

# National Seniors

## AUSTRALIA

### Melville Branch – February 2020

Members need to excuse me for a short newsletter this month as I have been spending a considerable time at St John of Gods Hospital Murdoch. Lynley has become very unstable on her feet and on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> she slipped on the bedroom floor where she remained for approx. 2 hours until I got home. On the Thursday she visited her specialist prior to her cancer treatment that day. He immediately cancelled the treatment and admitted her to hospital where she spent a week undergoing tests etc. She was discharged today (Thursday 20/2) and then went to an appointment with a specialist in Hollywood who has now booked her in to Hollywood Hospital for 3 days next week to make adjustments to her pacemaker.

It was nice to welcome 5 visitors to our January meeting. I hope that they enjoyed it and will continue to see whether it is for them by attending the next few meetings.

If you are interested in going on the Dwellingup outing don't forget to put your name down and pay at the February Branch meeting. Numbers are filling up quickly.

Also don't forget the Branch Breakfast on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March. If you are going please put your name down in the book so that we have numbers for catering purposes.

As reported at the January meeting our door takings were down \$50. We can only put this down to someone who went to pay with a \$50 note and there was a mix up with the member being given the \$45 change but the \$50 not collected. I hope that this does not occur again as we can't be down on door takings which help to fund events organised by the Branch.

#### **Replacement Taps**

To give myself peace of mind I decided to replace my sink tap. The plumber advised me to buy the tap and hoses and he would come in and connect. I went to Parkwood Plumbing and could not believe my eyes when I found an Australian Manufactured tap that came with a 15 year warranty including the hoses.

#### **I HAD IT ALL!**

I chatted to a homeless man this morning and asked him how he ended up this way. He said, "Up until last week, I still had it all. I had plenty to eat, my clothes were washed and pressed,

I had a roof over my head, I had TV and Internet, and I went to the gym, the pool, and the library. I was working on my MBA on-line. I had no bills and no debt. I even had full medical and dental coverage."

I felt really sorry for him, so I asked, "What happened? Drugs? Alcohol? Divorce?" "Oh no, nothing like that," he said. "I just got released from prison!"

## **BRANCH ACTIVITIES AND OUTINGS**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020** – Branch Breakfast at the Heathcote picnic area commencing at 8.00am.

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2020** – Day outing to Dwellingup with visit to Visitor centre/Museum followed by lunch at the Dwellingup Hotel. The bus will be leaving at 9.00am and the cost for the bus hire will be \$15 per head which must be paid in advance. We will be limited to 18 so the first 18 to pay Helen will be the cut- off point.

## **GUEST SPEAKERS**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020** – Chris Herrmann – Senior Gap Year

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020** – Rebecca Boswell. The Orangutan Project. She is the Administration manager of this project.

## **THEATRE VISITS, Etc.**

**Thursday 19th March, OLD MILL THEATRE**

"Spider's Web" by Agatha Christie - suspense and humour

7.30 p.m. \$20

Reservations please to Norma Davis a.s.a.p.on 9457 2471 or [davisnl@iinet.net.au](mailto:davisnl@iinet.net.au)

*Norma is filling in while Lorelie recovers from her knee surgery*

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