

National Seniors

AUSTRALIA

Melville Branch – August 2019

We had another successful AGM with all positions on the committee being filled. I would like to express my thanks to Ann Mellish (Secretary), Fred Belford (Treasurer), Matilda Wasley (Speaker Organisator), Helen Richards Social Co-ordinator), Ken Quick (Vice-President), Margaret Quick (Morning Teas), Lorelie Tacoma (Theatre Outings) Lexie Beadmore (Raffle) , Jane Donald (Door) and Mary Carr (Host) for agreeing to fill their positions for another 12 months. I would also like to welcome Elaine Laing into the Role of Welcoming Officer.

I owe our Treasurer a sincere apology for overlooking him in my AGM report. Fred continues to do an excellent job in this position and I hope that he is able to continue in this role for some years to come. Due in part to Fred's work, our finances are in a sound position and in capable hands.

Those members who attended the Christmas in July Lunch after the AGM were treated to an enjoyable meal put on by the RAAFA Café. Also a big thank you to Lorelie for organising the quiz which members enjoyed in filling the time in between the end of the AGM and Lunch.

Graeme Piggott, the BNF Chairman, attended the AGM and spoke to members in regard to his role in the National Seniors movement. Thanks Graeme for your interesting talk.

Below is pictures of members socialising after a lovely Christmas in July Lunch





NAME TAGS

Now that members have had time to observe the new name tags worn by some of the members, if you are interested in purchasing one I can place an order at any time. The dearest is the magnetic type which is \$15.80 each. The other types available are \$15.00.

HOW CAN I GET UP OFF THE FLOOR

I picked up a pamphlet on how you can get up off the floor if you have a fall, when I was at the Cancer Clinic and have contacted the number on the pamphlet to get a supply of the pamphlet. I was advised that there are 2 different pamphlets and a supply of each have been sent to me and will be available at the next Branch meeting for those who may be interested in having a copy of one or both pamphlets.

When I contacted the phone number on the pamphlet, Jan Powell-Jones answered the phone. She passed on her regards to members and said she was doing well.

SCAMS

Watch out for myGov tax scams

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What's happened?

Tax time is here, and we see a surge in scammers impersonating trusted brands like myGov or the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) to trick you into giving them money or personal details. These scams can come through as emails, text messages and fake myGov login pages. Usually these scams will say you're entitled to a tax refund or that you need to pay a debt. They are also made to look very real through the sophisticated use of myGov and ATO logos, information and even email addresses which makes it easy for anyone to fall victim.

In June 2019, the ATO received 6,444 reports of tax-time scams that impersonated the ATO. Emails with links to fake myGov login pages were the biggest email scam in that month.

The trend in scammers demanding 'debt' payments via gift cards is also on the rise, with Australians aged 18-44 years making the majority of iTunes payments to scammers (\$94,420 in June alone), closely followed by Google Play cards (\$27,993).

These scam messages often include links that direct you to fake websites or login pages – where you enter your login details and fill out your personal details to claim a 'refund.' Scammers can then use this information to commit credit card or tax fraud and identity theft. By clicking on these links you also run the risk of downloading malware onto your computer.

FOR SALE

Our esteemed Treasurer's computer printer has died and he has had to replace it meaning that he has been left with a number of unused cartridges to the value of \$200. Fred has asked me to put the following for sale notice in the newsletter. If you have this model printer and are after replacement cartridges see Fred at the next Branch meeting.

Printer Cartridges (Unused) - HP 564 – All XL

1 Cyan, 2 Black, 2 Magenta and 1 Yellow.

\$100.00.

BRANCH ACTIVITIES AND OUTINGS

Tuesday 1st October – visit to Parliament House followed by lunch at the Charles Hotel. Cost Bus \$7 and Senior Meals \$14. The bus will be leaving the RAAFA Estate at 9.15am.



Wednesday 11th December – Christmas Luncheon to be held at the Community Room, Riverside West, 10 Roebuck Drive, Salter Point. The committee has agreed to subsidise \$10.50 towards the cost. Therefore the price per member will be \$25.00 and we request that you put your name down in the book and make payment by no later than the October Branch meeting.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Tuesday 27th August Speaker – Alison Lindley – Stroke Foundation

Tuesday 24th September Speaker – Brian Langley – Bush Poet

Tuesday 22nd October - Linda Bettenay –Author. We had Linda last year and what a great speaker. Linda will be talking on a different topic.

THEATRE VISITS, Etc.

THURSDAY 22ND AUGUST 7.30 P.M. \$20 *OLD MILL THEATRE* "**The Nerd**" hilarious comedy.

MONDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 6.30 P.M. \$25 *BENTLEY PINES RESTAURANT* - **ASIAN BANQUET.**

FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 8 P.M. \$15 *MELVILLE THEATRE CO.* "**The Nightwatchman**" a contemplative piece that explores memory and nostalgia. Chinese Banquet at Golden Gate at 6 p.m. \$22.

Please phone or email Lorelie on 9265 2277 or tlorelie@ymail.com for the Old Mill on 22nd August or put you name in the book at our meeting on 27th August for the other events.

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