



Grandparents Rearing Grandchildren (WA) Inc

*One person caring for another represents life's greatest value*

## Grandparents Rearing Grandchildren WA Inc. Newsletter December, January, February 2018/9

On 27<sup>th</sup> November, a very enjoyable lunch was held for those who know Nicky, to say hello to our country member Nicky Pratt, she attended with two of her grandchildren. Jan and I represented GRGWA at a Christmas Event at Helping Minds on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December, Kaye and Sharyne were also invited as past representatives of GRGWA. Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December was the Lion's Morning Tea, always a very enjoyable event and a few donated toys were available to members.

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December, Clive and Penny attended the Rotary Christmas Party to be given a cheque for \$2,000 which is to be used to pay for members' grandchildren to attend Edmund Rice Camps at a cost of \$125 per grandchild per year.

On Wednesday December 19<sup>th</sup>, Clive and Penny attended the City of Joondalup Christmas Event for representatives of groups in COJ.

Then on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December Jan, Clive and I went to Senator Dean Smith's office and collected some toys and food which had been donated to GRGWA. The food is mainly going to be part of a raffle at the February meeting, the toys were advertised by SMS to be collected from Penny's over that weekend. We were able to have a coffee with Dean and discuss a few grandparenting issues with him.

Phew!! So anyone wanting to join the Committee at the AGM in August, it is hard work BUT there are perks!!

Of course a big highlight in December was GRGWA Christmas meeting. As usual, the wonderful Soroptimists of Joondalup catered a magnificent finger food buffet and there was beer, champagne and/or orange juice to complement the wonderful assortment of food. Mercy College's PAMACHI absolutely outdid themselves with wonderful presents for our grandchildren, bikes, big lego sets, the parents had a say in the choice of gift. Westpac Bank also had had a collection amongst their branches and gifts were available to the list of members' grandchildren which had previously been given to them, compiled from the membership file. Bizlink Joondalup chose GRGWA to receive a huge donation of donated toys which were given out as a free raffle. Whitfords Family Centre (and Nat who organised it) gave GRGWA big donations of boxes of food which were part of another free raffle.

So our grandchildren were really spoilt and a Big Thank you to Karen Wilson and Mel Traeger who organised the involvement of PAMACHI, Westpac Bank's Ken Luehman and Elizabeth Weetch, Soroptimists of Joondalup, Bizlink Joondalup, Senator Dean Smith, Lions of Whitfords, you enriched our grandchildren's Christmas.



PaMaChi Christmas donation

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## JAN - FEB 2019 ACTIVITIES

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

**NO MEETING KINGSLEY MEMORIAL HALL**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January**

**NO BUNNINGS JOONDALUP CRAFT DAY.**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January**

Coffee Morning at Noeline's. 10am to 12midday. Bring bathers. CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED IN THE POOL.

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Outback Splash 1635 Neaves Road Bullsbrook 10-4.30

**Tuesday February 12<sup>th</sup>**

Monthly FORMAL Meeting Kinglsey Memorial Hall. 9.30 – 11.30am.

**Friday February 15<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday February 28<sup>th</sup>**

Morning Tea at Noeline's.

Any queries on Events phone Jan Standen or Bill Barlow.

## HELPFUL INFORMATION

**Grandparent Advisor**

Jennifer Brown (Centrelink)

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 Wansle

1800 794 909

## Foodbank of WA

23 Abbott Road Perth Airport 6105

9258 9277

Opening hours 9am to 3pm

Joondalup Foodbank Hub

Cnr Winton and Lincoln Lane

Mon, Thurs, Fri 10am to 2pm

## Northern Suburbs Legal Centre

9301 4413 Joondalup

9440 1663 Mirrabooka

## Carers WA

1300 227 377

Good general helpline

## Citizens Advice Bureau

9221 5711

Good general helpline

## Elder Abuse Helpline

1300 724 679

## Crisis Care

9223 1111



Lions' Christmas Morning Tea



Senator Dean Smith's collected donations.