

NEWSLETTER #230 - APRIL 2022

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NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 12 April, commencing at 10 am, at the Kalamunda C of C Centre, 22 Mileti Rd., Lesmurdie.

GUEST SPEAKER: The musical band Hot Toddy. The theme will be “The Bushfire Suite”. “It is a wonderful piece of music which evokes the build up to fire season, the drama of a bushfire and the aftermath and renewal by rain.” The music will be in the Scottish genre, along with a Power Point presentation.

I am sure will be up to the high standard that we are accustomed to Maureen arranging on our behalf. This meeting is in Easter week so we can look forward to some special treats. (Yes, I said treats with an S) so we hope that you can join us.

Covid seems to be creating some difficulties and even hardships for a lot of people these days. So many things that we would normally take for granted we can no longer do. However, Kalamunda Branch have provided a couple of rays of sunshine in the last month.

The first being the March meeting where 69 members enjoyed morning tea provided by June and her team in the kitchen, followed by a fascinating explanation by Forensic Toxicologist Professor Bob Mead of how forensic science is used to solve major crimes, in this case an unidentified body found in a bag on the side of a road, of someone who had been murdered 15 years earlier. With painstaking analyses of the remains, the body was identified and subsequently the perpetrators identified and charged with murder.

The second ray of sunshine was enjoyed by 40 members on March 17 (St Patrick’s Day), a sausage sizzle lunch complete with Pavlova & fruit salad, plus live Irish music to complement the day. All this was arranged by Glenda, ably assisted by Garry. The only blemish being that the new electric barbeque was not working, even though the City had been advised of the problem earlier in the week. However, Garry & John to the rescue and the barbequing was done elsewhere.

It is easy for us as members of NSA to forget that we have a dedicated team working on our behalf in Queensland. An example of their efforts is NSA Chief Advocate Ian Henschke’s lobbying government over recent months for pensioners to return to work without impacting on their pension. Of course paying tax on the additional income at the normal rate.

Other issues being driven by NSA are, compulsory fire sprinklers to be installed in all aged care facilities and not just those built after a certain date.

The lowering of the deeming rate on senior's investment funds and many more. If you don't already, I urge you to view the internet site for NSA, it is a fountain of information especially the calculator of benefits that all seniors are entitled to. You may get a pleasant surprise.

PAG. (Policy Advisory Group) representative is required. 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. Please remember that you as a member, have a right to raise any issue large or small through your local Policy Advisory Group (PAG). Many of the above issues may well have been raised by this method Australia wide.

OUTING: April will be Lunch at the Boab Tavern, High Wycombe. A Seniors menu is available. It is a drive yourself event, with a pay yourself for meal & drinks at the venue.

Date – Tuesday 26th April, Cost – \$19 (Seniors meal – includes main & sweet).
Time - 12 Noon. Venue COVID restrictions apply.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR. Not exactly run off our feet with enquiries, the position of Newsletter Editor, still needs to be filled urgently. The Newsletter is vital for information for members and is a Management Committee position. It is not part of another Committee position, as previously. Aspiring writers should contact Richard or Chris for further information.

In Mathew Hughes MP, office window, in the Kalamunda Central Shopping Centre, is the proposed New Bus Routes & Timetables, for the new High Wycombe train station.

The W.A. Government's, \$400 Safety & Security Rebate, is still available through the WA Seniors Card website - www.seniorscard.wa.gov.au (for information & application form), or, call/go into Matthew Hughes's Office for assistance.

Vale - Keith Hawkins, long time member, condolences to Trish & family. Go Eagles.

Vale - Bette Christie, bubbly, long time member. Condolences to family.



Secretaries Notes: Anyone who has joined National Seniors or renewed membership in the last 6 months, please see Chris. NSA HO do not advise Branches of renewals or new membership. Changing to email is a Branch advantage.

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

We still require you to be double vaccinated, and masks are to be worn at meetings.

Richard & Chris

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