



Village Good News

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Secret Men's Business:

In my village we have a group that meets each Friday afternoon at 4.30 called "Secret Men's Business". As the name implies this group is comprised of men only. The number of attendees varies; however, the average is eight or ten.

The fellows each bring their own liquid refreshments, usually a couple of stubbies or a scotch. The sessions usually last about 60 to 70 minutes, no longer because we are all under strict instructions from "they who must be obeyed" to be home at a certain time for dinner.

This group has been meeting for about seven years and although some of the originals have passed away, moved away or gone into assisted care, the numbers seem to remain about the same with the similar format followed for all of that period.

Among the highlights of the afternoon is the telling of jokes which a couple of blokes bring along and read much to the merriment of the others. The "Quiz Master" asks the questions that are found under the bottle tops of a certain brand of beer. It doesn't matter that the same question may have been asked last week, because none of us can remember what the answers are from week to week.

Over the years many topics have been discussed which have ranged from the wrestling at Leichhardt, boxing at the old 'tin shed' the Sydney Stadium. Memories of the old trams in Sydney. Football, rugby league mostly is discussed and I am sure that we all know more about cricket than those Selectors who are at present picking the Australian team. Certain Politicians of course get a good going over and I am sure that we could solve the problems of the world, if given half a chance.

There are reminiscences about working on sheep stations, of driving trucks, overseas travel, school days and the days of our youth. With the waterways that are adjacent to the village, fishing is frequently a topic of conversation, and of course the fish catching stories seem to get bigger as time goes by.

Very recently one of our group had a "Hole in One" whilst playing golf. I think he has reminded us of this feat just about every week since.

Secret Men's Business is one of the highlights of my week, good companionship and a laugh, what more can an old bloke ask for.

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