

# National Seniors

## AUSTRALIA

### Melville Branch – September 2020

Considering the early start to our August meeting it was pleasing to see an attendance of 35 members. The September meeting will again be a 9.00am start. However, we will be able to get back to a 10.00am start for the October and subsequent meetings which will be held in one of the function rooms in the new RAAFA building. Some of the committee members will be having a tour of the new building on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October so that we have a good feel of the layout and as to which entry the members will be using to attend the Branch meetings.

#### **Tom Maher's Funeral**

It was pleasing to see 12 members of the Branch plus Graeme Piggott (Chairman of the BNF) and Joyce Overton from the Kalamunda Branch attend the funeral service. The service was very pleasant and it was interesting hearing of the life journey of Tom and his various achievements.

#### **EFTPOS facility at Branch Meetings**

I would like to thank members for their contributions to the discussions around the possible introduction of an EFTPOS facility. The committee will be taking this input into consideration at its next meeting. The preferred option appears to be where possible members make a payment in January and July by online transfer to the Branch's bank account. Obviously if a member is planning to be away for a number of meetings or declines in paying two instalments the option of paying on the day would be still available. With the increased cost of our meeting venue and the fact that RAAFA will be providing teas and coffees at Branch meetings there will have to be a slight increase in the amount a member pays to attend Branch meetings. The recommendation that the committee will be considering at its next meeting is to make the door charge \$7 which would include 1 raffle ticket. This would not stop members purchasing additional raffle tickets. If the \$7 per meeting is adopted the Branch will not be in a financial position to subsidise any events.

#### **CHRISTMAS WINDUP LUNCH**

As advised in the last newsletter arrangements have now been confirmed in regard to the Christmas Windup Lunch on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of December at 10 Roebuck Drive Salters Point. 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. **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 insure 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.**

### **NEW PERTH MUSEUM**

The new museum is to be open in November. The State Government is offering 50,000 free tickets by way of ballot. To go into the ballot you need to log into the following web address [www.museum.wa.gov.au/ballot](http://www.museum.wa.gov.au/ballot). Entry into the ballot close on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September.

### **ARALUEN BOTANIC PARK**

Lynley and myself visited the park on Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> of September. The display of tulips was at their most peak and the best I have seen at the park. Even though it was a week day there were hundreds of people visiting the park. I have attached 2 photos at the end of this newsletter which shows some of the tulips on display. After the visit to the tulip farm we went on to the Byford Country Club and had a wonderful senior meal at the cost of \$11.90 each. The yearly membership is \$10 which entitles the member and 4 guests to have a senior's meal which is available Monday to Friday.

### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** - David McMahon – Education Officer – Transperth

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October** - Gordon Hudson – Wheelchairs for Kids

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November** - Paula Miller. From RAC Education Branch. Subject “Driving for Oldies”

### **OUTINGS**

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

### **THEATRE VISITS, Etc.**

Lorelie needs 2 more for the Bentley Pines lunch on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October. If you are interested please contact Lorelie

### **Comedy Corner: (A few Dentist jokes)**

The dentist looked inside a patient's mouth and gasped, “Oh gosh, you're going to need a lot of expensive repair work done!”

The patient stammered, “What is it, what can you see?”

The dentist looked closer, “Well, I can see a root canal for you and a new car for me.”

Q: How did the dentist become a brain surgeon?

A: His drill slipped.

If I normally brushed my teeth with half the enthusiasm I do when I brush them 15 minutes before a dentist appointment, I wouldn't have a single cavity.

Q: What do false teeth and the stars have in common?

A: Both come out at night.

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