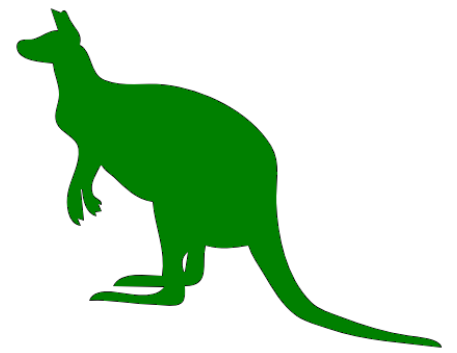


# Kangaroo Tales



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“See His hands,” said the donkey,  
“So fragile and small,  
Yet offering the Truth of the World  
To us all.”

“See His feet,” said the grey sheep,  
“His tiny toes curled,  
Yet one day they will lead  
The Way of the World.”

“See His eyes,” said the brown ox,  
“His sweet, gentle face,  
The Light of the World  
Is here by God’s grace.”

“See His Love,” said the donkey.  
“It shines like a light,  
Round His head like a halo,  
Let’s praise God tonight.”

*from The Friendship Book of Francis Gay*



### **A Christmas Message from our President**

Bev would like to wish all members and their families a Safe, Happy, Christmas where everyone enjoys their time spent with family and friends.

## Share the *Dignity* – its in the *Bag*

It was Bev Buchan's pleasant task to let us know that our members kindly donated 32 bags of goodies. Bev wants to pass on her thanks to all those who donated.

While on the subject of donations at our November meeting our Treasurer Glenys Buchanan gave us some interesting details of funds, we have donated over just the last eight years –  
*Our club has donated over \$27,000.00. A fantastic effort by all members and it really makes you feel you are making a difference in the wider community. Some of our larger donations have been - Bendigo Foodshare \$1,500.00, Ryder Cheshire Foundation \$1,400.00, Bendigo Youth Choir \$6,720.00, International Projects \$2,100.00, Roll Back Malaria \$2,560.00 and Bendigo Wig Library \$2,900.00. Well done ladies.*



### November Meeting

Prior to our meeting commencing it was the pleasant task of (L to R) Glenys, Bev, Dawn and Pauline to induct Robyn Davies (Centre) into our club.

#### **Introducing Robyn Davies –**

I am married to Robin (yes, we do share the same name) and have lived in Golden Square for the last 21 years after returning to Bendigo after living in Adelaide and Wodonga for short times. Robin and I have a lovely blended family of 7 children and 21 grandchildren with a



new little one due to join us in January.

We are both retired and love to travel so we spend a lot of time in our caravan travelling the roads of Australia. We also visit New Zealand regularly as we have a daughter living in the South Island.

I enjoy reading with two of my favourite authors being Di Morrissey and Jo Jo Moyes. I do not watch a lot of Television but at the moment I am enjoying the series of "The Good Doctor".

My hobbies include, Scrapbooking, Card Making and if I ever have time, I have some quilts that need finishing (they are my works in progress).

I am also a member of The Bendigo Bonsai Club, with a few small trees that I really enjoy working on. The physical activities I enjoy are water aerobics, Tai Chi, and also lawn bowls.

I am a member of the Woodbury Bowling Club and enjoy the exercise and friendship bowls offers.

I am now looking forward to being part of the Y's Menettes and enjoying the friendship and fellowship offered to the members.



Our Dutch Auction was a lot of fun with our auctioneer Pauline Verdon moving us along at a fast pace. Pauline had two helpers – President Bev Buchan handing out the hard fought for wrapped items and Treasurer Glenys Buchan keeping tally of the purchases for everyone. Glenys even managed to smile when the numbers started to get tricky. Sue Robinson did her Christmas shopping at last years Dutch Auction and was trying hard to do so again but Anje Turner was giving her some stiff competition. Glenys bought a couple of scarfs but the prize for purchasing multiples of the same item must go to our new member Robyn Davies who managed to purchase five bags of various sizes and types.

**\$244.55 was raised!**



### *December Birthday Girls*

Glenys Buchanan	10 <sup>th</sup>	
Wendy Earle	12 <sup>th</sup>	
Shirley Green	16 <sup>th</sup>	
Mary Moller and Rosemary Roberts		27 <sup>th</sup>

### *January Birthday Girl*

Marjie Patton 22<sup>nd</sup>

Our very best wishes to you all. Enjoy your special day!

### **The Illawarra Flame Tree**

Beautiful like a precious ruby rose,  
Your radiant and bold manner,  
Enchants me like a blazing fire.

In autumn your leaves scatter like wildfire through the bush,  
You give us the breath of life that's yours and mine to keep,  
Thank you for your flames o ravishing tree.

Poems are lovely, I must agree,  
But nothing's as splendid as a tree.

*by Hadleigh Unsworth aged 8*



### **Club News**

**Wendy Earle says** – I had a wonderful four days up at Deniliquin painting with Marjie, very relaxing and good company. I'm going to my daughter's In Laws for Christmas which will be lovely for change. I'm then going to Deniliquin for New Year and am looking forward to it. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and good health for the coming year.

**Glenys Buchanan says** – On Sunday we had our annual Christmas picnic with my extended family. We met at Lake Jubilee in Daylesford. The weather was perfect, and it was still lovely and green there. The peacocks were beautiful, and the birds were eating out of the children's hands. (Probably not your scene Marg. M). We had a shared lunch, played games and caught up on all the news. I made "Christmas Bark" and everyone loved it. I crushed up candy cane and sprinkled it on top which looked nice. I have been asked to share the recipe, so I hope there is no copy right on it Joy. We are spending Christmas Day with Garry's family in Kangaroo Flat which will be lovely. Best wishes to you all for a very happy Christmas and wishing you all good health in the New Year.

**Marg Millar says** – We had a lovely month. Sadly, I missed the meeting, but we headed to Coffs Harbour. We had two nights in the van at Cobram firstly. On our way we met dust storms and plenty of smoke from the bushfires. At no time were we in danger but it restricted us a little. Coffs Harbour is a lovely place to spend time. The fires created lots of smoke. Even schools were closed some days. Now back to brekkie at macca's and coffee dates.

**Bev Buchan says** – Our fifteen-year-old granddaughter Hannah is away for four weeks on The World Challenge trip with seventeen of her school mates. They have been to Cambodia and are now in Vietnam. They have to do a lot of the travel arrangements as well as sharing other jobs between themselves. Today the team will make their way to Buon Ma Thuot. This will be the starting point for their Yon Don Trek which lets them explore Vietnams largest National Park. What a great opportunity for them all.



**Joyce Lowe says** – Glenda Anset and I have been enjoying the magnificence of Turkey for the last week. It has the most beautiful modern cities, towns and hotels interspersed with 8,000-year-old antiquities sites. We saw the Blue Mosque and the Haiya Sophia Mosque. The spice market, the underground water cistern, and the Grand Bazaar the first day. 7,000 mosques in Istanbul itself and always one or two wherever there are houses. Turkey is 99.5% Muslim but only about 40% actually practising. We visited Gallipoli and educated the rest of the bus about our Anzac Day as we were the only two Aussies amongst mostly Americans and they had never heard of it. Huge area, now a National Park and really well kept. Our guide is the most knowledgeable, personable, intelligent and interesting man we are lucky enough to have.

We are in the city of Konya today in central Turkey after leaving the hot spa region around Pamukkule yesterday. It is very conservative and the women here all cover their heads, which is unusual in the rest of the country. It is a large and beautiful city, wide streets, trams, lots of public gardens and fountains and thousands of apartment blocks of around eight stories high. We have seen ancient Roman sites, Greek sites, and ones a lot older than either. We've travelled along the coast where Jason and the Argonauts sailed looking for the Golden Fleece. The city of Troy, Ephesus, where Paul nearly lost his life, so he escaped and then wrote a letter to the Ephesians and so many other sites mentioned in the Bible. We've been to places the apostle John preached and the house where they believe Mary lived after the crucifixion. Today we visited the Mosque where the Suffi sect of Islam was born.

Tomorrow we will be visiting a place on the Old Silk Road where the camel caravans left from and we'll see the Whirling Dervishes at night. Then the next day we will be hot air ballooning over Cappadocia and then exploring their underground towns and churches. The early Christians dug into the anthill like mountains and lived along with their livestock to escape persecution.

Only a few more days after that and we'll be back enduring 30 hours on planes and in airports to get home. Recommend this tour to anyone. We've had 5-star hotels, comfortable coach and breakfast and dinner included every day.

**Les Campbell says** – I have spent 12 days in Cairns with Tim, loved the casual atmosphere and the heat didn't worry me. I ventured out during the week as Tim was working and enjoyed the Aquarium, Museum, Art Gallery, Esplanade and Lagoon. We enjoyed the Chrystal Cascades, Botanical Gardens, Fitzroy Island, Port Douglas and Palm Cove. Attended the NBA game at the Convention Centre between Cairns Taipans and Illawarra Hawks! My first time in Cairns!

We are to meet Jake, Matt and Tom and partners in Melbourne for Christmas Lunch on 15<sup>th</sup> December so really looking forward to catching up. Wishing all Y's Menettes a happy and safe Christmas with family and friends!

**Jenny Cameron says** – Wayne and I are still in New Zealand with Raelene and Bill Schmidt. We are currently in Nelson staying with Janette Huetting. Some people will remember Janette from Conventions in Australia. She belonged to the Nelson Y's Men's Club.

We spent three days in Hammer Springs which we all thoroughly enjoyed. The thermal springs were as good as we remembered. Very relaxing.

When we get home, we are off to Queenscliff for a few days with the caravan and then home to celebrate Wayne's 70th.

*Happy 70<sup>th</sup> birthday Wayne from all the Y's Menettes!*

Christmas will be a family time at our house.

**Judy Davie says** – My operation is now in the distant past and I am recovering really well now! Bruce had his operation on the 21st and was home two days later. He is doing really well getting around the house on his knee walker (although he did fall off it this morning) no damage done thank goodness! He will be on this for two months, so I am now busy being his nurse! We are going to Ocean Grove to our daughter's holiday house for Christmas, so I will get a rest then as Megan and Sharon can run after him.

**Dawn Baxter says** – I am spending so much time in the garden now trying to get it ready for the heat that is to come and if possible, conserve some water. Also trying to get rid of STUFF. I'm hoping to have a garage sale this week as after 50 years of living in the same place there is a lot of STUFF.

Melissa and I had a lovely morning tea at the very nice Hopetoun Tea Rooms in the Block Arcade, Melbourne. I've always wanted to go there but there is always such a queue.

**Jude Rodda says** – Had a fantastic cruise to the Mediterranean in August. 25 days of blissful weather, wonderful places to explore, fantastic food and some great company. Had a few days in Barcelona at the beginning and couple of extra days in Rome at the end. But all good things must come to an end so home we came and got ready for the next holiday which was four weeks on the Gold Coast in a lovely unit in Broadbeach. A much more relaxed pace and we had lots of friends up there at the same time so never lacked company. Saw a couple of movies, did some shopping and generally had a good time. This month I have attended the 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of my oldest cousin in Rochester – quite an achievement, as well as the 70<sup>th</sup> birthday of a good friend. Went on a shopping trip with my sister to Melbourne last weekend, the proceeds of which went to Relay for Life, and tonight I am going to the Sportsperson of the Year Awards at the Kangaroo Flat Club. In between all of that I have been trying to get the garden back in order after being away for a period of time. As well as all of that our eldest son Darren ran in the Melbourne Marathon for the first time and completed the 42 Kms at the age of 53 – so proud of him. Our Christmas plans are lunch at my sister's home this year – our family go to their in-laws this year and come to us for tea. We are having the Melbournite's stay for a few days and its always a good family time when everyone is together. Love to one and all.

**Anne Andrews says** – We finally have our building permit for our new house and the foundations are being prepared with the bobcat digging all day and creating a new Mt Pieper, huge mound of dirt and rock. This Christmas I am not working, and we will have family here in the day and then to Neil's brother's place for dinner. Hope everyone has a lovely Christmas and holiday season.

**Marjie Patton says** – My son and I are going to All Seasons this year for Christmas lunch, then on Boxing Day we are off to Deniliquin for a few weeks, meeting up with all the family, seeing all my grandchildren water skiing and having them all turn up for breakfast every morning. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Me** – We attended our friends 80<sup>th</sup> in Bendigo. She looks amazing with hardly a wrinkle. Lucky girl! I spent a week at Sorrento baking, cleaning and gardening so hopefully it will stay partly tidy until we get back. We are now back at the Gold Coast where it is continually warm during the day, but we get a nice breeze in the evening.

Lynden and I fly to Vienna on the 7<sup>th</sup> December and do a tour of a few spots before we meet Tonya and her family in Finland. We then go to Lapland to meet Santa. Tonya's children are counting the days and I must admit I am quite excited also. Lynden and I return to Melbourne on the 31<sup>st</sup> December.

### **Diary Dates**

#### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Y Service Club of Kangaroo Flat – Christmas BBQ**

We (and partners) are invited to join the Y Service Club at the home of Wayne and Jenny Cameron, 11 Wallaby Ave, Kangaroo Flat at 6.30pm.

Food is supplied but BYO drinks.

**RSVP by the 3<sup>rd</sup> December** - Text 0466 278 251 or email [cameo5@ozcameron.com](mailto:cameo5@ozcameron.com)

#### **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020 – Y's Menettes Picnic to be hosted by Kangaroo Flat Y's Menettes.**

More details will be sent to all before this time.

#### **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Y's Menettes meeting to be held at the home of Joyce and Graeme Lowe.**

More details of food etc at a later date.

#### **Friday 1<sup>st</sup>, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020 – Y's Menettes Weekend Retreat**

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019

**Time:** 6.00pm for 6.30pm start

**Where:** Kangaroo Flat Sportsmen's Club in the glass room

**Activity:** Dinner (off the bistro menu) and Meeting

**Must wear:** A silly Christmas Hat – there is a prize for the silliest one!

**Devotions:** Jude Rodda

### Where is Santa Claus?



He's seen in the smiles the whole world is sharing  
He's found where there's friendship and loving and caring;  
He's felt in warm handshakes when people are meeting;  
He's heard in the cheer of a Christmas-time greeting;  
And his spirit's behind all the gifts we receive,  
He's everywhere, always, to those who believe.

*Bye for now,*

*Joy*

*25 Days till Christmas.....*