



# NEWSLETTER

March 2023

## READ ALL ABOUT IT!

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thanks to every member who attended the AGM. We achieved our quorum and the meeting went smoothly.

We encourage any member who has not yet renewed their membership to now do so before the end of March.

If you are coming to the quiz night, I'll see you tomorrow.

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### We are pleased to announce the Committee members and office bearers elected for 2023:

President: Douglas Gettingby  
Vice President: Prabha Kumar  
Secretary: Lorraine Willock  
Treasurer: Norma Clark  
Vice Treasurer: Angus Divitini  
Social Secretary: Jean Eikhoudt

### Committee Members:

Bob George  
Narelle Harrison  
George Kitson  
Janet Kraft  
Kathleen Lewis  
Lynda Meaney  
Ken Newbound  
Roman Rokita  
Sylvia Turnbull  
Kate Webster

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### We're old school!

We believe in good manners, respecting our elders and helping others when we can!

### 2022 SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP

After some fierce but friendly rivalry, the 2022 snooker championship finals resulted in **Jay Reading** winning the **singles competition** (under handicap rules). She is pictured below, receiving her certificate from the President, Doug Gettingby.



Jay says she loves playing at the Whitfords Club as the members are extremely welcoming'. She adds that it has been 'wonderful' to be part of the competition. The singles runner-up was **Dave Richards** who gave Jay a 'run for her money'.

The **doubles competition** was won by **George Kitson** (left) and **Dave Richards** (pictured below)



George remarked that the outcome was 'unexpected' but he felt 'very excited' to win the doubles. **Les Sutcliffe** and **Barry Boulter** were the runners-up.

Congratulations to all the winners and well deserved recognition to all who took part.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

When NASA sent the first American to orbit the Earth and Perth became known as the 'City of Light'.

It was a West Australian journalist who had the idea to light up the city and put Perth 'on the map'.

Perth residents were enthusiastic about the idea and when the American astronaut passed over Perth at 11.37 pm, 1.20 am and 3.00 am, the people of Perth lit up their homes. Building and street lights were left on and the BP refinery in Kwinana turned up its gas flare to an estimated 80 times its usual brightness.

The astronaut was famously quoted as saying "I can see lights on the ground. I can see the lights of Perth on the coast."

The Daily News described the event as 'West Australian handshake to America, a symbol of our desire to contribute in a small way, to the success of the historic space flight.'

Perth's new tag, 'City of Light' gained great publicity in the USA and is one the city still holds today.

*(Extract from Lost Perth/ Warren Duffy-Kristen Watts 2013)*

### QUESTIONS:

1. What was the name of the American astronaut?
2. What was the date when he first passed over Perth?
3. Do you know the name of the West Australian journalist who had the idea to light up the city?

*Answers on page 2*

## LIFE MEMBERS

In recognition for their extraordinary service to the Club, we are delighted to introduce our new **Life Members** for 2023:

- Sheila Budd
- Alma Featherstone
- Doug Pryer
- Gretta Pryer
- Sam Thomas
- Margaret Walker

## UPCOMING EVENTS

10<sup>th</sup> March -Quiz night –

15 March -Trip to Ravenswood

Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April - Join us for an Easter Bun

**Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> April - Mystery Country Op Shop Tour –\$55** *A day of mystery and intrigue as we head out into the countryside to visit a selection of charity Op Shops. (BYO lunch)*

**13<sup>th</sup> April at 1.00 pm - Elder Abuse –** *information session presented by Northern Suburbs Legal Centre. Craft Room 2 on*

## OOPS! PLEASE NOTE:

Due to ANZAC day falling on the 25<sup>th</sup> April, please note the next **Op Shop** will be held a week earlier on **Tuesday, 18 April**. It is anticipated they will then run on the last Tuesday of each month, unless notified otherwise.

As previously indicated, there will be no Op Shop in March.

## ONLY JOKING!

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity  
*It's impossible to put down!*

I once was addicted to the hokey pokey-  
*But then I turned myself around*

A termite walks into the bar and asks  
*"Is the bar tender here?"*

## INTRODUCING

### Janet Kraft

*Painting Group Co-ordinator  
Committee member*



Janet has been a member of the Whitfords Senior Citizens Club for four years and a Committee member for the last two years. She believes the Seniors Club is an essential part of the community. Above is a photo of Janet with her late mother, Lilian Oldfield, who was also an enthusiastic member of the Club. Lilian loved to dance and since her husband passed away at the age of 59, the dance groups at the Club were her 'lifeline'.

Janet's parents emigrated from England when she was just four years old. She recalls growing up where they lived in Karrinyup Road, which she remembers as being so much quieter back then!

Eventually, Janet married an American and lived in the USA for some thirty years. Her daughter is still living in Oregon so Janet travels to America frequently to catch up with her.

Besides ocean swimming and growing veggies, Janet also has a passion for painting with watercolours, which she pursues each Thursday in the painting class at the Club. Janet says the ladies in this group are fun, talented and compassionate, providing members with essential moral support and company.

Anyone who would like to join the painting group are most welcome. The classes run each Thursday from **9.00 am to 12.00 noon.**

Why not come along and join in the fun?

## ODE TO THE ENGLISH PLURAL

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes  
But the plural of ox becomes oxen, not oxes.  
One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese  
Yet the plural of moose should never be meese!  
You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of mice  
Yet the plural of house is houses, not hice!

If the plural of man is always called men,  
Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?  
If I speak of my foot and show you my feet,  
and I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?  
If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth,  
Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?

We speak of a brother and also of brethren,  
But though we say mother, we never say methren!  
Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him,  
But imagine the feminine: she, shis and shim!

In conclusion: There is no egg in egg-plant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. We take English for granted, but if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea, nor is it a pig!

Let's face it – English is a crazy language!

### Answers to DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. **John Glenn**
2. **20 February 1962**
3. **Bill King**

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*One of the most important things you can do on this earth is to let people know they are not alone!*