

National Seniors

AUSTRALIA

Melville Branch – JANUARY 2022

Well, the hot weather certainly has come with a vengeance. I know it had to come but it did not need to get so hot on Christmas day and Boxing Day. Despite the heat I hope that all members had an enjoyable time over this period.

It was great to see a turnout of 41 members to our Christmas Lunch. The lunch was a great success and I hope that all members enjoyed the meal.

I hope that all members are fully vaccinated or at least have had two injections. With the opening of the border on 5th February we will almost certainly see the omicron variant having an impact on our population. We will all need to be very careful and in particular those who have immune compromised health conditions.

Matilda Wasley

It was sad to hear right on Christmas that Matilda had a stroke and spent Christmas in hospital. Matilda is now home and slowly recovering. We wish her all the best in her recovery and hope to see her attending branch meetings in the near future.

Over the past year several members have either had falls or medical episodes and it raises the issue of members living at home on their own. I know some members do have medi-alert devices but I was wondering how many members do not have a device that they can alert someone if they have a fall or medical episode. If you are in this situation, I would strongly recommend that you look into obtaining one.

Graeme Piggott

It was sad to hear of the passing of Graeme who has been a big contributor to National Seniors over the past 20 or so years. It was pleasing to see 8 members of the Branch attend a wonderful funeral service on the 11th of January. It was very interesting to hear of Graeme's life and achievements during the reflections part of the service. Graeme certainly led a fulfilling life. Graeme will be sadly missed by all branches of NSA in WA and in particular the Kalamunda branch where Graeme was President for 21 years. He will also be missed in the running of the Branch Network Forum.

Rest in Peace Graeme

MEETING FEES

The take up for the prepayment of meeting fees option for the period January to June has been very slow with only 16 people having made online transfers to the Branch's bank account. I know a number of members may pay this at the January meeting. If you intend doing an online bank transfer it would be appreciated if this can be done by Sunday the 23rd of January. The more members that prepay the easier the job is for the door people on meeting days.

In case you have deleted my previous email with details as to how much members need to pay, I have attached the spreadsheet to this email.

SHOE BOX CHARITY

Our guest speaker for January is Jenny Abetz from the Shoebox Charity.

In the charity program, shoeboxes are filled with donated toys, school supplies and hygiene requirements for underprivileged children. All items must be new.

In lieu of making a cash donation to the charity our members are asked to consider bringing along donation of items, as listed below, to either the January or February Branch meetings.

Items required are for children 2-14 years old and could include t-shirts, shorts, underpants, coloured pencils, erasers, etc.



Containers for Change

A very big thankyou to all of those members who brought in containers to the November meeting. As a result, we received \$43.70 bringing the total for the year to \$168.10. With all this hot weather I hope all members are keeping well refreshed so they do not become dehydrated. It would be nice to achieve around \$200 this year.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Tuesday 25th January - Jenny Abetz – The Shoebox Charity

Tuesday 22nd February Angela Bowman – Australian Wildlife Conservatory

OUTINGS

Thursday 27th January – Picnic Tea (BYO food and drinks) 5.00 pm wireless Hill

Wednesday 9th March – 12.00pm Lunch at the Swan River Hotel, Ascot

Wednesday 23rd March – Branch Breakfast (\$5 per head to be paid to Helen) 8.00am Shelley foreshore

THEATRE VISITS, Etc (Lorelie)

Lorelie's job in organising theatre visits is not being made easy. Lorelie has to prepay for tickets well before the event and out of her own bank account.

Members will now be asked to make payment when they put their names in her book.

The option of making payment to the Branch's bank account is available.

If you fail to turn up on the date or if something happens between the payment date and the date of the play you will have to find a replacement as there will be no refunds.

Keep organised and place details in your diary.

FRIDAY 28TH JANUARY - OLD MILL THEATRE, SOUTH PERTH 7.30 P.M. \$20

'SPENCER" a comedy-drama looking at a gloriously dysfunctional Australian family.

FRIDAY 18TH FEBRURY - MELVILLE THEATRE CO. 8 P.M. \$22

"APPLETON LADIES POTATO RACE" a sparkling comedy pits social justice against community cohesion in a race to be right.

FRIDAY 18TH MARCH - OLD MILL THEATRE, SOUTH PERTH 7.30 P.M. \$20

"BEAUTIFUL THING" A bitter-sweet comedy about young love.

JOKES FOR JANUARY

1. **January 1st: Top 10 New Year's Day Jokes:** What did the triple jumper say to the track & field team on January 1st?... Hoppy New Year! ([365 Sports Jokes](#) & [Track & Field Jokes](#))
2. **January 4th: National Spaghetti Day Jokes Top 10 Spaghetti Jokes:** What do you call a fake noodle?... An impasta. ([Pasta Jokes](#))
3. **January 5th: National Bird Day Top 10 Bird Jokes:** What's a good winter tip?... Never catch snowflakes with your tongue until all the birds have gone south for the winter. ([Winter Jokes for Kids](#) & [Bird Jokes](#))
4. **January 11th National Milk Day: Top 10 Milk Jokes:** What do you call a cow that doesn't give milk?... A MILK DUD! ([Candy Jokes](#) & [Cow Jokes](#))
5. **January 15th National Hat Day: Top 10 Hat Jokes:** Why are hat jokes the hardest to understand?... Because they always go right over your head!

6. **January 15th National Bagel Day: Top 10 Bagel Jokes**: Why are hat jokes the hardest to understand?... Because they always go right over your head!
7. **January 18th Winnie the Pooh Day: Top 10 Winnie the Pooh Jokes**: What's Winnie's favourite bird?... Christopher Robin. (*Bird Jokes*)
8. **January 19th: National Popcorn Day Jokes: Top 10 Popcorn Jokes**: Why aren't there many jokes about popcorn?... Because they are corny. (*Corn Jokes*)
9. **January 20th Inauguration Day: Top 10 Inauguration Jokes**: What's Joe doing until January 20th?... BIDEN his time. (*January Jokes*)

Les Davey President

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Dates of Melville NSA Events 2022

Tuesday 25th January - 10.00am – Branch Meeting

Thursday 27th January – 5.00pm Branch Picnic– Wireless Hill

Friday 28th January – Old Mill Theatre

Friday 18th February – Melville Theatre

Tuesday 22nd February- 10.00am – Branch Meeting

Wednesday 9th March - Lunch – Swan River Hotel - Ascot

Monday 14th March – Committee Meeting -Les and Lynley

Friday 18th March – Old Mill Theatre

Tuesday 22 March - 10.00am – Branch Meeting

Wednesday 23rd - 8.00am – Branch Breakfast – Shelley Foreshore

Tuesday 26 April - 10.00am – Branch Meeting

Monday 9th May – Committee Meeting - Lorelie

Tuesday 24 May - 10.00am – Branch Meeting

Tuesday 28 June - 10.00am – Branch Meeting

Monday 11th July – Committee Meeting – Sally and John

Tuesday 26 July - 10.00am – Branch Meeting

Tuesday 23 August - 10.00am – Branch Meeting

Monday 12th September – Committee Meeting – Ken and Margaret

Tuesday 27 September - 10.00am – Branch Meeting

Tuesday 25 October - 10.00am – Branch Meeting

Monday 14th November – Committee Meeting - Ann

Tuesday 22 November - 10.00am – Branch Meeting