

**NEXT BRANCH MEETING: Tuesday 12 November 2024, commencing at 10am, at the Kalamunda Church of Christ Multifunction Centre, 22 Milet Road, Lesmurdie.**

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**GUEST SPEAKER:** The Historical Gardens of Perth, presented by John Viska.

## ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November.** It's a Garden Party at beautiful Romancing the Stone Gardens Cnr Lillian and Hawtin Rds., Maida Vale. (Tom Hogg's) Starting at 11.00am with a cuppa and biscuit there's time for a chat and to enjoy a wander in the garden before our 2 course picnic lunch of freshly made sandwiches (list your choice when booking) plus dessert. Following lunch, we have invited branch member James Park to give us another of his interesting and funny stories. Cost includes Morning tea, 2 course picnic lunch and fees. Cost per person \$15.00 Book and pay at November meeting. Remember to list your choice of sandwich. Desserts Chefs choice of the day.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December.** 3 course Christmas lunch Arrive 11.45 for 12.00pm start.

Have you listed your name for the 3 course Christmas lunch? Due to a change of manager at the Kalamunda Club we are unable to confirm the menu but know that the traditional Christmas lunch and dessert will be served it is just the options that we are confirming. We need your names to give Santa an idea for gift numbers. Whilst we understand this is difficult, we will have the menu choices for you at the November meeting. Payment though still not confirmed will be required at the November meeting. I think if you allow \$55.00 it would be best.

*Our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.*

**Special note:** Our Annual Christmas Lunch has had a couple of hiccups since I first booked. A change of manager and chef have made it hard to get a menu and cost while they settle in. Some members who have had meals in recent weeks say the food is great, so all is good.

### 3 day Vines River and Sea trip

Our annual 3 day trip was a great success if the chatter and laughter is anything to go by. Over the 9 months since I made the original booking a number of things needed to be changed, but no one queried or questioned just came along and enjoyed themselves. Not being a gambler, especially with other people's money I had a buffer amount in the costings which we didn't need to use, add this to the boat refund and several other refunds we have a sizeable refund for you to collect at the November meeting. Thanks Clare

## President's notes November 2024

October was a busy month with the usual monthly meeting then the World Day trip postponed from September. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day that focused on the Swan Vally with minimal travel required.

Then it was off on the annual 3day tour. We were based at the Vines Resort the same as last year but this year we concentrated on the coastal regions visiting Trigg then Aqua, Mindarie Keys and the old Mary Lindsay Homestead. The second day it was off to Gingin then Guilderton (Moore River) lunch at Seabird and back to the Resort via Two Rocks and the old Yanchep Road. Day three was a morning of Mini Golf then to Whitman Park for a train ride before lunch plus time to visit some of the attractions that abound in this fantastic park, then home to the hills.

I have been asked where NSA Kalamunda stands regarding the future. I would have to say we are currently on "life support". I am hopeful that we will have overcome our committee problems by the November meeting, otherwise we will probably have to finish up at the end of the year. I know that there are those that think that I am being too stubborn, and they are probably right but when I see so many members obviously enjoying our meetings and outings it just seems such a shame to see it come to what I feel is a premature end.

Over the last month the media seems to have been full of politics in one way or the other. Though we are not scheduled to have a state or national election until at least march of next year there are campaigns being launched for both state and federal elections, then we have the mayhem of the American election plus a visit from the King and Queen which once again raises the question of should we become a republic?

It's interesting to take a look at the political aspect of our constitution, it is largely and obviously based on the Westminster system out of the U K however there are some little pieces taken from the USA with the odd bit of Aussie and has stood the test of time for 124 years and in that time has only had 1 true crisis, that being the sacking of the Whitlam Government and if you look at just about any other country in the world there isn't one that can match that record. At least I couldn't find one.

Sir Winston Churchill is quoted with saying, the Westminster form of government is full of flaws however it is far superior to any other form of alternate government. Though it is said that any head of state that would be elected if we were to become a Republic would only be a figure head devoid of any real powers! And how long do you think that would last. Sorry to be sounding so political but can't help feeling if it isn't broken why fix it.

The highlight of the past month has surely been Telethon. More than 88 million raised. It is easy to say it's the big corporates that are responsible for such a huge amount but if you take the corporates out it still leaves a massive amount donated by individuals, families and small business and all in a time when for the average person money is short. Though we were only watching segments of the show it was obvious that kids and teenagers made generous contributions many from activities though out the year. All in all, it is something that all West Aussies can be proud of.

All for now, see you on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Richard.



Some of our members enjoying a few of the attractions at the Branches 3 day tour.  
Gin Gin Waterwheel & Whitemans Park train.



Thanks Duncan

### Things I'm Super Good At

1. Forgetting someone's name 10 seconds after they tell me.
2. Buying produce...and throwing it away two weeks later.
3. Digging through the trash for the food box I just tossed, because I already forgot the directions. 😞
4. Making plans. And then immediately regretting making plans.
5. Leaving laundry in the dryer until it wrinkles. Then turning on the dryer to dewrinkle. Then forgetting it again.
6. Calculating how much sleep I'll get if I can just "fall asleep right now".

Wonder if the above applies to any of our members  
Acknowledgement to NSA Melville Branch

### Secretaries note: Apology

Due to a printing error, those receiving the October newsletter by Australia Post, did not receive 2 pages of information. Sorry, but you have missed the information on the Garden Party on Tuesday 19th November, all of the important Presidents notes & the presentation of the NSA Certificate of Appreciation to Maureen Moffett. Email recipients were not affected.



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