

Newsletter #200

Mostly about us with a sprinkling of NSA news when space permits

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NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 9 July at Kalamunda CoC Centre, 22 Mileti Road Lesmurdie

GUEST SPEAKER – Matt Wood, Perth Observatory Tour Administrator will be speaking on the *Cassini Mission* to Saturn. This promises to be a highly interesting, entertaining and informative talk that will have us riveted throughout; could be a good reason to invite your neighbours along.

What a journey we've had over the past eighteen years from small beginnings in the Town Square Hall (opposite the Post Office) with 25 members in attendance at our inaugural meeting, to an incredibly successful Branch that now numbers 200 plus and growing. We have shifted venue three times to cater for numbers, we have been blessed with enthusiastic Management Committee members along the way and we have grown into a body of like-minded people all sharing a goal to create a social environment befitting and supporting the objectives of National Seniors Australia.

There's no prize for guessing what hasn't changed and I regard myself the luckiest bloke in the world for having been President of Kalamunda District Branch since its inception. I recall saying at our first meeting that it's important to establish a Newsletter in order to keep members informed and that I would be happy to get it started; with someone else taking over as we settled into a routine. That hasn't changed either and that's why I'm so proud to be writing this 200th edition 18 years later. It's all been a labor of love that I will cherish forever and I have great admiration and respect for all those who have assisted me over the years. We have become a family of friends who look forward to sharing our time with one-another and we wouldn't change it for quids – long live Kalamunda District National Seniors.

New faces in the audience – at every meeting we are blessed with visitors who either come recommended or seeking something new and Harry Nijssen as well as Iris Jones did just that at our June meeting. It was fortuitous that Harry came, as we had a \$100 cheque to present to our regular attendee Norman Campbell of Kalamunda Community Radio fame; who, as it turned out, had registered an apology. Harry, being an associate of Normans' gladly accepted the cheque on his behalf. All's well that ends well!



Proud Great Grandmother – Joyce Everton welcomed her first great-grandchild, Chester David Donehue into the world on Wednesday 5 June and hasn't lost the smile on her face, ever since that auspicious occasion! We all share her absolute delight and wish both baby and great-grandmother all the very best wishes for a long and healthy life. Good on you Joyce, your new found status is a milestone in your life

that many of us look forward to but may never experience.

South West tour – 35 people have now paid their \$100 deposit for the 3 day South West tour commencing Tuesday 22 October and if you want to be part of the action then please see Clare Arnold at the July meeting. I have fond memories of the 3 day wildflower tour last year as the bonding process was quite extraordinary and hugely satisfying. I believe that it is events such as this that do so much to unite the Branch and one of the reasons why we are so successful – I'm going; what about you?

VALE RON SCOBBIE

We remember Ron as a guy short of stature but huge of heart; a man of friendly qualities who endeared himself to all that had the good fortune to have known him. Our sympathy to Patricia and family at this sad time and may you find solace in the fact that we admired him for what he was and for what he left behind.

The postman will continue to deliver - I didn't really think that my announcement regarding the postage saving exercise would be welcomed and it certainly wasn't! From where I was standing the look of disappointment was very evident, especially on the face of Rosa Paparo and several others close at hand. The committee understands that there are those who haven't got a computer and those who do but guard their email address jealously for fear of dreaded scams. It's mostly about the welcome receipt of letters by people who relish the opportunity to read and absorb the contents at their leisure. The one bright side of the exercise resulted in our postage bill being reduced from \$700 to \$500 due to more members giving Chris their email address on the day. I should also add that Chris is the only person with access to member email addresses, so rest easy.

SOCIAL CORNER

Transport is available – For those who may not have had their Driver's Licence renewed or those having to miss meetings due to some disability, then this message is for you. The matter was raised at the June meeting and 5 people volunteered their time to transport those in need. If you are unable to arrange a lift then give me a call and I will put you in touch with someone who can.

Event – Christmas in July at the *Mallard Duck* in Henley Brook
Date Thursday 25 July
This is a drive yourself event and if you are in need of transport we will get it sorted at the July meeting.

A blond is flying in a two seater aircraft when the pilot suffers a heart attack and dies. She frantically calls out, "May Day, May Day the pilot is dead and I don't know how to fly – please help me."
A voice over the radio says: "This is Air Traffic Control and I have you loud and clear. I have had considerable experience with this kind of problem so I will talk you safely back to ground; now give me your height and position."
She says, "I'm 5 feet 4 inches and I'm in the front seat."
"OK," says the voice over the radio....."Repeat after me:
Our Father who art in heaven....."

Event – Dowerin Field Day
Date – Wednesday 28 August
Cost - \$50 per person; an absolute bargain price for what promises to be an excellent day, comprising:
● comfortable Adams coach
● green pastures en route
● an agricultural experience
● multitude of exhibitions and
● great company
What better way to spend a leisurely day out, being chauffeured in comfort.

Hands up please – we may be looking for a new Branch secretary at the AGM so we need a volunteer please. The Branch cannot operate without this role being filled so if we don't get a positive response then the Branch will have to close and what a tragedy that would be. If you have the desire to fill the role then ring Chris or myself and we can all heave a collective sigh of relief!

I look forward to seeing you in July so keep smiling and keep well. - **GRAEME** 😊

