

**NEWSLETTER #232 - JUNE 2022**

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**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday 14 June, commencing at 10 am, at the Kalamunda Church of Centre, 22 Mileti Rd., Lesmurdie.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** A story - Living and working in Antarctica.

After many years of dreaming about working in Antarctica, Morris fulfilled the dream. This is his story. He will unveil the beauty, excitement, and adventure of working as a Meteorologist for the Bureau of Meteorology on the frozen continent. **Date is 14<sup>th</sup> June.**

**OUTINGS:** Firstly, I would like to thank Sheila for taking on the role while I have been away. I really appreciate your help Sheila. To all who went to Pasta in the Valley, I hope you enjoyed the day with good food and good company.

Now, on to our June outing. **Date is Wednesday the 22nd June** and we are going to Wheel Chairs for Kids in Wangara. We will be traveling by coach so of course we need to factor in the cost to get us there and back. Leaving Thai on the Hill at 9-30am so please be there by 9-15am. We will be having morning tea on arrival at 10-30am and after a tour through the new facility, we will take a drive along West Coast Hwy to reach the Herdsman Tavern for 12-30pm seniors lunch.

Menu is a choice of 4 meals and are as follows:

1. Corned Beef, with Potato, Cabbage, Bacon and creamy garlic sauce.
2. Seafood Basket, Battered Fish, Scallops, Prawns, Crumbed Calamari with chips and salad
3. Chicken & Leek Pie, Chicken Braised with Bacon & Leeks in puff pastry, mash potato & vegies.
4. Lambs Fry with bacon, onion gravy, mashed potato and peas. Also includes Cake and Coffee/Tea.

Payment at next week's meeting Cost for the day \$50.00pp. Drinks at own expense.

We will make a donation to WCK to help with the good work that they do.

HO HO HO, Yes Xmas is on my radar, but only scant details at this point. **The date will be Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July.** I'm waiting for more info myself so will inform all at next week's meeting.

Although proof of Vax is supposedly not needed any more, I think it would be wise to have it with you just in case.

**THE CAKE :** It seems everyone enjoyed the cake at last month's Birthday celebrations and whilst not trying to turn this into Costco commercial, one can't help acknowledging the fact that the 2 cakes were not only very fresh and tasty, but at the great price of \$30.00 each they were also super value. They just added to make this celebration a great day for all.

**Friends are the most important part of your life.**

**"Treasure the tears. Treasure the laughter, but most importantly, Treasure the memories"**

**NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT:** Seventy nine members and one visitor attended

and I'm sure, enjoyed the branches 21<sup>st</sup> birthday celebration at our May meeting. We must extend a special thank you to Clare for arranging and cutting the cakes and the ladies in the kitchen for their assistance. We sang happy birthday to ourselves, and Pat and Elaine cut the cake. All good fun.

On Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> 40 odd (not that kind of odd!!!) members gathered at Pasta in the Valley for a meal and some good fellowship. A choice of five main courses, three sweets and a cup of tea or coffee in very congenial surroundings for \$25.00 represented pretty good value, especially when combined with great company.

Glenda had done all the preliminaries before leaving for some time in Melbourne and Sheila handled the necessities on the day. All ran like clockwork as usual for another great day out. Thank you ladies.

Since the last meeting there has been some good news, Noreen Townsend has volunteered to take on the monthly newsletter and we welcome her to the management committee. Also, Arlene Quinn has agreed to become our PAG representative and is awaiting confirmation from Brisbane. I will miss not being on the PAG (policy advisory group) but it is at times a lot of work and as things are at the moment, time is not something I have a lot of. I am sure that both Noreen and Arlene will become valuable contributors to our branch and I thank them for stepping forward.

Talking of stepping forward we are just 2 meetings away from our AGM in August. All committee positions will be vacated except the newsletter editor (the PAG rep is not a committee position) so please give some thought to whether you may like to join the committee for the 2022/23 year.

The newsletter this month contains contributions from Maureen, Glenda and Clare which I very much appreciate. I feel it gives a better insight into the various activities of the branch. Let us know what you think. Also Tony recently brought to my attention an article in the paper (the West Australian) by author Noel Whittaker (not the singer) who has written several books on personal finance including "Retirement made simple". His article recognized the complexities of working out what a person is entitled to in the way of benefits when retiring. To quote Noel. Enter the magnificent new resource from National Seniors Australia, the concessions calculator. Just about everyone I have spoken to that has used it, have found something they were not aware of.

Thanks for the heads up Tony.

Finally though masks are not mandatory now, I think we should still use them at the meeting where practical. It's up to you.

Hope to see you on the 14<sup>th</sup> June.

Cheers Richard.

**ZONE 114 CONFERENCE:** Is being held this year by the Peel/Mandurah Branch.

Keep an eye out for Conference details and accommodation arrangements.

**Secretaries Notes:** Members who are currently receiving the Newsletter & minutes by Australia Post, please consider changing to email. It saves on handling costs.



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