

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 8 March, commencing at 10 am at the Kalamunda C of C Centre, 22 Mileti Rd., Lesmurdie.

GUEST SPEAKER: Emeritus Professor Robert Mead, Forensic Toxicologist, Murdoch University. Subject – “Body in the Bag”, How his team search for a murderer, until found. We are assured it is interesting, and not as bad as it sounds.

A minute’s silence was observed at the start of the meeting to acknowledge the passing of Graeme, followed by heartfelt thanks from Joyce for all the help & support given.

The February Meeting attendance was overwhelming and above all our expectations. The wearing of masks and the uncertainty of whether to show your COVID Certificate or not, played heavily on the Committee, on what numbers to expect. Thanks to all 84 members and the welcoming of 5 special guests, Clive Riste, Laurie Walters-Hill, Norm Hill and Jeanette & Michael Scolaro, an example of the resilience of hills residents, all of whom I’m sure, thoroughly enjoyed the inspiring presentation by Graham Mabury, not to mention his many funny anecdotes along the way. He highlighted the value that retirees have in society and encouraged us all to continue playing our part. A good example of this is that 25 people come together each month to make our meetings work. Many of whom have been contributing for many years. Please give consideration to the Newsletter Editor & PAG representative positions described later in the Newsletter.

I know that we are all sick and tired of the restrictions that COVID is having on our lives. However it is important that we don’t lock ourselves away and wait for it to be over, as it will be a long time before we can return to any true normal state. With this in mind, your Committee is working hard introducing all possible measures to insure that our meetings and future activities are conducted as safely as possible, such as asking for proof of vaccination at meetings, even though it is not a compulsory requirement. During meetings we will have all doors open to allow fresh air to circulate, also offering the opportunity to duck out periodically to take your mask off for a quick breather.

You will see that our first outing is a sausage sizzle lunch in Stirk Park, to get things moving. Future activities may require us to use our vehicles for transport, requiring lifts being available to some members. Sometimes we may hire a bus to transport us to and from a particular activity, in this case, masks would have to be worn whilst travelling, but not for the majority of the outing.

It is noted that all those who attended, gave freely their Vax. Status. All were Vaccinated, and although uncomfortable, everyone wore masks.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT / VICE PRESIDENT.

The Branch Constitution allows for the Management Committee to fill vacant positions until the next AGM. As a result, Richard Arnold, nominated, and was elected President. Tony Crowder nominated for Vice President, was also elected. Congratulations to both, and thank you.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR & PAG Representative

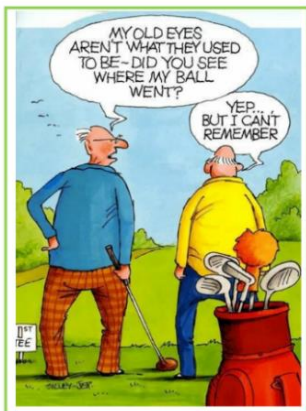
The position of Newsletter Editor previously done by Graeme, needs to be filled. Although not a Management Committee position, at the moment, it still needs to be maintained, as the Newsletter is vital for information to members.

Aspiring writers should contact Richard or Chris for further information.

Policy Advisory Group (PAG) Representative is required. Richard was a member of the group, but, being President is no longer allowed to be part of the group. They meet every third month, and make suggestions about what may help the public. Examples – seating in the passageway between Perth Main Train Station and the Underground station and fare free, out of peak time hours, on public transport. Contact Richard for more details.

OUTING: Due to ever changing restrictions, a sausage sizzle lunch, in Stirk Park is planned for St. Patrick's Day, on Thursday 17 March.. Cost \$10. All subject to change. It would be a BYO chair & drinks event.

Joyce Piggott – has stepped down as Branch Public Relations Officer, a position she has held since the 2012 AGM. On behalf of the Committee & Members, thank you for your past contribution to the Branch Committee, it was much very appreciated.



GOVERNMENT DIRECTIVE: Groups & Clubs not providing a bar or hospitality functions, do NOT have to show a Certificate of Vaccination.

However, MASKS must be worn inside the venue.

Although not required by the Branch, you can obtain help from The City of Kalamunda, through its libraries, to assist residents access their COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate and the setting up of the ServicesWA and/or Medicare App in your smart phone. Contact your nearest library to make enquires and/or make a booking.

Secretaries Notes: Anyone who has joined National Seniors or renewed membership in the last 6 months, please see Chris with their Membership number and/or renewal date.

If you no longer wish to receive the Branch Newsletter & minutes, please notify Chris. Thank-you for your past participation.

Richard & Chris



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