

National Seniors

AUSTRALIA

Melville Branch – January 2024

The majority of members would have heard by now the sad news that Lynley passed away on Boxing Day. After been given 18 months, she fought the battle to the end and got three bonus years. While it was expected that her lung cancer may spread at some stage, the loss of Lynley has been quite emotional for our family.

I would like to pass on my gratitude to the many members who either attended the funeral service or the funeral service and the wake. Your attendance was very comforting on what was a difficult day for my family. Also, a very large thankyou to the 4 members who provided support at the wake until 7.00pm, at which time my sons organised transport home.

Also, a big thankyou to those members who sent sympathy messages by either card or email.

We had estimated that maybe approximately 80 people would attend but we were shocked when the funeral company advised that there were 200 in attendance of which 80 attended the wake at the 8 Knots Tavern.

I did get good news when I contacted Centrelink. I thought I would be over the threshold to receive a part pension. This was not the case and I will still receive a part pension. The surprising news was that they provided \$4,168 towards bereavement costs. The bereavement payment is only available when the first partner passes away.

I had also been advised that Muriel Lucas, a former member of the Branch, passed away on Christmas Day.

JANUARY MEETING

The January Meeting next Tuesday (23rd of January), will be held at our new venue - the Lifestreams Church on Karel Ave and starting at 10.00am. Looking forward to seeing a good attendance. Access is from Agincourt Drive.

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

We did not reach the \$200-mark last year so let see if we can achieve this in 2024. I lodged my collection on Tuesday and we received \$7.10 to start the ball rolling.

TREASURER'S REPORT

While we heavily subsidized the Christmas Lunch to the tune of over \$900 we still have a healthy bank balance of \$6,477. If we can continue to attract between 40 and 50 members to each Branch Meeting we will be able to continue to subsidize things such as the lunch in July and the Christmas lunch.

SPEAKERS

January Sheila Twine to speak on the sewers of London.

Other Branches have had Sheila talk on this subject and thoroughly enjoyed it.

OUTINGS (Report by Helen/Geoff)

Thursday 18th January – Wireless Hill – 5.00pm – Twilight BYO dinner and get-together.

Wednesday 20th March – 8.30am – Branch Breakfast at Wireless Hill. Cost per member \$5, to be paid to Helen by no later than the February meeting.

THEATRE VISITS, Etc (Report by Norma)

Norma will provide a report at the Branch meeting.

BIRTHDAYS – JANUARY/ FEBRUARY

Best wishes to Johanna Kamps, Suri, Hilary Slater, Wendy Tucker, Dorothy Davidson.

Australia Day Jokes

**1) What is the difference between an Australian wedding and an Australian funeral?
One less drunk at the funeral**

2) A Kiwi and an Aussie are fishing one afternoon and have a couple of cold beers. After a while the Aussie says to the Kiwi, "If I was to sneak over to your house and made wild passionate love to your wife while you were at work, and she got pregnant and had a baby, would that make us related?" The Kiwi after a great deal of thought, says, "I don't know about related, but it sure would make us even."



Wishing our mates across the ditch a happy Australia Day.

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3) If it takes an IQ of 60 to tie shoelaces, why do so many Australians wear thongs?

4) What is the difference between yoghurt and Australia?

Yoghurt has some culture.

5) An Australian man and his wife are sitting in the living room. Bruce says: "Just so you know, Shirl, I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug."

Shirl gets up, unplugs the TV and throws out all his beer.

6) What should you do if an Aussie throws a grenade at you?

Pull the pin and throw it back.

7) How many Aussies does it take to make chocolate chip cookies?

Ten. One to make the batter, and nine to peel the M&Ms.

8) Two Aussies are adrift in a lifeboat. While going through the locker one of them finds an old lamp. He rubs it and a genie suddenly appears. The genie tells them that he only grants one wish. The lamp finder blurts out: "Turn the entire ocean into Fosters!" The genie claps his hands and immediately the sea turns into beer. The genie disappears and only the gentle lapping of beer on the hull breaks the stillness as the two men consider their circumstances. The second Aussie turns to the first and says, "Nice going mate! Now we're going to have to pee in the boat."

And here's one for the Aussies:

9) Bruce the Aussie builder was going through a house he had just built for the woman who owned it. She was telling him what colour to paint each room. They went into the first room and she said "I want this room to be painted a light blue."

The builder went to the front door and yelled, "GREEN SIDE UP!" When he went back into the house, she told him that the next room was to be bright red. The builder went to the front door and yelled "GREEN SIDE UP!"

When he came back, the woman said "I keep telling you colours, but you go out the front and yell 'green side up' - what is that for?" The builder said, "Don't worry about that, I've just got a couple of Kiwis laying the turf out front."

Protocol

1. To attend meetings of the Melville Branch, a person must be a member of National Seniors Australia whose offices are in Brisbane.

2. Visitors are entitled to one free attendance at a Branch meeting. Thereafter, the meeting fee of \$8.00 is payable

3. The meeting fee can be paid at each meeting by being placed in an envelope with the attendee's name clearly marked on the front, or by 2 instalments January and July into the Branch's bank account.

Current Membership rates to be a member of National Seniors Australia are:

 <p>Single Membership</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 1 Year - \$49.50</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 2 Year - \$88</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> 3 Year - \$120 Save \$28.50</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 5 Year - \$220</p>	 <p>Joint Membership</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 1 Year - \$80</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 2 Year - \$143</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 3 Year - \$180</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 5 Year - \$325</p>
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Branch's Westpac account details BSB 036084 and Account Number 43414

Branch Meetings 2024

23rd January 27th February 26th March 23rd April 28th May 25th June
 16th July 27th August 24th September 22nd October 26th November

COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2024

18TH March 13th May 8th July 9th September 11th November

EVENTS

Wednesday 20 March Branch Breakfast Wireless Hill 8.30am

Tuesday 16 July AGM and Lunch - Rossmoyne Bowling Club 10.00am



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