

## KALAMUNDA DISTRICTS BRANCH INC.

## **NEWSLETTER #220 IN THE YEAR 2021**

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NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 11 May, 10AM at Kalamunda CoC Centre, 22 Mileti Rd Lesmurdie GUEST SPEAKER – Michael Stobie-Morris, Scams Appliance Centre. TOPIC: Spotting Scams – Protect Your Money.

We are celebrating a Branch milestone in May. Twenty years have passed since our inaugural meeting in May 2001 at the *Town Square Hall* in Kalamunda and this Newsletter (eleven per year and now numbering 220) marks this significant occasion. Minutes of the meeting on that day record (in part) the elected President Graeme Piggott as promoting the circulation of a regular Newsletter, which he was prepared to initiate with the rider for another member to assume the Editor's role in the short term. Twenty years later and nothing has changed!!

However, the May meeting will be a little different (as I believe it should be for this auspicious event) in that;

- ► Entry to the meeting is free;
- ► A special morning tea will be served;
- ▶ Inaugural members present will be photographed around a celebratory cake with the picture published in the June Newsletter; and
- ▶ Morning tea will commence earlier at 10.15 and conclude at the usual time of 11 00 AM.

Did you know that on the Canary Islands there is not one canary? And on the Virgin Isles; same thing – not one canary there either! Zone 108 Conference – another significant event is happening on Wednesday 8 September 2021 with Kalamunda Districts Branch hosting a one day conference at Hartfield Golf Club in Forrestfield. You will no doubt recall that we hosted this event at the same place in 2015; voted by most who attended as a '10' on a 10 point scale with10 being the highest accolade. Five members have volunteered their time and expertise to ensure

that this one day in September is similarly applauded. Registration forms together with the Agenda will be available to members next month. Please lock this date in on your social calendar as the committee can guarantee you a most interesting, entertaining and memorable day.

**New faces in the audience** – We welcomed Anne Cusato and Russ Tasman to the April meeting. I hope that they were sufficiently impressed to make their attendance a regular monthly event.

**Donations needed** – Richard and Clare Arnold will soon be undertaking a visit to the SOS organization; a group that provides furnishings etc. for victims of domestic abuse. To that end, members are invited to bring small items of household utensils, including working electrical goods to the May meeting - Richard and Clare will ensure there delivery and the organization will be most appreciative; as will the recipients.

Friends and Fellowship on a Fantastic day out – Thirty eight of us thoroughly enjoyed the Club 55 outing through new northern suburbs to Two Rocks culminating in an excellent lunch at the 85 year old Yanchep Inn. The owner/driver Chris provided a most interesting historical account of past ship wrecks (including the Guilt Dragon) which came to grief on this notoriously dangerous coastline. He also spoke about incredible feates of survival and seamanship which left us amazed and wanting more. Post lunch activities included a stroll along the Koala enclosure boardwalk, a visit to the excellent Visitor Centre or a leisurely walk in the park. For many of us, the day's journey provided aspects of highway extensions and infrastructure not previously seen and the booming housing developments along the way did much for us to appreciate the comfort of the old ¼ acre block! Developers now design houses that are built shoulder to shoulder in order to maximize land usage with backyards reduced to postage stamp dimension! I'm so glad I live where I live.



Morning tea at Lake Joonalup.



Lunch at the Yanchep Inn.

**Membership** – If you have recently renewed your membership please tell Chris Milne in order that our records are kept accurate. Also remember that the \$5 entry fee to the meeting doesn't qualify you as a member of NSA,

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## **SOCIAL NEWS**

Event – Mystery Tour When – Tuesday 18 May Cost - \$40 per person

This tour has been capped by Club 55 to a maximum of 45 passengers; 44 members have already booked a seat, payable at the May meeting.

You have the option of taking a picnic lunch or purchasing a meal from the local hotel, bakery or café (wherever we happen to be at the time.) Morning tea will be available from the coach at a scenic spot along the way.

Please make
every effort to
attend the May
meeting as it
should be a festive
occasion with an
interesting
speaker. We still
have some
foundation
members in our
midst and I will
introduce them.

