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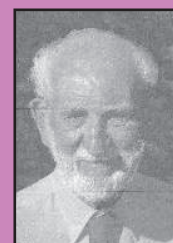
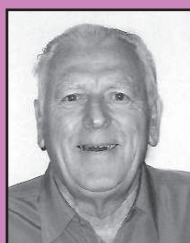
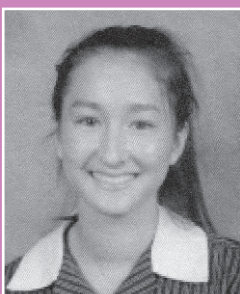
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*People who enjoy an
alcohol-free lifestyle*



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**Peace and Plenty
the reward of
Temperance**



Editorial

WHAT does one say to a body of people who wonder if it is all worth it? It is true that since 1998 when the Federal Government stepped in abolishing the State Friendly Societies Acts and creating one Federal Act that the roll of Friendly Societies in this country changed dramatically.

We were not the only, nor the first country to experience such changes. It seems Australia simply followed the British Government's policies in dismantling Friendly Societies that had served its people well for over a century.

No doubt at the time, there were good reasons for so doing. To my knowledge what those reasons were have not been made public. Some Society's may have been struggling financially and therefore a change of approach may have been needed, but that certainly was not the case of the Rechabites in Australia. As our members know, we had a strong financial base that ultimately was managed so well that all still living in the early 2000s enjoyed a share of the surplus funds that otherwise would have gone to the Government.

The member to thank for that was Sis Margaret Campbell, who should not be forgotten for the years of service she has given to the Rechabites both nationally and in NSW. As a little 7-year-old she came to a Camp Parent begging that she be allowed to go to a Rechabite Camp her siblings were to attend. Permission granted, she was to grow up to play an active roll in the life of the NSW Order and becoming Chair of the former IOR National Board and with great wisdom guided our Society in the best path available at that time. To this day she continues to give her services to IOR.

Indeed, we have had to endure many changes in many areas of life, but one

thing remains constant and that is the damage alcoholic beverages do to individuals and society as a whole. Our advocacy for the total abstinence from alcohol may not be popular, but its benefits cannot be denied.

As a Society, IOR may be crumbling. In England the Order became the Rechabite Insurance Company and was forced to drop its total abstinence philosophy. Here we face many hurdles and difficulties, but while ever we can make our voice heard, encourage others to share out vision, and support those who can fight in areas we many not be able to reach; we must press on.

I was encouraged by a NSW member who wrote a note to me saying, "I'm going to join your tent." Now whilst travelling from Sydney to Ipswich for *Hope of Ipswich Tent No.2* meetings might be out of the question, it shows that this member wants to belong and be part of our honourable Order for as long as possible. We have a job to do, lets do it to the best of our ability with the resources available, both financial and personnel.

Let us actively seek to encourage other like minded folk to join us in our stand for an alcohol-free society. It's not easy, but it's worth a try.

Vivian A Belcher
Editor

Note:

The *Obituaries* on pages 12 to 14 were provided for

Bro Neil Turner by Vic. State Secretary
Gwenda Martin

Sis Isabell Hyde by her daughter
Elaine Frayne

Sis Rae Belcher by her husband
Ian Belcher

Bro Ted Francis by Excelsior Tent 8 Sec'y
Malcolm Campbell

Bro John Luxton by his daughter
Louise Brisbane

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**CLOSING DATE FOR
ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT
ISSUE IS**

15th January 2017

From the NSW State Chief Ruler

Dear Members,
Our four active Tents have been visited recently by members of the State Committee. Sister Sheldon and I attended Newcastle's Annual Luncheon which we thoroughly enjoyed – both the food and the company.

NSW Rechabite's Outing to Newtown

On April 2nd Bro Peter Campbell organised a trip to *Lentils as Anything*, a vegetarian restaurant in Newtown. The restaurant is the first 'Alcohol Free' bar in Australia and is run by volunteers. To pay for your food you put the value of the food and service into an honesty box.

It was great to see Bro Malcolm Campbell's four children and their families with us to celebrate Malcolm's 82nd Birthday with a beautiful cake.

Following the celebration Peter organised a walking historical tour of Newtown that included small talks on the prominent buildings, the cemetery and the railway station.

All of us on the walk decided if Peter gives up his day job he can become a tour guide. The amount of history Peter gave us on this tour was great!

The Vote on our the future

On 9th April, the Special General Meeting was held to vote on closing the NSW Rechabite Fraternity. The case to close down or to keep going was given to the meeting and a vote taken. The case to close down won.

All the paper work has been completed and sent to the Department of Fair Trading. The State committee is awaiting final instructions from the Department of Fair Trading.

Each member will be receiving a final letter from the State Committee when Fair Trading has completed its dealings with us. Then we will be holding

a farewell function, planned to be a luncheon at Richmond RSL.

Other Activities

Sister Sheldon organised a trip to Tamworth for *Friends of Guiding*. Five members of *Friendship Tent No.20*, Strathfield, enjoyed this trip visiting the Golden Guitar town of Tamworth, the Ivy Chapel at Uralla and the Friendly Society's Museum at Manilla.

Sis Sheldon was contacted by Mr Robert McCranor of Manilla, who has purchased the Post Office Hotel and turned it into his private residence up-stairs and down-stairs is the Museum.

As we were on the FOG holiday and the museum was only 54 kilometres away, Manilla was included in the trip. Unfortunately IOR only had a glass case of collars on display. This has now changed.

Robert came down to the IOR storage at Penrith and took all the memorabilia there, including the emblem (see page 4) that was always on the stage at our balls. Robert is now going to give us a room of our own. Any member with memorabilia can send it to:

Mr Robert McCranor
35 Manilla Street
MANILLA NSW 2346

Visitors are welcome any day, any time.

The NSW State Committee has



donated *Perseverance Tent No.44's* Tablecloth to the Friendly Society Museum. In the photo below, owner of the Museum Robert McCranor and his daughter Shirkira are holding the tablecloth.

Sis Sheldon is organising a trip for *Friends of Guiding* staying at Bathurst and going to Mansfields Gardens, Oberon, Sofala and Hill End from **Friday 28th April to 1st May, 2017**. Rechabites and their friends are welcome. For more information ring Sis Sheldon on 0408 247 977.

Annual Family Picnic

The Annual Family Picnic will go ahead as planned on Saturday, 26th November, 2016 at 10.00am at Lake Parramatta.

One member has made a suggestion to keep the active members together; and that is, that we have four (4) outings a year and keep the Annual Family Picnic. I would like to add that the four activities be in four different areas – Eastern, Southern, Western and Northern Suburbs and the North look at being a day out somewhere between Hornsby and Newcastle so we can keep in touch with Newcastle members at least once a year. If any member has any other suggestions about keeping in touch after we close down please ring me, Gail Kalaitzis, on 9670 4602.

Friendship Tent No.20 is going to keep going, meeting on the **3rd Tuesday of each month - February through to November** each year. For further information ring the Chief Ruler Sister, Lorraine Allerton on 0419 489 119 or the Social Secretary, Sis Marcia Pidgeon on 9645 3459.

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The Passing of beloved members

Sis Rae Belcher died on Friday 27th May after developing Alzheimer's Disease at the end of 2011. Rae was the first female District Chief Ruler in 1983-84. In her term of office, Rae was on the Ball Committee, the Social Committee and the Centenary Committee, which organised two weeks of celebrations in 1984.



*Sis Rae Belcher at the Centenary Ball
with the IOR Emblem on stage*

Rae organised a float in the Parramatta Parade for the IOR and was very active in the Chatswood and Concord Tents. She served on the District Executive for ten years. Since returning to Queensland in 2000 she assisted her husband in producing this magazine. To 'Ian, his sons and their families we extend our sincere sympathy from the NSW Committee and your many friends in the NSW Rechabite Fraternity.

Sis Doris Evenden died on Thursday, 7th July, 2016. Doris was the wife of Bro Eric Evenden, District Chief Ruler 1977-78. Doris supported Eric for all the years he was on the NSW Executive and as a District Trustee, as well as serving on several committees.

Doris and Eric opened their home for Camp Committee Meetings, Camp Reunions and other social activities. They were also Camp Parents. Doris is the mother of Sis Jeanette Sheldon. To Jeanette, her sisters, Carol, Beth and Helen and their families, sincere sympathy from the NSW Committee and your friends in the NSW Rechabite Fraternity.

I look forward to seeing as many members as possible at the final Luncheon & Family Picnic.

Yours most sincerely,

Gail Kalaitiz
State Chief Ruler

Information received from both Sis J Sheldon and Sis L Allerton has been incorporated in the above. ■



NSW Rechabite's Social Calendar

Our last event this year is on
Saturday 26th November
Family Picnic

at Lake Parramatta,
Off Bourke St, Parramatta from
10.00am

Enjoy a quiet day with friends.



From the NSW State Secretary

LOOKING at the NSW Rechabite Honour Roll you can see that Sis Rae Belcher PDCR, served as District Chief Ruler in 1983-84. That was the Centenary year for NSW and she is the first Sister on the list. Expressions of condolence have been sent to the editor and family on behalf of the NSW Rechabites at the passing of Sis Belcher. Similar expressions were sent to Sis Jeanette Sheldon PSCR at the death of her mother, Sis Doris Evenden.

In the March, 2016 magazine I provided a summary of the 2015 Annual General Conference including the advice that a Winding-Up Committee was appointed with Bro Bob Breene PSCR, as Chairman. Since then each member was sent a form to vote on whether to wind-up or not. In addition there was a list of organisations to which it was proposed to receive the proceeds. The amounts favoured two of those organisations. The result was that the majority of members did not return their voting form. Those that did were heavily in favour of winding-up and distributing the funds in line with the proposal. The Special General Meeting held at Strathfield on Saturday, 9th April 2016 was attended by 22 members. Although deleted from the information to members and contrary to submissions, the State Deputy Ruler confirmed that he, with others, had been trying to wind-up the fraternity for years.

Thus while separate figures were not provided it would suggest that those attending the meeting would not have attained the 75% requirement once again. It is not clear what effect on voting was caused by calendars not being issued to members generally.

Even though not sighted at a Management Committee meeting it was reported that details for winding-up were forwarded to the Department of Fair Trading for consideration. At the time of writing the decision of the department is awaited. The department would think it unusual for an organisation with adequate funds to be wound-up. This is particularly so when the objects of the fraternity are being attenuated along with normal procedures and the legislation, certainly the principle of voluntary total abstinence.

Malcolm Campbell
State Secretary

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Campsie Tent No. 81
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From Lock Outs to Lock Ups

IOR NSW Social 2016

NEW TOWN New South Wales holds an important place in the history of the Australian Independent Order of Rechabites. On Saturday 21st April 1883 the IOR Victoria District No 82 *Nil Desperandum Tent No 4* was opened at Newtown and together with five other Tents that later established New South Wales District No 85. This Sydney suburb is where a group of nineteen met for the first NSW IOR Social this year on Saturday 2nd April.

Newtown is an area outside the designated precincts cited in the NSW Liquor Amendment Act 2014. Since the introduction of the lock out laws patronage and on-premises alcohol-related assaults have increased in the suburb. Newtown restaurant *Lentil as Anything* established a self-imposed alcohol-free zone in response. The not-for-profit organisation is within a two kilometre radius of approximately 28 bars and pubs.

As part of a community enterprise the restaurant opened Australia's first alcohol-free bar *Lentil on the Rocks*. Also a live venue it was designed as a social junction for non-alcohol drinkers on a Friday and Saturday night. Due to lack of financial support the project is now limited to catering for private functions and special events such as the 82nd birthday celebration of Bro Malcolm Campbell PSCR, *Excelsior Tent No 8*.

Of those years Bro Campbell spent some working at the NSW Registry of Births Deaths & Marriages behind Newtown Police Station. Having an office overlooking the street provided insight into the area as evidenced by the example of a couple who upon being married proceeded straight to the pub on the corner. The civic precinct also comprising of the former Town Hall, Courthouse and Fire Station was the start of the guided tour.

A Rechabite association was also made at the next location St Stephens

Anglican Church and Cemetery. The church was designed by NSW Colonial Architect Edmund Blacket, the grandfather of the late Bro Guyon Blacket of *Rose of Ashfield Tent No 6*. Constructed between 1871 and 1874 the building continues to be used for religious services, funerals and weddings with one such event providing an opportune viewing of the interior.

Beyond the church's stone walls is Camperdown Memorial Rest Park. The park under the Inner West Council is an Alcohol Prohibited Area between 9 pm and 9 am every day. According to local media reports at the time, minors were using the park during these hours to consume liquor. The City of Sydney Council has since removed a number of Alcohol Free Zones and Alcohol Prohibited Areas from streets and parks in Newtown.

Such issues would have been raised in the past at the final destination Newtown Bridge. At the beginning of last century the site was used by soapbox speakers. With the Newtown United Friendly Societies' Dispensary down the road one could imagine the members dressed in full regalia telling of sick and funeral benefits under a banner displaying the motto "PEACE AND PLENTY THE REWARD OF TEMPERANCE".

Bro Peter Campbell
IOR NSW Assistant Secretary
Excelsior Tent No 8

Memorabilia

CLEARING the memorabilia stored at the facility at Penrith, the State Deputy Ruler, Bro Bob Breene, PSCR salvaged a ballot box and marbles.

In the September 1998 issue of *The NSW Rechabite Magazine* (page 4) as part of the 120th Anniversary of *Captain Cook Tent No 1*, there was a picture of an IOR ballot box and marbles – that being one of several preserved at the Society's Offices.

New candidates for membership would be accepted or rejected by members of the Tent putting either a white or a black marble into a specially made box. This mode of voting was customary within society general-

ly at this period (1878). This box and marbles would seem to be the sole survivor of those then held.

Malcolm Campbell
State Secretary

Final Outcome

AT the Annual Conference in October 2015, a special committee was appointed to investigate winding up the New South Wales Fraternity. Following on from recommendations made by that committee in January 2016, the New South Wales State Committee decided to call an Extraordinary General Meeting so that all members in New South Wales could decide whether they wanted the Society to wind up or not.

Every member of the Society was able to participate either by casting a vote in person at the meeting or by sending in a proxy vote. Over 25% of the New South Wales Fraternity took part in the ballot and of these an overwhelming majority voted for the Society to be wound up.

As a consequence, an application was made to the New South Wales Fair Trading Department to wind up our Society. Approval has been made for this to take place and the funds of the Society have been distributed in accordance with the decision of the Extraordinary General Meeting. An amount of \$5,000 was given to each of four small organisations involved in the support of temperance. Also \$5,000 has been put aside for IOR Queensland to assist them in absorbing those New South Wales members who wish to transfer to Queensland. The balance of the Society's funds was shared equally between the Australian Rechabite Foundation and FARE (Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education).

By the end of September, after the completion of the final few administrative tasks, the Department of Fair Trading will cancel the registration of the New South Wales Fraternity and we will cease to exist as an entity at that time.

R (Bob) Breene Chairman
Winding-Up Committee

YOU have helped IOR Queensland District No.87 Inc.

EACH year, The Executive of the Queensland District No. 87 Inc. budgets approximately \$2000 to donate to organisations with similar goals and values as Rechabites. Your annual membership of \$22.00 contributes to this budgeted amount. The Executive is pleased to advise that it has, on your behalf, given \$2000.00 to worthy recipients in the 2015/2016 financial year.

- **Drug ARM Australasia** received \$1000.00 to be used to provide vital programs and services in the Resource Centre. In his response to our donation, Dr Dennis Young, Executive Director, writes "This generous donation will provide hope and make a difference for countless individuals and families experiencing the harms associated with alcohol and drug use."

Contact: donate@drugarm.com.au

- **The Australian Rechabite Foundation (ARF)** received \$500.00 to continue its work 'building knowledge and support for action to reduce the harmful effects of alcohol'. This is a wonderful opportunity to ensure that the temperance heritage of the Rechabites is retained and to support scholarships and grants to fund research, community education, advocacy and policy development.

Contact: arfoundation@australian-rechabites.org.au

- Our annual membership renewal contribution of \$500.00 to the **National Alliance for Action on Alcohol (NAAA)** helps the NAAA to maintain and strengthen its advocacy for stronger alcohol policy in Australia. The District Executive receives regular updates and information regarding the activities of the organisation. As a supporting member, IOR Queensland is invited to NAAA's annual meeting with federal politicians.



For more information:
www.actiononalcohol.org.au

Queensland News

IOR Family History

MANY people enjoy researching their family history. Perhaps you do to. The Queensland District Secretary receives numerous requests for information regarding membership of the Independent Order of Rechabites in Queensland over the past 140 years. Most of these requests are emailed through our organisation's website.

If you or any members of your family are seeking historical information, the State Library of Queensland (SLQ) holds a large amount of material relating to the IOR in Queensland including some more recently acquired. While many records have not been preserved, it's a good place to start a search for information. If you live close to Brisbane, a visit to the library may be in order or go to the Library's website to do a preliminary search - www.slq.qld.gov.au

Of course, another wonderful resource for family history is the National Library of Australia's Trove website - trove.nla.gov.au

A final thought – The collection of written records, photographs and other memorabilia of an organisation or a family serve to preserve our heritage. They are a record of who and what we are. Sadly, though, most times we lose these treasures not by fire, flood, or wilful destruction but by simple neglect.

Do you have any IOR material that could be placed in a local museum or the State Library of Queensland?

Contact Queensland's IOR District Secretary, Sis Cynthia Kilah on 07 3392 9431 if you need more information.

Qld. Executive Happenings

Thank you...

In late 2015, Bro Jim MacDonald, a member of *Star of Mackay Tent No.21*, indicated his intention to resign his position of District Officer within the District Executive of IOR Queensland District No.87 Inc.

It was with considerable regret that the Executive accepted Bro Jim's resignation. His contribution to IOR Queensland and his willingness to travel from Mackay for meetings are greatly appreciated by the District Executive as well as many other IOR members.

The District also acknowledged that *Star of Mackay Tent No. 21* was unable to continue due to insufficient members being available to meet. The tent was placed into recess as has been the practice for tents with insufficient members.

Welcome ...

The Queensland District Executive at its April 2016 meeting welcomed Bro. Ian Belcher who has agreed to fill the vacant District Officer position until the election of officers at the Annual District Council Meeting and Annual General Meeting in October 2016. We look forward to Bro Ian's contribution in this role. ■

On the LIGHTER SIDE

The doctor informed his elderly patient "That the pain in your left leg is caused by old age."

"That can't be," replied his patient. "The right leg is just as old and it doesn't hurt at all!"

* * *

A doctor is the only man who keeps right on getting paid whether his work is satisfactory or not.

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A wide screen just makes a bad film twice as bad.

Looking for New Members

THE IOR Queensland District currently has 487 members but would be thrilled to welcome new members to its ranks.

If you have a family member or friend who would like to become a member of IOR Queensland District No. 87 Inc., please have them contact the District Secretary, Sis Cynthia Kilah on 07 3392 9431 or email qldsecretary@australianrechabites.org.au to discuss membership.

The Membership Fee is \$22.00 (GST included) per person per annum. The fee helps support the District's operations, its donations to likeminded organisations and currently provides 2 issues per year of the magazine, *The Australian Rechabite*, a calendar and activities organised by the District and Tents.

Applicants need to declare that they have been a total abstainer for at least twelve months and that they will abstain from all intoxicating liquors, except in religious ordinances, or when prescribed by a legally qualified medical practitioner. They will also abstain from all illicit drugs and will endeavour to promote the principles of voluntary total abstinence. ■

Date Claimer 10th December 2016 Christmas Party

for Brisbane and surrounds,
to be held in the
Wellers Hill Tarragindi
Uniting Church Hall,
24 Pope Street, Tarragindi,
commencing at 6.00pm.

A contribution of \$10 per person for adults and students in Year 8 and above is requested.

If you would like to enjoy the fun and fellowship, please contact Queensland's District Secretary, Sis Cynthia Kilah on 07 3392 9431

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF RECHABITES Queensland District No. 87 INC.

ABN: 46 618 348 081

Notice is hereby given of the
Annual General Meeting
to be held on

SATURDAY 22nd October 2016,
Commencing at 3.00pm

Wellers Hill Tarragindi Uniting Church House,
24 Pope Street, Tarragindi

1. Adoption of Financial Statement and Auditors Report
2. Election of Officers
3. General Business

Cynthia Kilah
District Secretary

The Activities of David Livingstone Tent No.5 and Annerley Tent No.67

TENTS 5 and 67 continue to meet on a monthly basis on the first Tuesday of the months of February to December at 7.30pm. Our meeting place remains the same at the Wellers Hill Tarragindi Uniting Church House, 24 Pope Street, Tarragindi.

Our tent meetings and suppers are enjoyed by members who delight in sharing stories, reminiscing and discussing the extensive travels undertaken by Bro Noel and Sis Margaret Andrews in their trusty caravan. Extra activities organised in the second part of a month provide a highlight for many.

2016 has seen us dining out on a regular basis. You're welcome to join us at our tent meetings or other outings. Contact Bro Peter Henderson, Secretary of No.67, on 0419 640 493 for more information.

IN July, several members visited Sis Joan Chapman in her home at Coorparoo. Members enjoyed sharing morning tea and a chat. It was with great sadness that we learnt of Sis Joan's death just 10 days after our visit.

Sis Chapman was a member of Annerley Tent No. 67 for many years.



She had always looked forward to our tent meetings and was a special person in the lives of her many IOR friends. Our sincere sympathies are extended to her family. ■



Sis Joan Chapman with some Tent Members who visited her



The State President's Report

AS THE cold weather retreats, I hope this message finds you and your families hale and hearty and keeping warm. Ere you read this it should be becoming much warmer.

In early April I joined 30 or so other people on a very enjoyable IOR Holiday Club Five Day Coach Tour to Apollo Bay.

Skene's Creek Lodge Motel, 5 or 6 kilometres Melbourne side of Apollo Bay was our accommodation base, where we were very well looked after by our hosts who served the most delicious meals.

On our last evening, ready to enjoy yet another magnificent tea (dinner), those at our table were joined by one of the other guests staying at the motel. Over the meal, many and varied topics were broached with our table guest, but I don't think we solved any of the world's problems.

In conversation, we learned that our

new acquaintance was a dairy equipment supplies representative from Sydney, who had been visiting dairy farmers, and others in the area, that he had come from India about 30 years earlier, but was an indigenous Persian, a Zoroastrian.

Having explained to our table guest that we didn't partake of alcoholic drinks because we were IOR members, (he was having a glass of the 'hard' stuff), he replied that Mahatma Gandhi, the founder of the Indian Nation, had declared India a 'dry' or alcohol free nation at Independence, apparently to protect the poorer people of the population.

Of course there was moonshine, (illegal alcohol) around, but our new friend believed prohibition worked quite well until dismantled in the early 1970's. To this day, he concluded, the state where Gandhi was born, remains dry.

Some of the interesting things one can find out on an IOR Holiday Club tour. Plan to join us on our next tour.

Allan Clark
State President

Victorian State Committee Report

OUR 20th Annual Conference will be held this year in Sale on Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th October 2016. This is a great time for all members in Victoria to get together and discuss the many aspects of our Order.

At our last Conference in 2015 the Delegates voted to leave the format of our Annual Conference the same as previous years for the time being, i.e., we continue to have two half days.

Our membership decreases each year with the passing of older members, but this year we have had a few new members, although our membership is now below 500. ■



Victorian Fraternal News

WE sadly report that Bro Neil Turner died on 8th April this year. Neil served several years on the IOR Board of Directors. Neil's father Frank, was District Chief Ruler, with both his mother Gladys, and also his father both receiving the Distinguished Service Award in the 1980's. Neil was a member who always gave of his best for the Order. Neil was 76 years old. (See a further report on page 12 in this magazine)

We also report the death of Betty King, whose husband Howard was also a District Chief Ruler in 1990 and

also received the Distinguished Service Award in 1987. Betty was a staunch member right up until her death, she was in her 90's.

Sadly Dorothy Horn died on 14th March, she was President of the Holiday Club for many years. Dorothy was 93 years of age.

Barton Griffin who was a District Chief Ruler in 1975 also has passed away earlier this year.

Also we report that both Don and Lois Jukes have both moved into care. Lois is Secretary of Region 9. ■ ■ ■

REGION MEETING DATES 2016

| Date | Region | Secretary | Phone No. | Meetings held at |
|--------------------------------|------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| October - Saturday 22nd | 6 | G Martyn | 5177 8144 | Morwell |
| November - Sunday 13th | 4/5 | D McGee | 9598 7840 | Mordialloc |

2017 dates (to be confirmed)

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|-------------------------------|------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| February - Sunday 12th | 4/5 | D McGee | 9598 7840 | Mordialloc |
| March - Sunday 19th | 9 | J Flett | 9306 4968 | Harcourt |
| April - Saturday 22nd | 6 | G Martyn | 5177 8144 | Morwell |
| May - Sunday 7th | 4/5 | D McGee | 9598 7840 | Mordialloc |

Region News

Region 6 MORWELL (Gippsland)

OUR meeting in April was very successful with it being held at our new meeting venue, *Centenary House* in Morwell. This new venue is very pleasing to everyone and has all the facilities that we require. *Centenary House* is a house that is available to people who have family in the local hospital and need somewhere to stay while their relative is receiving treatment at the hospital. It is available to people who live more than 50 km's from the hospital. *Centenary House* has several wings with each room similar to a motel room, and also a large kitchen and dining room in each wing. It is within walking distance from the hospital.

Our Region covers a large area and we are lucky to have a good attendance at each meeting. We are also lucky to have 4 members of the State Committee that are in our Region, so members always get a detailed account of what is going on in Victoria. At our last meeting we had two members, bought along by Brother Graham Weatherhead.

The meeting gives an opportunity for members to ask questions and get answers straight away as there is always a member of the State Committee that is able to give an answer. We also have many members who are not able to attend a normal Tent meeting.

After lunch we had a talk by Gillian Legge who had been on a recent cruise. The talk was much enjoyed by everyone.

One of our members (Mavis Coleman) celebrated her 100th birthday in February and I was able to be present at her birthday party.

Mavis used to attend our Conferences and was always regular at our Region meetings. She was in good health and enjoyed the celebrations that was

attended by about 200 people. Unfortunately she died in May from a pre-existing illness.



Sis Mavis Coleman (left) with Region 6 Secretary, Sis Gwenda Martyn

Our meeting is open to all members in the area, but please ring me on (03) 5177 8144 so adequate catering arrangements can be made. Many thanks to Peg Curtis who is a great help with the catering, making a delicious trifle that everyone enjoys. Tent No. 488 (Moe) also meets at Peg's place in Narracan and we are always served the most wonderful afternoon tea.

Our next meeting will be on
Saturday 22nd October 2016.

Gwenda Martyn
Secretary Region 6

Region 7 HARCOURT (Central Victoria)

WE had nine members plus Bro & Sis Legge at our meeting and luncheon held on 20th March, 2016. It was a bright sunny day in the country. Harcourt is badly in need of a good drop of rain. I'm glad to say some has since come, but much more is needed.

It did seem the bright pleasant day was enjoyed because what I thought it may have been our last meeting was not so and it was agreed to meet again on March 19th next year in the same place. Our visitors brought us up to date on events with our IOR, they also answered questions from our attendees. Is this not what our

get-togethers are for? Particularly as numbers are small now.

It is sad to hear of the passing of some members remembered from the past and also of the illness of some very near to us who could not be with us on the day. We had a photo taken of us, a copy to be put in *The Australian Rechabite*. Our last group Rechabite photo, published in September 2012, saw two of those pictured not with us for our next meeting. I sincerely hope that will not be the case following this print.

Members in Country Victoria, please **Note:** Our next planned get-together is **Sunday, 19th March, 2017** at Harcourt at 12.30pm, hopefully for lunch.

I will try to get an item of interest for our Region for the next magazine also.

John Flett
Secretary Region 7

Quotable Quotes

& Stuff

The way the cost of living and taxes are today you might as well marry for love.

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Friendship is a single sole dwelling in two bodies.

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We are inclined to believe those who we don't know because they have never deceived us.

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If you have never been amazed by the fact that you exist, you are squandering the greatest fact of all.

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Show me the man you honour, and I will know what kind of man you are.

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Great minds have purposes: others have wishes.

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A cold is both positive and negative. Sometimes the eyes have it, sometimes the nose.



Victorian Scholarships & The 2016 Winners

The State Committee has decided to reduce the number of scholarships being offered in 2017 from 4 to 3, and increase the amount from \$500.00 to \$750.00

THE IOR Fraternity (Vic) is offering three Scholarships valued at \$750.00 each per annum for two (2) years to the Children, Grandchildren, or Great Grandchildren of Victorian Fraternity Members.

Students in Year 10 this year (2016), who are attending a State or Registered Secondary School and who do not hold any other award, are eligible to apply.

The Scholarships will be awarded after consideration of the applicant's scholastic results and school reports.

Application forms for these Scholarships can be obtained after 1st November 2016 from:

**IOR Fraternity (Vic) Inc
PO Box 4532
KNOX CITY CENTRE VIC 3152**

Now, a little about each Scholarship holder.



Gil MADDERN

Grandchild of Lorna & Graeme ELDRIDGE

School:

Coleambally Central School, NSW

MY career goal is to be a successful and productive worker in the work place. I hope to go on to university to develop my educational skills in a field such as Engineering, Architecture, Surveying, Science or Maths. Currently I am in High School

at Coleambally Central School where I am starting Year 11 and have already successfully completed the Year 12 Mathematics course and exam for the Higher School Certificate. I have also completed Grade 6 AMEB Piano and Grade 3 Music Theory. I have completed first aid, white card and food hygiene courses.

I completed a week of work experience at Coleambally Irrigation Co-operative Limited where I worked with engineers, information technology staff and field workers.

A volunteer at the Coleambally Golf Club, I help out by watering the course, mowing and chipping weeds and burrs. I am also the Handicap Officer and the club Vice Captain.

My interests and hobbies are – Golf, Squash, Cricket, AFL, Rugby League and Soccer. I also play chess and the piano.

I enjoy golf, and over the last 18 months have dropped my handicap from 36 to 13, and hope to further develop my skills and eventually reduce my handicap to 'scratch'.

In Chess I have a NSW Junior Chess League rating of 650 and have played in a number of Junior tournaments. In 2015 my school team finished 2nd in the Riverina Region. ■



Georgia Van Der MAREL

Grandchild of George & Dilys PRICE

School:

Chairo Christian School, Victoria

IN my spare time I enjoy reading – particularly fantasy, but also historical fiction. I love the Australian out-

doors and spend many holidays camping with my family and friends. I have been dancing since I was little, and I have a leadership role in the local church youth group.

Being very interested in both English and Outdoor Education I plan on studying English Literature and continuing with my Outdoor and Environmental Studies this year.

I was very fortunate to participate in a school 'Language and Culture trip' to Indonesia in 2014 as an extension to my study of Indonesian. I also went on an 'Outreach Mission trip' to Darwin in 2015.

After completing University I would like to travel and experience many different cultures and environments. ■



Naomi WHIMPEY

Grandchild of John WHIMPEY

School:

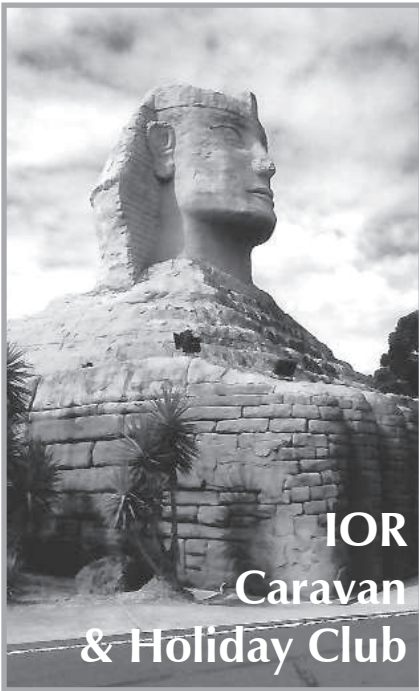
Our Lady of Mercy College, Heidelberg.

SOME of my goals include:

- Completing a AMEB Grade 9
- Trumpet exam,
- Achieving an excellent VCE score,
- Achieving a great VCE Music Performance score and possibly be able to play in Melbourne's VCE Top Acts.

I play the trumpet in the school symphonic band, the school brass ensemble and jazz band. I also play the cornet with Darebin City Brass – Northern Brass, competing in state and national level competitions each year since I was 11-years-old.

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The next day we visited the Otway National Park and then had a guided tour with morning tea and lunch at the Cape Otway Lighthouse.

◀ Entrance to Sphinx Hotel

We then went on through Lavers Hill and visited the magnificent Otway Fly. The Otway Fly is not only unique, spectacular and beautiful, but offers a bird's eye view of the natural world with a walk within the canopy of the exquisitely beautiful beech myrtle forest.



The Otway Fly

On Day 3 we made our way to Port Campbell, visiting the 12 apostles. Coming home, we visited *Cheese World* at Allansford, sampling many of the beautiful cheeses.

Next day was a leisure day exploring Apollo Bay and Lorne.

On our way home we visited Narana Cultural Centre and had a talk with a local Koori interpreter. We then had lunch at the Pharaohs Bistro at the Sphinx Hotel. The Sphinx is a taste of Egypt in the heart of Geelong where we could revisit ancient Egypt with the magnificent 15 metre high Sphinx at the entrance to the Hotel.

We all arrived home having had a wonderful time and the best meals that we have had for a long time.

Holiday Club Business

The Holiday Club elected a new President and Secretary/Treasurer at its gathering in January of this year. The new President is Innes Russell and the Secretary/Treasurer is Ann Stephen. The Secretary/Treasurer's position is being made easier with the money for trips being paid direct to Group Link Travel.

Our Next Trip

The next trip will be from **10th to 14th October** going to Wentworth (near Mildura) where another great holiday is planned. We will cruise on a paddle steamer, visit Orange World, Woodsies Gem Shop, have a dinner cruise aboard the "Wentworth", then visit the Australian Inland Botanic Gardens, an olive farm and Rio Vista House. We will be travelling home through Robinvale, Swan Hill, Lake Boga and Kerang.

These trips are wonderful value and everything is paid for before you leave. Come, join us on our next trip from **10th - 14th October**.

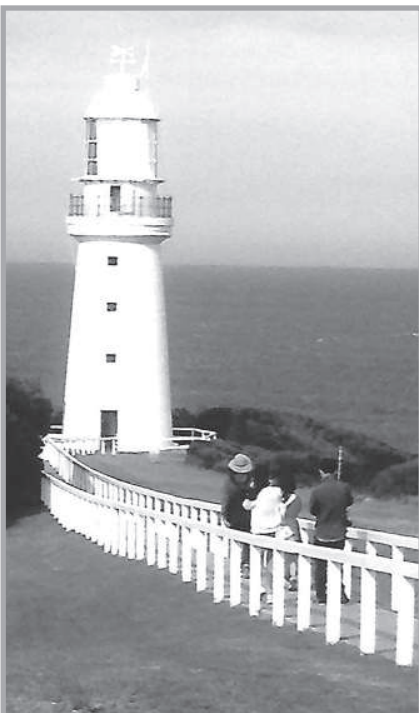
Membership is only \$2.00 per annum.

For further information about the Holiday Club trips please contact Ann on (03) 5176 1638. ■

► *Victorian Scholarships - Naomi WHIMPEY*

At school I participate in multiple events, competing in the GSV Cross Country and the Maths Challenge in 2014, and competing in the Maths competition in 2015. In 2015 I participated in my school's Senior Production of *Guys and Dolls*, with other professional instrumentalists.

I believe in working hard and always trying my best with my studies whilst being faithful to my God and supportive to my family and friends. ■



Cape Otway Lighthouse

In Remembrance



Bro Neil Turner

BROTHER Neil Turner was the son of Frank and Gladys Turner. His father was District Chief Ruler in 1960. Both of Neil's parents received the Distinguished Service Award in the 1980's.

In 1973 Neil was appointed Editor of the Victorian Rechabite magazine and remained in this position until 1980.

In 1987 Neil became an IOR Victorian Director. During his time as a Director he did a then available Director's Course for his own betterment. He also for a period filled in as CEO of the Wantirna Village and he was also on the Village Board.

When the village was being built at Warrnambool in 1988/90 he put in much time being down there overseeing the building of the facility.

Neil was always forthright in his feelings and contributed much to the IOR, attending many Conferences over the years.

He is survived by his wife Dot and family, Melynda, Peter, Catriona and Sean.

05/04/1940 - 08/04/2016



Sis Isabell Muriel Hyde (nee Morris)

ISABELL, Isa, as she was affectionately known, was born at Woolcock Street, Red Hill in Brisbane on 8th May, 1916. She was one of five children born to Arthur Tom Morris and Isabella Gowan Fisher Hynd.

Isa commenced her schooling at Kelvin Grove and when the family moved from Red Hill to Shorncliffe in 1923, Isa attended school at the Old Court House before attending Sandgate State School from age 6 years.

Isa married Clive Hyde on 15th April, 1944 and their only daughter Elaine was born in 1948. The family lived at Kedron, and due to development in the area the family home sadly no longer exists.

Isa was duly admitted a member of *Star of the Sea Juvenile Tent No. 83* on 12th June 1929 and remained a member until the time of her death on 19th February, 2016. Prior to becoming a member of *Star of the Sea*, Isa attended *Young Excelsior Tent* at Paddington with Sis Alice Morrison and Sis Jean Savage, enjoying all the activities provided. Isa fondly remembered the making of sandwiches under the supervision of Sis Alice Morrison who said, "now girls make sure you butter the sandwiches to the very edge please", in the kitchen of the Jacaranda Room at the Canberra Hotel in Ann Street where several Household Fairs were held. Isa was active in the Indoor Bowls Teams and her passion for cooking, needlework etc. rewarded her with many prizes at the Household Fair.

Unfortunately, in the later years Isa's health declined and although further care was provided at her home, after suffering a stroke in 2013, Isa was unable to return to Kedron and became a resident at 'Nazarene' Residential Aged Care at Rothwell. Isa's time at 'Nazarene' was made extremely pleasant by the caring staff and volunteers. Isa participated in activities where possible, attending concerts and Sunday Church Service. With the exceptional care provided, Isa remained at Nazarene until her passing aged 99 years and 9 months.

A private service was held for Isabell at Pinnaroo Lawn Cemetery Chapel on 1st March, 2016. She is now resting in peace with her beloved husband.

08/05/1916 – 19/02/2016



Sis Irenè Rae Belcher, PDCR

RAE, as she was known from birth, which took place in the NSW country town of Merriwa on 6th July 1932, knew nothing of the Rechabites until her marriage in 1959.

However, it was in 1979 that she was nominated by the late Bro. Gordon Hockings of *Perseverance Tent No.44*, Marrickville, to be considered for the position of District Guardian on the NSW District Executive. This was an historic occasion.

We quote here part of an article by Bro. W (Bill) S Williamson, Tent Rep. *Concord Tent No.144* published in *The NSW Rechabite* Nov-Dec, 1979: "When the Secretary of our Tent,

Sister (Mrs) Rae Belcher was elected at the last Annual District Council Meeting to the position of District Guardian on the District Executive, she became the first female member of the Order in NSW to join that body.

"She became a Registered Wife in *Onward & Upward Tent No.17*, Burwood upon her marriage to Bro V A Belcher in 1959. It was through the influence of Bro Frank W Cabrera, the then Secretary of that Tent, that the Belchers, recently arrived from Queensland, began to take a greater interest in the Order.

"However, opportunity to serve did not present itself until many years later. In 1979 she became a Benefit Member in her own right and accepted the position of Secretary of *Concord Tent No.144*. (An office she held until 2000 when she returned to Queensland. Ed.)

"A Graduate of the Queensland Bible Institute (1958) Sis Belcher served with her husband in an international missionary society for 16 years as an able representative of that Society.

"She has been actively engaged in youth work for many years, (has four children of her own), and has been Branch Governor of the Church of England Boys' Society, Birrong Branch, for the past four years. She is the first Lady Leader in the Diocese of Sydney to hold that rank.

"*Concord Tent* congratulates our sister on her election to her new office and wishes her God Speed as she seeks to contribute to the good of the Order."

In 1983 Rae was to become the first female District Chief Ruler in 100 years and to her lot fell the responsibility of conducting the Ten Day Centenary Celebrations of the Independent Order of Rechabites NSW District No. 85 Friendly Society. A roll she apparently handled well. A member spoke at the Annual Meeting three years later recalling the success of those Celebrations and concluded his remarks by saying, "... and nobody could have done it as well as Sis Belcher". How embarrassing! Yet nevertheless, an honour for a job well

done. Rae was to remain on the Executive until the 1993 AGM.

On returning to Queensland, she and her husband joined *Hope of Ipswich Tent No.2* where she ultimately became a Past Chief Ruler of the Tent.

Regretfully, her near brilliant mind succumbed to Alzheimer's Disease in 2012, which we believe was triggered by a car accident four years earlier. Mercifully, her deterioration was rapid and she died peacefully in her sleep at 8.36am on the morning of Friday 27th May, 2016.

It was truly an honour for her to serve as she did and an equal honour to have Executive Members of IOR Queensland District No.87 lead her coffin to the hearse as per The Ritual at the conclusion of her Funeral Service, at which 113 people were present, on Friday 3rd June. She has been a faithful Rechabite, as well as a wonderful loving and faithful wife, mother and friend to many.

We close with some of the opening words from her eldest son's Eulogy:

"My mother was an extraordinary woman, whose lasting legacy will continue to ripple down the generations and even if the knowledge of her as the original source becomes lost, the benefits will continue none the less."

May it be so.

She indeed, rests in peace.

06/07/1932 – 27/05/2016



Edward Robert (Ted) Francis, PCR

NEW South Wales *News* in the present Rechabite magazine, but in times gone by the heading was *Tent Flaps*. My record of magazines

goes back to 1992 when it was *The NSW Rechabite Magazine*.

As for years prior, Bro Ted Francis included an article in *Tent Flaps* on behalf of *Excelsior Tent No 8* in the December 1992 issue. In the item he states the following "I also go back to the time when the Society was at it's zenith and in Leichhardt we had the *J.T. Jefferies Juvenile Tent*, the *F15 Female Tent* and the male *No.8 Excelsior Tent* . . . My wife, Sis Adah has the distinctive honour of holding the position of Chief Ruler in all three Tents and was the first female Chief Ruler for *Excelsior* in our Centenary year."

In the December, 1995 issue Ted advised that on 30th July they celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary. (On 3rd September Rechabites Sister-in-Law Rae and husband Bro Vic Manning also celebrated their 40th). Sadly Adah died on 28th October, 2002.

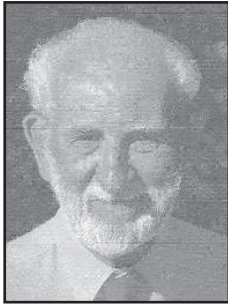
In the September, 1998 issue Ted reported that daughter Mary had given birth to a boy prematurely on 21st March. He was named David Francis Templeton. In the December 1998 issue Ted explained that this would make David a fourth generation Rechabite on both sides of their family and at the same time a fourth generation member of *Excelsior Tent*.

A Rechabite all his life, Ted was born on 23rd April 1926 and died 13th July 2016. Following an apprenticeship he qualified as a carpenter and joiner. Although of age before the end of World War II he was classified as being in an essential service as part of the war effort. Both daughters (Ann and Mary) were at the funeral together with grandson David who is now a fine young man. In fact Ted had previously provided David with an account of his life story that includes a number of other interests he had.

Both Ted and Adah represented Tent No.8 at Annual General Meetings. Ted broke all records as Chief Ruler of the Tent. He only relinquished the position on 10th June, 2008 after many years of service.

23/04/1926 – 13/07/2016

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John Luxton PCR

FROM a young age John Luxton followed his father into membership of the Order by joining *Peter Morgan Tent No.18*, Parramatta, where he held office several times. His children, Louise and Peter also became members and have happy memories of playing Indoor Bowls at the conclusion of the Tent Meetings.

Retiring in 1976 John and his wife became 'grey nomads' for the next 8 years travelling around Australia. In October of the same year John was to become a committed Christian. By trade an electrician, John was also a good mechanic and handyman, so he and his wife decided to continue their travels visiting and assisting at Mission Stations from Eidsvold in Queensland across to Carnarvon in West Australia where they stayed for two years before going on to Norseman for several months. They often became house-parents so that missionaries could have a break.

In 1984 they bought a house and settled down in Biggenden, Qld. where they were involved in setting up and working with "Meals on Wheels". By the late 90's, both retired from active service enjoying a well earned rest.

John's wife passed away in 2006 but he soldiered on until he was involved in a car accident due, it is believed, to a blackout, on Friday 17th June. He was taken to the Bundaberg Base Hospital with serious injuries that were to claim his life at 8.30 the next morning. We salute a Brother who has served well. Rest in Peace.

26/05/1922 - 18/06/2016

Strictly Personal ...



95 Years Young

SISTER Cecily Walker, a Life Member of Queensland District and a member of *Hearts of Oak Tent No. 29*, celebrated her 95th birthday on 14th February 2016.



Cecily cuts her 95th birthday cake

Sis Cecily's long association with the Rechabite movement featured in her celebrations. As she recently told the District Secretary, "I wanted to celebrate with old friends while I can still see." Cecily became a Junior Assistant with *Ever Onward Juvenile Tent No.25* at the age of 22. She was to remain a leader of this group for 27 years.

Over the years a handful of members from juvenile tent days have kept in touch with Cecily and so a number of "her kids" were able to attend her birthday celebration organised by her family.

Photographs from the early days brought back many happy memories. Who could forget the production of

'The Wedding of the Painted Doll' or the burlesque on *Swan Lake* with the casts made up of juvenile tent members? Certainly not Bro Ron May, now 83 and a member of *Hearts of Oak Tent No. 29* who 'confessed' to being the ballerina in *Swan Lake*.



Bro Ron May

Cecily's skill as a musician has been put to good use as she has played the piano at an array of Rechabite functions over many years including the Queen Crownings, March Past at Sports Days and Christmas parties.

As a child and young person, Cecily showed a willingness to serve others. Her commitment to the Rechabite movement has been exemplary. At 95, she remains an inspiration to many. She's been the President of her local Senior Citizens' Club for 20 years, attends her local church and remains an active part of the lives of her extended family and friends.



The Cast of 'The Wedding of the Painted Doll'



'The Kids' with Cecily

It was fitting that the Queensland District Chief Ruler, Sis Glenys Harbottle was able to attend the birthday celebration and speak on behalf of IOR. ■



Polling on Late-Night Trading

New polling released last February by FARE has shown strong support for the late-night trading measures proposed by the Queensland Government

AS several jurisdictions consider liquor licensing reforms to curb alcohol harms, industry lobby groups have been busy casting doubt on the evidence and opposing reforms. To separate fact from fiction and to hear from Australia's foremost experts on what works to reduce alcohol-related violence, the Queensland Coalition for Action on Alcohol (QCAA) are inviting NAAA members to a forum to discuss the Queensland legislation and the evidence supporting liquor licensing reforms. Further details about this event and the polling released are below.

2016 Queensland poll: Perspectives on Alcohol

Key findings from the 2016 Queensland poll: Perspectives on alcohol, undertaken by Galaxy Research, include:

- Almost three quarters (74%) of Queenslanders support late-night trading measures recently announced by the Queensland Government to reduce alcohol-related violence.
- The majority (80%) believe more needs to be done to reduce the harm caused by alcohol-related illness, injury, death and related issues, an increase from 2015.
- The majority (71%) expect alcohol related problems in Australia to remain the same or get worse over the next five to ten years.
- The majority of Queenslanders do not believe that governments (59%), alcohol companies (69%), and pubs and clubs (70%) are doing enough to address alcohol misuse. The proportions holding these beliefs have increased since 2015.
- Other policies that received major-

ity support include introducing a closing time for pubs, clubs and bars of no later than 3am (84%) and not selling alcohol in supermarkets (69%).

- Two thirds (65%) consider the city or centre of town to be unsafe on a Saturday night, an increase from 52% in 2015.

FARE are sharing this info on social media platforms both on Facebook and Twitter (@FAREAustralia) and using #QLDAlcohol; we encourage you to do the same, even now. The story was picked up by a range of Queensland media outlets including the *Brisbane Times* and the *Courier Mail*. ■

What is FARE?

NOW that is a good question. The Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education (FARE) is an independent, not-for-profit organisation working to stop the harm caused by alcohol.

Alcohol harm in Australia is most significant. More than 5,500 lives are lost every year and more than 157,000 people are hospitalised, making alcohol one of our nation's greatest preventative health challenges.

For over a decade, FARE has been working with communities, governments, health professionals and police across the country to stop alcohol harms by supporting world-leading research, raising public awareness and advocating for changes to alcohol policy. In that time FARE has helped more than 750 communities and organisations, and backed over 1,400 projects around Australia.

FARE is guided by the World Health Organization's (2010) Global Strategy to Reduce the Harmful Use of Alcohol for stopping alcohol harms through population-based strategies, problem directed policies, and direct interventions.

If you would like to contribute to FARE's important work, call them on (02) 6122 8600 or email them at info@fare.org.au.

FARE

Bold Alcohol Tax Increase Delivers \$2.9 Billion Windfall

DATELINE - 8 March 2016: Modest but necessary changes to Australia's alcohol tax regime would deliver a \$2.9 billion dollar revenue boost to the Turnbull Government, and an even greater windfall for the health of the nation.

New economic modelling has found that a ten per cent increase to all alcohol excise, combined with changes that would tax wine more equitably, would result in a 9.4 per cent reduction in alcohol consumption, with a corresponding reduction in alcohol harms.

The Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education (FARE) says that with the additional tax revenue invested wisely in Australia's health system, the alcohol tax changes would further reduce the growing burden of chronic disease.

FARE's Pre-Budget Submission 2016-17 proposal would see wine and cider taxed according to the volume of alcohol, bringing wine into line with beer and spirits; before applying a ten per cent across-the-board increase on all alcohol excise.

The existing Wine Equalisation Tax (WET) would be replaced with a volumetric tax on wine and cider at a rate of \$56.56 per litre of pure alcohol (halfway between full-strength draught beer and spirits), and the WET rebate scheme would be abolished.

Replacing the way in which wine is taxed in Australia would ensure a fairer tax system where wine, which currently represents 40 per cent of all pure alcohol consumed but only 15 per cent of alcohol tax collected, pays for its share of the resulting alcohol harms.

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Economic modelling by ACIL Allen Consulting and commissioned by FARE, forecasts such a change would generate \$2.9 billion in revenue while reducing the total alcohol consumed by 9.4 per cent.

FARE Chief Executive Michael Thorn says fixing Australia's broken alcohol taxation system and increasing the alcohol excise tax would have substantial benefits beyond the budget bottom line, and must be a priority.

"Reforming the alcohol tax system should be a no-brainer. In fact nine separate Government reviews have recommended we do exactly that. Increasing taxes on alcohol would not only address the budget deficit but, as research shows, is also the most cost-effective way to reduce alcohol consumption and the resulting harms, particularly among young people and risky drinkers,"¹ Mr Thorn said.

Importantly, the proposed tax changes would have minimal impact on moderate drinkers. ACIL Allen Consulting examined the price increases under the proposed changes, with a schooner of full-strength draught beer increasing by only 5.5 cents, a can of premixed spirits increasing by 16.7 cents and a bottle of wine currently costing between \$15 and \$20 increasing by approximately \$3.80.

Alcohol use results in 5,500 deaths and 157,000 hospitalisations in Australia each year. FARE's Pre-Budget Submission 2016-17 argues that a proportion of the alcohol excise revenue collected must be directed to addressing the social costs of alcohol in Australia, which in turn would result in further savings to the health system.

FARE says that the additional revenue should target chronic disease prevention and research, with specific investment to help reduce the incidence of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD), to conduct strong public awareness alcohol harm prevention campaigns, and to introduce a structured screening and brief intervention program for alcohol.

"Reform of Australia's alcohol tax regime is long overdue and by wisely

directing a proportion of that revenue we can start to address the high social cost of alcohol in this country; we can reduce the high levels of alcohol-related family violence, we can reduce the incidences of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, and we can start to tackle this preventable health burden that is currently shouldered by the entire nation," Mr Thorn said. ■

Alcohol Causes 7 Kinds of Cancer

A REPORT in The Guardian – 22/07/2016 – shows that drinking alcohol, even in moderation, causes seven forms of cancer including breast, colon and liver cancers.

The study also showed that stopping Alcohol intake allowed these cancers to retreat. The full report could be seen by going to the following address, but regrettably may not be available ere you read this note, but it is well worth a try.

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2016/jul/22/alcohol-direct-cause-seven-forms-of-cancer-study>

Regrettably permission could not be obtained to reprint the entire article in time for this publication. Ed. ■

ACT Poll Supports 3.00am Last Drinks

THE Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education (FARE) commissioned ReachTEL to undertake polling of Australian Capital Territory (ACT) residents to gain an understanding on attitudes towards alcohol, perceptions of safety and support for trading hour 'last drinks' policies.

Outcomes

Key findings:

A majority (65.5%) of ACT residents support the ACT Government's

recent proposal to introduce 3am last drinks for pubs, clubs and bars across the ACT.

There is strong support for 3am last drinks across all age groups:

- 18 to 34 year olds (50.2%),
- 35 to 50 year olds (69.9%),
- 51 to 65 year olds (81.6%)
- and those over 65 (71.3%).

Nearly 40 per cent (39.9%) of ACT residents consider built-up areas in and around the city centre, Civic, to be unsafe or very unsafe on a Saturday night.

Respondents who report feeling unsafe or very unsafe in Civic are most likely to cite people affected by alcohol (36.2%) as the factor that contributes to this, almost double the proportion of residents who select people affected by drugs (20.1%). ■

Do you know?

These are the Facts!

- Alcohol hospitalises over 45,000 Queenslanders each year
- Alcohol kills 1,143 people each year in Queensland
- 60% of Queenslanders are negatively impacted by others drinking
- 29% of Queenslanders have been affected by alcohol-related violence
- 80% of Queenslanders believe that more needs to be done to reduce alcohol harms

Keep a lookout in the media for news about Queensland's newly introduced lockdown laws.

(Information sourced from The Queensland Coalition For Action of Alcohol (QCAA) website <http://www.qcaa.org.au/>)

