



Grandparents Rearing Grandchildren (WA) Inc

One person caring for another represents life's greatest value

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July school holidays was a challenge to some grandparents. GRGWA ran a very successful Children's First Aid. Initially the children were wary, but once the defibrillator came out, they were all keen to have a go. And half the children were painted to show very serious wounds which the other half had to bandage, then they swapped. So the children all came out smiling at the end.

Alison organised a reptile handler for the children, whilst the casual monthly meeting was held at Kingsley Memorial Hall, a lot of the children and some brave grandparents were photographed with snakes around their bodies, again, enjoyed by all.

Jan organised a trip to Latitude, a new indoor fun park in Edgewater, the children had a great time, although those supervising little ones were apart from the other grandparents.

Jan and I went to a National Council of Women of WA meeting where the speaker was from the Citizen's Advice Bureau; they have a lot of resources and can handle many varied enquiries, they have a free lawyer who will give a limited amount of advice, appointments are necessary for this service. They are located in Joondalup and Perth. NCWW are also advocating to initiate a House of Representatives enquiry into the equality of grandparent carers; apparently this is more likely to get a result than the Senate Enquiry.

Jan and I went to a Focus Group from ECU looking at service providers for grandparents. It just could be we will get our own website, with all service providers on it, a one stop shop instead of going from agency to agency. Julie Scott from Carers WA was there, she encourages members to phone with a range of enquiries which her team will research answers to, from Centrelink problems to passports and elder abuse.

Jan also organised a second bus trip to the Casino, very much enjoyed by all, Christmas in July was the theme.

Jan goes on Tuesday 31st July to the Grandparent Carer Research Advisory Group meeting to represent GRGWA.

The one other thing to report, is that Foodbank in Joondalup are starting to accept EFT payment for the \$25 food parcels; you have a choice of 2 with different meats in them. Or you can just opt for a meat parcel which (I think if I remember correctly) is \$10. They did not have a card reader when Jan and I went to check it out, so please contact Foodbank or wait until I get notification that this service has begun. **YOU WILL NEED YOUR FOODBANK CARD.**

Our next meeting is the AGM on Tuesday 14th August 9.30am for a 10am sharp start. Following the AGM there will be a lunch at 11.30am where our supporters and sponsors will be attending, please talk to them and make them welcome.

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NEXT MEETING

AGM Kingsley Memorial Hall, Kingsley Drive, Kingsley

9.30am to 10am sharp start.

Meeting followed at 11.30am with a lunch, kindly catered for us by Soroptimists of Joondalup.

AUGUST ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 14th August

9.30am AGM Kingsley Memorial Hall

Friday 17th August

Bunnings Joondalup 9 Sundew Rise

10am to 12 midday craft activities

Tuesday August 23rd

Morning tea at Noeline's

For venue phone Penny or Jan

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Grandparent Advisor

Jennifer Brown (Centreline)

6241 9339 / 1800 245 965

Grandcarer Support Scheme

(run via Wanslea)

1800 794 909

Wanslea Grandcare

1800 008 965

NB Basic short legal advice is available via Wanslea Grandcare. Phone for appointment and details of the service.

Foodbank of WA

23 Abbott Road Perth Airport 6105

9258 9277

Opening hours 9am to 3pm

Northern Suburbs Legal Centre

9301 4413 Joondalup

9440 1663 Mirrabooka

Carers WA

1300 227 377

Citizens Advice Bureau

9221 5711

Elder Abuse Helpline

1300 724 679

WA Scam Internet Site

www.scamnet.wa.gov.au



Casino Bus Trip



Monthly Meeting granddaughter helps grandma find courage!