

**DECEMBER -2016**

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Dear Member,

**TERM DATES – 2016- Term 1 Wednesday 27th January – Friday 8th April**

**Term 2 Wednesday 27th April – Friday 1st July**

**Term 3 – Monday 18th July – Friday 23rd September**

**Term 4 Monday 10th October – Friday 16th December**

**David Schoeffel was our Guest speaker** on his “Panama to Polynesia” trip on November, 23rd; David was introduced by President Alison. This section of his talk was about their sailing experience through the Galapagos Islands. David wrote a poem about his trip and read it to members present. The poem mentioned the birds, mountains, the beauty of the islands and much more. During this section they met a family who were travelling the same route as David and their boat’s name was “The Jade”. They picnicked together on the islands and enjoyed many side trips to see special areas. On one beach David found a great pair of sandals. This family had two children and an American also travelled with them. They visited San Cristobal Island first.

The next Island was Santa Cruz where they saw many different types of birds, lazy seals taking up vantage spots on beach chairs, sunbaking in the sun. There were many pelicans and flamingos also. They stopped over at a beautiful resort where they were lucky to get wifi and were able to send off some emails.

 Whilst sailing through the Galapagos Islands they did a lot of fishing. These islands are at least six million years old.

When they visited Isabela Island, all their goods were inspected to check that they had nothing illegal, the inspectors searched through everything. They did a taxi tour and saw many interesting spots that they would have probably not seen if they were on their own.

Before David started his talk all present enjoyed a delightful lunch.

A reminder that if anyone has any interesting activities (with someone willing and able to be a team leader) for next year, please let Helen Burnham know.

Nomination forms are now available for Committee members for 2017. To be returned to a Committee member before the Annual Meeting, which is to be held on Wednesday 7th December at 10 am, followed by a luncheon. Please bring a plate to share.

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE.

Intereach have reminded all organisations of their rules regarding use of their facilities.

There is a set up plan on the wall of every room, please make sure the room is left according to the plan.

Please wipe down tables if necessary. Moving furniture from room to room is not recommended, however, if necessary please return to the room you took it from.

Please make sure all coffee cups and bits of rubbish are removed from the room. This must be done regardless of how you found the room. Please let the front office know if the room was not as it should be when you arrived.

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**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, 7th December at 11 am and is the Annual Meeting and everyone is invited. Lunch will follow the meeting at 12 noon. A copy of the 2015 AGM meeting minutes has been sent separately.**

**MONTHS AGENDA-**

**MONDAY**

10-11 AM TAI CHI JAN RENWICK C & D

2.00 – 4.00 PM IPAD June Moon, Anne Sinclair, Jan Cook C & D

**TUESDAY**

10-12 AM GAMES MORNING C & D

**WEDNESDAY**

10-11 AM SCATTERGORIES Sue McMillan C & D

11-12 pm DISCUSSION GROUP Helen Burnham C & D

12-1 pm Italian - Amanda Barlow C & D

**2.00 PM EACH MONTH – GUEST SPEAKERS PRECEDED BY LUNCH AT 1.00PM. . Next Speaker will be in March, 2017.**

**THURSDAY**

1.30 – 4.00 PM MAJONG **-** Sally-Ann Dillon, Airlee Circuitt C & D

**FRIDAY**

9.00-11 am -Learning Bridge – Dinnie Downie, Tony Cullenward C & D

11.00 – 1 p.m - Play Reading - Bob Apedaile C & D



**MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE THAT THE GAMES MORNINGS are HELD every TUESDAY from 10 am to 12 noon.**