

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 10 November, 10 AM at Kalamunda CoC Centre, 22 Mileti Road Lesmurdie.

GUEST ENTERTAINER: David MacConnell hails from *County Down* and sings Irish and old time songs and any that he thinks are entertaining. This will be fun, says he confidently!

We are still well below our average meeting attendance but numbers are slowly increasing with 78 present at the October meeting. I understand and appreciate that some members are still reluctant to venture too far away from home, whilst the thought of being part of a large gathering is just too much; regardless of varying opinions on the matter. We are hoping for an easing on social distancing soon to be announced by the Premier and then we can get back to normal meeting procedure, including the serving of morning tea. Our decision to provide free bottled water at the October meeting proved to be a good one with most members taking advantage of the offer and we will repeat that initiative at the November meeting.

Arrangements for the three-course Christmas lunch at *Hartfield Country Club* on Tuesday 8 December at a cost of \$50 per person are well in hand. About 68 members registered for this event at the last meeting and payment (**correct money please**) is required at the November meeting. For those not already registered and wishing to attend the event, then it's either a case of being at the November meeting or finding someone that is and asking them to register and make payment on your behalf. This will be your final opportunity to get a seat at the December lunch and we would love to have a full house!

Did you know that horse manure can help in the fight against Coronavirus!

Take fresh horse manure and rub it on your hands; it has the following actions:

1. Prevents you touching your face;
2. People will stay 2 metres away from you;
3. No one will want to shake your hand; and
4. It will make you wash your hands.

Going places in harmony with others -
Those who attended previous three day adventures organized by

Richard and Clare Arnold were happy to admit that it was money well spent. I am very pleased to say that the recent three day event focusing on Manjumup and surrounding locations was most certainly another incredibly well managed adventure. Hats off to Richard and Clare for all their planning and organizing, they are so good at what they do. No one got lost, no one got sick, the coach driver was skillful and entertaining, the accommodation was excellent, the catering at all venues was first class and we thoroughly enjoyed being in the



company of friends. We visited places that most of us didn't know existed and what we experienced was a delight for all; if you're in the market place for excellent wine then I recommend the Smallwater Estate near Ballingup. I signed up for a regular three monthly supply and for me it was also money well spent! You can find them easily online.

The first picture shows Jean Holbrook, Elise Price, Joyce Warren and Wendy Milne waiting at the Pemberton railway station for a train that has long since stopped coming. The old logging bridge shown below has withstood the rigours of time and is an absolute tribute to those long gone pioneer wood cutters. The last picture shows Jenny Smith and Joyce Everton in a queue for their turn to climb the Gloucester Tree!

It is occasions such as this that unite the Branch; where people we know by face can suddenly be recalled by name and where the added closeness provides the catalyst for friendships to be formed. I do believe that the whole 46 of us rated this event 10 out of 10 and money well spent.

First visitors since February – Michael Casey and David Hocken came to the October meeting. At first glance just nine visitors for the year to date doesn't look good, seeing as our yearly average is close to 40. However, in the context of just four meetings as opposed to nine in "normal" times, we are pleased with that statistic. We hope that Michael and David enjoyed their time with us, sufficiently enough to come back.

Chris needs to know – If you have renewed your National Seniors membership within the last six months would you please tell our secretary. It's important that he knows this, as liability on outings won't be considered by NSA unless you are financial.



BNF – The Branch Network Forum was formed eighteen years ago when I was nominated as Zone 108 Chairman. Joyce Everton is the new Secretary and Barry Rumens represents our Branch as an observer. It would be good if we could have one more branch delegate as lots of interesting ideas and initiatives are discussed. If you would like to attend then let me know. The three of us catch the train at Guildford and the meeting place is on the Perth station. The duration of the meeting is only one and a half hours from 1.00 PM to 2.30 PM every third Monday of the month.



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