

NEWSLETTER

On reverse of Notice of Meeting to be held on 3 August 2011

MONTHLY MEETING 6 July 2011

Noel Murphy with Ros Hendry (the Musical Director) Bill Tracey and Carolyn Mills all members of *"The Noel Murphy Variety Show"* provided a very enjoyable morning of old time musical numbers and songs from *"My Fair Lady"*. It never ceases to amaze me of the reaction that music seems to inspire in disabled people. It was truly a pleasure to me to see my 96 year old mother singing along with the rest of the attendees to the old time favourites that were featured and sung. Noel Murphy said to me after the meeting: *"You should have had a lot more people here to enjoy the morning"*. It has got me beaten as to why our numbers at monthly meetings are in such a decline. Perhaps those people who do not attend would be kind enough to give me a reason as to why they do not attend any more. Non attendees are the losers and I would dearly like to see our numbers attending monthly meeting getting back to the days when we were averaging over sixty attendees to our monthly meetings. We sincerely thank the members of the *Noel Murphy Variety Show* for the excellent performance that they put on for our members. It was very much enjoyed.

ATTENDANCE: June Carroll and Noelene Santry greeted and welcomed 43 attendees to this meeting. [19 *Stroke Survivors*, 11 *Carers* & 13 *others*]. There were 16 apologies [6-4-6] with 2 first time attendees [1-1-0]. The attendance was achieved from 320 Notices - 110 names from the mailing list and 12 telephone contacts posted through the GCH and 6 deliveries (*put into the envelopes by June Carroll; Kaye Ryan & I*) plus 192 e-mails. I also delivered or handed out another 125 odd notices to individuals & other organisations (*including both hospitals*).

RAFFLE: There were ten prizes for the raffle. Tickets were \$1 each or three for \$2.00 Bill & Caryl Callcott sold 89 tickets from which we received \$60.00 All prize-winners won a (1) one litre plastic container of **NORCO LITE FRESH MILK**; (2) A plastic container of **NORCO VANILLA CUSTARD** 600g; (3) Two **SKI D'LITE (Honey Buzz)** **YOGHURT 99% Fat Free** 200g & (4) One **NORCO**

COFFEE CHILL Real Cool Coffee 500ml. The prize winners also won the prize in brackets after their name. They were: (1) John Chapman (*Won an single strand Necklace, Bangle and Earrings made and donated by Sylvia Dick*) (2) Ron Williams (3) *Won an Alex Douglas Cooler bag* Pat Edmondson (4) Ron Williams (5) Bill Law (6) Caryl Callcott (*Winners 3 to 6 won a 'STROKE FOUNDATION' Calico carry bag*) (7) Doris Oxenford (8) Ron Cockerill (9) June Carroll and (10) Mary Williams (*Winners 7 to 10 won a Stroke Association of Queensland Calico carry bag*).

FADDEN FORUM & EXPO

Bill & Caryl Callcott, Ron Whimpey Ray Razon and I manned a stand and handed out brochures etc at the above Forum & Expo hosted by Stuart Robert MP Federal Member for Fadden. The event was held in the Jupiter's Pavilion at the Parklands Showgrounds. A very large number of people sought information about Stroke from us. Some people who have had a Stroke or TIA expressed a desire to attend our monthly meetings.

2011 G COAST SENIOR'S FORUM & EXPO

Steven Ciobo MP will be hosting a **free Forum & Expo** at Jupiter's Casino on Monday, 1 August 2011. The Forum & Expo will feature a range of speakers and exhibitors covering welfare, health, fitness and home safety. We will have an exhibit at the event at which we will be handing out brochures etc and answering attendees' questions. Events such as these give us the opportunity to bring the devastating effects of Stroke to the general public's attention and obtain new members to our group. If you desire to attend the event you can RSVP to events@steveciobo.com or telephone - 55 046 000

NATIONAL STROKE AWARENESS WEEK

This year National SAW is being held from 12 to 18 September 2011.

Activities organized to date include: -

1. MONDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2011

Gold Coast launch of National Stroke Awareness week. Full details will be advised.

2 WEDNESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2011;

THURSDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2011 AND
FRIDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2011

A Display Stand will be conducted at the Southport Park Shopping Centre on each of the above three (3) days at which free blood pressure tests will be available. Volunteers will be required to man the Display Stand for two shifts on each day from 9:00 am to 1:00pm and from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Please let me know if you are available to assist in handing out Stroke brochures & literature on any of the three days.

YEPPOON TRIP 2011

We still have a few vacancies for our trip to Yeppoon under the Iwasaki Foundation's *Disabled Persons' Subsidised Holiday Scheme* from **Sunday, 25 September to Saturday, 1 October 2011**. The holiday will be at Bayview Tower Motel situated on the beach front on the main street in Yeppoon. The full cost of the trip is **\$375.00 per person** twin share for a week away **INCLUDING ALL MEALS AND ACCOMMODATION**.

GUEST SPEAKER

Karly Abbott has advised as follows: -
"Steven Ciobo is the Federal Member for Moncrieff."

Since being elected as part of the Coalition Government in 2001, he has worked hard to double road funding, fight crime on our streets, secure our water resources, reduce unemployment to record lows and improve local health facilities.

Steven's lived on the Coast for nearly 20 years after growing up in Mareeba in North Queensland where his family worked hard running a small business dependant on the tourism industry.

Before entering Parliament, Steven built a career from the ground up earning degrees in commerce and law and went on to build a professional career at international firms Coopers & Lybrand and, later, Pricewaterhouse Coopers. Today, Steven is dedicated to making the Gold Coast an even better place to live. He has a clear plan for getting on with the job and works toward that vision every day."

I look forward to welcoming & seeing a large attendance at this meeting to hear a local Federal Member's report first hand and remind you: -

***"You'll never, never know
if you never, ever go".***

Colin A. Oxenford
25 July 2011

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