



Cana newsletter

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from Anne

Though the newsletter must primarily be about what happens around Cana, I begin this with a very special word of thanks to each of you for your care and concern for me over the last month. It was a very special time for us to be together with Mum for the last two weeks of her life. With my brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, and their children we were able to remember, share stories and special times with Mum. It was very blessed time and one full of many emotional swings. We were lucky to be able to share it with each other. Mum's funeral was a great celebration of her life and made even more special to me by the presence of so many of my friends. I have been very supported and loved through the many cards, flowers and acts of kindness you have continued to bless me with. Even though Mum had been sick for so long it is still a very hard reality to be without her and your love and care are treasured at this time. Thank you so much.

RAFFLE: It is raffle time! Thanks so much to all who have been selling tickets at churches, through friends etc. It is our major fundraiser and we are not able to sell at a number of churches this year so please do what you can to help out. It is and has been a tough year financially for many people so we keep the tickets at \$2 in order that anyone who wants is able to make a contribution and what they can afford is valued. We do rely on the generosity of each person who gives to us so please be appreciative of your friends, workmates and family if they are able to share with us in any way.

CELEBRATION OF 35 YEARS: Our night at

Riverview was a wonderful evening and one that enabled us to see the scope of what happens through our volunteering. Thanks again to all who made the evening happen – Julie, Danielle, Margaret and Euan who did so much of the coordination; all the community leaders who spoke and put together the many and varied presentations that informed us all about what happens in each part of Cana; and each one who invited friends and came along.

CAFÉ CANA: Finally it is clear that Café Cana will not be moving to the old Post Office Building. That effort was laid to rest last week. What the future holds is unclear. What we do know is that all the thinking, dreaming and planning for the new building will take a shape that is beyond what we do now and is not yet.

HAPPENINGS:

- We have a new house in Darlington where Khaled and Paul are currently living. They link with us at St Francis house as their home group.
- David Johnson has gone to a programme with GROW and we will be seeing him for a visit him in a few weeks.
- Isabelle Haines celebrated her 21st birthday with us and Lauren Austen will celebrate her 18th at Café Cana. Congratulations Isabelle and Lauren!
- Many people are learning and enjoying their courses. Well done to those who are making the effort to be there and to those who keep supporting them to persevere!
- We have two retreat times coming up – one at Budgewoi and one at Pymble. They are part of the 35 year celebration and renewal for the community.
- Prayers please for Gerry Monaghan, Bruce and Merrilyn who are not well and would be supported by our thoughts and prayers for them.

Cana Ball at Randwick Town Hall October 8th.

Keep the date free! Come! Bring your friends from Cana!

Volunteers: This is a total community event and an opportunity to link with people from the community who might like to come to the ball with you. It is possible to plan a table (8 or 10) with some of your friends and a similar number of friends from Cana. It is also an opportunity to plan outfits, pampering efforts, hairdressers, nail care etc together so that the event is prepared for with excitement and perhaps a lift to Randwick with you. (At the café, Harry is a constant reminder to us that a lift in your car is a special treat!)

There will be an opportunity for make-up etc to happen at 257 Cleveland St during the afternoon of 8th!

Teresa House and Shelter volunteers and guests; Café Cana Friday and Saturday night volunteers: You have particular challenges about meeting up and being at the ball. Please be as creative as you can about ways of enabling those you meet to be part of the event. I am happy to support in any way I can. It is vital to offer people an opportunity to dress up and feel very special.

Be creative and keep in touch with Julie, Janelle, Danielle or Margaret about your thoughts and plans so that we have a level of co-ordination about what is happening.

Anyone interested in doing a first aid course???

A First Aid Course for Cana people through the Ultimo Tafe will be held on a Monday and a Wednesday - 4hrs a week for 6 weeks.

Starts Oct 11th... 10am till 2pm with a lunch break in between.

It's a freebie and is done through the Tafe nursing department.

A fun thing to do together, and a great opportunity to learn useful skills.

If you are interested please contact Julie on 83991790 between 8.30am and 2pm Mon- Friday

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What's On

Raffle Info

The raffle will be drawn at the Cana Ball on Oct 8th. Please do what you can to help out with sale of tickets and/or support in selling tickets at any of the churches where we are invited.

Danielle Seisun" (dvs355@bigpond.com) would love to hear from you if you have not been involved and would be able to give a hand any weekend. There is lots of positive feedback from people who have been involved so far. Good Work!

Retreat at Pymble

If you would like to join us for this time please contact Anne, Julie or Danielle.

At Pymble from 10.30am Wed 15th Sept until 3pm Thursday 16th.

Time for sharing, creativity and 'soul nurture' with other Cana people.

If you have not had an experience of a retreat take the risk and you could be agreeably surprised! There will be 25 of us to share time with!