



# Y SERVICE CLUBS - WOMEN

## AUSTRALIAN REGION

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### NEWSLETTER NO. 3

Hello fellow Y's Menettes and Y Service Club – Women members,

I'm hoping 2020, for many of you, has started with you all safe and well. As the disasters of our summer season finally look to being contained, I hope the community rebuilding process is successful for all.

#### **Annual Picnic**

While I was unable to attend the picnic this year, I believe the evening was a wonderful one shared with over 50 in attendance. Many thanks to Joyce Lowe for hosting the evening at her old family home and sharing the history of the home with everyone present.

#### **Bereavements**

My condolences are extended to the members of the Eaglehawk Club after the very recent passing of one of their Charter Members, Ida Wright. Ida passed away just shy of her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday. She was a valuable member and friend to all in her club and I'm sure many of you have fond memories of Ida from weekends away and other Y Women events.

I also extend condolences to Marj and Ted Bullow, Eaglehawk Club, after the tragic passing of their granddaughter, Amber, in Queensland. May they both Rest in Peace.

#### **WWCC – Working with Children Checks**

Thank you to those clubs who have already forwarded WWCC details for their members to me. I am still yet to receive quite a number so I would appreciate this happening before the AGM in July so that I can include this information on our register.

Here is the link to start the application process: <https://wwcv.auspost.com.au/>

You will need your Drivers Licence and Medicare card to use as proof of identity.

#### **Annual Weekend Away**

I look forward to seeing many of you at our weekend away, Friday 1 May – Sunday 3 May, at Camp Wyuna, Queenscliff. With the theme of 'Superheroes', a fun filled weekend should ensue. Who is your Superhero??

Payment of \$185 is due to the Eaglehawk Club by 14th April.

Kangaroo Flat and Eaglehawk Clubs, please remember to bring the coveted trophies to the weekend away. I am aware that one of the trophies is in the Bendigo/Lansell meeting room so I will bring this along.

#### **Annual AGM in July**

A reminder that Kangaroo Flat will be hosting this year's AGM. Details will be sent to clubs closer to the date.

## Positions Vacant

I am seeking nominations for the positions of Regional Director and Regional Treasurer. Glenys and I will be finishing our terms in June 2020 and we need to have successors in place. I urge all of you to consider taking on either of these roles. The roles do not take up too much of your time and are not very arduous. If your club has someone in mind, please make contact with them, ask the question and put in a nomination form (if they accept). I look forward to receiving many nominations!!!

## International Project

International Project Coordinator, Joy McNamara, has sent an update regarding our project. Please see her report below.

## International Donations

A reminder to please get your International donations to Regional Treasurer Glenys by the end of May so that she has time to send them overseas.

## Club Report Forms

Club secretaries will soon receive the annual club reporting forms. I ask they be returned to me no later than April 30<sup>th</sup>. I appreciate your anticipated cooperation with this.

## New Member

Congratulations to the Kangaroo Flat Club for inducting a new member. Welcome Robyn Davies to the Y Service Club movement. We hope you enjoy the fun and fellowship of belonging to a wonderful club.

Kind Regards,

Michelle Janssen RD

## **EAGLEHAWK Y SERVICE CLUB WOMEN – INC**

**Weekend Away 2020**

# **SUPERHEROES**



Who is your hero? Woman, man  
or some mythical creature?  
Join us for a great weekend of fun and  
fellowship.



When: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020 – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020

Where: Camp Wyuna, 71n Flinders St, Queenscliff, 3225

Accommodation: Various sized rooms with some ensuites, some shared bathrooms, lower bunks guaranteed.

Cost: \$185 per person. \$50 deposit by March 20<sup>th</sup>, balance by April 14<sup>th</sup>. Bank details will be issued at a later date so direct transfers can be made.

Time: Arrival from 4 pm onwards – no earlier as camp is not open until 4pm.

What to bring: Sleeping bag/doona/blankets, Bed linen, Towel. Extras could include – dressing gown, slippers, hand towel, bath mat, pillow, hot water bottle, medications (EpiPen if you are anaphylactic).

Saturday night: Clubs do not need to prepare an item, but we would love you to dress up as your superhero. Fun and games will await you on Saturday night.

Friday night: A booking will be made for dinner at the Queenscliff bowls Club at 6:30 pm. Unless you tell us otherwise, everyone will be included in this booking.

\*\*\*Please notify us of any dietary requirements\*\*\*





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## **Update Report – 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

### **Y's Menettes International Project for 2018 -2020 Coaching for Youth Employment and Starting of a Social Business in Tirana, Albania.**

The director of the YMCA Tirana, Eglá Lula, who is managing the project, has given me an update on the situation for both our project and the situation in Tirana and other parts of Albania.

At 4am on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November 2019 there was a very large earthquake. Eglá and her family have moved to her parent's home and are still there as their home has been damaged. There are 51 people who have died, more than 700 injured, and more than 5500 people homeless as their houses are destroyed. After the biggest earthquakes (6.3 Richter magnitude scale) there has been 1376 aftershocks, and from all these small earthquakes more houses and buildings are being damaged or destroyed. Eglá lives on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor and she said it was horrible to see the house moving and everything falling down as she was trying to protect her son. It lasted for 30 seconds but it felt like 30 minutes. It has been a very terrifying experience for Eglá and all those in the area, so on behalf of us all I send our sympathy, prayers and love to them.

Unfortunately, the building that had been rented for the club has had a lot of damage done to it and they are now waiting for the experts to finish their checks on the building. If the result is not positive, they will move and find another place. It is disappointing for Eglá and her team at the Tirana YMCA as they had hoped to have the club operating from the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019 so they could continue with the training.

However, as we know we are not in control of nature. The training that has been undertaken so far has been very successful so I am very confident the club will also be as successful once the location issues are sorted.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe, happy, healthy New Year.

Y'sly,

Joy