

# National Seniors

## AUSTRALIA

### Melville Branch – MAY 2024

I have been a little disappointed with the drop off on numbers over the last 2 Branch meetings. I hope that members are happy with the range of speakers and the lovely morning tea prepared by Barbara and Wendy. I am always open to suggestions/feedback in regard to the running of the Branch. Maybe the drop off in numbers can be attributed to people being ill or enjoying holidays with this continuing fine weather.

On Tuesday 14 May the Federal Budget was handed down. The key issues for pensioners were:

1. A \$300 Electricity rebate. This applies to all households.
2. PBS prescriptions will remain at \$7.70 for the next 5 years
3. The deeming rate will remain at the current level for another year

I am a bit worried in the way Mercer Super is administered. Recently I sent a message to them giving them 48 hours to transfer the balance of Lynley's account to me or I would lodge a complaint to APRA the regulator. Within one hour I received a phone call advising me that this would be sorted out. A few days later I get a letter that read "Leonie welcome to Mercer SmartRetirement Income and we confirm that we have now transferred the benefit of the late Mr Allan Issac into your account. The front of envelope did contain my correct address.

### COST OF LIVING REBATE FOR SENIORS

I picked up a copy of the Seniors newspaper and read an article that there had been changes to the arrangement in regard to seniors receiving the cost-of-living rebate. The paper stated that seniors had to re-register to get this rebate. I rang the Seniors Office to seek clarification and was advised that the paper was going off hearsay and did not check with the Seniors Office in regard to validity of this before publishing. You do not have to re-register.

### CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

We received \$19.50 after I deposited the containers after the last meeting. Ann also deposited some containers earning \$6.00 taking the total for the year to \$80.40. Keep the containers coming in as it helps to keep the price of events lower for members.

## **SPEAKERS**

May Branch Meeting – Speakers are from the UWA and will talk on exercises for seniors.

June Branch Meeting – Peter Snow - **TOPIC:** From Derelict to Iconic ... and beyond - The story behind Australia's last whaling station

## **OUTINGS (Report by Helen/Geoff)**

**Thursday 23 May** – Lunch at the 8 Knots Tavern Riverside Rd, East Fremantle

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July** - Annual General Meeting and mid-year lunch. The Rossmoyne Bowling Club and chef Dave have been booked for this event. Price will be \$25 per head and will need to be paid to Sally no later than the June meeting or by direct banking no later than 8 July.



Non-members are welcome, but the cost is \$35.00. For those of you who can, payment directly into our bank account is preferable – this gives you and the treasurer a record. When paying by EFT please mark it “AGM”. If you do not have EFT facilities then please place the \$25 in an envelope clearly marked with your name and AGM and give to Sally. Bank account details are: 036-084 A/c 434141

This event is again heavily subsidised by the Branch. The chef's cost for the meal is the \$25. The Branch covers the cost of the venue, morning teas and desserts.

**Friday 18 October** – 11.30am \$35 - The Pines Restaurant Bentley. Hayman Rd, Bentley (25 Places have been booked)

Menu: Starter -Seared scallop, hazelnut, sesame dukka, pearl couscous, spicy rouille

Soup: Japanese pumpkin soup, parmesan bruschetta, white truffle oil

Main: Roasted chicken breast, kalamata olives, herbs baked rosti, goat curd, macadamia rocket pesto, eggplant puree, portobello mushroom sauce

Dessert: Steamed date and walnut pudding, butterscotch sauce

Final: Mignardise

Drinks are not included and may be purchased from the bar.

If anyone has any dietary requirements, please let us know when you book

Your place will not be secured until full payment is made preferably directly into our bank account – MARKED “PINES”. (Details at end of newsletter)

### **THEATRE VISITS, Etc (Report by Norma)**

Friday 9 August – Breaker Morant – Old Mill Theatre

November – Sound of Music -Melville Theatre (Bookings will be taken in September)

Friday 9 December – Picnic at Hanging Rock - Old Mill Theatre(Bookings will be taken in September)

Norma will provide more details at the May meeting

### **BIRTHDAYS – JUNE**

**Best wishes for a Happy Day to Marilyn Rinaldi and Glenys Pearce**

### **GRANDFATHER of THE YEAR**

A woman in a supermarket is following a grandfather and his badly-behaved grandson. He has his hands full with the child screaming for sweets, biscuits, all sorts of things. The grandad is saying in a controlled voice: "Easy, William, we won't be long . . . easy boy."

Another outburst and she hear the grandad calmly say : "It's okay William. Just a couple more minutes and we'll be out of here. Hang in there, boy."

At the checkout the little horror is throwing items out of the trolley. Grandad says again in a controlled voice : "William, William, relax buddy, don't get upset. We'll be home in five minutes, stay cool William."



Very impressed, she goes outside to where the grandfather is loading his groceries and the boy into the car. She says : "It's none of my business, but you were amazing in there. I don't know how you did it. That whole time you kept your composure, and no matter how loud and disruptive he got, you just calmly kept saying things would be okay. William is very lucky to have you as his grandad."

"Thanks," says the grandpa. "But I am William. The little bastard's name is Kevin."

## Protocol

1. To attend meetings of the Melville Branch, a person must be a member of National Seniors Australia whose offices are in Brisbane. Application Forms available at Branch Meetings.
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><b>Single Membership</b></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 <b>Save \$28.50</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> 5 Year - \$220</p>	 <p><b>Joint Membership</b></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 Meetings 2024

28<sup>th</sup> May 25<sup>th</sup> June\_16<sup>th</sup> July 27<sup>th</sup> August 24<sup>th</sup> September 22<sup>nd</sup> October 26<sup>th</sup> November

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS      **2024**

8<sup>th</sup> July (Sally and Johns)    9<sup>th</sup> September    11<sup>th</sup> November

### EVENTS

Thursday 23 May – lunch at the 8 Knot Tavern in East Fremantle. This was formerly the Eat Greek Restaurant

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

18 October – The Pines Restaurant

