

National Seniors

AUSTRALIA

ADELAIDE NORTH-WEST BRANCH NEWSLETTER

July, 2023

Meeting at 2 pm on the fourth Wednesday of each month at
Lockleys Baptist Church house,
244 Henley Beach Road, Underdale (pictured right)



Entrance & Parking - Drive through carport to rear of building

COMMITTEE

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2023 CALENDAR

Our July Guest Speaker will be from

City of West Torrens

**The subject will be
Waste Recycling**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2023, 2 PM

Afternoon Tea – Jeanette Molde

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2023, 12 NOON

Outing – Lunch at Lockleys Hotel

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2023, 2 PM

Annual General Meeting

Speaker – Katherine – My Home Hospital

Afternoon Tea – Dawn Thomas

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023, 12 NOON

Outing – Lunch – TAFE Tiros Restaurant (TBC)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023, 2 PM

Speaker – Bee Man – Robert Beer

Afternoon Tea – Yvonne Waters

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023, 12 NOON

Outing – Lunch – Birkenhead Tavern (TBC)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023, 2 PM

Speaker – People’s Choice – Internet Banking and Scams plus Mataan Dunning - Finances

Afternoon Tea – Annie McCall

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023, 10.30 AM

Outing – Charles Sturt Museum

Lunch – Grange Café

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2023, 10.30 AM

Botanical Gardens and lunch at café

OUR JUNE GUEST SPEAKER - DAVID JARMAN

SIR GEORGE HUBERT WILKINS (1888 – 1958)

Sir George Hubert Wilkins (known as Hubert) was a meteorologist, adventurer, polar explorer, aviator, sub-mariner, photographer, geographer, war correspondent and naturalist. Twelve years ago, no-one in Australia knew of him, but he is now becoming well known. A plaque honouring him has recently been placed in the footpath in North Terrace.

- Hubert was the 13th of 16 children of Henry and Louise Wilkins. His parents were farmers and settled east of Mount Bryant. Their home was north of Goyder's Line and was in a drought area. Hubert used to play and eat with the aboriginal people who inhabited the area. The family was involved in the local community, but the Federation drought was the final blow and in 1905 the family sold the farm to pay their debts. A few years ago Hubert's boyhood home was a heap of rubble, but inspired by Dick Smith and supported by Australian Geographic and a local committee of dedicated volunteers, the house has been rebuilt. The Heysen Trail passes the building.
- Hubert rode a horse to school and loved learning. He studied Electrical Engineering at Adelaide University and Music at Elder Conservatorium. He was installing street lights in Adelaide when he saw a tent theatre and for the first time watched a black and white silent movie. He then travelled over the country showing movies.
- Stowed away on a steamer and travelled to Sydney where he enjoyed himself showing pictures and started making movies.
- Had an offer from a newspaper to go to London, taking film wherever he went. He was kidnapped in Egypt, but escaped. He made films on a motor bike going 100 mph and from a single seater aeroplane strapped behind the wing.
- In 1912 he became a war correspondent during the Balkans War, filming from horseback. He was the first photographer to get an aircraft to fly over the battlefield. He took hundreds of pictures.
- 1912 he flew in a balloon which was supposed to land in London, but a wind change took them off course.
- 1913 he was asked by Cadburys to go to the West Indies to film the cocoa plantations. He didn't like the way the natives were being treated.
- 1913 he went on an expedition arranged by the Canadian Government to photograph the Arctic. The ship they travelled on was carried away by the ice and sank. All on board were safe. Hubert filmed while trekking back across thin ice to Pt Barrow, Alaska, surviving because of the time he spent with aboriginals as a boy. He became the first person to fly over the Arctic Ocean over ice.
- He returned to South Australia in 1917 because his father had passed away. He was given a reception at the Town Hall.
- He joined the newly formed air force and in 1918 was appointed official photographer tasked with providing 'an accurate and complete record of the fighting and other activities of the A.I.F.' during World War I. His black and white films made during the war are still shown today. He didn't carry a gun, but was injured by shrapnel 9 times.
- Wilkins was awarded 2 Military Crosses by the British Government. Sir John Monash called him the bravest soldier in the army.
- In 1919 he entered the England to Australia air race which offered \$10,000 for the first pilot to fly from London to Australia. His aircraft experienced engine failure and crash-landed in Crete, but the crew survived.
- In 1921-22 Wilkins took part in Sir Ernest Shackleton's expedition to Antarctica on which he made ornithological observations.
- In 1923 he was asked by the trustees of the British Museum to proceed to tropical Australia and collect specimens of the rarer native fauna, principally mammals.
- 1927 – first to fly over the North Pole from America to Europe. In 1928 carried out the first aerial explorations of the Antarctic.
- Knighted in 1928 for the first flight across the North Polar ice-cap.
- 1929 - married Suzanne Evans, known by her stage name 'Suzanne Bennett', an Australian-born actress, proposing to her 2 days after he met her.
- 1931 - Attempted to reach the North Pole by taking a surplus United States Navy submarine, renamed *Nautilus*, under the pack-ice. He purchased the sub for \$1. Mishaps and mechanical failures caused the venture to be abandoned.
- Rudolph Hurst signed a contract with Hubert and funded an expedition to Antarctica.
- Hubert never lost anyone on any of his expeditions.
- Hubert and Suzanne lived in America and he made several more trips to Antarctica. His last trip was filmed in colour.
- Sir George Hubert Wilkins passed away in 1978 and wanted his ashes to be left at the North Pole.
- Dick Smith has written a book about his adventure – 'The Last Explorer: Hubert Wilkins, Australia's Unknown Hero'.

PASSWORD CLICHES

Hackers look for these patterns in passwords first, how many do yours have?

Keyboard walking:

Simple patterns on a keyboard like qwerty, 123456 or qazwsx – the first diagonal letters.

Common Words:

These include the names of sports teams, swearwords, city names, pets or children, or the word 'love'.

Repeating characters:

Not only is this commonly written into hacking programs, it is very easy to spot if someone is watching you enter your password e.g. happreeee or 22222.

Predictable placements:

Don't use capital letters only at the start of your phrase or only add special characters or numbers at the end e.g. Gocrows123 or portforever999.

Use unpredictable passwords with capitals, numbers or figures mixed up e.g. pumP83kin\$

IT SUPPORT

A young woman submitted the tech support message below (about her relationship with her husband) presumably as a joke. Then she got a reply that was way too good to keep to herself. The tech support people's love advice was hilarious.

Dear Tech Support

Last year I upgraded from Boyfriend 5.0 to Husband 1.0 and noticed a distinct slowdown in overall system performance, particularly in the flower and jewellery applications, which operated flawlessly under Boyfriend 5.0.

In addition, Husband 1.0 uninstalled many other valuable programs, such as Romance 9.5 and Personal Attention 6.5, and then installed undesirable programs such as AFL 5.0, Cricket 3.0, and Golf 4.1.

Conversation 8.0 no longer runs, and House cleaning 2.6 simply crashes the system. Please note that I have tried running Nagging 5.3 to fix these problems but to no avail. What can I do?

Signed: Desperate

The response that came weeks later out of the blue.

Dear Desperate

First, keep in mind, Boyfriend 5.0 is an Entertainment Package, while Husband 1.0 is an Operating System. Please enter the command: I thought you loved me.html and try to download Tears 6.2. Do not forget to install the Guilt 3.0 update. If that application works as designed, Husband 1.0 should then automatically run the applications Jewellery 2.0 and Flowers 3.5. However, remember, overuse of the Tears application can cause Husband 1.0 to default to Grumpy Silence 2.5, Happy Hour 7.0, or Beer 6.1. Please note that Beer 6.1 is a very bad program that will download the Snoring Loudly Beta version.

Whatever you do, DO NOT, under any circumstances, install Mother-In-Law 1.0 as it runs a virus in the background that will eventually seize control of all your system resources. In addition, please do not attempt to re-install the Boyfriend 5.0 program. These are unsupported applications and will crash Husband 1.0.

In summary, Husband 1.0 is a great program, but it does have limited memory and cannot learn new applications quickly. You might consider buying additional software to improve memory and performance. We recommend Cooking 3.0.

Good Luck

Tech Support