

# The New Link

## St George Association

For People with Physical Disabilities Incorporated

### *"Capabilities Conquer Disabilities"*

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### *Future Programmes*

Apr	5	Sat	Book Club <b>(CANCELLED)</b>	Belgreen
Apr	5	Sat	2.00 pm Janet & Peter Meagher	Belgreen
Apr	9	Wed	10.30 am Wednesday Group	Belgreen
Apr	15	Tues	7.00 pm Management Committee	Belgreen
Apr	19	Sat	12 noon Eden Gardens	North Ryde
May	3	Sat	10.30 am Book Club	Belgreen
May	3	Sat	2.00 pm Guest Speaker	Belgreen
May	14	Wed	10.30 am Wednesday Group	Belgreen
May	20	Tues	7.00 pm Management Committee	Belgreen
May	24	Sat	10.00 am Embroidery Group	Belgreen
May	25	Sun	12 noon St. George Rowing Club	Arncliffe
June	28	Sat	2.30 pm Annual General Meeting	Belgreen

### *Just a reminder!*

You will have noticed in the last edition of the newsletter, there is a change from the **4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday night meeting to the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of April and May - this being on a trial basis only.**

### *Further change in advertised program!*

The Book Club has been cancelled for the April meeting – however, the afternoon program presented by Janet & Peter Meagher will still proceed.

The reason for the cancellation is due to a letter the Association has just received, from the Members for Banks – Blaxland and Watson in relation to their Local 2020 Summit to be held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April between 10.00 am and 1.00 p.m. The Summit is being held at Bankstown Sports Club and the Association has been invited to attend.

The Summit plans to bring the community together to explore ten core challenges facing Australia in the lead up to 2020.

1. The Australian economy – Education, Skills Training, Innovation and Productivity
2. Economic infrastructure, the Digital Economy and the Future of our Cities
3. Population, Sustainability, Climate Change and Water
4. Future Directions for Rural industries and Rural communities
5. A Long-term National Health Strategy – including Preventative Health, Workforce Planning and the Ageing Population
6. Strengthening Communities, Families and Social Inclusion
7. The Future of Indigenous Australia
8. Creative Australia – the future of Arts, Film and Design
9. Governance – Democracy, The Role of the Media, Open Government, the structure of Government and the rights and responsibilities of citizens
10. Australia's Future in the Region and the World

This is an opportunity - to be part of the process. People with disability need to be involved in the Summit to ensure we are included within the ten core challenges. It is for this reason we feel the Association should be represented at this event. There is a need to register our interest in participating – if you would like any further information please contact Patricia Byrne.

The ideas and outcomes from the Local 2020 Summit will be submitted to the Prime Minister's Australia 2020 Summit to take place later in April. More information on both the Summits is available at [www.australia2020.gov.au](http://www.australia2020.gov.au) Submissions can be made directly to the national summit through this website.

### *Membership Fees*

Membership fees are due as at **1st April** - please forward payment to the Association's Treasurer, **Jenny Chin – 2 Salerwong Place, Ryde NSW 2112.**

Full and Associate Membership for those not fully employed    \$7.00

Full and Associate Membership for those fully employed        \$14.00

Your membership is valued and the Association looks forward to receiving your membership renewal.

### *A note from our President.*

“Hard of hearing? After being diagnosed by a professional with the need for a hearing aid, contacting SHHH Aust Inc. is the next best step. I would recommend this before purchasing a hearing aid. Their advice could make a big difference to your choice and purchase.

SHHH is a support and advisory organisation only, NOT a retail outlet. They give information without prejudice and explain in detail the options available.

SHHH Hearing Information Centres can be contacted as follows:

Turrumurra (Head Office)	9144 7586
Canterbury Hospital	9787 1088
Goulburn	4827 3913
Newcastle	4962 1388

Email: [shhh@netspace.net.au](mailto:shhh@netspace.net.au)

Website: [www.ssshaustr.org](http://www.ssshaustr.org)

*Janet Malone*

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### *Future Programmes*

As you will notice the Book Club is cancelled for April, however, we do have some reviews to share with you.

“Long Way Round” by Ewan McGregor and Charley Boorman. Time Warner Books (2004). I thoroughly enjoyed this book. It was a funny, eye-opening and introspective look at a long and arduous journey. Written in diary form covering their trip across Europe, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Russia, Alaska, Canada, America (London to New York) on BMW motorcycles. What an adventure they had, filled with wonderful experiences both dangerous and fulfilling. I loved it – a “different” travelogue.

“Angels & Demons” by Dan Brown (2001) and “Da Vinci Code” by Dan Brown (2003) Corgi books. Both these books have caused uproar in the Christian churches because of the questioning of religious teachings and the possible undermining of the Churches’ foundation.

I enjoyed both books as works of fiction with some facts thrown in. While they might cause some to question, I found they underlined the already known facts and possibilities and would not necessarily make one question their faith. They were an enjoyable read, full of facts, excitement and mystery.

“The Merry Bronhill – An autobiography” by June Bronhill (1990). This is a book of June’s memories, rise to fame as a coloratura soprano and stories and anecdotes of her professional and personal life. I found this book very ordinary but it did bring back memories of past musical stars and productions long forgotten – too gossipy for me

*Janet Malone*

“Six Wives: The Queens of Henry VIII” by David Starkey (2003) Random House Australia. Interesting, authoritative and well documented. It is also a ripping good yarn that gives new insights and fresh interpretations to a fascinating period of English history.

*Maura Outterside*

**Saturday April 5 2.00 p.m.**

**Belgreen 40-42 Chalmers St, Belmore**

**Janet & Peter Meagher (guest speakers)** will be sharing their experiences of a trip to Singapore and Malaysia. They had a wonderful time – not only will they tell us about their impressions of the countries visited, but will also include some of the challenges along the way. Should be very interesting – do hope you can come along.

**Wednesday Group April 9 and May 14**

**10.30 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.**

**Belgreen 40-42 Chalmers St, Belmore**

**Daphne Berger co-ordinates** the Group. Please give her a call if you have any enquiries - 9718 3678.

Come along and enjoy the friendship and facilities at Belgreen. Bring your lunch – tea/coffee available.

At the March Wednesday Group **Marion Franklin's** 80<sup>th</sup> birthday was celebrated by marking the occasion with a very delicious cake shared by members. Congratulations and best wishes, Marion!

**Please note for the May meeting Daphne will be away, so enquiries can be directed to Janet Malone on 9787 1042**

**Tuesday 7.00 p.m. April 15  
Management Committee Meeting  
Belgreen 40-42 Chalmers St, Belmore**

**Saturday April 19 – 12 noon  
Dragonfly Café – Eden Gardens  
Cnr Lane Cove & Fontenoy Roads  
North Ryde**

From their brochure : “Eden Gardens is a refreshingly different unique shopping centre combining beautiful display gardens, café, art gallery, garden centre, stunning architecture and much more. A visit to Eden Gardens is a must.”

Underground parking is available with access by lift.

Because of the nature of Eden Gardens we thought the best meeting place would be the Café – at noon. We could have lunch and then wander at our leisure. Those who wish to arrive early can still meet at the Café.

I'm told it is a very popular place and the Café does get busy so it is necessary to book. If you are coming please let me know, as soon as possible, so a table can be booked. **Please ring Patricia Byrne 9150 5512.**

**Saturday April 26 and May 24  
Embroidery Group  
Belgreen 40-42 Chalmers St, Belmore**

The regular group will be again gathering to busy their hands with needle and thread. An invitation is always extended to others, who may like to come along.

Everyone can work at their own pace on any item of their own choice.

Coralie Lewin (Co-ordinator) is there to help and guide – her expertise is greatly appreciated.

Bring your lunch – tea/coffee available at Belgreen.

**Book Club Saturday May 3 10.30 a.m.  
Belgreen 40-42 Chalmers St, Belmore**  
Back to normal routine for our Book Club meetings. Come along and share your thoughts about books you have read. You may have a contribution for the newsletter by giving us a book review.

**Saturday May 3 2.00 p.m.  
Belgreen 40-42 Chalmers St, Belmore**  
We are planning to have a guest speaker, which (as we go to print) is yet to be confirmed. Further details in the next edition of The New Link.

**Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup> 12.30 p.m.  
St. George Rowing Club  
1 Levey Street, Arncliffe**  
Lunches are quite a popular event, so we thought we would try another venue. The Club has off-street parking and the dining area is accessed by a small lift.  
The meals are quite economical so we hope you can join us on the day – please give me a call so we can add your name to the list. **Patricia Byrne 9150 5512.**

**Saturday June 28 2.30 p.m.  
Belgreen 40-42 Chalmers St, Belmore  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

This is advanced notice of the Association's Annual General Meeting, an important part of the calendar.

If you wish an item to be included on the Agenda please let me know. Details would be required by the end of May.

Please make a note of the date in your diary – we encourage you to attend.

*Patricia Byrne*

### *Program report*

**Peter Preneas** attended our February meeting and spoke about the Association's website and other matters relating to computers and their use.

He suggested the Association may consider obtaining a couple of computers, which could be housed at Belgreen and provide an opportunity for people to gain computer skills. Peter expressed a willingness to assist where possible in providing "introduction to computers instructions".

The Management Committee is receptive to the concept, but before proceeding would like to have some feed-back from the membership as to whether anyone would be interested in this opportunity.

Please let us know your thoughts!!

The picnic at **Nurragingy Reserve, Doonside** was most enjoyable – a very natural bush setting. A small group of 8 people attended. It was pleasing that David Winter, Annette Bond and Julie Race (who we don't see often) were able to join us – it was great to catch up.

The area was quite accessible and it was agreed, well worth another visit sometime.

### *Other News*

An interesting article was included in the Sutherland Shire Community Care Forum Weekly Snippets entitled "lemma Government delivers for people with disabilities"

"People with disabilities their families and carers are getting the practical help they need for a better life, according to new figures released today".

Minister for Ageing and Disability Services, Kristina Keneally said "the results from the first 18 months of *Stronger Together* clearly show the lemma Government's 10 year \$1.3 billion plan is delivering real results". She said "the results had already exceeded targets".

"*Stronger Together* focuses on strengthening families of people with disabilities promoting community inclusion and improving the capacity and accountability of disability services in NSW."

"Some of the areas where the government has set, met and exceeded targets for providing disability services."

- Additional therapy places
- More respite places
- Extra attendant care places
- Improved the Community Participation Program
- Special accommodation and support places

This information had been taken from a Press Release 6/3/08.

Improved services for people with disability are always welcome news. However, there remain issues of unmet need in relation to the 'cost of disability', a truly accessible community (cutting across home, work and play), employment opportunities and health care, to name a few.

### *Fund Raising*

As mentioned previously a stall, to benefit the Association, is planned for Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at Miranda Congregational Church the week before Mothers Day.

Appreciation is offered to our great team of workers, who create the goods and also to those who give their time and effort on the day.

If you require any information, **please contact Betty Alwin 9579 4600** during the week Monday to Friday.

We are thrilled to advise that our request for help resulted in a volunteer “putting their hand” up to crochet tea towels for sale on our stalls – **Hazel Newell**, who is a friend of Bev Kreger. Many thanks, Hazel, your offer is greatly appreciated.

Also, thank you to **Bob Tonazzi** for his recent donation of tea towels, which are a welcome addition to stock.

**Vale**

Our thoughts are extended to the family of Pam Blackley, following her recent death. Over the years, Pam had been a supporter of the Association helping out at some

fund raising activities. On behalf of the Association I do wish to convey our sympathy at this sad time.

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**Personal Parts**

I'm pleased to report that **Evelyn Williams** is home from hospital and improving. We send our best wishes, Evelyn, for a good recovery.

**Ross Chin** has also had a trip to hospital, but is now home and feeling much better. Best wishes, Ross.

Daphne Berger recently journeyed south to visit **Marlene Musgrove**. She found her well, and Marlene sends her best wishes to everyone.

**So true** – “A life filled with friendship is a good life”  
*(J. Rose Barber)*

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