

NEWSLETTER #231 - MAY 2022

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NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 10 May, commencing at 10 am, at the Kalamunda Church of Centre, 22 Mileti Rd., Lesmurdie.



It is the Branches 21st BIRTHDAY

GUEST SPEAKER: The Metronet (Forrestfield-Airport Rail Project) presentation given at the Zone 108 Conference last year, impressed so many members, that we have asked them to return as our Branch guest speaker for this month.

Title: “The Forrestfield-Airport Link – Anything but boring”, presented by Graham Currie, project Manager, Tunnelling, Connect Forrestfield-Airport Link, will be presenting a general overview of the project and the tunnelling process.

OUTINGS EVENT: Pasta in the Valley on Friday, 27 May. Cost \$25, (\$3 extra for fish), for the senior’s meal, (main, sweet & coffee/tea). Meal choice to be made at the May meeting. Time - 11:30 for 12 noon start.

Must be paid at the Tuesday, May 10th meeting. **It is a drive yourself event.**

It’s hard to believe that we are preparing this newsletter for the month of May, the year is flying by.

Our meeting in April (attended by 79 members) was a lot of fun with Hot Cross Buns and Easter eggs. The Hot Toddy musical group were great even though we had a problem with the visual aspect of the presentation, this was compensated by the quality of the 4 musicians and the narrator. We also had an extra bonus of some rousing Scottish and Irish reels that got the toes tapping.

Thanks must go to Maureen for the entertainment and to June, Rob and Anne for the buttering of the 100 buns. The Easter eggs were purchased with some funds left over from the St Patrick Day barbecue. Don't let anyone say we don't get the best value for our branch funds.

Just an update on the problems that we experienced with the visual for the Hot Toddy presentation, Garry spent the best part of 2 hours trying to get things to work, unfortunately there was no one in the office to help until we had finished, only to find out that one of our members had switched the Screen in the morning tea area off. This in turn turned the main screen off. Hopefully this will be a lesson learnt for the future.

Poor Gary must be wondering what he's let himself in for, what with the barbecue last month and the problems with the visual this month, thank you Garry for your perseverance and patience, hopefully things will be better next month.

A number of members have said how they are missing the coach trips, Glenda has pencilled one in for June so fingers crossed that we are experiencing some normality by then. In the mean time we will continue with the drive yourself outings.

The federal election has been called for May the 21st. So we can look forward to our TVs and newspapers being full of it. It is important to give some thought to who you think will best represent us for the next three years. I urge you to talk to the candidates if you get the chance and push the issues that NSA are promoting such as improved conditions for aged care. Relaxing of regulations on pensions to allow pensioners to return to work, the list is on the NSA app on your computer.

Our May meeting will mark twenty one years since the branch started, something few branches can boast I am sure. So we will celebrate the occasion with free entry and a special birthday cake. I hope you are able to join us.

POSITIONS VACANT. The Committee positions of Newsletter Editor, and PRO (Public Relations Officer) need to be filled urgently. Contact Richard or Chris for info.

PAG (Policy Advisory Group) Representative is required. Contact Richard for info.

ZONE 114 CONFERENCE: Is being held this year by the Peel/Mandurah Branch. Keep an eye out for Conference details and accommodation arrangements.



Secretaries Note: If you no longer wish to receive the Branch Newsletter & minutes, please notify the Secretary.

Thank-you for your past participation.

“When you are up to your neck in hot water, be like a kettle, and sing.”

LATE NEWS: As of Friday 29th April, the W.A. Government has lifted most of the COVID-19 restrictions, for most venues.

Masks are encouraged to still be worn, but it is the individual's choice.

Richard & Chris

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