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PEAKY NEWSLETTER

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Easter, April 3 & 5

On **Easter Saturday** a beautiful sunrise greeted us in Oatley Park when 29 Peakies fronted for a brisk walk before our traditional Easter egg hunt and hot cross bun breckie. Bunnies appeared everywhere - in our cups and amongst the goodies that were quickly devoured along with some of the chocolate eggs, though many of these were taken away to be shared with family or simply to be enjoyed later.

The breckie was a credit to Cheryl and Jan who did the hard yards preparing for the day. It was a great start to the Easter celebrations.



Another tradition is the **Easter Monday** social walk and Robyn did a fantastic job in organising a visit to the HARS Aviation Museum (Historical Aircraft Restoration Society) in Albion Park combining a train trip with a short walk to the museum. However a spanner was thrown into the plans when railway track work meant a bus trip was also included! Nevertheless everything went very smoothly and it was a wonderful excursion.

There was a fascinating array of both civil and military planes either fully restored or in the throws of being worked on. Many of the older planes are still being flown which is amazing. It is interesting to note that Tarmac Days are held on the second Friday, Saturday and Sunday of each month. Different aircraft are showcased each month to highlight specific events or era in aviation.

Cafe Connie provided our pre-ordered scones cream and jam (yum) for morning tea, and the lunch was also delicious. Our waitress gave us a little run down on how the museum is run by volunteers, and it turned out she was a Board member, a pilot and an engineer! We joked she could now add waitress to her resume, and chef as she had actually cooked the quiche we had.

We all felt a nostalgic twinge for our pre-covid flying days as can be seen from Diane's photos below, and thankful that the length of time, stopovers and costs had been reduced over the years by technology.





Peakies were split into two groups and escorted on a two-hour tour of the facilities by very knowledgeable volunteers, and even then we did not see everything there was to see.

Tom was excited to be a fighter pilot briefly and the amazing plane 'Connie' captured our imaginations as the stories unfolded. Some Peakies even sat in the same seat used by Queen Elizabeth on her flight around Oz! HARS is full of little-known and interesting treasures.

It really was a great day.



Coming Up

Mothers' Day Classic - May 9

This year the MDC is going local. Walk for 5, 10 or 20km or choose your own distance. **Early bird closes May 2** and is \$49.50 per adult (concession \$42) + \$7.95 postage and includes race pack value over \$30. Sydney locations are Abbotsbury, Blacktown, Cronulla and Drummoyne. Register online www.mothersdayclassic.com.au

Long weekend social walk - June 14

Rookwood Cemetery, Lidcombe. 10am tour, cost \$15. Lunch at Dooleys. Robyn has circulated details by email. Please put your name on the list at the walk table.

Gold Coast - July 2-4

Please put your name on the list at the walk table if you are intending to go to Queensland. **Registration closes June 4** www.goldcoastmarathon.com.au but some Peakies are planning their own walk route due to the high registration cost. Carol Hamilton will be emailing those on the list with details and information on the weekend.

Sutherland2Surf - July 18

2021 is a special event celebrating 50 years so mark the date. Plan to be there and you will enjoy a great day with friends. Please put your name on the list at the walk table.

Entries open May 1 www.sutherland2surf.com.au

*Happy Mother's Day
Peakies*



Happy Birthday

May

Lynne Brannock
Tom Carr

June

Denise Blomfield
Elizabeth Buckley
Jan Coghlan
Philippe Donnadieu
Antoinette Ilardo
Paul Tam
Elizabeth Whitcombe



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