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## NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2023

**SEASON'S GREETINGS!**

### Ordinary General Meeting & Lunch Thursday, 7th December

Season's greetings everyone. The Board members hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend one of our favourite gatherings of the year, our

Christmas lunch. This year the current and previous Board members felt it was important to give back to you, our loyal members. Therefore, the lunch this year will be subsidised and you will pay just \$25! This will include a glass of sparkling wine and one ticket for the raffle. We hope in return you will give generously to our chosen charity, [Share the Dignity](#).

Guests will continue to pay \$60. So get your reservations in early to Kevina, you don't want to miss out on the fun!



## **ROBERT GRAHAM**

*Expect to be thoroughly entertained as Robert helps us kickstart the festivities.*

Robert is an award-winning songwriter and musician, who has divided his life between Canada and WA. He therefore brings an international perspective for our international club.

Expect a bit of everything from him because he's musically capable of anything!

Since arriving back in Perth in 2020 he has worked at the WA Opera Company, WAAPA, and freelanced as a collaborative pianist throughout the city.

He is currently music director and/or pianist for several choirs in Perth, including the Perth Symphonic Chorus.

Roberts' past collaborations have included several multi-genre bands and ensembles - including two UK tours with the Canadian Folk Music Award winning roots

# Australia's "Los Chasquis" (Perth, Australia), and legendary West Australian Aboriginal band "YABU"

**Robert also has three albums to his name.**

## LUNCH MENU

Glass of sparkling wine  
Freshly Baked Bread Rolls

## MAIN COURSE

Roast Turkey  
Orange Glazed Ham  
Mashed Potato  
Green Beans & Cherry Tomatoes (GF)  
Served to table  
Cranberry Sauce  
Gravy

## VEGETARIAN MAIN COURSE

Oven Baked Stuffed Field Mushroom  
Sweet Potato Rosti  
Pomegranate Salsa (V,GF,DF)

## DESSERT

Traditional Christmas pudding with Brandy Sauce and Vanilla Ice Cream  
Custard also available

**Strict booking deadline of 12 Noon on Friday, 1 December.**

**RSVP** via email to [pwplunch@gmail.com](mailto:pwplunch@gmail.com) or call **Kevina** on **0419 837 055**. Payment by EFT is preferred: Bankwest **BSB 306-047, Account 4182462**.

**Late Cancellation** policy applies.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone!

Another year is almost at an end. As I write, my calendar is filling up with lots of singing activities in December, including two performances of Messiah, one in Toodyay and the other at Perth Concert Hall. Then there's carolling at retirement homes, hospitals, and other venues. It's always a busy time of year. When Christmas does come around it's a bit of relief! Since coming to Perth John and I always head to the beach on Christmas morning. We feel very lucky to have had that experience now several times. Such a contrast to being back home in the UK where it sometimes feels like daylight never arrives! I hope our entertainer Robert Graham will help us get the festive season off to a flying start. Robert can play any song on the planet; I'm pretty convinced of that. So, get your requests ready! See you at the lunch if you are able to attend. If not, I'd like to wish you a happy and healthy festive season.

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## SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

### CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT COTTESLOE



**When:** Saturday, 9 December

**Where:** Cottesloe Civic Centre Main Lawn 100 Broome Street, Cottesloe

**Time:** Gates open 5:30pm. Carols from 6:45pm

**Cost:** FREE

**Contact:** [Antje Robson 0409 128 672](mailto:Antje.Robson@perthactivities.com) or [pwp.perthactivities@gmail.com](mailto:pwp.perthactivities@gmail.com)

Grab a camping chair, picnic and your favourite tippie as we celebrate Christmas while the sun sets over beautiful Cottesloe Beach. A Cappella West will be among the guest artists at this very popular event. Food trucks will be on site.

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### MORNING MELODIES CHRISTMAS AT THE MAJ!



Wednesday, 13 December  
**ALL TICKETS SOLD!**

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## JANUARY CASUAL LUNCH



**When:** Thursday, 11 January

**Where:** North Beach Plaza, corner of North Beach and West Coast Highway

**Time:** 12:00

**Cost:** It's up to you!

**Contact:** **Christine Corey 0407 307 691 or**  
**pwp.perthprograms@gmail.com**

Because we don't have a formal meeting in January, this is the perfect chance to catch up with PWP friends and find out how their festivities went. Tom's has a beautiful view of the ocean. There is no set menu, so choose what you like on the day! <https://tomsitalian.com.au>

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## AVENUE: A TRIBUTE TO THE SEEKERS



**When:** Sunday, 4 February

**Time:** Show at 4.30pm (Duration:1 hour)

**Where:** At Ellington Jazz Club, 193 Beaufort Street, Perth

**Cost:** \$35.00 per person

12x General Seated Admission pre-purchased

Contact: [pwp.perthactivities@gmail.com](mailto:pwp.perthactivities@gmail.com) or Mobile 0409 128 672

**Sign up to secure your ticket(s) by Sunday, 10 December.**

Step back in time and experience the magic of The Seekers all over again in an energetic performance creating the spirit that made The Seekers a joy to watch. This talented ensemble recreates their timeless sound in four-part harmony. Prepare to sing along and be swept away by the nostalgia of an era that will never be forgotten.



## LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS

**When:** Friday, 7 June

**Time:** 7.30pm

**Where:** Perth Concert Hall

**Cost:** \$128 per person

Contact: [pwp.perthactivities@gmail.com](mailto:pwp.perthactivities@gmail.com) or Mobile 0409 128 672

**There are 20 pre-purchased tickets in Premier section (Stalls, middle about halfway down). Sign up to secure your ticket(s). They will sell fast.**

This event is so much fun, and you don't have to be British to appreciate it! Join conductor and compère extraordinaire Guy Noble, the WASO Chorus and special guests as they whip up a splendid musical feast, including 1812 Overture, Last of the Mohicans, Fantasy on British Sea Songs, Pomp and Circumstance March and many more.

The Audience is encouraged to dress in red, white & blue for the unmissable Finale!

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Payment for activities by EFT is preferred: Bankwest **BSB 306-047, Account 4182462.**

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## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

### MOVIE CLUB / BOOK CLUB



### Movies

**Date:** **Friday, 8 December**

TBA through Movie Group Email

**Where:** Windsor Cinema,

Stirling Hwy, Nedlands

**Time:** usually early afternoon

**Contact:** **Wendy Longshaw**  
[wendylongshaw@gmail.com](mailto:wendylongshaw@gmail.com) or  
**0432 331 751**

**NB No movie date in January**

### Book Club

**NO BLOOK CLUB IN DECEMBER  
OR JANUARY**

Looking ahead for 2024

**Monday, 19 February** Killers of the  
Flower Moon by David Gran

**Monday, 18 March** Lady Tans  
Circle of Women by Lisa See

Some suggested summer reading  
from the Book Club

Tom Lake by Anne Patchett

Before the Coffee Gets Cold by

Toshikazu Kawaguchi

Lola in the Mirror by Trent Dalto

## COFFEE MORNING / CURRY CLUB



### Discovery Coffee

**Date:** **Friday, 19 January**

**Where:** Harvest Boulangerie  
Patisserie, 2/22 Scarborough  
Beach Road

**Time:** 10:30am

**Contact:** **Rhonda Metka**  
[contactrhonda@iinet.net.au](mailto:contactrhonda@iinet.net.au) or  
**0431 272 372**

We are indulging in yet another  
Artisanal French Bakery. People  
flock here because of the heavenly  
aromas wafting from their kitchen.

Try their delicious freshly baked

### Curry Club

**NO CURRY CLUB IN JANUARY**

**Date:** Next one will be Friday,  
23 February

**Where:** T.B.A.

**Time:** 12:30pm

**Contact:** **Rhonda Metka**  
[contactrhonda@iinet.net.au](mailto:contactrhonda@iinet.net.au)  
or **0431 272 372**

## MAHJONG / QUILTING



**Date:** **Each Monday**  
**Where:** **Pagoda Hotel**  
112 Melville Pde, Como  
**Time:** 10:00am  
**Contact:** **Corinne Kilbee**  
[kilbee@westnet.com.au](mailto:kilbee@westnet.com.au)  
or 0411 588 112

**Date:** **Wednesdays**  
**Where:** **Refer to Quilt Roster**  
or contact Michele  
**Time:** 10:30am  
**Contact:** **Michele McNeill**  
[michele-mcneill@bigpond.com](mailto:michele-mcneill@bigpond.com)  
or 0408 184 532

## WALKING / GOLF



**Date:** **Each Tuesday**  
**Where:** Contact Sue Robb  
**Time:** 8:00am  
**Contact:** **Sue Robb**  
[suediane.robb@gmail.com](mailto:suediane.robb@gmail.com)

**Date:** **Each Tuesday**  
**Where:** Contact Sue Spalding  
**Time:** 8:00am, seasonal  
**Contact:** **Sue Spalding**  
[suespalding@hotmail.com](mailto:suespalding@hotmail.com)  
or 0409 880 750



## DECEMBER

[Corinne Kilbee 01-Dec](#)

[Melissa Worme 04-Dec](#)

[Cynthia Playford 11-Dec](#)

[Siggi Miller 11-Dec](#)

[Trena Alexander 12-Dec](#)

[Christine McCarthy 14-Dec](#)

[Debbie Templeton 14-Dec](#)

[Ralene Hill 14-Dec](#)

[Elizabeth Carter 15-Dec](#)

[Amanda Greenwald 18-Dec](#)

[Judith Paish 19-Dec](#)

[Carmel Tick 21-Dec](#)

[Lynn Mias 22-Dec](#)

[Debbie Lorking 28-Dec](#)

[Lydia Macgregor 28-Dec](#)

[Clare Lardner 30-Dec](#)

[Wendy Longshaw 30-Dec](#)

## JANUARY

[Peta Edwards 11-Jan](#)

[Mary Davis 14-Jan](#)

[Kevina Stewart 16-Jan](#)

[Katherine Jafari 16-Jan](#)

[Anne Bass 18-Jan](#)

[Keren McCullagh 19-Jan](#)

[Deborah Greenway 19-Jan](#)

**Brianda Barnard 26-Jan**

**Miki Polglase 27-Jan**

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## **NEW MEMBER DR PETA EDWARDS**



To put it mildly, I have had a great family life and rewarding career and feel so lucky. I was/am a Bugologist (Medical Microbiologist). I won't say this is in my bloodstream as that would mean the bugs have got the better of me and could wipe me off the face of the planet very quickly and painfully!

I have been married to John Edwards, a Veterinary Epidemiologist for close to 50 years. We have two daughters, Jennifer and Susannah, and six grand-children ranging in age from 18 years to three months. They all bring me great joy.

I have had over 45 years' experience in diagnostic laboratory medicine and medical microbiology, in the laboratory and tertiary education sector (Curtin) as a teacher, researcher, developer and coordinator of education programs, with a speciality in distance programs. I have worked as a private consultant in these areas for the World Organisation for Animal Health, at Ag West International and later at Chulalongkorn University, whilst living in Bangkok (2002-04). I was seconded from Curtin by the Australian Biosecurity Cooperative Research Centre for Emerging Infectious Disease (2006-2010) as their Education and Program Coordinator where I was responsible for over 70 Post-Graduate students, their professional development, international placements and training and the Annual National Conference. I am also a Director of the companies EdRewards Pty Ltd and One Health Solutions.

Group (ANZWG), a charity group which raised funds for Thai Women, children and orphans living in poverty or with illnesses such as AIDS. Funds also assisted with building school amenities such as toilet blocks and providing clean running water.

As an Expatriate living in China (2012-2015) I was a volunteer in The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Emergency Center for Transboundary Animal Diseases. I joined the Australian and New

Zealand Association Beijing (ANZA) before arriving there in April 2012 and I was the Secretary of the Association whilst residing there. This was a similar group to ANZWG in Bangkok, with the charity arm

concentrating on assisting abandoned children with severe problems requiring surgery who were later adopted out of country.

Since returning to Perth in 2015 I've been part of a group of microbiologists, scientists, veterinarians and medical doctors involved in a public education campaign, AMR Aware Inc, to increase public awareness about the increasing problems microbial resistance to antimicrobial products is causing now, and will cause in the future and what we need to do about it.

In retirement, I live with great respect for the wee microbes that inhabit our world and the chaos they could cause if we ignore their superior survival skills.

## SUNSHINE & SILVER LININGS



Jane and Miles Ponsonby are now proud grandparents to bundle of joy, Margot Isla Ponsonby,

Congratulations to Simon and Jessica Ponsonby and of course Jane & Miles on their first grandchild. They will need to start getting used to their news names - Goosey & Milo - very cute!

Contact: [Kevina, kevina\\_stewart@hotmail.com](#) or 0419 837 055

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**Thanks for reading!**

No free fizz for reading this month, but there may be an opportunity or two at lunch!  
Sheena

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