



WRINKLY RAG.

February 2017

Welcome 2017 and the Year of the Rooster

SPEAKERS CIRCLE

February's Speaker's Circle will be 2 people from RISE talking about the services available from RISE and volunteering with RISE.

The speakers are –

Kerryn Swan & Sharlene Mirco.

Please attend and make our neighbours welcome

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Members, this is your newsletter

PLEASE

CONTRIBUTE

Tell us your story, send us articles of interest, pictures, amusing anecdotes or your own ideas

OBITUARY

It is with sadness we farewell Ron Klein who passed away on the 23rd January. Our deepest sympathies to his wife Audrey and his family.

NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME

Frederick Howes

David Forsyth

Trevor Holmwood

Alex Ritchie

FROM THE PRESIDENT

At the start of the New Year a number of members were clearing up the woodwork shed. Many of the "it-might-come-in-handy-one-day" items that were covered in dust were cleared out. It would be appreciated if everybody continues to keep the benches and their shelves clear.

To help with this, please avoid bringing your unwanted items to the shed just in case they might come in handy one day. We've had so much stuff donated to the shed to be used or sold but are then neither used nor sold.

In the same vein, don't be afraid to say "No" to people wanting to donate stuff. Thank them of course but still say "No" unless it is definitely worth having.

A reminder for the New Year, remember to keep yourself and your mates safe.

Lastly a special thank you to Peter Pullman for the new lighting in the woodwork shed. He has installed new LED fittings which are brighter and will last a lot longer than the old ones. All of this done high in the roof and when the temperature was about 50 degrees. Thanks Peter.

Marty B

EVENTS & PHOTOS

The Christmas Dinner

The dinner was enjoyed by all who attended



It pays to know new rules

TheSenior

Tuesday, 24th January, 2017

Rachel Lane



The different assessment criteria create very different outcomes for pensioners.

JANUARY 1 brought significant changes to the way pension entitlements are calculated. It also brought a significant change to the exemptions that can apply to the former home if you need to enter aged care. The former received a lot more attention than the latter.

Prior to January 1, 2017, aged care residents who paid towards their accommodation by daily payment (DAP or DAC) and rented out their home, had their home's asset value and any rent received exempt from the calculation of their pension indefinitely.

From an aged care point of view the house had a capped asset value of \$159,631 unless a protected person lived there. The net rent was also included as income for the aged care means test, unless the person entered care prior to January 1, 2016.

From January 1, 2017, the rent is included in the calculation of the aged care means test as well as pension entitlement. The asset value (home) will be exempt for a maximum of two years for pension and subject to the \$159,631 cap for aged care.

Essentially, there will be three different assessment criteria based on whether the resident entered care before January 1, 2016; between January 1, 2016, and December 31, 2016; or after January 1, 2017.

What does this mean for a resident?

Mary is a pensioner with a house valued at \$850,000, estimated rent of \$500 per week, expenses of \$4000 per annum, cash assets of \$120,000 and personal effects \$20,000.

The facility has a market price \$400,000 RAD. Mary will pay \$50,000 from her cash towards her RAD.

If Mary moved pre 1/1/16	
Basic Daily Fee	\$48.44
Daily Accommodation Payment (DAP)	\$58.88*
Means Tested Care Fee	\$3.85
Out of Pocket Expenses	\$10
Total	\$121.17p.d/\$44,227p.a
Age Pension	\$877pfn/\$22,805p.a
Rent	\$26,000p.a
Less expenses (rates, insurance, agent fees etc)	\$4,000p.a
Interest @2%	\$1,400p.a
Total	\$46,205p.a
Cash Flow	\$1,978p.a

If Mary moved 1/12/2016	
Basic Daily Fee	\$48.44
Daily Accommodation Payment (DAP)	\$55.23* (1/10/16 - 31/12/2016)
Means Tested Care Fee	\$30.32
Out of Pocket Expenses	\$10
Total	\$143.99p.d/\$52,556p.a
Age Pension	\$877pfn/\$22,805p.a
Rent	\$26,000p.a
Less expenses (rates, insurance, agent fees etc)	\$4,000p.a
Interest @2%	\$1,400p.a
Total	\$46,205p.a
Cash Flow	-\$6,351p.a
If Mary moved post 1/1/17	
Basic Daily Fee	\$48.44
Daily Accommodation Payment (DAP)	\$55.23*
Means Tested Care Fee	\$17.08*
Out of Pocket Expenses	\$10
Total	\$130.75p.d/\$47,724p.a
Age Pension	\$506pfn/\$13,156p.a*
Rent	\$500p.w/\$26,000p.a
Less expenses (rates, insurance, agent fees etc)	\$4,000p.a
Interest @2%	\$1,400p.a
Total	\$36,556p.a
Cash Flow	-\$11,168p.a

The different assessment criteria create very different outcomes. While we can't turn back the clock, people living in or moving to care should ensure they know the special rules that can apply to the former home.

<https://www.thesenior.com.au/news/it-pays-to-know-new-rules/>

News from the Shire of Mundaring

Mundaring celebrates at Australia Day ceremony

Shire of Mundaring held its annual Australia Day citizenship and awards ceremony on Thursday 26 January.

A total of 23 new Australian citizens were officially welcomed to the Shire, as they read their pledge of Citizenship in front of their family and friends.

Shire President David Lavell extended a warm welcome to the Shire's newest citizens.

He said Australia Day was a great celebration for the whole community and an opportunity to welcome Mundaring's newest citizens as full members of the Australian community.

"Today we all unite to celebrate the country we all call home," Cr Lavell said at the ceremony. Each new citizen was presented with a gift bag and wildflower.

Following the citizenship ceremony, a number of awards were presented to recognise and celebrate significant contributions to community life and active citizenship in the Shire.

"Australia Day is the perfect time to recognise the wonderful volunteers who meaningfully contribute to our community to make it such a great place to live," Cr Lavell said.

Primary and High School Citizen Awards

Jacob Alexander	Swan View Senior High School
Madeleine Christie	Helena College Senior School
Patricia Eivers	Eastern Hills Senior High School
Samuel Hartley	Mundaring Christian College
Elijah Croot	Mundaring Christian College
Hannah Gilham	Bible Baptist Christian Academy
Nathan Turk	Bible Baptist Christian Academy
Alec Marshall	Helena Valley Primary School
Rachel Colyer	Sawyers Valley Primary School
Emily Scook	Parkerville Primary School
Chelsi Le Noir	Mount Helena Primary School
Mason Milne	Greenmount Primary School
Emily Jones	Glen Forrest Primary School
Abegail Locke	Mundaring Primary School

Shire of Mundaring Citizenship Awards for a person under 25's

Rebekah Annelise Millard – Nominated by Riding for the Disabled Hills Group

Rebekah has been an elected committee member for RDA Hills Group since 2012. She was elected President in 2015 and 2016. Rebekah takes on a variety of roles as a volunteer worker and young leader. Rebekah greets each child and parent at several riding

sessions during the week and has attended many events as a representative of the RDA Hills Group.

She is frequently interviewed by the local media and her positive comments raise public awareness and reinforce the message that riders with a disability have many abilities and deserve respect.

As a rider with a disability, Rebekah has applied herself with outstanding diligence and tenacity to achieve a very high standard in Dressage Competition and riding at Pre-Paralympic level.

When young riders come to RDA Hills Group they consider Rebekah a role model. Through her actions, she demonstrates that dreams are achievable.

Talia Hobson – Nominated by Girl Guides WA

Talia has consistently participated in a variety of community services within the Shire of Mundaring. This includes the homeless appeal, gardening at local reserves, collecting rubbish and participating in an annual Halloween food collection.

Talia also regularly supports the Girl Guides through a number of activities, such as selling biscuits and playing a role in ceremonies and busy bees.

Talia is a delightful young lady and a responsible member of our community. Her caring and compassionate nature makes her a well-loved and respected member of her Unit. The challenges she has embraced through Guiding have contributed to her growth as a conscientious and community-minded individual who is committed to making a difference.

She has shown great commitment and enthusiasm throughout her Guiding journey. Most importantly, Talia has always been aware of what her Promise means to her and tries her very best to live by it.

Shire of Mundaring citizenship award winners

Trevor Dugdale – Nominated by Laurence and Cheryl Osborne and Richard and Margaret Matthews

Trevor is a very helpful man and a much loved member of the Treetop Grove Over 55s community. Trevor has been an inspiration to all the residents of the Hilltop Estate with his helpfulness, fantastic work ethic and expertise.

He is approachable and always willing to help if he is able to, whether it's cleaning the gutters or doing repairs. Trevor is always there to listen to requests in a receptive way. Nothing is ever too much trouble for him.

He dedicates his time to the community working tirelessly, irrespective of the job. He pulls branches and delivers them to the Recycling Area, he has laid bricks, installed reticulation, hung pictures, mirrors and performed many, varied tasks with unrelenting enthusiasm.

He has always made himself available to transport the Hilltop Residents around when necessary, day or night, spending long hours waiting in hospital emergency or outpatient departments.

Hilda Christian - Nominated by Marilyn Davies and Lyne Nalsmith - Mundaring Sharing Inc.

Hilda has made a huge contribution to the community of Mundaring and surrounding areas by her unwavering dedication to the no-profit Mundaring Sharing initiative and the Little Possum Centre.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Sundowners

Second Thursday of the month, after the workshop at 2:00pm

Members only, with occasional invites to others

We all get together for a convivial afternoon snack, enjoy BYO drink,(or a purchased drink from the fridge) and share a joke or two. Peter Barrett arranges a selection of antipasto bits, savouries and occasionally there is a much sought after vanilla slice. Every member is welcome so come along and join us. There is no charge for the food. A good time is assured.

“Sing – a – Long” Group

These are held at 2 weekly intervals on Thursdays – subject to change if Meg is not available

Shed Policy Meetings.

The 3rd Thursday of the month

Games Night

Ralph Squance has organized a games night so you can try your skill at darts, pool and/or cards. You can also form a cheer squad to support the contestants

This is a fortnightly event on Mondays, so come along and give it your support