



Grandparents Rearing Grandchildren (WA) Inc

One person caring for another represents life's greatest value

Grandparents Rearing Grandchildren WA Inc Newsletter October 2018

What a month September was for GRGWA!! Westpac Bank and Jessica Stojkovski MLA came to the September General Meeting to present us with the cheque for \$5,500 and to promise ongoing support. City of Joondalup also contacted the GRGWA Committee to liaise regarding an office for the group. This will probably take until the New Year to finalise, but GRGWA are taking up an offer to use a room in Mildenhall, Beddi Road, Duncraig. We will have a phone line and internet access, and Clive will be applying for a grant from Connect Group for office fitout and IT equipment. Mildenhall also has a room for our Thursday morning tea group (if required) as well as for Committee Meetings. The two rooms suitable for our monthly meetings are already fully booked by the Senior Group who have priority bookings for Mildenhall.

The Retreat at St Catherine's was well attended and Val Corey from Tales of Times Past kept members entertained. Mercy College's PAMACHI (Pa Ma and Child) Group laid on a magnificent afternoon tea on Friday 14th October as well as a wonderful array of toys and clothes to take home. The grandchildren were well entertained and a treasure hunt resulted in \$30 Kmart gift cards for all children. Thanks to Mercy College staff and students.

The Busselton Respite Break is now here and anyone who missed out this year is guaranteed of a place on next year's Respite Break. These are very important for the children to befriend other children being brought up by their grandparents, the teenagers swap Facebook and Snapchat etc addresses and are good support for each other. The grandparents also enjoy meeting

each other and strong friendships are formed. Busselton's Xscape to the Cape has been organised for the Wednesday, this is a water playground.

Our next Monthly General Meeting will be a casual one, it will be on Tuesday 9th October at Kingsley Memorial Hall from 9.30am. At 11am, Soroptimists of Joondalup are providing a brunch, then at 11.30am 25 members who put their names on the list for the event, will enjoy an Art Therapy class.

ON FRIDAY 19TH OCTOBER FUND RAISING SAUSAGE SIZZLE AT BUNNINGS BALCATT 8AM TO 4PM

SUNDAY 21ST OCTOBER GIANT GARAGE SALE AT PENNY'S 8AM TO 2PM 48 HALGANIA WAY DUNCRIAG.

The two fund raising events are not only to raise funds, but also to raise GRGWA profile in the community.

Wednesday 31st October

GRGWA 20th Anniversary Celebratory Lunch at The Greenwood. 12 midday. This invitation is for ALL members and former GRGWA members. MUST RSVP Bill or Penny.



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OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 2nd October – Friday 5th October

Busselton Respite Break

Tuesday 9th October

9.30am Kingsley Memorial Hall, casual meeting. Followed by brunch and Art Therapy thanks to Soroptimists of Joondalup.

FRIDAY 19TH OCTOBER

SAUSAGE SIZZLE BUNNINGS BALCATT

8AM TO 4PM

Friday 19th October

Bunnings Joondalup 9 Sundew Rise

10am to 12 midday craft activities

SUNDAY 21ST OCTOBER

GIANT GARAGE SALE AT PENNY'S

48 HALGANIA WAY DUNCRAIG

Thursday 25th October

Morning tea at Noeline's

Wednesday 31st October

GRGWA 20th Anniversary Celebration

Lunch at The Greenwood 12 midday. All

current and past members of GRGWA

welcome to attend. RSVP essential to Bill

or Penny.

FUTURE ALERT

Giant Christmas Part at Charles Riley Oval

11am to 4pm on Sunday 25th November.

For venue or queries phone Penny or new

Events Organiser Bill Barlow

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Grandparent Advisor

Jennifer Brown (Centreline)

6241 9339 / 1800 245 965

Grandcarer Support Scheme

(run via Wanslea)

1800 794 909

Wanslea Grandcare

1800 008 323 or (08) 9245 2441

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

Crisis Care

9223 1111



Westpac Bank donation



St Catherine's quilt donations