talking to people about what is so good about LSS, please let Vicki know before the end of semester.



Things to Remember...

Badges

You are required to wear your badge whenever you are involved in any activity connected to LSS, whether at 8 High Street, or at external venues or outside activities. Not only does this make it easier for everyone to call you by name, but your emergency contact details are on the back of the badge. Should anything ever happen to you where we need to contact your chosen contact, you can be confident this will happen.

Friendly and Social

LSS is a non-denominational, apolitical, multi-cultural and all-inclusive organisation. We don't know most LSS members' history, religious affiliations or life experiences, and we don't need to know. We must always be aware LSS is a friendly and social organisation, where consideration and respect to all is expected.

Car Park and Driveway

Be careful when entering or departing the car park. Always park in marked parking spaces only. **The marked space at the front door is ONLY for dropping off class participants.** Follow the arrows and give way when leaving the car park. Check the mirror to see if any vehicles or pedestrians are coming from either side.

At the end of the drive, **stop** at the white line and check in new mirror on nature strip if anyone is coming up or down the footpath. Also check if any vehicles are coming out from the road or the driveway next to the LSS driveway.

School TV Sets

If you use a television as part of your class equipment, please dust it after use and cover it with one of the new blankets when you return it to Room 5. Each TV stand has now been provided with a small pouch attached to the stand to ensure that remote controls don't go wandering.

LSS Facebook Page

A new Private Facebook Group was set up earlier in the year which is open for all members of LSS to join. This group is intended as a fun and informal way to share photos or videos, stories and anything of interest to do with LSS. We will learn more about what is happening at LSS and, of course, it will demonstrate the wonderful activities taking place, and the people within our great organisation.

Below is the link to our **Members Only Facebook Page**. If you are not yet a member, click on the link, answer the questions, and request to become a member. One of our administrators will then approve you as a member.

[Launceston School for Seniors Members Facebook](#)

Dates for 2024

Winter Break	Tuesday 25 June – Friday 2 August
Mid year lunch & trivia	Tuesday 16 July, 12.30 at Riverside Golf Club
Harvest Market	Saturday 20 July
Registration Days	Online Friday 26 July, from 11am onwards School Help Monday 29 July 9.30am-12 noon
Semester 2, 2024	Start: Monday 5 August School break: Monday 30 September - Friday 11 October Recommence: Monday 14 October – Monday 9 December
Summer Break	Tuesday 10 December – Friday 14 February 2025