

## NEWSLETTER #228 IN THE YEAR 2022

### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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Vale Graeme Piggott: Graeme, our inaugural President & Editor passed away peacefully on 30 December 2021, just a few weeks short of his 86th Birthday. Graeme, our first and only Branch President from the first meeting in May 2001, placed an emphasis on promptness, good speakers & social outings, without any political influence, combined with his own sense of humour. Everyone looked forward to his opening of meetings with a joke or two. Will be sadly missed by all. The Branch extends its condolences to Joyce and families.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday 8 February, 10am at Kalamunda C of C Centre, 22 Mileti Rd., Lesmurdie.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Graham Mabury, former 6PR presenter with a topic "Lessons From The Road"

Dear Members,

I am sure it is with a heavy heart for all, that we approach the first meeting for the year without Graeme. Also the pending challenges that we will face when the borders with the rest of Australia are opened. We will have the option of taking a negative approach and possibly allowing circumstances to have an adverse effect on the continuation of our Branch, or to take the circumstances as a challenge and continue the good work that Graeme spent a great deal of his time over the past 20 years, developing to what we have today at the Kalamunda Branch of National Seniors Australia.

I have spoken to Branches in the Eastern States and all seem to be continuing on, many with modifications necessary to comply with regulations pertaining to the Corona virus epidemic. Your Committee has already met to discuss changes to activities that may be made in relation to Committee positions and to possible changes to activities generally, to ensure the successful continuation of our Branch. I must admit that some ideas presently being floated sound great and I for one, look forward to their implementation should the Branch choose to adopt them. Richard will chair the February meeting and will explain the necessary actions that we need to elect a new President and possibly divide off the current positions (such as newsletter editor and BNF representative), that Graeme carried out in addition to the Presidency.

Chris has outlined below, various options to source the necessary COVID-19 Vaccination Certificates, these include simplified methods other than the internet which seems to require a diploma in computer science, to be successful.

**CHRISTMAS 2021:** The Lesmurdie Club was our venue for this year's celebration. A spacious venue, catering for the 98 members with ease including, Father & Mother Christmas who distributed presents to all, on each members departure. As Graeme was unable to address members, Neil Pember & Glenda Cullenane stepped in and thanked all members, especially the catering staff at the Club for a job well done. Our thanks to both.



**OUTINGS:** No outings are planned at present, as we are waiting on a new brochure, and must consider the new restrictions when choosing an outing. Picnic in the Park was moved to Tuesday 18 January. It was pleasing to see about 30 members enjoying each other's company, considering recent events and the hot weather.

**NEW GOVERNMENT DIRECTIVE:** Masks & proof of double vaccination will be MANDATORY for entrance to the church venue. Please remember to bring your mask with you & put it on correctly before you enter. You will be asked to show proof of double vaccination as you enter the venue, either through ServicesWA or the Medicare app on your smart phone plus photo ID. Alternatives are a printed copy of COVID-19 Digital Certificate plus photo ID or a printed copy of Immunisation History Statement with photo ID, or exemption certificate. You can call the Australian Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809 for assistance, and they will post you a copy of your Immunisation History. The City of Kalamunda, through its libraries, will assist residents to access their COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate and the setting up of the ServicesWA App in your smart phone. Contact your nearest library to make enquires and/or make a booking.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, 8 March, commencing at 10:00 am.  
Richard & Chris

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