

National Seniors

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Melville Branch – October 2020

On Friday the 9th of October the majority of the committee were given a tour of the facilities in the new Cirrus Building which will be used for Branch meetings from January 2021. The members were very impressed with the facilities and in particular the function room where our meetings will be held. **The October and November Branch meetings will be in the same room as where our August and September meetings were held, at 10.00a.m.**

PAYMENT FOR ATTENDANCE AT BRANCH MEETINGS

To enable the Branch to continue to operate financially, the cost of attending meetings will increase to \$7 per person from and including the January meeting. The \$7 fee will include the issue of one raffle ticket. Members will be given the option and encouraged to pay the meeting fees in 2 instalments. The first instalment of \$42 will be due by the 19th of January and the second instalment of \$35 will be due by the 27th of July. To avoid moving to a EFTPOS facility members will be encourage to use online banking to make these 2 payments. Some members do not have online banking and therefore will need to pay the \$7 at each Branch meeting. It is also understood that some members may have plans to undertake holidays during a certain period and will opt to pay at Branch meetings during these periods.

Members who usually purchase more than 1 raffle ticket at Branch meetings will be able to purchase additional tickets on the day of the Branch meeting.

R.I.P – VEAN ELST

I recently sent out an email to members advising of the passing of Vean. I did not see any funeral notice so I assume that a private service was held. Our thoughts are with Vean's family. Vean was a regular member at Branch meetings and attended various functions organised by the Branch until she moved into an aged care facility due to deteriorating health.

FEDERAL AND STATE BUDGETS

These budgets were handed down in early October and included further financial assistance to age pensioners. The Federal Government announced that age pensioners will receive 2 further stimulus payments of \$250 each, one in December and one in March next year while the State Government announced that every household in Western Australia will receive a \$600 credit to cover some of their electricity usage.

CHRISTMAS WINDUP LUNCH

Only 16 members have paid the \$35.50 to attend the lunch on Wednesday the 9th of December at 10 Roebuck Drive Salters Point. We must have a minimum of 30 members for the lunch to proceed. Payment for the lunch is due by or at the October Branch meeting. **The convenient way for members to pay for the Christmas Lunch is to make a direct transfer to the Branch's Westpac account, the details of which are: BSB 036084 and Account Number 434141. Please ensure that you use your surname or part of as the reference in the transfer. An email to Fred confirming that you have paid would be recommended.**

GUEST SPEAKERS

Tuesday 27th October - Gordon Hudson – Wheelchairs for Kids

Tuesday 24th November - Paula Miller. From RAC Education Branch. Subject “Driving for Oldies”

OUTINGS

Dwellingup -Wednesday the 4th of November. The bus will depart at 9.00am before making its way to Pinjarra for morning tea and then on to Dwellingup.

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

Lunch – 17th 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 17th March 2021 – 8.00am. This will be held on the Shelley foreshore

THEATRE VISITS, Etc.

Thursday Oct 29th Old Mill Theatre for “A view from the Park”. \$22. **If you are interested in attending this play you will need to contact Lorelie ASAP.**

Thursday Nov. 26th Melville Theatre for “Old Love”. \$18. Optional Chinese banquet beforehand. \$22.

Friday Oct 23rd Luncheon at Bentley Pines for 24. \$25. 11.30 for 12p.m.

Comedy Corner:

Speeding Ticket Joke

So there was this female business executive who was late for a meeting.
She is going 65 on a street where the speed limit is 40.

A cop pulls her over and says "ma'am, can I please see your license?"

She says "I'm sorry, officer, but I got it revoked two years ago for drunk driving."

His brow furrows and he straightens up. "Well, can I please see the registration of your car?"

She says "I stole the car and I killed the driver, he's in the trunk."

"Ma'am, DON'T MOVE, I'm calling for backup."

He mutters furiously into his walkie-talkie...

Five minutes later, half the squad pulls up, the Chief of Police walks over to the woman's window.

"Ma'am, can I see your license?" he asks sternly.

"Of course, officer," she smiles demurely and pulls out a license from her purse.

He squints warily at it. "This looks legitimate," he mumbles.

"Can I see the registration to this car?"

She pulls it out of the glove compartment and hands it to him.

"Ma'am, stand back!"

He bangs open the trunk of the car and flinches: but it was completely empty...

The woman brandishes a finger at the first cop and says accusingly, "And I'll bet that liar told you I was speeding too!!"

Les Davey

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