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**Meets second Friday of each month at 10.30 am
at Balgowlah RSL Memorial Club**

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For the Meeting on Friday 12 January 2018

Please Note:

Change of Venue for January Meeting

A booking has been made and confirmed for this meeting to be held at Balgowlah Bowling Club due to the refurbishment happening at Seaforth during January 2018.

The date for the meeting is 12th January 2018 and starting time for the meeting is 10.30am. Morning tea and biscuits will follow our meeting, together with the guest speaker.

Nominations for committee positions 2018. All Club members are requested to **seriously consider nominating** for a position on the Committee and relieving some of the current members who have been active for many years. All positions are open except for that of President, the only restriction is that the Vice President be a male. Apart from making a contribution to the running of the Club there are many other advantages, in that it helps to create a closer friendship with fellow committee members together with being able to have an active role in the decision-making process. Our late President Warwick has set an example for the rest of our membership to follow.

Vale Allen Vogan and Harold Reader

It is with great sadness that we advise the passing of two of our members during the last month.

Allen Vogan was born in June 1929 and had been a member since 2013

Harold Reader was born in 1920 and had been a member since 1994.

Our thoughts go out to their families and friends.

Christmas Luncheon

Our Christmas Luncheon was very well received by the 56 members and guests who attended. Plenty of delicious fare for the mains and especially the desserts. A Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy New Year to all.



Speaker's Corner: Our speaker this month is **Jennifer Ferrer**.



When she was growing up it seemed that everyone in her extended family was an enthusiastic gardener. Her parents also took the family walking in the bush and, so she acquired an appreciation of plants growing in the wild as well.

She learnt to love Australian plants from her father and uncles and has been a member of the Australian Plants Society since the early 1970's. Jennifer also has a longstanding interest in Australian History. So, these two areas come together in the topic of her talk. ***Australian Plants used by the Early Settlers.***

The first settlers in Australia lived at the end of a very long and unreliable supply line. All the necessities of life arrived here after a long sea journey from England, South Africa, India or

China. Bush tucker has become a novel addition to our diet to-day but in the early years of settlement and exploration, experimenting with local plants for food, drink and medicine was essential. This presentation describes some of the plants which were in daily use 200 years ago

Jennifer has had careers in Recruitment and Training, Systems Analysis, Public Libraries and now Tour Guiding. She registered her walks business *Boronia Tours* in 2002 and conducts guided walks for several Sydney Councils

TOURS

There are no one day coach tours planned at this time as we prefer to avoid the extreme weather of the summer months.

We are waiting for On Course Tours to release their 2018 tours programme.

It is intended to offer members both suitable one day and extended tours in the coming year.



★ HAPPY ★
BIRTHDAY!

Birthdays. We wish a very happy birthday to all of our members who celebrate their birthday in January: Peter Amos, Mary Bacon, Dawn Grady, and Kath Poole all on the 5th, Kath Churcher 8th, Maureen Hyde 12th, Don Middleton 14th, John Dickenson and John Hodges on the 22nd, Ray Hamilton 23rd, Catherine Jones 26th, Ken Whiteley 28th and Dudley Tunks on the 31st.

Welfare: Pauline Gazzard and Ray Hamilton have contacted a number of members who have been absent from our monthly meetings to check on their welfare. They will give us an update at the meeting

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