

National Seniors

AUSTRALIA

Melville Branch – November 2021

Well, another year has almost come and gone with Christmas only six weeks away. Despite Covid-19 having a significant impact in other states, in particular in NSW and Victoria, we have been able to get through with very few restrictions and able to go about our lives in a fairly normal way. When our border opens up in 2022 we may have to go about with some restrictions and in particular go back to wearing masks in certain situations.

The vice-president and I have met with RAAFA in regard to the arrangements for holding our Branch meetings in 2022. When we were forced out of the old club facility, Simon compensated us by allowing us to provide our own morning teas for the rest of our meetings in 2021 and this avoided us increasing the fee to attend our Branch meeting. Unfortunately, this arrangement will not continue into 2022 and our room hire will increase from \$75 to \$100, and in addition RAAFA will be providing morning tea, Tea/Coffee and biscuits, at a cost of \$3.50 per member. **The current meeting fee of \$7 will not cover Branch meeting costs and the committee has made the difficult decision to increase the monthly Branch attendance fee to \$8 from January.** This will give us little wriggle room but the Branch's bank balance did increase during 2021 due to the fact that we were able to provide our own morning teas, and this hopefully will cover any administrative expenditure during the next few years. Also, with members bringing in containers this does help with our finances. I hope that members will understand the situation and accept the increase.

LUNCHES AT RAAFA – BRANCH MEETINGS

At the last Branch meeting there was considerable confusion when the meals were brought out. As a result of discussions with Simon we will be implementing some changes on the order form which you will see at the November meeting.

Also, it is important that as soon as the meeting is finished you go out to the person on the register and make payment for your lunch. We need to ensure that there is no future confusion as Simon will stop this practice of pre-ordering.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH THURSDAY 9 DECEMBER

If you have not paid the \$20 to attend the Christmas lunch, the November meeting will be your last chance as we have to confirm numbers with the caterers shortly after this meeting

The \$20 per member can be paid by EFT to NSA Melville account BSB 036-084 and account Number 434141 with your name and "Xmas". If you wish to pay by cash, then please ensure you place the cash in a **sealed envelope with your name, amount and Xmas** clearly written, and give to Sally. It's preferable if you could pay by EFT. Thank you to the following members who have already paid:

P Archer, C & M Belford, M Carr, L&L Davey, D Davidson, N Davis, P Downes, P Fraser,
A Grljusich, A Haas, L Hawley, D Hodgson, R Hudson, E Laing, S & J McCartney, A Mellish, R Orr,
V Payne, B & K Peters, K & M Quick, H Richards, M Rinaldi, L Tacoma, A Van Royan, M Wasley, L Williams

If your name is not on this list, then we have not received payment for the lunch.

Last year we had a problem with desserts when members took a plate of both choices. Please think of other members and only take one selection.

If you have not brought in an item for the Christmas raffle it would be appreciated if you can bring this to the November Branch meeting and hand to Helen Richards. Raffle tickets at the lunch will be 3 for \$5.

SAFETY AND SECURITY REBATE FOR SENIOR CARD HOLDERS

I have received a letter from my local member detailing which items can be claimed against the \$400 government rebate. The items are as follows:

1. Home alarm system
2. Security door screens
3. Deadlocks (door or windows)
4. Security window screens or shutters

5. Security sensor light

6. WIFI video doorbell

7. Residual Current Device

8. Mains powered smoke alarm

9. Fire extinguishers

If you require further information, you can call the Seniors Card office on 1800 671 233 or by email info@seniorscardwa.gov.au



Containers for Change

As members only brought in a small number of items to the October meeting I will await until after the November meeting to dispose of them so the year-to-date figure remains at \$124.40.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Tuesday 23rd November - John Cannon, retired psychologist – “Good sleep, bad sleep and outcomes”. He is a RAAFA Estate resident.

Tuesday 25th January - Jenny Abetz – The Shoebox Charity

Tuesday 22nd February Angela Bowman – Australian Wildlife Conservatory

OUTINGS

Wednesday 24th November – 12.00pm - Lunch at Bentley Pines

Thursday 9th December- Christmas Breakup lunch

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

Wednesday 16th March – Branch Breakfast (\$5 per head to be paid to Helen) 8.00am Shelley foreshore

THEATRE VISITS, Etc (Lorelie)

FRIDAY 26TH NOVEMBER, 8 P.M. MELVILLE THEATRE, PALMYRA \$21

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S, LONG LOST FIRST PLAY.

A comedy in which many of the famous speeches and characters of Shakespeare's thirty-nine plays are used to create a fast, funny and entirely fictional fortieth!

CHINESE BANQUET at Golden Gate at 6 pm. \$22

FRIDAY, 17TH DECEMBER, 7.30 PM OLD MILL THEATRE, SOUTH PERTH \$20

LITTLE WOMEN, THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

Based on the novel by Louisa May Alcott

Because all bookings nowadays are made and paid for in advance, I would be grateful if members could be very careful in recording their bookings in their diaries and arriving in time to receive their tickets and get seated well before starting time. Please remember that if you place your name in my book that is a commitment and you will be required to pay for your ticket if you cannot come on the date or if you forget to come.

Many thanks,

Lorelie.

Kath Lulham

Ann reports that she has spoken to Kath Lulham, our one-time treasurer, who wishes to be remembered to our members who knew her.

Updated Covid-19 Jokes

This Corona virus is a blessing.

My wife doesn't want to travel anywhere.

She no longer buys anything online, since everything comes from China.

She doesn't go to the mall to avoid the crowds.

She spends all of her time in a mask with her mouth closed.

Best thing that has ever happened in my life.

1. I don't know anything about Coronavirus other than if you have it, you get an undeniable urge to go the airport.
2. By the point most of the world has been exposed to covid 19, but the people in Wuhan got it right off the bat (animal)
3. You know why I think coronavirus won't last for more than a year.
WHY? coz it's made in China.
4. I don't think anyone saw a worldwide pandemic happening last year. I guess most people didn't have 2020 vision.



Do It Yourself COVID Test

1. Pour a glass of wine and smell it
2. If you can smell it, then taste it
3. If you can both smell it and taste it, you do not have the coronavirus

Just to test it out, I did the test 19 times last evening and, thank God, all the tests were negative. But I'll have to repeat them today, as I woke up with a headache and a bit disoriented this morning.

Les Davey President

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Dates of Melville NSA Events 2022

Tuesday 23rd November – 10.00am – Branch Meeting

Friday 26th November – Melville Theatre

Thursday 9th December – 12.00pm – Christmas Lunch

Friday 17th December – Old Mill Theatre

Monday 10th January – Committee Meeting - Ann

Tuesday 25 January - 10.00am – Branch Meeting

Thursday 27 January – 5.00pm Branch Picnic– Wireless Hill

Tuesday 22 February- 10.00am – Branch Meeting

Monday 14th March – Committee Meeting -Les and Lynley

Wednesday 16 March – 8.00am – Branch Breakfast – Shelly Foreshore

Tuesday 22 March - 10.00am – Branch Meeting

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