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**NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday 8 October at Kalamunda CoC Centre, 22 Mileti Road Lesmurdie  
**GUEST SPEAKER** – Brent Fleeton, NBN Local Manager presenting NBN 101 (should be interesting!)

The sheer enormity of the Dowerin Field Day is fitting testimony to those responsible for launching the inaugural event 55 years ago. Fifty of us had a thoroughly enjoyable day, albeit that there were many who didn't see much of the countryside on the way home and there's no prize for guessing why. Les's contact with a higher authority paid dividends "again" as the weather was at its very best; as the attached picture certainly shows during our morning tea stop at Toodyay. Whilst the emphasis of the exhibits is squarely of an agriculture theme, there is much on offer in other ways; similar to the Royal Show, without sideshow alley and the swings and roundabouts.



Outings like this are occasions where new friendships are formed and the bonding process flourishes. Setting off is an adventure and arriving home safely instills a feeling of goodwill and satisfaction of money well spent. It's another reason why our Branch is so successful in attracting such a strong membership base.

**Geraldton conference** Saturday 31 August – Sixty people attended, including Barry & Carol Rumens, Joyce Everton and myself. The event included some interesting speakers on local history as well as a local female entrepreneur who had established a flourishing pearl industry. Chris Grice represented NSA. I understand that there were many who chose not to attend due to Fathers Day celebrations on the Sunday and that's why only three of the eight Zone 108 metropolitan Branches were represented.

**Dr Hamish McGlashan** – What an interesting man with such interesting stories to tell. Our September speaker certainly captured our attention and his one hour presentation time evaporated all too quickly. The story of Lieutenant George Grey's exploration of the west Kimberley is quite remarkable and the fact that Dr McGlashan had walked in much of his footsteps added considerably to his presentation.

**Richard & Clare (October tour group update)** – "At our October Branch meeting we will have your tour documents for you to collect. They will include all necessary information for you to be

ready for a great trip to the southwest departing on Tuesday 22 October. We will also have lunch menus for Day 2 and 3 from which you can make your choice. This will assist the regional restaurants to have lunch ready for us on arrival; thus giving us more time to spend visiting some of the many attractions along the way. If you are NOT able to attend this meeting please arrange for someone to collect the information for you. Please call us on 94546577 so that we can get your meal choice.”

### NEW FACES IN THE AUDIENCE

Peter Daniel, Vern & Pauline Hannan, George Stanley and Gary Wilson came to our September meeting to experience an interesting and enthusiastic National Seniors event. We certainly hope to see them on a regular basis.

**A vote of thanks** – Lorraine Deacon stepped forward to manage the role of secretary during Chris Milne’s absence. Thank you Lorraine, not only did you do the job professionally but it also allowed Chris & Wendy to enjoy a relaxing non caring holiday.

### National Seniors advocacy campaign priorities:

- **Energy Affordability** ▶ *Indexation of Energy Supplement.*
- **Housing** ▶ *Exempt \$250,000 of excess sale proceeds from pension asset test for low wealth downsizers.*
- **Fix pension poverty** ▶ *Independent Age Pension Tribunal ▶ NBN subsidy ▶ Rent assistance increase ▶ Increase funding for dental*
- **Health costs** ▶ *Focus on specialized fees – collecting member stories online ▶ Freeze health insurance premium increases to CPI*
- **Franking credits refund** ▶ *Opposing removal of refunds*
- **Aged Care Royal Commission** ▶ *Participating in Royal Commission and collecting member stories*

**Have a Go Day** – Wednesday 13 November at Burswood Park. This is a hugely entertaining event that will keep you fully interested for as long as you want to be there. National Seniors will have an information booth on site so make sure you come to say hello, get the latest marketing brochures and other interesting stuff.

**First hand information** – Most people that you talk to have experienced varying degrees of frustration due to the seemingly inexcusable ramifications of the National Broadcasting Network (NBN.) I believe that Brent Fleeton, our October guest speaker, is a very brave man indeed to address so many with the same axe to grind. Question time should be most interesting so come prepared to seek answers.

**Plan to be there** -. I look forward to seeing you at this meeting so keep safe, keep smiling and keep well.

## SOCIAL CORNER

**Event** – South West tour

**Date** - Tuesday 22 to Thursday 24 October.

Forty (40) members have registered for this adventure and are counting the days!

**November coffee get-together-** this is a Richard Arnold initiative that may attract a number of members to socialise at the Dome in Kalamunda, Tuesday 19 November. This would be a great opportunity for new members to meet some of the old hands and thereby learn more about what we have to offer.

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**CARPE DIEM**

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