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NEWSLETTER

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Area 3—District 22

Charter Date 2.6.97

Dinner Meeting **TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER**

6.15PM FOR

6.30PM: DINNER MEETING

VENUE: FUNCTION ROOM
AFL TIGERS CLUB
28 ASHTON STREET
LABRADOR

COST: \$30.00

Apologies/Guests: Please notify
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10am Friday 13th October
(If an emergency requires a late apology,
please ring Jeanette before noon on
Tuesday. This is a courtesy call and may not
remove the necessity for payment)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

After my induction as President for the ensuing 12 months I made a list of things I felt important for my roll. One of the things was to attend meetings of the Committees.

I'm pleased to say that I have managed so far to attend the Service and Advocacy and Fundraising. Unfortunately, I had to cancel my planned date for Membership because it clashed with a doctor's appointment for Gary and my son announced his unexpected arrival. However, I fully intend to catch up at the next meeting.

I'm so very proud with the effort and hard work you are doing to achieve the outcomes planned for the future.

Although our club is small, we all work together to achieve the plans we have set, that is something to be very proud of, thank you all.

Believe in yourself! Have faith in your abilities! Without a humble but reasonable confidence in your own powers you cannot be successful or happy.

Merrilee

PLEASE NOTE THAT TUESDAY'S DINNER MEETING WILL COMMENCE AT 6.30PM

UPCOMING DATES:

024 June 66th ZI Convention – Brisbane, Australia

If you choose to direct credit your **DINNER MEETING** cost to the Club's bank account, details are as below:

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BSB 124-022 ACCOUNT 10421645

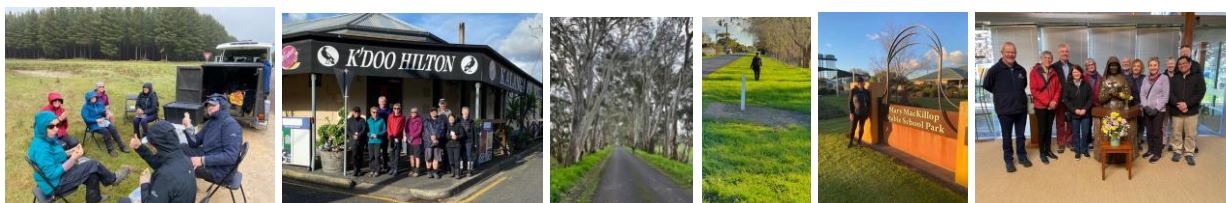
Please ensure you mention in your details you name so that the Treasurer knows who it is from.

Aussie Camino journey: walking 165km

Our editor asked me to write about my experience of trekking the Aussie Camino in August. As pilgrim number 2021241 on the Camino from Portland Victoria to Penola South Australia, I would recommend participation. The Camino is a spiritual journey focusing on a particular person whose life and work provide fulfilment and satisfaction and a model for followers. The life of Mary MacKillop, Australia's first saint, Mary of the Cross, is a perfect study of a woman who carried many crosses in her life to respond to the challenges such as being a woman in control of her religious order (not the usual practice within the Catholic church patriarchy), travel to Rome to seek Papal permission for her Rule for the religious order she founded, excommunication for insubordination and the continual response to the poor and marginalised. A woman that Zonta would have supported in her journey against gender and religious discrimination.



The Camino appropriately starts at Portland, where Mary gained her teaching experience. At Bayview Christian College we visited the section of the school that was a home for Mary and her family. The trek commenced following the Great South West Walk along the south coast of Victoria. Walking along cliffs and isolated coastal beaches for the first three days, we saw seal colonies and magnificent scenery of the coastline. Once arriving in Port MacDonnell, South Australia, the trek followed stock routes and disused rail tracks north to Penola. From Port MacDonnell through Mount Gambier, Bush Haven and Kalangadoo, the walk was flat with the only challenge the electrified fences. Arriving at Penola after a trek of 165km in seven days, we visited the original location of the first school that Saint Mary of the Cross and Catholic priest, Julian Tension Woods, established the first school for the isolated bush children of Penola. The Mary MacKillop Centre at Penola is an interpretative exhibition of the work of Mary and Woods. When Mary MacKillop and Julian Tension Woods made their dream a reality, 'Little did either of us then dream of what was to spring from so small a beginning.' Mary MacKillop 1891.



To sum up, no blisters, challenging myself physically and spiritually. Great experience. And how exciting to commence the journey of the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross, August 8th.

Kathryn Janovsky

GOLDEN Z CLUB, GRIFFITH GOLD COAST

The Inaugural Meeting of the Golden Z Club Griffith Gold Coast was held by Teams (like Zoom) and chaired by Dianne Leggo, assisted by Kirsty Tschirpig of the Griffith MATE Bystander program.

Nominations already received for the positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer were confirmed and all were elected.

The following activities are planned:

31 October Birthing Kit assembly day: 9 to 10 am setting up, 10 to 12 assembling kits.

1 December: Support for Griffith MATE Bystander Webinar followed by Charter Ceremony at 1 p.m. if the required number of 20 members is reached.

May McPhail



Marriage Celebrations

At our October Dinner Meeting we were all thrilled to congratulate Viv Devlin on her recent wedding. Merrilee presented Viv with a gift of wine glasses on behalf of the club and we all celebrated Viv's marriage with a glass of bubbly and wished her and Wayne much happiness.

Left: a very happy and delighted Viv opening her gift.

Below: Members toasting Viv.

