***Submarine Assoc. Australia Queensland Inc.***



***Newsletter Dec 2020***

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**Hello to all Members and Families**

**I would just like to join Wombats news sheet to wish you a bit of Christmas cheer.**

**2020 has certainly been a trying year for all of us with COVID-19, however things seem to be getting a lot brighter for 2021 cross our fingers.**

**Please take a moment to think of those who have crossed the bar and those that have been suffering with illness.**

**We had a good turnout at Ann Woods house for a pre – Christmas gathering enjoying each other’s company complimented with food platters provided by the ladies, some cordials supplied by SAA Qld Inc.**

**Wombat and Gavin run the raffle made up of donated prizes from various members and others. I am not sure what we made from the raffle**

**however, Wombat is probably on his way back to Thailand by now.**

**Thank you to Ann for supplying some gifts for the kids.**

**A big thank you to Ann’s Neighbours for letting us use their property chairs tables etc.**

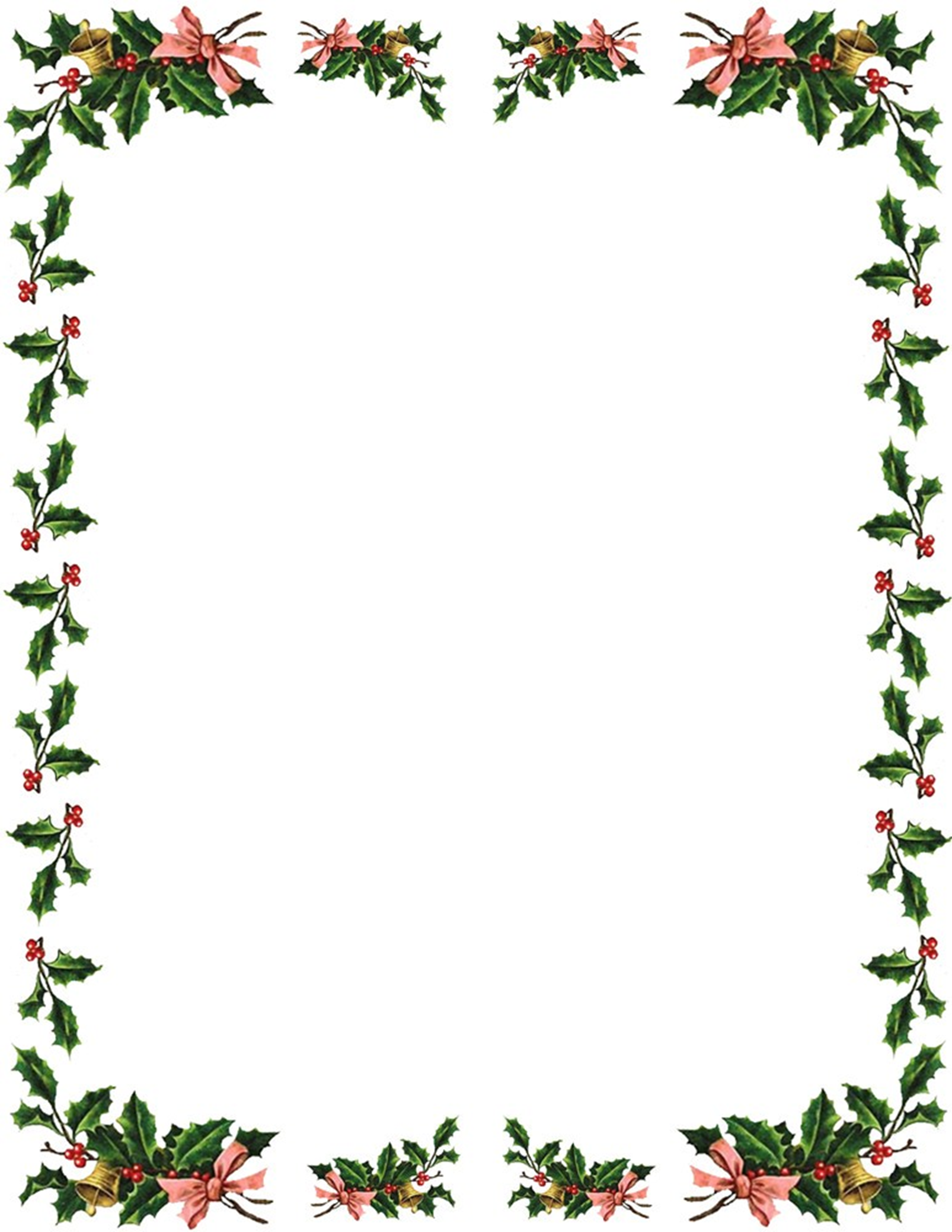
**and tea and coffee station and photography on the day.**

**I look forward to catching up at our next meeting I think is the 7th Feb.**

**From Our Committee we wish you and family a very merry Christmas and Happy and prosperous New Year, thank you and stay safe.**

**Regards Bill**

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Dear Members,

I have been a little busy over the last month and apologize for not enough information being passed around.

The constitution is now with the Office of Fair Trading to ensure all is correct. We have also had a confirmation from SAA National that they see no problems with the constitution this time. A lot of work was put in by the Vice President and me in the preparation of this document. We hope for Fair Trading to advise us by early in the New Year.

Members have been unwell so can everyone who has ex-submariner friends in the sphere of influence just give them a call and ensure they are well. I am surprised by the number of ex-submariners who live south of Rocky and a number of them have not stayed in touch or kept their information up to date. Please keep me informed so I can keep the database up to date.

Also, those of you who have not joined or let their membership lapse, the SAA National is worthy of staying attached to if only to allow access to the Welfare Fund. The National Secretary David Bryant often gets requests for help but under the rules of the Charity you must be a member of SAA National to get access.

It is hoped COVID dependent as everything is for the foreseeable future that we might organize a couple of social events next year. It would be easier to do if people would volunteer to carry out the role of Social Secretary or part of a social committee.

Think about the future. We need members to do more than let everyone else do the work required. The people doing jobs like President, Vice President, Treasurer etc. are not going to keep doing this forever. Without more people taking an interest the future will be a slow death - REMEMBER WE ARE BUDDIES IN BOATS.

The Christmas Lunch held at Ann Woods house on the 6th December was a great success. The raffle went off without too much trouble and people spent or donated a bit of money which will help pay the bills. Everyone present enjoyed themselves and the food was of a high nature and probably too much. Thank you to those who participated.

Anyone who would like to contribute to the newsletters please send the information to me and I will attempt to keep the information flow out to you all. We will be trying to get more of the people on the books but not involved or incorrect info on the database sorted this year.

The first meeting of 2021 will be around the 7th February at the Coorparoo RSL. More in January 2021.

Ross Walters

Secretary SAAQld Inc.