

# The Welcome Mat

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT NOVEMBER 2011

Dear Members, supporters and First-time readers,

Welcome to the first edition of the Welcome Mat for 2011/2012. We have had our Annual General Meeting and elected our committee for the coming year. The committee is as follows:

President: Paul Sherwood; Vice President: Christine Longmire

Treasure: Heather Hawdon; Secretary: Frances Suidgeest;

Committee Members: Sandra Lockwood, Mary Thomas, Gail Butt, Kevin Bazley, Helen Sleswick.

Congratulations to all of the elected committee and I look forward to working with the committee in the coming year. Thank you to all the previous committee members for their contribution over the past 12 months.

Committee members were Milton Long, Mary Thomas, Gail Butt, Kevin Bazley, Christine Longmire, John Lane, Jenny Bazley, Heather Hawdon.

Thank you also to our major sponsors COGB, DCK, and Jennings Conveyancing.

To all members, supporters and first time readers please feel free to contact me on any matters. My mobile number is 0408 512 537.

**Paul Sherwood President.**

## PROFILE OF A NEWCOMER

**My Name:** Janet Kristen.

**My place of birth:** Geelong Victoria.

**My family:** Son Rodney and 2 grandsons – Hamish and Duncan, and daughter Bronwyn and 1 grandson – Cooper.

**I have lived in Bendigo:** 3 years.

**My most enjoyable moments are spent:** Renovating, gardening, reading, listening to music and meeting new friends.

**I would describe myself as being:** loyal, independent and self-reliant.



**My earliest memory:** The loud banging of pots and pans to celebrate the end of WW2 (in Echuca).

**The music I love is:** Beethoven's 5th, Barbara Streisand, Jazz, Saw Saws Organ Concerto etc, etc.

**The defining moment in my life has been:** the birth of my son and daughter.

**I wish I had never:** sun-baked when younger.

**The most memorable book I have read:** Born to Win by James Jongeward and recently The Swimmer by Roma Tearne.

**The best place I have visited:** Copenhagen, Denmark and walking to the top of Mount Kosciusko on New Year's Day.

**My biggest achievement:** my children achieving mature relationships and the birth of 3 grandchildren.

**If I could wish for anything at all I would wish for:** The valuing and respect of individuals and nations towards one another.

## FEEDBACK MAT:

This is your chance as a member to have your say. The committee puts together a mix of events to try and suit all members so we would like to hear from you with other suggestions. Because we all move in different circles you may be aware of an interesting upcoming event. If you would like to suggest and/or host an event contact Christine on 5435 2044 or longmire@westnet.com.au

For further information re Bendigo contact the **Bendigo Visitor Information Centre** located at 51-67 Pall Mall, Phone: 5434 6060 or [www.bendigotourism.com](http://www.bendigotourism.com)

**Coming event at the Art Gallery, View Street, "Made in Hollywood"** a photographic exhibition of studio prints of some of Hollywood's most famous stars from 1920 until 1960. Some of the prints have never been exhibited before. This will be showing from 3rd December 2011 until 12th February 2012.

*Linking people, places & events*

**For enquiries and event details call**

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## November 2011

**Friday 11th November – Home Event at the Bazelys – 6.00pm onwards.**

**Come along to our “Formal but not quite Formal” get together.** BYO BBQ dinner. Salad or dessert to be nominated when booking. Prizes for the best or maybe the worst outfits. Members only event. RSVP to Jenny by Wednesday 9th November on 0418 576 242 or 5443 2899.

**Friday 18th November – Morning Music at the Capital Theatre – Denise Drysdale 11am.**

**View Street, Bendigo.** Join us at the Capital Theatre at 10.30 for complimentary morning tea followed by the show at 11am. Denise Drysdale is one of Australia’s most enduring and recognised talents and her humour will ensure that we all leave the show absolutely delighted. Limited tickets available. Cost \$15. RSVP to Christine by Thursday 10th November on 5435 2044 or email longmire@westnet.com.au

**Friday 18th November – Drinks – Gold Dust Lounge – Downstairs at the Shamrock Hotel – 6.00 until 8.00pm.**

**Pall Mall, Bendigo.** Enjoy a relaxed atmosphere and a quiet drink in the Gold Dust Lounge downstairs at the Shamrock while listening to some easy music. Dinner can be arranged for those who wish to stay on. RSVP by 16th November to Gail 0419 574 523.

**Friday 25th November – Morning Tea at the Puddler from 10.30am.**

**101 Williamson Street Bendigo.** Join us for our ever popular monthly morning tea. Great opportunity to meet members and find out more about Bendigo Newcomers. Cost \$5.00. RSVP to Mary by Wednesday 23rd November on 5444 0221.

**Saturday November 26th – Dinner – Mount Edgcombe Hotel – 6.30pm.**

**79 Olinda Street, Bendigo.** Join other members for a delicious meal at this lovely old Hotel. RSVP by 22nd November to Mary on 5444 0221.

## December 2011

**Sunday 4th December – Christmas Lunch – 12 noon, Marong Family Hotel.**

**Calder Hwy, Marong.**

A member’s only event, this year the Newcomers Christmas Lunch will be held under cover in the garden at the Marong Family Hotel. The cost for members will be \$10 per person. There will be live music during the afternoon. Contact Christine by 30th November for further details and to RSVP on 5435 2044 or longmire@westnet.com.au



**Tuesday December 13th 11am – Morning Music – “A Very Merry Gaslight Christmas”.**

**Capital Theatre, View Street.** Bop along to traditional Christmas carols mixed with contemporary Christmas songs spiced with the good comedy and humour the Gaslight Company are famous for. Meet in the theatre about 10.30am for a complimentary tea/coffee before the show. Limited tickets available. Tickets \$15.00. RSVP to Christine by Wednesday 7th December on 5435 2044 or email longmire@westnet.com.au

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**Friday 16th December – Drinks – Gold Dust Lounge – Downstairs at the Shamrock Hotel – 6.00 until 8.00pm.**

**Pall Mall, Bendigo.** Enjoy a relaxed atmosphere and a quiet drink in the Gold Dust Lounge downstairs at the shamrock while listening to some easy music. Dinner can be arranged for those who wish to stay on. RSVP to Jenny or Kevin by Wednesday 14th December on 5443 2899.



## January 2012

**Sunday 8th January – Goldmines Hotel – 12.30pm**

**Marong Road, Bendigo.** Join us for lunch in the Courtyard or come a little later for the live music. What a pleasant way to enjoy a lazy afternoon after the bustle of Christmas. RSVP by Wednesday 4th January to Christine on 5435 2044 or email longmire@westnet.com.au

**Friday January 20th – Drinks at “The Gold Dust Lounge” – 6.00pm to 8.00pm**

**Downstairs at the Shamrock Hotel, Pall Mall.** Wind down at the end of the week with friends and relax while listening to some pleasant music. Dinner can be organised nearby for those who wish to stay on. RSVP by 18th January to Gail 0419 574 523.

**Sunday 22nd January – History walk at 9am.**

**Visitor Information Centre on Pall Mall.** Back by popular demand - meet for an informal guided tour around some of Bendigo’s historical streetscapes and learn about the history of the buildings. RSVP to Christine by Friday 20th January on 5435 2044 or longmire@westnet.com.au

**Friday 27th January – Morning Tea at the Puddler from 10.30am.**

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## February 2012

**Saturday 11th February – Dinner at the New Hibernian Hotel – 6.30pm**

**365 High Street, Golden Square.** Join your Newcomer friends and enjoy a delicious meal or try the “Hot Rock” steak on a pleasant summer evening. RSVP to Frances by Wednesday 8th February on 5441 5501.

**Friday 17th February – Drinks at Rifle Brigade Hotel – 6.00pm to 8.00pm**

**137 View Street Bendigo.** Wind down at the end of the week with friends and relax with a cool drink on a summer evening. Dinner can be organised for those who wish to stay on. RSVP to Sandra by Wednesday 15th February on 0447 526 775.

**Friday 24th February – Morning Tea at the Puddler from 10.30am.**

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**Saturday 25th February – BBQ Tea – Lake Weeroona – 5.00pm.**

**Napier Street, Bendigo.** Meet at the BBQ area for a relaxing summer evening with friends. BYO bbq requirements, chair and drinks or a picnic tea and enjoy the atmosphere of the lake or take a stroll around the lake. RSVP to Christine by 22nd February on 5435 2044 or longmire@westnet.com.au

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