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NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 9 November, 10am at Kalamunda C of C Centre, 22 Mileti Rd Lesmurdie.

GUEST SPEAKER: A representative from *Council of the Ageing* (COTA) presenting information about “navigating the Aged Care system.”

A big thank you to all those who welcomed me back to the October meeting; it certainly reinforced how fortunate I am to be part of Kalamunda District branch of National Seniors Australia. I look forward to chairing the November meeting and relieving Richard Arnold of a task he has performed so well in my absence.



Excitement in the air – as a proud grandfather of Angus Brayshaw, #10 for Melbourne Football Club, I’m sure you will allow me to share a couple of photos, post grand-final celebrations. Angus took the time to pay Joyce and me a visit before departing back home to Melbourne; bringing the cup for us to behold was an absolute bonus and an event which we’ll cherish for years to come.



An outing with another branch – Carol & Barry Rumens, Lynn Chapman, Kathryn Kinang plus Joyce and myself helped swell the numbers for Thornlie and Districts most recent three day south west tour. The event was perfectly coordinated by Jeanette Perkins (President) with our transport provided by Club 55 in the capable and professional hands of driver and “mister everything else,” Chris Hadland. Meeting new people in a close environment was an absolute bonus and we thoroughly enjoyed every minute of a well organized and memorable event.

A new face in the audience – 92 members and one visitor (Maxine Stockwell) attended the October meeting and we sincerely hope that Maxine enjoyed her time with us to the extent that she will become a regular attendee.

Please make the effort to engage with new people at morning tea. A friendly gesture can make all the difference to a visitor becoming a member or not coming back

Conference Committee – A couple of months before the event, Patricia Skinner, Joyce Piggott, Richard Arnold, Graham Watson and I joined forces to ensure the smooth running of the day. Finding a suitable venue, arranging catering and selecting suitable speakers certainly forms a large part in the organizing process but there are lots of smaller details that must be attended to. I do believe that the committee did an excellent job and the fact that I was unable to attend placed huge pressure on Richard to chair the event, a task that he performed most capably; as I have been assured by numerous people in attendance.

SOCIAL CORNER

Event – Pasta in the Valley, 11.30 for a 12 o'clock start.

When – Wednesday 17 November

Cost - \$25 per person and a large number of members have already registered to attend.

This is a drive-yourself event and speaking from experience; I'm sure you will be impressed.

Please note: Payment for Pasta in the Valley (\$25 if you are attending) and Christmas lunch (\$25) must be paid at the November branch meeting.

Highest tribute for special people – congratulations Norma Walsh for receiving the award of Honorary Freeman of the city of Kalamunda. Norma and her late husband Max contributed much to the success of multiple organizations within the district over a period of seven decades. Well done and so well deserved.

Starting over Support (SOS) – A big thank you to the many people who have contributed to this very worthy organization throughout the year. November is our last meeting date for 2021; if you have anything that you can contribute, bring it to this meeting, it will be most appreciated

Final word – I am so glad to be writing this Newsletter in its entirety and am looking forward to a trouble free run down the track. A lot of us are at an age when medical issues can interrupt our lifestyle so we need to keep positive and enjoy life; a day at a time. Stay safe & stay well.

GRAEME 

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