

# **ROCKINGHAM & DISTRICTS BRANCH INC.**

# ISSUE 13 - February/March 2024

# President's ramblings for February/March 2024

This president is already rambling, I started it three times and got something wrong.

I started the last one complaining about the early mini heatwave, so I will skip quickly past what we have been having for the last week or two. I hope you have all got through it.

The Christmas windup went very well with great entertainment from Janie's Boys choir. Thanks to the chef whose lunch was great as usual. We put it to the meeting asking if they wanted something in January and a lunch was agreed on, so we booked at the pub in Kwinana as we are always having things in Rockingham or nearby. Unfortunately, the Kwinana people were unable to come which was a shame.14 people attended so thank you to them. Thank you to Bronwyn for her table decorations, a lovely Australian theme.

Nan and I went to the Peel branches final meeting for the year where I had the honour of presenting 4 Life Membership Certificates. These people have been members of the branch since it first started and still attending as often as they are able.

Nan and I also went to Katanning on the 11th of December to their windup lunch. They have now permanently closed the branch which is sad.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter we must try and increase our membership so that there is some new blood coming in with innovative ideas. We have had a few inquiries over the last month, I hope some of them will come to our first meeting on the 7th of February when our speaker from WA community police talking about safety for senior.

Instead of having our usual teleconference for the zone, the 2 presidents and 2 secretaries had lunch together and talked about what each branch is doing. Both branches are well organised for at least the first few months of the year with ideas for the remainder of the year.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in February Thanks Lyn

#### **EVENTS IN AND AROUND ROCKINGHAM**

#### SYMPHONY ON THE GREEN

# 17 February 2024, 5.30pm-9pm, Free, Village Green Rockingham

The West Australian Symphony Orchestra (WASO) returns to the Village Green on Saturday 17 February from 5.30pm - 9pm. WASO conductor Jen Winley and special guests present a magical evening for the whole family, filled with all your classical and film favourites plus more musical surprises, performed by the orchestra and superstar soloists.

Symphony on the Green is one of the City's <u>major annual events</u> and part of our <u>Summer Series</u>. The Summer Series provides an opportunity for the Rockingham community to connect and engage in fun, outdoor activities during the summer season.

Visitors to these events are encouraged not to smoke, vape, or drink alcohol.

# **PERFORMACE IN THE PARK**

# 18 February 2024, 5pm – 8pm, Free, Village Green Rockingham

Ariel, Prince Eric, the sea witch Ursula, and Sebastian the crab will make a splash at the Village Green as they present a magical outdoor theatre performance of The Little Mermaid on Sunday 18 February from 5pm - 8pm.

Meet a mermaid and enjoy your favourite songs during the pre-show entertainment.

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# **CELEBRATE HARMONY**

# 23 March 2024, 3pm - 7pm, Free, Baldivis Sports Complex

Celebrate Harmony at this free Community Fun Day. There will be a range of activities and entertainment on offer:

- Haka performance by Ngaru Pou
- · story time with Mindful Moko
- drumming circle with Akwaaba Drumming
- learn about Macroinvertebrates with Baldivis Children's Forest
- henna tattoos
- amusement rides
- live music
- food and drink vendors

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An old lady with a cane was walking past a young man at a bus stop singing "21 today, 21 today". The young man says "You're not 21 you crazy old bat". She turns to him and with a mighty swing cracks him over his head with her cane and walks way singing "22 today, 22 today.



# **AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION**

#### PERMANENT POSTAL VOTING INFORMATION

#### **General Postal Voters**

A general postal voter is an eligible person who has pre-registered to automatically receive their ballot papers in the mail after an election has been announced.

Electors who are registered as general postal voters will be sent ballot papers as soon as practicable after the declaration of nominations for a federal election, the issue of writs for a federal referendum, or according to the legislative timeline for a state or local government election.

Once you are registered as a general postal voter, you will automatically receive your ballot papers in the mail after an election has been announced. You do not need to re-apply for future elections.

Alternatively, if you are eligible, you may apply for a postal vote for a single electoral event only. Instructions for submitting these requests will be available on the website once that electoral event has been announced.

Go to the below AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION website:

https://www.aec.gov.au/

Click on **FOR VOTERS** under the logo of the AEC.

Under this go to **SPECIAL CATEGORY ENROLLMENT** 

Once this has opened click on the envelope which says **GENERAL POSTAL VOTERS.** 

There is a lot of information in dropdown boxes that will let you know what you need to register to be a permanent Postal voter, or you can see me for further information. There is also a drop-down box where you can receive paper forms that you can download and print.

Thank you to **Norma Sullivan** for informing me that Permanent Postal Voting exists and steering me in the right direction for getting you this information.

#### PORT KENNEDY RSL UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2024

Friday night raffles from 26th January will be moved to the Sunday session....

Music from 2pm to 5pm – Raffles drawn at 5pm after the Joker draw.

# FEBRUARY 17TH - SUNDOWNER SESSION 6PM TO 9PM

We have DR BOGUS booked for our 1st Sundowner of 2024....

# MARCH 17TH - ST PATRICKS DAY SUNDAY SESSION

#### MARCH 31ST - EASTER SUNDAY SUPER SESSION

Friday night raffles from 29th and End of Month draw will also be done at this session.

#### **APRIL 25TH - ANZAC DAY**

#### MAY 11th - 80s NIGHT

Get your 80s gear on and come out for a great night of 80s music.

### JUNE 15th - INXS TRIBUTE (WHAT YOU WANT)

Tickets will go on sale for this Tribute in May

# **JULY 20th - QUEEN TRIBUTE**

Tickets will go on sale for this Tribute night in June.

# **AUGUST 18th – VIETNAM VETS DAY**

SEPTEMBER 28th – AFL GRAND FINAL DAY

# OCTOBER 12th - MATT HALE HYPNOTIST 80S THEMED SHOW

Tickets on sale in September

# **NOVEMBER 5th - MELBOURNE CUP DAY**

**NOVEMBER 11th - REMEMBRANCE DAY** 

**DECEMBER 14th - CLUB XMAS PARTY** 

BAGGY TROUSERS will also be here this year – we are waiting on date confirmation.

Australia's premier Madness Tribute. London born, now Brisbane based, this nutty 6-piece band delivers its Total Madness show.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Please note all advertised pricing in the club is MEMBERS price\*\*

#### **FEBRUARY & MARCH BIRTHDAY'S**

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to the following Members. We all hope that you have a lovely day.

Lillian Gowers, 14<sup>th</sup> February

June Ingley, 25<sup>th</sup> February

Of course I talk to my self.



Sometimes I need expert advice.

#### **PUZZLE PAGE**

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#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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Speakers Nan & Bronwyn

Outings Nan & Bronwyn

#### **VENUE & TIMES**

Meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of even Months, at Port Kennedy RSL, cnr Paxton Way and Helmshore Way, Pt. Kennedy

Meeting starts at 10am. Lunch is available for reasonable prices, at own cost.

Outings/Lunches are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday on the alternate months.

(Lunches and Outings are arranged during the year.)

Please contact Nan Senior, 9593 2141 re outings

Keep these dates free to join our members and enjoy yourself.

#### **NSA ROCKINGHAM AND DISTRICTS**

# **CALENDAR FOR 2024**

Feb 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Speaker: Community Policing

March 6<sup>th</sup> Lunch – Pirate Boat Cruise, Mandurah

April 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting – Speaker Professor Robert Mead

Forensic Toxicologist, the body in the Bag - TBC

May 1<sup>st</sup> Outing – Hillary's Boat Harbour, Bus Trip

June 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Speaker Richard Offen

Heroes, Villains and Vagabonds of Perth

July 3<sup>rd</sup> Lunch – Amaze Miniature Park, Mandurah

**August 7**th Meeting AGM – Speaker **Terry Harvey** 

War comes to Broome and the Mystery of the

Missing Diamonds

**Sept 4**<sup>th</sup> Outing – The Perth Mint

Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting – Speaker TBA

**Nov 6**<sup>th</sup> Outing - TBA

**Dec 4**th Christmas Lunch - TBA