



Hello everyone,

It's crept up on us- the dreaded 30th June! For some, it's just another day, for others it means a huge workload with a potential expensive outcome GST and/or Income Tax. It's a good time to stop and tidy up your affairs. For WAB, our new year starts in August with our AGM and State Conference, so we have a little more time to plan. More on that below.

✓ **WAB Archive/Records**

The project is coming to an end with just a few more boxes to be sorted/attended to at the storage facility in Mount Barker. Yvonne is checking State Records and PIRSA where past records have been stored, this is a slow process working with Government Departments. Yvonne is on track to have the new Archives/Records procedures written and launched at the 2022 AGM in August.

✓ **New Processes**

A reminder to Branch Secretaries that all forms are to be returned to the State President including: Branch Information Form, Branch Levy and Coins for Friendship

- with levy funds to be sent to WAB Treasurer and
- Coins for Friendship money to be sent to Jan Boord, International Officer.
- WAB NEWS After further discussion on distribution at last night's Management Team Meeting, it was decided that there will be no change to the method of distribution to members. *If it ain't broke, don't fix it!* (meaning don't change something that is working well)

✓ **GET ONLINE WEEK 17-23 OCTOBER 2022 – Via Zoom – start Branch planning now.....**

Announcing the very special launch of a WAB member exclusive **My Family File**

- If you have experienced a disaster such as a fire, storm or the loss of personal records, you will certainly appreciate receiving your issue of My Family File (MFF). You will be provided with "the bones" ready for you to pad out with your family's personal information, records etc.
- If you have had to manage the affairs of a loved one through illness or death, you will appreciate the information provided in MFF. Templates will be provided for you to fill in with your personal information.
- Guest speakers will explain the implications of not being prepared and/or organised. Topics covered will be medical and legal including having a valid Will, Enduring Power of Attorney, Medical Directives, recording your wishes plus a lot more.
- There will be Information Leaflets, Pictures, making it visually inviting and relevant to members' needs.
- Branch Presidents are requested to start promoting and planning now. Make it special by gathering at someone's home who can show the presentation on a TV, or in a private room at your local library etc. Members can also join the Zoom presentation from their own home, if they wish.

- Further information will be advised in the coming months.

✓ **STATE CONFERENCE AND AGM 2022 - MANNUM SATURDAY 6 & SUNDAY 7 AUGUST – Mark your diary**

- Highlights include Official Opening and Presentation by Deputy Mayor Cr Simone Bailey, a local food supplier and processor (not yet finalised) and Robyn Bishop of Monarto Safari Park speaking on their Aboriginal Learning on Country Program (including bush food samples and students).
- AGM will be held after lunch, including reports from Portfolio holders
- Sat 5pm we will leave on a 48 seater coach, stopping for dinner at a venue to be advised, then onto Cambrai, Meldanda and the River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve. Have you heard of this? Put simply, Dark Sky accreditation is like World Heritage Listing for the night sky. International Gold tier accreditation (the highest possible) awarded in 2019, is Australia's first Dark Sky Reserve and only the third officially designated in the country, after NSW and QLD. Its aim is to preserve regions world-wide where the night sky is still pristine. Mid Murray Landcare SA initiated the plan in 2015 as light pollution not only impacts us humans, but also animals and plants.

Talk to you again next month.

Yours in WAB

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