

National Seniors

AUSTRALIA

Melville Branch – February 2024

I hope that members are surviving this long, hot summer with February recording a record number of days over the 40-degree mark. I am sure some of us are going to have a higher-than-normal electricity bill. Let's hope that March brings us some relief.

It is now 7 weeks since Lynley passed and I am still getting over the grief. Particularly not having someone around the house to talk to is the hardest thing. I have found a couple of support groups and now have been to a couple of social events. Members of these groups are lovely people and understand the grief that one goes through. This also helps me get out of the house.

Another thing that I have found is the difficulties dealing with Government Departments. I could not believe it that you had to lodge a form with attachments with Australia Post to have your identity verified for Landgate. Cost \$159.

It was great to have 4 visitors to our January meeting. While one visitor indicated it was not as she expected, I do hope that the other 3 visitors will attend future meetings. These visitors are welcome to put their name down to attend the Branch breakfast in March. This is a great social event to get to know members of the Branch.

Special meeting of BNF on Monday, March 11th

On Monday the 11th March the BNF members will be having a face-to-face meeting with the newly appointed CEO, Chris Grice, and Community Engagement Manager, Karen Furnivall, who will be coming to Perth. This will provide members with a great opportunity to learn more about the organisation we are members of and support. We may also be joined by Chairman of the Board, Ross Glossop.

What questions would members like to have put forward to our visitors from NSA's Head Office?

If we can give advance notice of these questions, we can expect more comprehensive answers.

So, please, put on your thinking caps and bring your questions to our Branch meeting on Tuesday.

Only three committee members per Branch can be accommodated on the day.

AGE CARE AND HOME SUPPORT PACKAGES SURVEY

Monash University are conducting a survey into the above. If you are receiving one of these packages you will be able to partake in the survey if you are interested.

To Register you will need to contact the following person:

Natalie Wray
Research Office

Aged Care Volunteer Visitors Scheme Evaluation Study
email: Natalie.Wray@monash.edu Mob: 0431 825 943

POWERBALL LOTTO

After the \$150 million jackpot to \$200 million I advised those that went into the syndicate that I was re-investing with my own money in the \$200 million. I will appreciate if members of the syndicate can place their \$5 in the envelope at the February meeting and tick their name off as paid. We did win \$50 which I will put towards the next large jackpot.

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

The containers lodged in January returned \$25 making the Y-T-D total \$32.10. Please keep bringing the containers into our meetings as this money helps with subsidizing events organized by the Branch.

TREASURER'S REPORT

To be tabled at meeting next Tuesday

SPEAKERS

27th February - Richard Offen – Perth then and Now

OUTINGS (Report by Helen/Geoff)

Wednesday 20th March – 8.30am – Branch Breakfast at Wireless Hill. Cost per member \$5, to be paid to Helen by no later than the February meeting.

Tuesday 16th July - Annual General Meeting and mid-year lunch. The Rossmoyne Bowling Club and chef Dave have been booked for this event. Price will be confirmed after the March committee meeting.

THEATRE VISITS, Etc (Report by Norma)

I am due for an 'urgent' hip replacement on March 1st and shall be well and truly out of action for 2-3 months.

I don't have any further theatre events for the near future and have spoken to Ann Mellish who will take over the final arrangements for those at Old Mill Theatre on March 1 (!!!) as I probably won't be able to make the meeting on 27th.

There are a few who have not yet paid me, so Ann will collect the money if I am not there. She will have the tickets.

We wish Norma all the best with this operation

BIRTHDAYS – MARCH

Best wishes to Fred Belford, Elaine Laing, and Ken Peters

Valentine Jokes

Q. Why do skunks love Valentine's Day? A. Because they're scent-imental creatures!

Q. Why shouldn't you fall in love with a pastry chef? A. He'll dessert you.

Q: What do you call a very small valentine? A: A valen-tiny!

Q. How did the phone propose to his girlfriend on Valentine's Day? A. He gave her a ring.

Q. What did the girl cat say to the boy cat on Valentine's Day?

A. You're purrr-fect for me.

Q: What happened when the man fell in love with his garden? A: It made him wed his plants!

"You came home early from your date," John observed to his roommate. "What happened?"

"Well," said the flatmate, "after dinner she invited me up to her flat. We had a couple of drinks and she put on some soft music. Then she reached over and turned out the lights."

"So, what next?" asked John, eyebrows raised.

"I can take a hint," said his flatmate. "I came home."

Protocol

1. To attend meetings of the Melville Branch, a person must be a member of National Seniors Australia whose offices are in Brisbane. Application Forms available at Branch Meetings.

2. Visitors are entitled to one free attendance at a Branch meeting. Thereafter, the meeting fee of \$8.00 is payable

3. The meeting fee can be paid at each meeting by being placed in an envelope with the attendee's name clearly marked on the front, or by 2 instalments January and July into the Branch's bank account.

Current Membership rates to be a member of National Seniors Australia are:



Single Membership

- 1 Year - \$49.50
- 2 Year - \$88
- 3 Year - \$120 Save \$28.50
- 5 Year - \$220



Joint Membership

- 1 Year - \$80
- 2 Year - \$143
- 3 Year - \$180
- 5 Year - \$325

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Branch's Westpac account details BSB 036084 and Account Number 43414

Branch Meetings 2024

27th February 26th March 23rd April 28th May 25th June
 16th July 27th August 24th September 22nd October 26th November

COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2024

18TH March 13th May 8th July 9th September 11th November

EVENTS

Wednesday 20 March Branch Breakfast Wireless Hill 8.30am

Tuesday 16 July AGM and Lunch - Rossmoyne Bowling Club 10.00am

