

National Seniors

AUSTRALIA

Melville Branch – August 2020

It was very pleasing to welcome 41 members, including 5 visitors to our July Branch Meeting and wasn't the guest speaker, Rebecca Graham, from the Orangutan Project very interesting. A very big thankyou goes out to Margaret Quick for the excellent morning tea she organised.

As advised at the July meeting we are still navigating our way through what venues are available, taking into account the social distancing requirements. To enable us to hold our August and September meetings, the only suitable venue available is the RAAFA Club. The downside to this is that our meetings will have to commence at 9.00am and finish at 11.00am. The club will be providing tea and coffees for morning tea, at an expense to the Branch, while we can provide biscuits. I hope that members will appreciate that this inconvenience should be only for two meetings as the RAAFA Club is still scheduled to move into the new building in October. I have attached a layout plan of the new building for the information of members. Function Room 2 can accommodate 90 while function room 1 can accommodate 180.

EFTPOS facility at Branch Meetings

Health concerns still exist in the community in regard to the handling of cash with a number of businesses, including Bunnings and Miss Maud's, only accepting EFTPOS payments to protect the health of their staff members. With these health concerns, the President and Treasurer have been investigating options available to avoid members having to handle cash at Branch meetings and what would be of minimal expense to the Branch. At the committee meeting on Monday the 10th of August a Motion of Intent was passed in regard to the future tabling of a Notice of Motion at a Branch meeting in regard to replacing cash payments by the use of an EFTPOS facility. Under this system members would make one EFTPOS payment covering the door entry and one raffle ticket. The committee is currently looking at the option of charging \$7.00 per member at Branch meetings but this will be reviewed once RAAFA advises us of the monthly cost of Function Room 2 and morning tea arrangements in the new building.

At the August meeting we will be seeking details as to the number of members who do not have a card or other facility (Phone or Ipad) that can be used to make an EFTPOS payment.

CHRISTMAS WINDUP LUNCH

Arrangements have now been confirmed in regard to the Christmas Windup Lunch on Wednesday the 9th of December at 10 Roebuck Drive Salters Point. Even if there are no

further easing of restrictions this venue can accommodate our numbers. We have booked the same caterers and entertainment that we had last year. The cost of the caterers is \$35.50 per head and will need to be paid not later than the October meeting.

SYNERGY COVID-19 REBATE

In May the State Government provided a \$305 rebate for pensioners against their power accounts. It appears that some pensioners may not have received this rebate. If you think you may not have received the rebate you should check your Synergy power accounts and if you have not received it contact Synergy on 13 13 53

GUEST SPEAKERS

Tuesday 25th August 2020 - Tony Borger, Director of Kids Komedy Kapers (the clown doctors)

Tuesday 22nd September - David McMahon – Education Officer – Transperth

Tuesday 27th October - Gordon Hudson – Wheelchairs for Kids

OUTINGS

Due to current restrictions there are no planned outings in the near future. This will change when restrictions are lifted.

THEATRE VISITS, Etc.

Sept 3rd Melville Theatre for musical “Next to Normal”. \$25. There have only been 5 interested so far. If you are interested in going please contact Lorelie.

Comedy Corner:

WHAT ARE SENIORS WORTH

Remember, old folks are worth a fortune with silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet and gas in their stomachs.

This extract is part of a letter written by a delightful little old lady who says, quote:-

I have become a little older since I saw you last and a few changes have come into my life.

Frankly, I have become a frivolous old girl. I’m seeing 5 gentlemen every day. As soon as I wake up Will Power helps me out of bed. Then I go to see John. Next it’s time for Uncle Toby to come along, followed by Billy T. They leave and Arthur Ritis shows up and stays the rest of the day.

He doesn’t like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me from joint to joint.

After such a busy day I's really tired and glad to go to bed with Johnny Walker. What a life!

I'm also flirting with Al Zymer.

P.S. The preacher came to call the other day. He said that at my age I should be thinking about the hereafter. I told him, "Oh I do, all the time. No matter where I am, if I'm in the parlour, upstairs in the kitchen or down in the basement, I ask myself: Now what am I here after?"

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