

## FRIENDS OF STEWART HOUSE BULLETIN ONE 2016

### *Celebrating 78 Years of Support for Stewart House*

#### **Message from New President, Kerryann Knox.**

We are moving into FOSH 2016 with some renewed energy and excitement following the election of a new committee. This change has been welcomed by the members and the former committee who have spent many long years of fundraising and organising events to support Stewart House and more importantly, students in NSW public education. We appreciate their commitment and fund raising efforts.

As a strong supporter of Stewart House during my forty years involvement with schools and students in public education, I was delighted to find that my contribution could continue through involvement with the Friends of Stewart House. This group has evolved over 78 years and has been able to raise independently, thousands of dollars that directly go to Stewart House. Our FOSH members are widespread across NSW as well as interstate. We are very proud to inform you that just recently the former committee gave \$60,000 to Stewart House to further support the wonderful programs that they do.

Thank you to Maureen Reeve, the outgoing Chairperson for her leadership and energy over the past four years and to the committee members for their hard work.

We will be starting our changeover slowly so that we can look at merging the “old” events with some “new” events and attract some new people to support us.

There are new events for 2016 planned and it was fantastic to see the events emerge from the new committee and have immediate volunteering for co-ordination of each event.

One of our major pushes for 2016 is a membership drive. There are many regular Stewart House contributors who have retired from the Department and we are concerned that they may not know about us! We are looking at ways to inform people and get their involvement. We are grateful to the Association of Retired Primary Principals (ARPP), Secondary Principal networks and the Institute of Retired Senior Educational Administrators (IRSEA) that have offered to support us in this venture. We are also hoping to develop a website to improve communication and to publicise our group.

I would like to encourage you to attend our planned events and further provide support to a very worthy charity. Please take time to read the planned events and join us some time throughout the year.

We look forward to seeing you!

Kerryanne Knox

New committee as elected at AGM is:

Chairperson: Kerryanne Knox

Vice- Presidents: Tom Croker, Lloyd Hogg

Secretary: Alan Laughlin

Assistant Secretary: Nev Mison

Treasurer: Jane Lindsay

Committee : Judy Brown, Marketa Bird, Ray Gentles, Michael Glenday, John McMillan, Brian Powyer, Barry Pecar, Neville Mison.

In addition we have a sub-committee of energetic members:

Heather Causley, Penelope Gilbert, Warren Marks, Bruce Morton, Rick Riddle, Steve Stuart, Chris Worthington.

## **Activities for 2016**

### *April*

**Thursday April 7, Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway** in Rhodes Park, off Killoola St Concord West, 10 am.

Cost is a \$10 donation to FOSH, paid on the day.

Lunch is available at the Kokoda Cafe following the guided tour. The cafe has nice, inexpensive meals.

You will be taken by surviving Kokoda veterans (all in their 90's) for the 800 meter walk which includes 22 information stations. A visit to the Kokoda Cenotaph and to the Nurses Museum, in the grounds of nearby Concord Hospital is also included in the tour. The tour starts with a short film explaining the Kokoda track and its importance in WW2.

We need to know numbers urgently.

Please contact Ray Gentles at [rjgentles@gmail.com](mailto:rjgentles@gmail.com) or mobile 0407 710 795 by Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2016

(Ray's dad will be one of the guides).

### *May*

**Friday May 6, Stewart House Open Day.** This will be held at Stewart House, the ceremony will acknowledge the support and assistance from schools, corporations, trusts, clubs, social groups, other organisations, the teacher's salary contribution scheme and government departments. The Annual Report will be presented on the day.

While the ceremony will commence at 12.30 pm, tours of Stewart House commence at 11.30am. It is a great opportunity to see this unique facility which has been changing the lives of children from public schools in NSW and the ACT since 1931. Guests are requested to arrive at the entrance to Stewart House near the corner of Wyadra Avenue and Batho Street, Freshwater. All FOSH members are particularly welcome.

Contact Person, Amanda Bisset, Stewart House Marketing Manager, [amanda@stewarhouse.org.au](mailto:amanda@stewarhouse.org.au) Phone No 9938 3100

### *June*

**Saturday 4th June, Rosehill Gardens Race Day**, this replaces the annual Stewart House Ball. This is a corporate fund raiser, 40 tables have been set aside for Stewart House supporters. FOSH members most welcome.

Cost \$150 per head.

Contact person, Tom Croker [mtcroker@bigpond.net.au](mailto:mtcroker@bigpond.net.au) or mobile 0409 926 826, contact by 29<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

## *July*

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July: Lunch at Doyles Restaurant on the Beach at Watson's Bay.** This is our usual indulgence of delicious fish chowder, followed by fish and chips. (also bread roll and free drink). The ferry for Watsons Bay departs from Wharf 4 Circular Quay, at 12.07 - for the 'early birds' there is one at 11.40 am. Please check ferry times closer to the event.

and a small tip for staff. Meet inside at 12.15 pm for 12.30 pm start. This outing is always most enjoyable. Bring your friends.

Contact Margaret Harmer ([mhsydney@bigpond.com](mailto:mhsydney@bigpond.com) or mobile 0408 286 132) by 14<sup>th</sup> July. (Note that it is essential to make a booking and a reservation must be cancelled if you are unable to attend as payment may be required by Doyles if they are not advised.)

## *September*

**Tuesday 27 September: High Tea** at David Jones Restaurant, Castle Towers, Castle Hill at 10.30 am. Cost is \$30 (includes high tea, \$10 donation to Stewart House and a raffle ticket). Parking is available at the Castle Towers Shopping Centre.

- Public transport options
  - M61 or M610X bus to Castle Hill from Stand C York Street City on the western side of the Queen Victoria Building OR
  - M60 bus to Castle Hill from Stand A Railway Street at Pennant Hills Railway Station.

For enquiries and bookings please contact Judy Brown by 15 September on 0438 731 550 or [d\\_jbrown@bigpond.net.au](mailto:d_jbrown@bigpond.net.au)

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## *November*

**Thursday 10 November:** Join with other FOSH members and their friends for an exclusive Movie Moment – This will be a heritage movie, likely *Gone With The Wind*.

FOSH has arranged for a special screening in full Technicolor, at the Roseville Theatre on 10 November, 2016, 5.00pm, at the special price of \$25.00pp. This includes a donation to Stewart House. For those interested the screening will be followed by an evening meal at a nearby local restaurant.

Put it in your diary and make a booking NOW.

For bookings and further information ring Brian Powyer 9686 1873 or

[bpowyer@optusnet.com.au](mailto:bpowyer@optusnet.com.au) . Bookings by 10 September essential. Please spread the word to as many family members and friends as possible to join us for this special evening with all proceeds going to FOSH in support of Stewart House.

## *January*

AGM will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Venue to be advised in a future notice.

**Please Note:**

- If you are unable to join us in an activity we are happy to receive a tax deductible donation.
- Annual Raffle. Please return tickets to our Treasurer, Jane Lindsay, *1 Ribbon Gum Place, Picton 2571*. If anyone wants extra tickets please contact Jane on 0418 627 715 or [janelindsay@tpg.com.au](mailto:janelindsay@tpg.com.au), please note the raffle will be drawn in November.
- If you haven't yet done so, please renew your membership, \$15, again to our treasurer Jane.
- Payment for our activities will normally occur on the day and can be by cash or cheque. We are working on a possible credit card facility, more information to come.
- Newsletters, like this Bulletin, will come by normal mail, but we are hoping in the future that an electronic mail system may be used for those with this facility.

All the very best from the Committee of the Friends of Stewart House (FOSH).