

WELCOME to MONDAY TALKS NKNC, 2-4pm

A **FREE** series of **7 illustrated talks** on thought-stimulating subject matter

Co-ordinator: *Dot Ramsay*
Limit: 60

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
May 6:	Tracey James and Kim Brebach	HOW AUSSIE BOOMERS THRIVE: Keeping your Muscles & Marbles for life.
		<p>Muscles and Marbles - preventative medicine in simple and entertaining language and strategies for a healthy life. Aimed at Boomers and retirees. Tracey and Kim are veteran information researchers, who will interpret complex concepts in IT, BioTech and Med Tech for lay audiences. Boomers/retirees can then make better decisions about their health and ask relevant questions.</p>
May 13:	Timothy Billington	UPDATE on CoViD-19, SARS-CoV-2 and the NEWEST VACCINES
		<p>We investigate the pandemic disease (CoViD-19) and its causative virus (SARS-CoV-2) with the most recent mutations in genes for the Spike protein. Learn with me about the development of the 4 newest types of vaccines against this Coronavirus. We look at self-replicating mRNA in the very latest mRNA vaccines, using cutting-edge science, which will be explained in understandable terms.</p> <p>Timothy lectured in Medical Education and Medical Science at the Graduate Medical School, Wollongong University, (2012-2015). From 2015-2017, he lectured and tutored in Human Cell Biochemistry and Physiology at OXFORD University, UK.</p>
May 20:	Lloyd Pitcher	ERNEST PITCHER and the VAUDEVILLE ERA's RISE and FALL in AUSTRALIA
		<p>My grandfather, Ernest, lived in London and when 12 , travelled as C. Wilson, to visit his Sydney aunt. She found him a stagehand job and he remained in the entertainment industry. Until 1907 he used the name Sam Wilson. He travelled with the Princess Comic Opera through the eastern States. Reverting to 'Ernest Pitcher', he became a national vaudeville entertainer. In 1927 he partnered with W. Leslie as Pitcher and Leslie, comedy musicians. The Depression (1929) reduced their work opportunities, and long performances became 'bits & pieces', when sound films and radio made serious inroads into vaudeville industry. In 1937 he gave his last performance.</p>

May 27: David Butcher KOALAS in AUSTRALIA

Koalas and Australia have come a long way together. But do koalas have a future? The koala is a highly-specialised marsupial. This talk will be a gallop through the evolution of Australian mammals and how this country moulded them. Why is the koala in trouble? What does the future hold?

David's working life has focused on animals and their habitats: from individual treatment as a veterinarian to wildlife management on a landscape scale.

June 3: John Hewitt MAPS from the AGE of DISCOVERY

We shall initially learn about 16th C world maps, preceded by details of 3 early European voyages of discovery. Then we will look at 3 world and 3 regional 16th C maps preceded by a brief look at a famous Treaty and Magellan's circumnavigation.

John retired from corporate law and for ~15 years has been a member of the Australian and New Zealand Map Society. He has published in the Society's journal, the 'Globe'.

June 10: King's 'Birthday' Public Holiday, no talk

June 17: Boni & Peter Maywald NORFOLK ISLAND in AUSTRALIAN and PACIFIC HISTORY - politics, culture history.

Norfolk Island (NI) has been an external territory of Australia and has experienced varying political/administrative forms in the past 200 years.(Bounty mutineers to penal colony to quasi -independent small island status). Current population is ~2000. NI has been struggling to manage laws and affairs through legislative changes imposed by Australia since circa 1820. The politics/history/culture of NI is intriguing.

Peter was Cabinet Secretary to NI's Government, and fought with Australia to maintain the powers of the locally-elected Legislative Assembly. Boni is a Pacific historian and poet, who supported museum and curatorship studies by local Norfolk islanders.