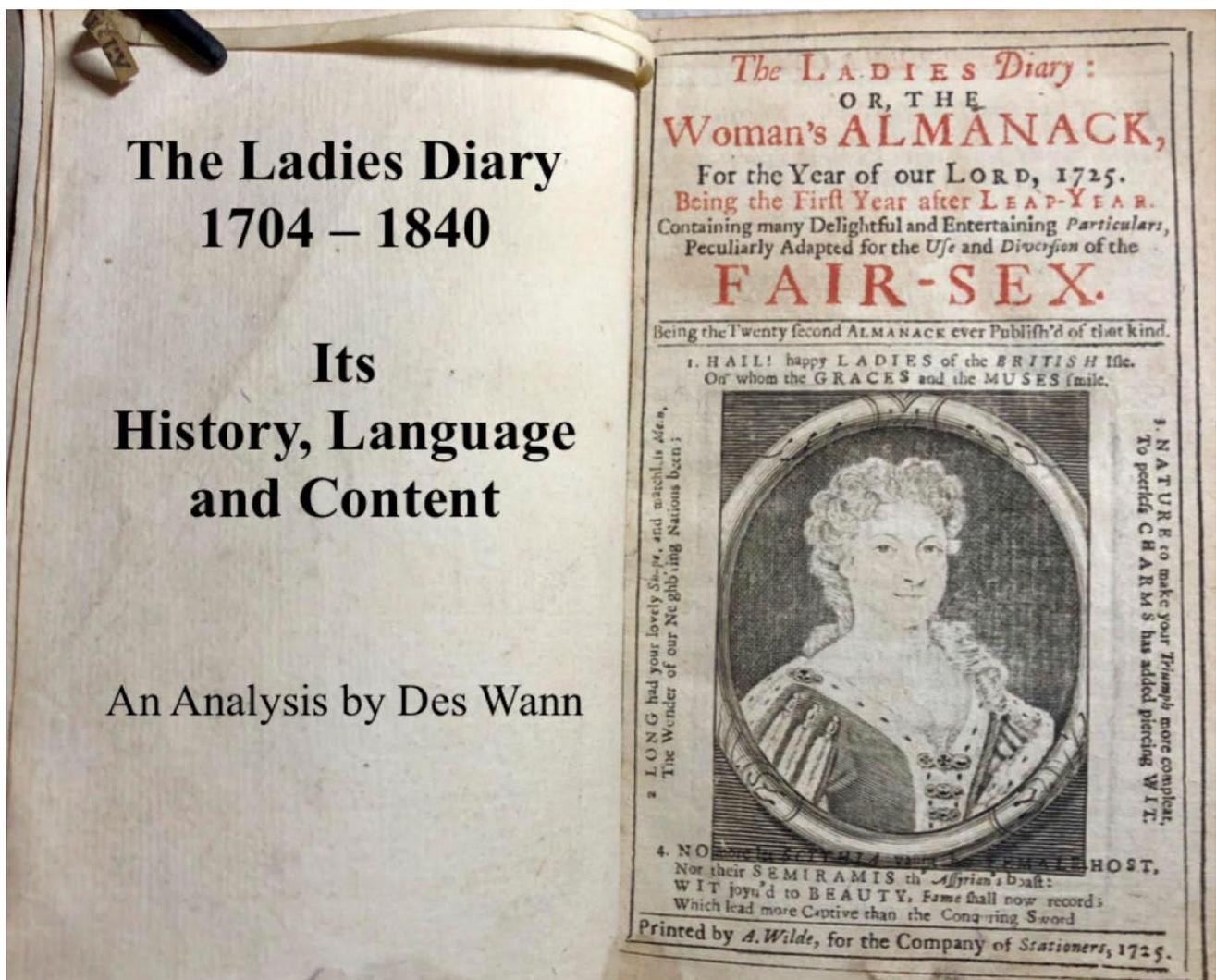


From the President

Don't forget Des! Des Wann is our guest speaker at Tuesday Forum next week (12 November). Most of Des's previous presentations have had musical themes but this time he is bringing us something very different with *The Ladies Diary: 1704 to 1840*. Come along and support Des on Tuesday.



Only occasionally do our members volunteer to share their interests and/or experiences with us at Tuesday Forum. This is a pity because so many of you have something of value to present to us. If you have something you would like to share but feel you need some support, talk to me or Denise or Des. We can adapt our program, our hall layout and the allotted time to give you the

maximum comfort possible. We can prepare slides from your photos or show you how to display mementoes to enhance your presentation. We can set up an interview so that there is a list of questions to provide a structure to your story. Give it a go - share a session with someone you know to build your motivation and keep to a timetable.

It's that time of year when thoughts turn to our Christmas break-up. Our last Tuesday meeting for the year will be on 10 December with morning tea and trivia. We'll finish in time for those who will be double-booked for the Probus lunch to get there in time.

We'll remind you in our last newsletter for the year in early December.

Roger Curran

President

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Recent Speakers

October 15 – Yvonne Turner



My life as a prison officer. Yvonne told us not only about her time as a prison officer but also about her first career as a communications officer in the Royal Australian Navy. She broke several barriers in her time in the navy - first female radio operator being one of them. Yvonne loved her navy work but, as was the case with many professions at the time, she was unable to continue her career once she married and had children. When she was ready to return to work she was living in Tasmania and was encouraged to apply for a position as a prison officer. In her role she met notorious criminals such as Martin Bryant and Chopper Read. Yvonne told us numerous interesting stories about daily life as a prison officer. Her stories were tempered with concern for the prisoners and improvement of the prison system.

October 22 – Jesse Blackadder



Jesse is not only an inspiring public speaker, creative writing teacher and youth literacy advocate, but she demonstrated to us that she is also an excellent photographer. Her images helped to portray the beauty and grandeur of the Antarctic, along with the amazing creatures that live there. Her most recent trip was longer than the first, with Jesse

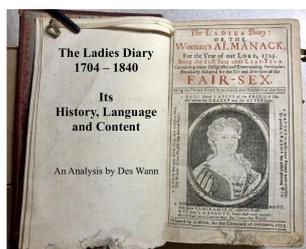
staying with 28 others for the entire summer season. She was able to tell us about some of the more mundane aspects of living at Mawson Station as well as the traditions and fun activities that the residents partake in. It was wonderful to hear first hand from someone who has been there for the longest day - what it's like and how people celebrate the special event. After the break Jesse told us about the writing process that she went through while in Antarctica, as well as more general information about creative writing - referring to the writing workshops that she conducts for schools around the nation.

October 29 – Crime Prevention



Senior Constable Bradley Foster, crime prevention officer for the Tweed Byron Police District was coming to speak to us but he was unable to attend but we were pleased that several of his colleagues came along. At one point there were five officers in the room, with four police cars outside. What did the neighbours think? Louis, Matt, Peta and Dave all contributed their own emphasis and experience to make sure that we were well informed of the appropriate action to take when confronted by uninvited pressure to send money or personal details, even to click on links. Further discussion centered on safety around the home and when going on holiday.

Tuesday Forum for the rest of Term 4, 2019



12 November - Des Wann

The Ladies Diary: 1704 to 1840 - An Analysis of its History, Language and Content. Des told us: "this presentation examines one of the most unusual almanacs of the 18th and 19th centuries in England.

Considerable original research has gone into its preparation and I am sure members will find it most intriguing for the diverse features that it highlights. I can honestly say it is very, very different to anything I have done before but also has been the most rewarding one for me personally. If you are particularly interested in English History and/or Language then this talk will provide some interesting insights. And additionally there is a brief look at how mathematical problems were posed in those times."

19 November - Preparing for an Emergency



You may have heard about the recent community information sessions organised by the Byron Community Centre regarding readiness for an emergency. We are privileged to have our own presentation, geared specifically for the more mature citizen. The recent fires provide a timely reminder that we should take steps to make sure that we are prepared in case of any emergency. Come along to hear from SES and RedCross experts and pick up some valuable tips.



26 November - Enchanted Wood Nursery at Coolamon Co Cafe

While we are comfortably seated at the Coolamon Co Cafe, Tess Wood, from the Enchanted Wood Nursery at Ocean Shores will tell us about local gardening - plants, frogs, insects and even weeds. After Tess's presentation we can take a stroll around the nursery and purchase coffee and cake from the Coolamon Co Cafe.



10 December - Christmas Meeting

We will finish 2019 with a Christmas themed meeting. Christmas music, Christmas food, Christmas jokes and a Christmas themed trivia quiz - with prizes. We will finish early so that our Probus members can attend their luncheon.

Just for Fun

Pandas. There's a reason why they're endangered.

