



Grandparents Rearing Grandchildren (WA) Inc

One person caring for another represents life's greatest value

Grandparents Rearing Grandchildren WA Inc. September 2019

I have finally managed to surface from the wealth of secretarial work post AGM and write a relaxing Newsletter.

Our AGM was well attended by 43 members; as we now have 105 members, that was nearly half our membership. Of course, this is partly due to the magnificent brunch catered for us by the Soroptimists of Joondalup who support us so well.

As you will all know, we now have a new President Jan Standen and Vice President Raewyn Watene; Jan McGillivray has taken on Events and is currently extremely busy with all our planned activities.

Jan S, Jan M and I were fortunate to be donated free tickets to the recent 2019 Foster and Kinship Carers Conference at Scarborough. What an experience, fantastic informative workshops and networking with our fellow carers from the Eastern States as well as around W.A. Foster Carers were given free tickets, so we also caught up with Raewyn, her sister Huia and Luana who are all Foster Carers

Our August 22nd Morning Tea's venue was again changed to Mildenhall, although we may need to hire the big room next time, there were some good conversations, but the Meeting Room was filled with chairs and people. GRGWA Monthly Meetings will have to stay in Kingsley Memorial Hall for the time being, as major renovations are to take place next year at Mildenhall, including a new roof; it is hoped to move our Monthly Meeting to Mildenhall once the renovations are completed.

On 5th September Wanslea organised a talk by Dr Lucy Peake CEO of Grandparents Plus, which is a charity in England and Wales. It was very interesting to hear of the similarities between the countries' treatment of informal grandparent carers, although Dr Peake was very impressed with the Wanslea and GRGWA joint initiative of A Fair Go for Grandchildren. Dr Peake described a phone line "Someone like me", run by grandparent carer volunteers and a national hub for kinship carers on the Internet, giving legal support, financial support and the address of the nearest support group.

I mentioned before the wealth of activities planned and being organised by Jan McGillivray.

Please RSVP Jan M if you wish to come to King Carnival 9th October, Botanical Golf and lunch October 31st, (event thanks to Soroptimists of Joondalup), Melbourne Cup 5th November or Stringybark Winery 15th November!



Donation from C3HH featuring Cherry Schroeder Pastor C3HH and 6 of the 8 members of the new Committee.



Soroptimists of Joondalup AGM spread



Jan and Senator Dean Smith at our AGM
Alison Marshall and No Limits Perth's Janine Woods with Dr Anne Aly MP for Cowan

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SEPTEMBER 2019 EVENTS

Tuesday 10th September

Monthly Meeting Kingsley Memorial Hall, Kingsley Drive Kingsley
"Informal Meeting ". 9.30-11.30am. please bring a plate to share

Friday 21st September

Bunnings Joondalup Cnr
Sundew Rise & Joondalup Drive. Craft Morning 10am to 12 midday.

Thursday 26th September

Morning tea at Noeline's. 10am to 12pm

FUTURE EVENTS

8th to 11th October

Annual Respite Break Mandurah Family Resort 124 Mandurah
Terrace, Mandurah

NB ***Tuesday 8th October*******

**NO Monthly Meeting at Kingsley Memorial Hall due to Annual
Respite Break dates.**

FUTURE EVENTS

Wednesday 9th October

King Carnival 25 Leighton Pl, Halls Head 10am to 1pm

Friday 18th October

Sausage Sizzle Bunnings Whitford VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

Thursday 30th October

Wanneroo Botannic Gardens and Mini Golf

Tuesday 5th November

Melbourne Cup

Friday November 15th

Stringybark Winery

More info phone or email Jan McGillivray details under **Contacts**.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Grandparent Advisor

Karen Poole (Centrelink) (New Grandparent Advisor)

6241 9339 / 1800 245 965

Wanslea Grandcare

1800 008 323 or (08) 9245 2441

NB Basic short legal advice is available via Wanslea Grandcare.

Phone for appointment and details of the service.

Grandcarer Support Scheme

(run via Wanslea

1800 794 9

Foodbank of WA

23 Abbott Road Perth Airport 6105

9258 9277

Opening hours 9am to 3pm

Joondalup Foodbank Hub

Cnr Winton and Lincoln Lane

Wed, Thurs, Fri 10am to 2pm

Please phone Foodbank to confirm Hub's times

Crisis Care 9223 1111

Elder Abuse Helpline

1300 724 679

Northern Suburbs Legal Centre

9301 4413 Joondalup

9440 1663 Mirrabooka

Carers WA

Good general helpline

1800 007 332 (freecall)

Carers WA **Crisis** helpline

1800 007 332

8.30am – 7.30pm Mon-Fri

Citizens Advice Bureau

9221 5711

Good general helpline



Some GRGWA members at the AGM



Wanslea and GRGWA members at Dr Lucy Peake's talk plus Dr David Cole.



Jan with Dr Karl O'Callaghan a speaker at the 2019 Foster and Kinship Carers Conference.