

NEXT BRANCH MEETING: Tuesday 13th FEBRUARY 2024 10am, at the Kalamunda Church of Christ Multifunction Centre, 22 Milet Road, Lesmurdie.

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GUEST SPEAKER: “SPOTTING SCAMS” A very current topic. Representative from the Consumer Education Team, Dept. of Mines, Industry Regulation & Safety, will give a presentation.

Excursion rules and regulations 2024

The committee has discussed the current methods that relate to the payments and booking of excursions and has found that there is some confusion that impacts the accurate financial records for outings. So are advising the following regulations to be introduced. Members will be advised by the Newsletter the month prior to the next event and the cost payment for which will be paid the following month in full. Any request to join the excursion after that date will be accepted only if there is availability of a seat on the coach (if it is a coach outing) and if no payments such as coach hire, lunch or entry fees have been paid in advance. All payments must be paid prior to the day of the activity if in the case payment after the designated payment day arrangements are to be made to deliver payment to Clare Arnold or Sheila Jackson prior to departure.

In the event of a cancellation refunds will only be made in extenuating circumstances and with the approval of the management committee and that no prior payments have been made to service providers.

All of these regulations have been mandatory for some time but have often been overlooked maybe with the best intentions but can lead to considerable confusion for Patricia trying to balance the books, and with the fact that we have many activities throughout the year it becomes an ongoing problem.

I will raise the subject at the February meeting happy to answer any queries.

ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR FEBRUARY, MARCH & APRIL.

Coffee morning at Gracie's Café in Berkshire Rd Forrestfield,

Tuesday, 20st February 10.00 to 11.30 am. This will be our first activity for 2024 and we are asking you to **please place your name on a list. This way we can provide Gracie's with approximate numbers** to help them have sufficient goodies available for our morning tea.

Note - We have chosen Gracie's as it has a lovely large shady outdoor area which should help overcome the noise problem experienced last time at the Dome in Kalamunda.

This is a pay your own on the day activity.

Mystery tour.

Thursday, 21st March, Departing ex TOTH at 9:00 am. This Mystery tour has 3 brand new places and a 4th that was a favourite. Not bad when you think about it with so many places either doing reduced openings, while some have even closed. We know you will have a fun day on this trip. We had never been to any of the 3 new places we will visit on this trip, we found all three to be very different, but all have one common denominator, and you guessed right, I am not going to tell you because it will no longer be a mystery trip. As always, we have tried to get something to suit all tastes. Maybe not everyone will have the same amount of interest in all 4 places, but I can guarantee you will find them different in their own way and worth the visit, and all the while being in shroud of mystery. Return to Kalamunda by 4.00pm.

Cost includes Coach, morning tea, 1 course lunch, entry fees. Min 40 **Cost \$ 63.00 pp**

Note can you please pay \$65.00 pp and we will give you a \$2.00 coin as change, this makes things much easier for Sheila and Glenda. Thank you.

HMAS Stirling Naval Base & Rockingham tour.

Tuesday, 16th April, Departing ex TOTH at 9:00 am. Depart Kalamunda and travel to Wells Park, the sight of the Kwinana Wreck, for a morning cuppa and cake, before travelling to HMAS Stirling Naval Base for a guided tour of the Garden Island Base, the different port facilities, and the lookout. We will enjoy a light lunch in the Base canteen before visiting the museum. Following a short comfort stop at a local park on the Rockingham foreshore, we will return back to Kalamunda by 4:00pm. Includes Coach, morning tea and light lunch. Min. 40. **Cost \$ 50 pp**

3 day Vines, River and Sea tour.

Tuesday 22nd to Thursday 24th October. By the time you come to our first meeting on the 13 February, I will have the 3 day Vines, River & Sea trip itinerary completed for you to check out. At the February meeting, please put your name on the list, if you are interested. To confirm your place on this trip you will need to pay a deposit of \$100 pp at the MARCH meeting. Last year's trip was the Vines with hills & valleys, this year it is the Vines with a river cruise and the sea, plus much more. Includes Coach, accommodation, all meals, morning tea, Mini Golf, and all entry fees.

Golden Oldies Concert at Romancing the Stone Gardens



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GOLDEN OLDIES CONCERT
Romancing the Stone Gardens
3 Lillian Road Maida Vale
7.30pm Friday 16th February 2024

TICKET INFORMATION
limited tickets \$35 per person
includes concert & supper
Tickets available at
www.iryhooking.com/CMORI
or scan the QR code to book now
or call: 0492 807 603
Tom 9454 4298

BOOK NOW!

Kalamunda

**Friday 16 February 2024,
7:30pm for Tickets contact
0492 807 603 or
contact Tom 9454 4298**

President's notes February 2024

One-year ends and another begins as we find ourselves in the middle of February 2024 wondering where the last year went. There is no doubt about it, time passes quicker the older you get. As is the custom, I wish all members of National Seniors Australia Kalamunda and Districts branch a happy, healthy, and interesting new year. Unfortunately, some of our number did not have a very happy 2023 due to ill health and other circumstances and it is to those members Clare and I wish a very special 2024.

Over the Christmas, New Year Clare and I took a two week break from all things NSA and enjoyed time with Arnold rellies and Heslop (Clare's) relatives over the Christmas week and then attended the New Years Eve Vienna Pops Orchestra Concert at the Perth Concert Hall with friends, as we have done for the last few years. It's a great way to say goodbye to the old year and welcome in the new. As always, the entertainment was excellent and the celebration to welcome the new year lots of fun.

Since then, we have had our Picnic in the Park. Though the numbers were down a bit it was perfect weather to be outdoors and all that were there enjoyed themselves.

On the 16th of Jan we had our annual get together of committee and regular volunteers at the learning Centre to acknowledge their efforts over the past year. This is a great group of members without whose involvement we simply would not be able to operate, and though it is great to be able to acknowledge their efforts, it is a little sad that it seems to be the same people that attend each year. Maybe you would like to consider joining this all-important group in the new year.

We are keen to add more variation to the newsletter this year, starting with Arlene Quinn giving a monthly update from PAG, the (Policy Advisory Group) on current matters. We have also included her contact details so if you think of a matter that you would like her to raise with the powers that be, you can contact her right away, rather than having to wait till the next meeting. Hopefully we will add more as the year goes on. Let me no if there is anything you think may be of interest to members on a regular basis that we could include in the monthly newsletter.

We have had one suggestion already, and it's that we have members submit a photo of themselves a long time ago and have us all try and work out who it is. What do you think?

The obvious advantage of having multiple people contributing to the news each month instead of me having to come up with 600 to 800 words each month, of issues that you may well not have the slightest interest in!!

I wrote the first of these notes just before our committee /volunteers gathering at the learning centre, the same afternoon that the big storm went through, therefore, our numbers were down and we had only auxiliary power that provided light, but no air conditioning or kitchen power, but as usual those that attended soldiered on and made the best of a bad lot. In recent times we have had a rainstorm, a heatwave and now a thunderstorm. Be sure to come to our next gathering as I am forecasting a light dusting of snow.

That's all for now, see you on the 13th.

Richard.

Photos



Tony presenting Clare Arnold with the NSA Graeme Piggott Certificate of Appreciation.



Richard presenting Sheila Jackson with the \ NSA Certificate of Appreciation.



Perth Christmas Lights – St. Georges Cathedral

SECRETARY'S NOTES:

A BRANCH MEMBERSHIP REVIEW has taken place, and it was noted that there are a number of members unfinancial. Unless membership fees are paid to H.O. **AND** advise the Branch Secretary (Chris) of payment, your name will be removed from the Branch Membership List. Head Office do not advise Branches of renewals. (Privacy rules).
Thanks. (Membership expiry date is on your membership card)

If a current NSA member no longer wishes to receive the Branch Newsletter & minutes, please advise the Secretary by email or phone. The Branch thanks you for your past participation.

For those who receive their Branch Newsletter & minutes by Australian Post, please consider changing to email, if this is available to you. It helps with postage costs and you get earlier notification of other Branch & community events.



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