

# National Seniors

## AUSTRALIA

### Perth Western Suburbs WA

## Branch Newsletter - October 2025

**Meeting Venue:** Our Branch meets at 9.30am for 10.00am on the second Thursday of each month at Mount Claremont Community Centre, 109 Montgomery Avenue, Mount Claremont WA 6010.

**Bank Accounts:** Westpac Bank in name of National Seniors Australia Perth Western Suburbs Branch;

**General** BSB: 036 063 Account: 257852

**Music** BSB: 036051 Account: 649381

**Tours** BSB: 036051 Account: 649402

**When making payment, please identify by your name & type of payment** – e.g., “June Meeting”, “Concert”, etc.

### Website:

<https://nationalseniors.com.au/about/branches/perth-western-suburbs>

Our meetings may be subject to the COVID-19 regulations of the day as imposed by the WA State Government and the City of Nedlands. However, there are presently no restrictions.

### Acknowledgement of Country

*The Members of Perth Western Suburbs Branch of National Seniors Australia wish to acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the Whadjuk Noongar Nation, on whose Lands we conduct our meetings, and pay our respects to the Noongar Elders past and present.*

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### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

This will be my penultimate attempt at editing our Branch Newspaper, having also “retired” as Branch Secretary as from the September AGM, so that I can put my feet up & relax again !

Contributions for the next & future editions of this Newsletter will no doubt be much appreciated by the new Editor – your recent travel experiences, funny stories, jokes, whatever! Articles please to me for my final November edition, **closing date Fri 31 October.**

*Derek J Cockle*

Editor,

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



With the AGM behind us and the new committee elected, we can now move forward with our program of events for the future.

We have invited Grant Thornton Accountants to provide us with updates on income tax, superannuation and tax planning every few months as short talks at our branch meetings. We are in discussions with a firm of lawyers specializing in wills and estates to do the same for us.

The next year promises to be a busy one with social tours, restaurant visits, music and outreaches into other field of interest as well. Our finances are in good shape.

The range of speakers available to us looks promising and so we embark on the new year with the best endeavor to make it a fulfilling one for all of us.

*Joseph Lieberfreund*

Branch President.

## RECENT EVENTS

**Branch Meeting Thurs 11 Sept – Annual General Meeting** – A new Committee & Officers were elected, whose contact details are listed at the beginning of this Newsletter. Congratulations to new Secretary Rod McLaren & Committee members Peter & Diana Ryan. Note that Vice-President David Thomas has also taken on the task of Treasurer.

Our guest speaker was David Hounsome whose topic was “*Art with a Purpose*”.



In his illustrated talk he explained the history and meaning of many famous paintings and sculptures, both ancient and modern and their relationship to modern day life.

**Tues 30 September– Seminar - “Wills and Estates”** was presented by Simon Gow of Grant Thornton, Chartered Accountants and McLane Edinger of Hall and Wilcox, Solicitors.

The seminar on Superannuation was held in the first half of the meeting followed by morning tea. The second half comprised of the talk on Wills and Estates.

Both Simon Gow of Grant Thornton and McLane Edinger of Hall & Wilcox are experts in their fields, and so both provided the modest audience of 39 attendees with a wealth of information and expertise.

There were many questions and answers and many in the audience asked for a repeat program.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Branch Meeting Thurs 9 October** – Following our usual business announcements, John Palmer will be giving a short talk on his “Affordable Photo Restoration Service” with some “before and after” examples of his work.

Our guest speaker will be Alex Jenkins, a seasoned technology expert, Director, W.A. Date Science Innovation Hub and Chair of Curtin University “AI Research Group” who will explain to us the mysteries of “*Artificial Intelligence*”.

**Branch Meeting Thurs 13 November** – Guest speaker will be the ever-popular Geoff Thomas, former West Australian aviation journalist and editor of [airlineratings.com](http://airlineratings.com), who will be bringing us up to date with “*All things Tavel & Aviation*”.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Sun 26 October - Concert - “On a Sunday in October”** to be held at Pual Latham auditorium at Churchlands Senior High School. Great music, superb orchestra, brilliant conductor and a world class young violinist Ellie Malonzo present Mozart, Beethoven and Mendlessohn. Cost \$25 per person includes concert, morning tea and refreshments. Refer detailed notice previously circulated.

**Wed 5 or Thursday 6 November - Sabrina Hahn**

Final date for this talk is being sorted because the hall is occupied on 5 November. The talk will involve gardening, horticulture and landscaping. More details will be provided soon.

**Sunday 21 December 7.00 PM – Christmas Concert**

The Christmas Concert will be held on Sunday 21 December at the Taryn Fiebig Concert Hall. Cost \$25. A2 Orchestra and the Winthrop Singers. Choir. Evening tea will be provided. Bookings are open and tickets can be bought at

the next branch meetings in October and November.

## TOURS & SOCIALS

**Thurs 16 Oct - T Box Café at Mt Claremont Golf Course** - Afternoon tea will be on from 2pm. This gathering gives us time to chat and get to know new people, so everyone is welcome especially newcomers to our group at National Seniors. Come alone or bring a friend. Judith Lauri will be hosting this gathering, so for more information about this meeting, so please call her, 0408 935 667.

**Fri 31 October – Bentley Pines Training Restaurant Lunch** – This popular event organised by Adolph de Sousa has been **fully booked** on a first come, first served basis. However, if you have already registered and paid and have missed out, your name will be placed on a standby list and you will be advised if a vacancy occurs. Subject to sufficient demand, another date may be arranged.

Full details and menus are available from Adolph De Sousa – mob: 0413 129 707 or email: [adolphdesousa@hotmail.com](mailto:adolphdesousa@hotmail.com).

**Thurs 27 November – Tour of Fremantle Port Authority.**

This free 90 minute guided walk will visit many interesting historical features around the port. Members and guests should meet at 10 am at the O'Connor statue in front of the tall Port Authority building. Note that a fair degree of fitness is required, although on flat surfaces.

Lunch after the walk will be at a nearby local venue at own cost.

Please register your interest with organiser Jennifer Allan, tel: 9384 5863 or email: [johnox1@aapt.net.au](mailto:johnox1@aapt.net.au). Jennifer will provide full details nearer the day.

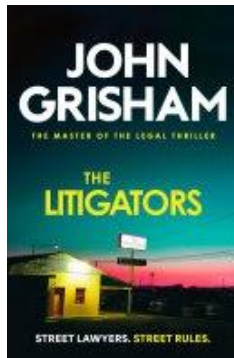
**Tuesday 9 December – Christmas Lunch**

The Christmas Lunch this year will again be held at the University Club Restaurant on Tues

9 December 2025, commencing 1.00 pm.  
Doors open 12.00 pm. Two course lunch plus  
entrée with house wines and soft drinks  
complimentary. Cost \$65 per head.

**BOOK REVIEW – “THE LITIGATORS” by  
John Grisham**, published by Hodder &  
Stoughton, UK (2011) - 436 pages ISBN  
9781444729788.

Reviewed by Marlene Wilson.



John Grisham is an American novelist, lawyer  
and former politician. His legal thrillers have  
sold over 200 million copies worldwide. He  
practiced criminal law for a decade, so his  
novels are rich in legal jargon, satirical twists in  
plots and memorable characters.

Many of Grisham's novels are set in the  
Southern States of USA, but *The Litigators* is  
set in Chicago. The main character is a Harvard  
Law Graduate who is burnt out working for a  
large, prestigious law firm. David meets Oscar,  
a former cop turned lawyer and Wally, an expert  
hustler and ambulance chaser. The three make  
up the firm *Finley & Figg* who mainly work in  
injury claims, quickie divorces and DUI cases.

When they decide to take on one of the biggest  
pharmaceutical companies in the States in a  
class action lawsuit over a cholesterol drug,  
which is causing heart problems, a David and  
Goliath battle begins. David is the only one with  
experience and finds himself facing his former  
powerful law firm in the federal court.

This is one of Grisham's most humorous novels.  
Oscar and Wally's private lives will keep the

reader entertained; however the social  
message is delivered with brilliant comic wit.

A highly recommended, enjoyable novel.

*Editor - Our thanks to Marlene for her monthly  
Book Reviews.*

## REMINDER & PLEA !

Please remember that Branch meeting fees  
have now increased – **Members \$8.00 & non-  
member(guests) \$15.00**. These increases are  
necessary to cover our increased cost of  
catering and Branch administration. If paying in  
cash, please assist our hardworking front desk  
volunteer staff by providing the correct amount.  
If you are an occasional visiting non-member  
and would like to reduce the cost of attending  
future meetings, please consider joining NSA –  
application forms are available at the front desk  
or online at the NSA website -  
[www.nationalseniors.com.au](http://www.nationalseniors.com.au).

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person, \$80 for a couple, or discounted for 2  
years to \$88 or \$143, 3 years \$120 or \$180, 5  
years \$220 or \$325).

Please make payment for all new subscriptions  
or renewals **direct to NSA Head office** in  
Brisbane to obviate our Treasurer having to  
make transfers from our account to Head office.

## PHOTOGRAPHY AND PRINTING OF OUR NEWSLETTER

*In conclusion, we would acknowledge and  
thank our photographer member Jeane-Pierre  
Hericher for his tireless work videoing our  
concerts & taking photos of speakers, etc. at our  
Branch meetings.*

*We also thank the office of Churchlands MLA  
Basil Zempilas for printing our monthly  
Newsletter and Branch meeting flyers – all  
much appreciated !*