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NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 13 July, 10AM at Kalamunda CoC Centre, 22 Mileti Rd Lesmurdie

GUEST ENTERTAINERS: THE HOT TODDY MUSIC GROUP

Leadens skies, a keen easterly wind and a maximum temperature of 12 degrees wasn't enough to stop 91 people (including three visitors) from attending the June meeting. Gas heaters at full blast with everyone suitably attired, the scene was all set for an interesting and entertaining two hours and I don't believe anyone would have gone home disappointed.

There's no doubt that Graham Seal, our guest speaker on the day was an absolute hit with the audience, as his stories and anecdotes of past Aussie pioneers, his Squeeze Box /vocal renditions of early folk songs and reference to his many published books on display, kept us enthralled for a full hour. Thanks to Maureen Moffett for her incredible ability to locate and engage speakers that provide so much interest and pleasure.

We now have two of our members in Neil Pember and Richard Arnold contributing regularly to meeting proceedings; the former with regard to Hills related Aged Care facilities (see picture below) and the latter with regard to Policy Advisory Group (PAG) discussions and recommendations to National Seniors Australia. On odd occasions when Neil can't be present then Florence Cawley takes up the baton. As Zone 108 Chairman I am also able to pass on relevant information from Branch Network Forum (BNF) meetings. All this, together with NSA related messages for my attention means that we have all bases covered.

Don't you hate it when you put something in a safe place so you don't lose it - then forget where that safe place is !

New faces in the audience - We welcomed Jean Davies, Gwen Secombe and Valerie Osborne to the June meeting. I believe Jean has come to us from the Joondalup Branch so she will have some interesting comparisons to make. We look forward to seeing these three ladies on a regular basis.

That's Neil just behind Matthew Hughes MLA and other supporters in the foreground.

June social outing – what a fascinating and delightful day this turned out to be. Max, the blind cameleer kept us enthralled with his attention-grabbing commentary, delivered in a concise, well articulated, highly knowledgeable manner. We learnt so much about his enterprise: the magical portable milking process,



associated byproducts, including skin care, shampoo/conditioner, body lotions, soap and milk powder. Given his disability, Max is truly an amazing young man and it seems that nothing will stop him from establishing a highly successful business venture

Zone 108 Conference in September – Thirty six Registration forms were taken from the front desk at the June meeting and as this probably comprises an equal number of single and dual attendances, then we are doing fairly well. Copies will still be available at the July meeting and by that stage Patricia Skinner will be able to provide an accurate figure on total Registrations received to date. Whilst Registrations don't close until Monday 16 August, numbers by that stage may be approaching the capped attendance capacity of 150. This Conference promises to be an interesting and informative day with guest speakers keeping us up to date with National NSA news and local current state sponsored issues.

Forgotten your name? – No, I know you haven't but there will be members in the audience who would like to make themselves known and don't know your name; what makes it harder is, you aren't wearing a name bar. The cost is \$10 and your action regarding this will bring a sigh of relief to many, including me! If the clip on your name bar is broken then I can fix it on the spot at no cost.

Urgent request – Chris Milne has been our Secretary for the past nine years and is now standing down from that position. Chris will not be submitting a nomination form, nor will he be nominating from the floor at the August AGM. This is a committee role that must be filled and I really urge those who feel capable to seriously consider accepting this committee position. The role consists mainly of maintaining a record of financial members and recording Minutes of meetings. There is little outgoing correspondence and that's an item that I undertake as President. Please call Chris and he will convince you that the role is not as difficult as most people believe.

We don't want to launch into the AGM without the Secretary's position being secured because we can't operate without one. So please, for the sake of the Branch, call Chris and put our minds at rest! I know that there are many in our midst who would do this job proud; see it as a challenge and giving something back to a very successful and caring Branch. Your positive decision will be something that you certainly won't regret.

Membership cards required – please bring your NSA membership card to the July meeting. Chris Milne will need to sight these in order to keep membership records accurate. Start looking for it in that safe place!

The final word – our entertainers are from the *Kalamunda Voluntary Bushfire Brigade*; you will be amazed. **We will be taking up a collection for this worthy cause so please come prepared.**

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SOCIAL NEWS

Friday 16 Christmas in July at the Jack Healey Centre commencing at 12 noon. Fifty eight (58) people have already registered for this event. **Those still wishing to attend must phone Glenda Cullenane, 94546537 before the next meeting.**

Payment of \$45 pp is required at the July meeting. **Don't forget - BYO drinks & glasses.**