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CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Tuesday 10 December 2024, Kalamunda Club, Kalamunda Road, Kalamunda.

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS
And
PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR**



ACTIVITY PLANNED FOR DECEMBER 2024 & FEBRUARY 2025

Tuesday 19th November I was so glad we had decided to go to the Romancing of the Stone especially when I saw the change of weather, I thought if it rains at least, we will have cover and rain it did right in the middle of James Park's talk. It was so loud James had to take a break because no one could hear him. For me it was not one of my better day's health wise but 3 lovely couples came to the rescue Gary and Glenda Cullenane, Rob and June Stevenson and Peter and Leonie Sewell were amazing. The men did a great job of setting the place up and the ladies were fantastic serving the lunch especially the desserts. Many thanks everyone. Although Tom has a bad hip problem and needed help to be ready the garden looked great as usual. I think everyone had a good day.

Tuesday 10th December. 3 course Christmas lunch. Arrive 11.45 for 12.00pm start.
As this will be our final Farewell Christmas Lunch for National Seniors Kalamunda, we ask that you try not to be too sad but come to party and enjoy the day.

To most people Seniors has been a special part of their life, for some they started at the very beginning 24 years ago. Good memories to share.

Our 3 course Christmas lunch menu looks to be a beauty. We will have some raffle prizes, some chocolates and of course Santa and Mrs Claus.

Tuesday 18th February 25 Morning coffee at Gracie's Forrestfield 10.00am
This is the same style of activity we have had in February for the past 5 years. You bring yourself and maybe some friends, you purchase your choice of morning tea/coffee and just relax and enjoy the company of other members who come.

Final Newsletter December 2024

At least we can start this newsletter with some good news. In all its wisdom the federal government has reversed its policy and decided to retain CASH indefinitely.

Congratulations and thank you NATIONAL SENIORS AUSTRALIA. Hopefully this sort of effort will encourage you to continue your NSA membership in the future even though we will no longer be a branch. You may feel that you have reached that stage in life where you don't need assistance or representation however, most of us have children and grandchildren who will one day be facing retirement etc and will need the support of NSA as things will only get harder as more and more reach that stage in life. Besides there are many benefits and deals that you can take advantage of if you haven't already been doing so. And so, ends the lesson

As I look back over past newsletters, I read of the many activities we have all enjoyed. The great guest speakers such as the forensic scientist to the performers and celebrities and of course Sabrina Hahn and our record attendance of over 130.

Then there are the many outings that have often taken us to places we never knew existed and those that became annual outings such as the Pines lunches and more recently dinner. How will we ever forget the Museum of Pubs and its owner and curator Janet.

But for many our monthly meetings and the chance to get together with friends over a cup of tea or coffee to reminisce, joke or fix the many troubles of the day, were great.

All this was made possible by the efforts of many volunteers over the years. Some have helped over long periods and even though age may restrict their efforts it has never failed to amaze me that they still find a way to continue to lend a hand. I am tempted to mention names, but I am too afraid that I may miss some out and that would not be right. You know who you are and on behalf of all members past and present
THANK YOU.

It is interesting that over the past 24 years we have existed there has not been as many committee members as you may think. This has of course been because people have retained their positions over many years. You would have to wonder if we would have lasted this long if they hadn't been so loyal.

This of course is why we find ourselves in our current position being unable to fill the committee positions necessary to satisfy our incorporation needs. We need this so as we can retain a bank account etc. For a group to exist successfully it is essential to have a bank account for the retention and expenditure of funds. It is also essential that there is public indemnity insurance.

If we are to continue in some form or other, and there appears to be a lot of our numbers that are keen to continue in some form or other we must be able to access these essentials but without having to form a committee. Impossible you may say, maybe not. I have spent some considerable time meeting with Roly Ritchie the president of the Darling Range Hub, he is anxious to have us continue on in some form as he, and I do believe there is a need and will be putting a proposal to his committee shortly that we have conceived so we will have to wait and if they approve then I will put said proposal to our members and maybe we will go forward. Hopefully we will have some news at the Christmas lunch.

Talking about Christmas lunch we have nearly a hundred attending, this of course is our last official gathering for The Kalamunda and Districts Branch of National Seniors Australia and though it is a bit sad I know we will have a great time.

To those who are unable to attend I say thanks for your past support, and I hope that you have happy memories of your time with Kalamunda National Seniors, I also on behalf all of us wish you a happy, healthy and safe Christmas and new year.

P S. I have just been advised that Cliff Combs passed away last Friday. Cliff and Glenda have been regular attendees at our monthly meetings and even after Cliff's diagnosis he and Glenda would attend when ever he felt up to it. I extend deepest condolences on behalf of all branch members to Glenda and her family.
Richard



A big THANK-YOU for all your support, over many years.

CARPE DIEM

In tribute to Graeme Piggott

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