

# National Seniors

## AUSTRALIA

### Melville Branch – January 2021

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and a Happy New Year and is looking forward to a brighter year in 2021. Hopefully covid-19 free.

Summer has hit us with a vengeance with some very hot days over the end of December. I now believe in Murphy's law. That is if something goes wrong it goes wrong at a most inconvenient time. Our air-conditioner broke down a couple of days before Christmas and with everything either shut down or shutting down for the Christmas – New year period we have had to wait until after the new year to contact someone to come and fix it.

#### **JANUARY BRANCH MEETING**

A reminder to members that this meeting has been brought forward to the 19<sup>th</sup> January as Australia Day falls on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. The meeting will be in the function room of the new Cirrus building. **(Note: There is a late change and the meeting will now be held in the Old RAAFA Club/Meg Olive Room area)**

#### **MEETING FEES 2021**

I remind members of the email sent out in December outlining the two options for the payment of the monthly fee to attend Branch meetings. Members are encouraged to take up option one by paying \$42 online by a bank transfer by the 15<sup>th</sup> of January. The Branch's bank details are contained at the end of the newsletter. Those members who are staying with paying monthly are reminded that the people on the door will have no change. We ask you to put the \$7 in an envelope and clearly mark your name on the front. Fred will ensure that there will be a supply of spare envelopes at the desk if you need one on arrival..

#### **CONTAINERS FOR CASH**

The Branch has now set up an account so that we can recycle cans, bottles and plastic containers (not plastic milk containers or wine bottles) through one of the disposal outlets. So, members, don't throw your containers into the recycle bin, bring them along to Branch meetings and place them in the black box. This way we can hopefully make enough money for the Branch to subsidise some activities.

#### **CHRISTMAS WINDUP LUNCH**

I hope that everyone who attended enjoyed the meal. The last minute replacement of the booked entertainment by a trio of young sisters did not distract from the quality of the entertainment.

#### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

19<sup>th</sup> January. Professor Robert Mead. Topic “Accused & Convicted”. Investigation Bias in a Homicidal Poisoning Case.

23<sup>rd</sup> February. Mr Lee Tate. From Have a Go Newspaper

23<sup>rd</sup> March. Belyssa Radzivanas. Researcher, Performer, Choreographer. Has Egyptian background and adventured in the Middle East.

## **OUTINGS**

Branch Picnic – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 5.30pm. This event will be held at Wireless Hill in Applecross.

Lunch – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – THE SWAN AT ASCOT, 1 Epsom Avenue, Ascot. This hotel provides a seniors lunch for \$15 and is situated on the banks of the Swan River with lovely views.

Annual Branch Breakfast – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021 – 8.00a.m. This will be held on the Shelley foreshore.

## **THEATRE VISITS, Etc.**

MELVILLE THEATRE CO. - THURSDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 8 P.M. \$20

Summer Shorts -- a series of one-act plays.

These short plays offer a variety of situations and are always enjoyable.

Chinese Banquet before at 6 p.m. \$22

## **NATIONAL SENIORS PRESENTATION – Ross Glossop**

The Deputy Chairperson of NSA, Ross Glossop provided a presentation to the December BNF summarising the year. I have attached this presentation for members to read. I know some members may not have the powerpoint program so I will make copies available at the January Meeting.

### **Les Davey**

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