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NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 9 February, 10AM at Kalamunda CoC Centre, 22 Mileti Rd Lesmurdie
GUEST SPEAKER – Dr Louise Duxbury, Senior Projects Manager and founder of Green Skills Inc., a not-for-profit organization focused on sustainability and integrating project management, training and employment programs for WA industries.

The dust has settled on a year that we would rather forget for a whole host of reasons but we should thank our lucky stars that we're all still here and in reasonable shape, ready to tackle what lies ahead in 2021. On that note I wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year and I look forward to interesting meetings and exciting outings with attendance figures climbing back to what they used to be, pre the onset of COVID -19.

Whilst WA is no doubt the largely, Covid virus free place to live, thanks mainly to a determined Premier and our isolation from other states, there were many whose lives were adversely affected due to restrictions on interstate travel over the festive season. My daughter in Melbourne couldn't attend my wedding to Joyce, nor any of the Christmas celebrations or indeed a fairly major birthday that occurred in mid January. Of course the solid argument is that border closures protect the masses and people like me are well and truly in the minority. That I understand but it is still frustrating and disappointing to say the least! I wouldn't mind betting that there are others within our midst with similar stories to tell.

I think that we did pretty well last year to maintain the momentum associated with good meeting procedure, when other branches less in number struggled to survive. However, the lack of morning tea caused many to stay away; not our fault but social distancing laws had to be observed. The 30 minute tea break in proceedings allows for important catch-up time with friends and general socializing with members; it's an essential part of what we do on meeting days.

So, you will be pleased to know and it is with great pleasure that I report that morning tea is on again for our first meeting, albeit those disposable cups (with handles) will be in force as will wooden stirrers. The kitchen volunteers will do all the handling at the serving counter.

A burglar has just made it into the house he's intending ransacking, and he's looking around for stuff to steal. All of a sudden, a little voice pipes up, "I can see you, and so can Jesus!"
Startled, the burglar looks around the room. No one there at all, so he goes back to his business.
"I can see you, and so can Jesus!"
The burglar jumps again, and takes a longer look around the room. Over in the corner by the window, almost obscured by curtains, is a cage in which sits a parrot, who pipes up again, "I can see you, and so can Jesus!"
"So what," says the burglar, "you're only a parrot!"
To which the parrot replies, "Maybe, but Jesus is a Rottweiler!"

VALE WILBUR ROBINSON
Our deepest sympathy to the family of Wilbur, a true gentleman, a staunch branch member and a friend to so many. Wilbur passed away in November and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Members in our thoughts – Sheila Jackson is recovering from a major hip operation and will be confined to “barracks” for the immediate future. Nora Stubbs had a fall and broke some ribs but is now on the mend and hopes to be at our first meeting in February. Christine Wilkinson is currently living in an Aged Care facility in Mandurah (close to family) and would love to hear from members whom she knew at the Branch: phone 0429 929 163

Local Aged Care progress – Florence Cawley and Neil Pember have long been providing us updates on Aged Care development within the Kalamunda City districts. The following article has been

provided by Florence:

“Dear All - Matthew Hughes has advised me that Heidelberg Park has been rezoned for aged care use, opening the way for advertising to residential aged care providers. Matthew was working for this to be approved this year and it has happened. The WA government is responsible for development of the site and finding a suitable aged care provider. Any plan will have to go through the usual community advertising and local government approval processes, so there is still a way to go before an operating RACF appears but this is an important step in the process. ‘Aged Care Today’ (ACT) Kalamunda will keep in contact with Matthew and liaise as needed with State and local government politicians and City of Kalamunda to encourage action to progress towards an early and appropriate result.

I will keep you informed and as usual we may need to provide support for our position during the process.”

AND HERE WE ARE IN LIVING COLOUR –

Our Neil Pember, a passionate supporter of the Heidelberg Park development, is pictured on the right of Planning Minister Rita Saffioti. Kalamunda MLA Matthew Hughes is on her left together with Aged Care committee convenor Malcolm Roberts. The proposed Heidelberg Age Care development site is adjacent to the spot where this significant group of people are standing; to avoid being run over during the photo shoot, they were obliged to stand smack in the middle of the Canning Rd/Pomeroy Rd roundabout!



TILL WE MEET AGAIN – Fingers crossed that we will commence the New Year in good shape. We look forward to interesting speakers, brand new outings and a meeting format focused on keeping you informed. The easing of Social Distancing rules allowed at the venue will literally bring us closer together again so we need all our members to attend and make the February meeting an event to remember. Keep smiling, keep well and I look forward to seeing you on February 9.

GRAEME 😊

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