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Sydney News



Saturday, 11 April 2015 Notice of General Meeting

NOTE change of date to 2nd Saturday due to Easter Break

- DOOR FEE:** \$15.00
This was approved by members at the last meeting.
- When:** 9:30am for demonstrations to start at 10:00am
Please make sure you sign in. This is necessary for insurance purposes.
- Where:** Concord Community Centre, Gipps Street, Concord
- Getting There:** Bus #464/466 from Burwood Station or #463 City to Mortlake
- Remember:**
- ❖ A plate of food for the community lunch. Please include condiments if needed eg tomato sauce.
 - ❖ **Bring a mug for tea/coffee.** If you use one of the mugs provided, ensure you wash and put it away.
 - ❖ Only still photographs may be taken at branch meetings. Taking videos of demonstrations is strictly not permitted.
 - ❖ If you sit in the front row for one demonstration, take your turn in the back row for the next demonstration.
- Demonstrators:** **Dorothy Apps – Parrot Tulip**
Ismeria Cini – Poinciana Flamboyant
Isabel Lillington – Chess Board and making moulds
Niki Van Leeuwen - Lobelia and Petunia
- Visiting Shop:** **One Stop Cake Decorations**
Shop 12, NK Centre, 450 High Street, Penrith
02 4722 9580 shop@onestopcake.com.au
- Other:** The Guild Shop, Library and Committee Table will be open until lunchtime. Please ensure all transactions are completed by that time.

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President's Message

Easter already! I had a lovely evening looking at the cake and craft entries at the Easter Show. It's a good time to catch up with people! Please bring your entry/s along to the meeting so that members who could not make it to the show can enjoy your beautiful work.

Investigations have been made regarding an alternative venue and it seems that in the area we are, we already have a very good deal. This surprised me but unfortunately is the reality of the times. Hopefully, the increase in door fee will cover the situation. Please let me or another committee member know if this causes financial difficulties for you. Any information will be strictly confidential.

Our first delegate's report from Elizabeth Ivory is at the end of the newsletter. Thank you again for taking on the job Elizabeth.

Our secretary Jennie Kenyon will be unable to attend the April meeting so the minutes of the previous meeting will be displayed next to the Treasurer's Report. Please read it at some stage prior to the meeting. I will be attending a family function so will also be unable to attend the meeting. Our Vice President, Denice Fuhrmann, will be taking the meeting so please give her all the support you can.

Have a wonderful day!

Fond Regards,

Lyne Fuller

Branch President

Membership Fees 2016

Jackie Azoulay was the lucky winner whose name was drawn from the hat at the February meeting to have her membership fees paid for 2016. She very generously decide to donate the money back to the branch. Thank you Jackie. 😊

Our thoughts are with ...

Lyn Cridland whose mother passed away in January and also **Vivian McMillan** whose husband suffered a serious stroke in December 2015 and son had a major water skiing accident recently.

Committee 2015

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e-Newsletter

If you get your *Sydney News* by post but have email (with printer) access, please consider receiving it by email. With the increasing cost of postage, choosing to receive your newsletter by email will enable us to save some funds.

General Notices

Dates for the Diary

April General Meeting	11 April
Orange Branch SRD	18 April
Senior Citizens Centre, Kite Street, Orange. Rsvp to Chris Cortes, Sugarcraft on 02 6361 3434 or sugarcraft@bigpond.com by 10th April. \$25.00 members, \$30.00 non members. Demonstrators: Janese Swales, Elaine Taylor, Lucy Priestley and one TBA.	
Camden Branch SRD	2 May
United Church Hall, Cawdor Road, Cawdor. Rsvp to Vesna Plesko on 02 9826 8422 or Teresa Mammone on 02 4774 9128 by 13th April. \$30.00. Demonstrators: Deb Landon, Vola Sillick, Diane Woollard, Joanne Farrugia.	
Sydney Branch Juniors Meeting	2 May
June General Meeting	6 June
Cake, Bake and Sweets Show Homebush	12 – 14 June
CASA	4 July
The Theatre, Hazelhurst Regional Gallery & Arts Centre, 782 Kingsway, Gympie – rsvp to Lesley on 02 9452 4023 by 26th June. \$65.00 CASA members, \$70.00 non-members. Demonstrators: Shayne Greenman and John Quai Hoi	
August State Roster Day & Birthday Competition	
	1 August
Showtime 2015, Wagga Wagga*	15 – 17 August
* The theme is 'School Days'. The theme for the branch competition at the seminar is 'Sports Carnival'. See Denice Fuhrmann for further information about the Branch display.	
ANCA National Seminar, Gold Coast	3 – 28 August
October General Meeting	3 October
December Demonstration Day	5 December

Membership Renewal Forms

It is a requirement by our State Committee that the renewal forms be sent to them. This is why we provide members with pre-printed forms with the details we have on file. A few forms have yet to be returned so we have provided State with the current details we have on your behalf. It has been noted on these forms that by payment of the branch fee, you as a member, agree to abide by the Constitution and uphold the aims of the Guild. If you have the form lying around at home, please post or scan and email to Jennie Kenyon.

June meeting

John Quai Hoi from CDAV will be our guest demonstrating stiletto shoes along with 3 other excellent decorators – Melissa Ross, Jeannine Ashby and Geraldine Dayball. Entry fee \$15. Will be a great day so come along and bring your friends!

Birthday Wishes

Happy birthday to our members who celebrate their birthday around this time of year, including **Therese Abraham, Pat James, Derryn McLauchlan, Bev Smith, Lesley Boyd-Weetman, Rita Galati, Sock Lim, Mary Anne Loveridge, Khiem Forbutt, Elizabeth Hodgson, Nancy Carney and Joan Milligan.**

Get Well Wishes

Our best wishes go to **Heather Boyce** who has recently been in hospital.

Congratulations

Jacky Davidson on the birth of her third granddaughter, Samantha, in March.

Phyllis Chow on the birth of her fifth grandchild, her first grandson.

Iris Boxsell on the addition to the family, of her 7th great grandchild (second great granddaughter).

Warning! Scam emails to cake decorators

A member has reported an unusual email exchange with a client. After several badly-worded requests for pictures and prices, the decorator was asked to use her credit card to pay the 'event manager' as the client did not have access to electronic banking. This apparently would be accompanied by a substantial monetary incentive. When told it wasn't possible, there were no further emails.

Be very careful with your bank details and credit cards. Thank you to the member who alerted us.

General Notices

Fay Gardner Award

There was a dilemma in the vote for the award as 2 very deserving people had the same number of votes so it was decided to have 2 recipients this year! Congratulations to **Mary Anne Loveridge and Bev Smith** as announced at our December meeting. Mary Anne has been the Junior's Co-ordinator, demonstrator and enthusiastic member of the Sydney Branch whilst Bev Smith has manned the Guild Shop for many years. Both very worthy recipients and members that we could not do without.



Image courtesy www.cartoonstock.com

Sydney Branch Birthday Competition

This year's theme is "Fascinators". Sized to suit a 20cm (8in) board.

Presentation does not have to be sugar (ie a manufactured wig stand may be used). Tulle, net and ribbon are allowed. Student, Novice and Open sections.

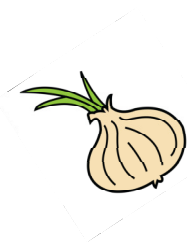
Photo Album – Christmas Lunch December 2015



Housekeeping 'n Handy Hints

Home Hints

The simplest way to slice a bunch of cherry tomatoes is to sandwich them between two plastic lids and run a long knife through all of them at once!



To prevent your eyes watering while chopping onions, wipe the chopping board with white vinegar (which won't affect the taste of the onions).

Wrap rubber bands around the ends of a coat hanger to prevent dresses from slipping off.



Kitchen Policy

Jugs of water and a basin for rinsing mugs will be available on the table outside the kitchen. Platters/containers and any leftover food can be collected from the tables outside the kitchen at the end of the meeting.

If you can help with kitchen duty, mark **KITCHEN** next to your name when you sign in and let the ladies know that you're available to help. Thank you to **Jan Sambrook** and **Lily Ma** who are our "Kitchen Kommanders". They get in and get the food organized at each meeting with the help of other regulars.

Parking

With Council booking out all areas of the venue, it is difficult to get parking and we cannot just park anyone in. If you know you are going to be at the meeting all day, put something in your car window to show you are a cake decorator who doesn't mind being parked in. Make sure there is enough room for cars to drive around you.

Tips for the Trade

Always take a deposit that will cover the cost of your ingredients (non-refundable) and request full payment one week before pickup/delivery. Make sure you know what your costs are so that you aren't picking a number out of the air. Include insurance and electricity.

Recipe Corner

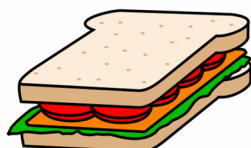
Smashed Chickpea & Pesto Sandwich Recipe

Classic pesto sauce mixed with smashed chickpeas and smothered between two slices of bread for a modern twist on a "salad" sandwich. Vegetarian, simple, healthy and full of flavour!

Yield: 8-10 sandwiches, depending on amount of filling used

Ingredients

1 x 400g can chickpeas (garbanzo beans)
1/4 cup flat-leaf parsley, chopped
2 tbs prepared pesto
2 tbs red pepper, finely chopped
1 tbs onion, finely chopped
Zest and juice of 1/2 lime
Juice of 1/2 lemon
Salt and pepper, to taste



Directions

Drain and rinse the chickpeas. Lay them out on a paper towel and pat dry. Remove the papery skins if desired. Transfer to a bowl and smash with a potato masher. Add parsley, pesto, red pepper, onion, lime zest and lime juice. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Serve on sandwich bread, or as a dip with veggies, tortilla chips, etc.

Add avocado mashed with lemon juice to enhance the flavour if desired.

Delegate's Report – March 2015

AGM: The President, Treasurer and two general committee positions were eligible for election. The positions were filled as follows:

President – Helen Robinson

Treasurer – Denise Schaeffer

General Committee – Danitsa Moses and Narelle Waldock

Other Committee members are:

Secretary - Jan Boon

General Committee – Joy Eagles, Sandra Davies and Diane Woollard

Delegates' Meeting: The Guild is providing demonstrators at Sydney Royal on Tuesday, 31 March. Sydney and Camden Branches are to provide three demonstrators each.

It was noted that when overseas demonstrators are engaged for seminar or other events, they are now deemed to be working and will need to obtain a working visa not a visitor or holiday visa.

Small Business Insurance runs from 28 November each year so if you join the scheme during the year, you will have to renew at that time, not the anniversary of your joining.

Sweet Perfection Magazine is getting rapidly more expensive due to rising cost of materials and postage. The State Committee is exploring options to reduce costs and one suggestion is that it be an electronic publication.

Cake Bake & Sweets Show: The Guild is again providing stewards and judges this year. Bakels have offered \$2,500 worth of goods if the Guild provides people to staff the Bakels' stand promoting Bakels and the Guild. This year cakes will be displayed in RAS cases which will protect them and allow the public to get closer to look at them.

State Seminar Showtime 2015 - 15 to 17 May is under control and approaching rapidly. Jenna Johnson of Evil Cake Genius is the overseas demonstrator. Everyone is getting very excited! The event will conclude at about 3.30pm on Sunday to enable everyone to travel home.

ANCA display piece is developing. Branches are to have their contributions ready for Joy, Sandra and Anne at the Seminar in Wagga at the very latest. Sydney is to make a kilo of rocks and gravel. Some should be flat and of various sizes approximately 2x1cm to be attached to rock walls and others a variety of sizes from 0.5cm to semolina size for use on the bottom. Colours in a variety of country greys and browns.

Newcastle Branch had asked whether State Roster Days could be held every second year for smaller branches to avoid clashes with other branches and to keep the sense of excitement associated with having the SRD. The State Committee has discussed this idea and feels each branch is individual with individual needs and constraints and therefore can be allowed to make their own decisions about when and how they run their SRD.

The Committee will introduce a trial of **Show and Do Days** to introduce more people to the Guild and attract new members. The days are envisaged to have demonstrations first and then active teaching workshops for the participants with subjects such as decorated biscuits, cupcakes and piping, modelling. The first event is planned for Cooma in April 2016 followed by Bathurst/Orange and Kempsey.

There had been some confusion about the **Membership Application Form** and the current revised form is to be re-sent to all Branches to ensure they have the correct one in the White Book. In future, all information for the manual will be sent to both Secretaries and Presidents so that things don't get overlooked in people's busy lives.

Financials

Working Account	\$34,174.44
Cash reserve	\$11,436.05
Term deposit	\$28,639.83
Total	\$74,250.32

Elizabeth Ivory
Delegate