

The New Link

St George Association

For People with Physical Disabilities Incorporated

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Future Programmes

Aug 6	Sat	10.30 am	Book Club	Belgreen
Aug 6	Sat	2.00 pm	Ben Williams	Belgreen
Aug 10	Wed	10.30 am	Wednesday Group	Belgreen
Aug 13	Sat	12.30 pm	Lunch	Beverley Park
Aug 16	Tues	7.00 pm	Management Committee	Belgreen
Aug 27	Sat	10.30 am	Embroidery/Handcraft Group	Belgreen
Sept 3	Sat	10.30 am	Book Club	Belgreen
Sept 3	Sat	2.00 pm	To be confirmed	Belgreen
Sept 10	Sat	9am-2pm	Fete	North Ryde
Sept 14	Wed	10.30 am	Wednesday Group	Belgreen
Sept 20	Tues	7.00 pm	Management Committee	Belgreen
Sept 24	Sat	10.30 am	Embroidery/Handcraft Group	Belgreen

Some other dates to note –

Oct 1	Sat	12 noon	Maude Chin	Belgreen
Nov 12	Sat		Trash N Treasure	Belgreen
Dec 4	Sun	12 noon	Christmas luncheon	Kogarah

Annual General Meeting – it's pleasing to report the AGM was quite well attended, and the meeting proceeded well. Thanks are offered to John Chate (Lions Club of Oatley), who assisted in Chairing the election process, which resulted in the following executive committee being elected.

President – Bob Tonazzi
 Vice Chairman – Janet Malone
 Secretary – Patricia Byrne
 Assistant Secretary – Rosemary Gray
 Treasurer – Jenny Chin

When calling for nominations for the remainder of the committee, a ballot was required and thanks are offered to John Chate, Helen O'Neill and Ross Chin for filling the role of scrutineers. The ballot resulted in the following people being elected. Maura Outterside, Pat Davies, Peter Meagher, Betty Alwin, Joseph Cheung, Rod Kearns and Pat Wynne. Daphne Berger had been nominated but declined to stand due to the night meetings being difficult for her now – a vote of thanks was moved in acknowledgement of Daphne's many years of committee service, which was carried by acclamation. Thanks was also expressed to the other nominees, Betty Hill and Yu Chen Yang (Jenny).

(Copy of the AGM Minutes included in this mail-out for members).

The Association received the following letter from **Daniel Walsh** (recipient of the Kevin Byrne Achievement Award), which I thought you would be interested to read.

Monday 20th June 2011

Letter of thanks to Patricia and Bob:

I am writing you this letter just to thank both of you so much for the Kevin Byrne award that I received at Graduation 2011.

I felt very honoured on the day I will treasure this award that I was not even expecting to receive, for a long time to come. The award has given me more confidence within myself to achieve my goals in my working and general life. Thank you both so much for boosting my self confidence. My new goal now that I have set for myself is to find employment in the workplace.

Yours Faithfully,
Daniel Walsh

Again on behalf of the Association I would like to thank those who have sent donations recently to be added to the Kevin Byrne Memorial Fund and in particular thank Mavis & Bob Carveth for their letter and donation.

A reminder also, if you have the opportunity to look at the Association’s website, which is maintained by Peter Preneas (to whom the Association is most grateful) – there are a few photos taken on the day of the Award.

The **Physical Disability Council of NSW (PDCN)** is currently conducting a survey (building on their previous work) regarding the -

Impact of Ageing on People with a Physical Disability 2010- 2011

PDCN is also involved in the following issue -

Physical Disability Council NSW & Public Interest Advocacy Centre’s Energy & Water Consumers’ Advocacy Program Questionnaire

Both these forms are enclosed with this newsletter for members to complete and return to PDCN. Your support in responding will greatly assist PDCN in their endeavours to gather data that significantly affects the lives of people with disability. This information is valuable when communicating with government departments and other relevant authorities.

Member, **Jack Nolan** continues to contribute to the community in a variety of ways and one of his interests was written up in the “Inner West Courier” newspaper recently about “knowing your neighbours and looking out for them” particularly those who live alone. Jack keeps an eye out for

his neighbours and would certainly know if something was wrong and likewise they would do the same for him.

You may be interested to know of the “Next of Kin Register” – the register is free and enables people living alone to record their details at a local police station.

The register holds information of your nominated next of kin, doctors and dentist details and any medical alerts.

To register, visit your local police station.

Future Programmes

Book Club 10.30 am
August 6 and September 3
Belgreen 40-42 Chalmers St, Belmore

The Book Club extends an invitation to you to come along and share your thoughts about what you may have been reading lately. Enquiries can be directed to our co-ordinator, **Maura Outterside** ring **9718 5803**. Bring your lunch, tea/coffee available at Belgreen.

Maura provided the following from the “Older Women’s Network” – Scams & Hoaxes

Some time ago I received a warning via the computer which sounded too fishy to be true, so I went online and discovered an informative site under the name of HOAX SLAYER. It lists no fewer than 24 categories of scams and hoaxes and includes the latest one circulating about mobile numbers being sold to telemarketing companies – all totally false. Check it out – it is really useful when you are uncertain of the veracity of a warning of any kind.
Brigid Sen.

Following are a couple of reviews. As mentioned previously, even if you are unable to attend you may have a review that you would like to forward to me for inclusion in the newsletter.

“Agnes Grey” by Anne Bronte – Wordsworth Classics (1847) An interesting read, which gives the reader an insight into the life of a governess during the 1800’s.

Anne herself worked as a governess for a time before setting her mind to writing, as did her older sisters, Emily and Charlotte. Anne wrote under the pseudonym, Acton Bell.

The story underlines the differences in the English class-system during that era. A governess was neither a part of the family nor one of the servants, both sides showing their disdain for her position in the household.

A childrens’ governess was required to educate, teach social skills but unable to discipline them or compel them to learn. Of course, she was then reprimanded for the childrens’ lack of education, social ineptitude and bad manners.

I found it heavy going at times, lacking the humour and intrigues of Jane Austin. Still, I found it well worth reading.
Janet Malone

“City of Strangers” by Diana Rivers (2010) Bella Books. Set in a medieval era with small, long established villages and the first large fortified towns coming into conflict.

An eventually uplifting tale, of the political and personal conflicts that are resolved by a combination of violent resistance and balanced fair-minded negotiations.

An enjoyably believable and thought provoking novel that I found a pleasure to read – easy to pick up, and gather the thread of the story.
Maura Outterside

Afternoon Meeting 2.00 pm
Saturday, August 6
Belgreen 40-42 Chalmers St, Belmore

You may recall a few months ago I reported about a campaign being conducted by the Physical Disability Council of NSW (PDCN) called “Somewhere to Sit”. We thought this was a subject that relates to many people so we have asked PDCN if they could arrange

for a speaker to attend our August meeting and Ben Williams has kindly agreed to attend.

This campaign is being run in conjunction with local government and other authorities in an endeavour to raise awareness of the need within our community for people to have somewhere to sit. This need exists for many citizens and the lack of seating creates difficulties limiting some people's ability to be able to participate in their community. Preventing them from going out and about!

Come along and hear from Ben how the campaign is going and what we may be able to do to spread the word.

**Wednesday Group 10.30 am – 2.00 pm
August 10 and September 14
Belgreen 40-42 Chalmers St, Belmore**

Members are welcome to attend the Wednesday Group, which gathers on a monthly basis providing members an opportunity to get together.

Enquiries can be directed to our coordinator **Daphne Berger** – telephone **9718 3678**. Bring your lunch, tea/coffee available at Belgreen.

**Saturday August 13 12.30 pm
Beverley Park Golf Club
87A Jubilee Ave, Beverley Park**

I understand meals are very reasonably priced and it is a pleasant venue looking out over the golf course.

There are a couple of entrances, one where there is a step and another with no step. I am also advised there are accessible toilet facilities.

We will need to make a booking so please let me know if you are coming no later than the 11th August. Ring **Patricia Byrne 9150 5512**. Hope you can join us.

**Management Committee Meetings
Belgreen 40-42 Chalmers St, Belmore**

**Tuesday August 16 7.00 pm
Tuesday September 20 7.00 pm**

**Embroidery/Handcraft Group
10.30 am – 3.00 pm Saturday
August 27 and September 24
Belgreen 40-42 Chalmers St, Belmore**

Coralie Lewin is the coordinator of this Group, which provides members an opportunity to learn new skills, or just carry on with any handwork project they may be currently doing. Her advice, ideas and assistance is valuable.

Come along, bring your lunch – tea/coffee available at Belgreen.

**Fete – Saturday September 10 9am – 2pm
North Ryde Community Church (Uniting Church) 2 Cutler Parade, North Ryde
Enter via the carpark – accessible toilet facilities.**

Jenny Chin has extended an invitation to members and friends to visit their Fete.

There will be a variety of stalls, books, trash n treasure, food stalls and Devonshire teas. Lots of things to also interest children.

**Another date you may care to mark in your diary is Saturday October 1 – 12.00 noon
MAUDE CHIN.
Belgreen 40-42 Chalmers St, Belmore
(More details next newsletter)**

Program Report

The “**casserole**” day was very successful. Many thanks to -

Janet Malone and Jenny Chin for their culinary efforts in preparing the food

Carolyn Malone for her assistance in the preparation and work in the kitchen, and others who also assisted in the serving.

Anyone who assisted on the day, please accept our sincere appreciation.

Personal Parts

I received a call from member, **Roger Hunter**, who unfortunately recently broke his hip. However, he tells me he is progressing well and we hope this continues, Roger.

Maria Long had knee surgery recently and all went well – it is now the recovery process. Best wishes Maria.

Our thoughts are still with **Betty Hill** who has not been well for some time. Hope things improve for you soon, Betty.

Marion Franklin has been in hospital, and is having a difficult time at present. We are thinking of you, Marion and send our best wishes.

Albert Lewin continues to experience health problems – we are thinking of you, Albert and send our best wishes.

Fundraising

Tickets for the **raffle** will be sent out with the September newsletter – the Association looks forward to your support!

Trash N Treasure – and Afternoon Tea Saturday November 12 Belgreen 40-42 Chalmers St, Belmore

The Association is planning this fund raising activity and hopes the weather will be kind to us this time.

We are going to use the stock we currently have stored – therefore, we are not asking for any further “pre loved” items. We do not have facilities for storing goods of this nature, so we need to clear the stock.

Afternoon Tea will add to the occasion.

What we do ask is for your support by attending, or spreading the word!!

The most wasted day of all is that on which we have not laughed.

Sebastine Chamfort

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