Levin Link

November 2026

President Ruth's words of wisdom taking a break, take time for yourself Ruth.

Temporary EDITOR

It is that time of the year when we think about those loved ones that we are surrounded by, and those far away.

It is also a time when we think of those less fortunate that us. We are actively helping these folk by our donations to Foodbank which will be well received. Thank you.

It is also a time to remember those around us who are unwell, in particular, Christine.

We also remember at this time Clare, whose husband Brent died recently. You and your families are in our thoughts.

November/December are busy months, so please take the advice I have given Ruth and have some fun building up to Christmas. I know there are some amongst us who love Christmas and the decorating of our homes etc. so we can't wait to drag out the decorations from wherever they are stored.

I look forward to handing over the newsletter again to Jackie in the New Year, I cant believe how much time it has taken, photos go on, then disappear, or upside down or too big, you get the picture. Thanks Jackie

Marie



Christine and Trish were presented with their 10year certificates. Congratulations ladies.



Cherry introduced our guest speakers, Noeline and Gavin Nash and Helen's guest Robyn.
Noeline and Gavin spoke about their trip overseas on motorbikes in 2007 and their many adventures in the countries they visited



Our evening began a little earlier than normal with a welcome from Cherry, followed by the induction, by the Service Committee, of Sarah-Jane Jackson. Diane Goodin, as Sarah-Jane's sponsor read out her profile and after all members of the committee had welcomed Sarah-Jane personally, she was presented with her membership badge by President Ruth R.



Age on the Go last Friday was successful and 151 tickets were sold for the raffle. A Police Officer attending Age on the Go drew out numbers 48 and 148, which were bought by Airini and Clare – so both prizes were won by Altrusa members. Proceeds of $254.00 less administration, from the Age on the Go raffle will go towards Star 4 project.

ADULT DAY CLUB

Can you please give our thanks to the Altrusa Club members for recognizing the fantastic work that the volunteers at the Adult Day Club do. Without the volunteers our Club would not be able to operate. The home baking was lovely and greatly appreciated Catrina Lander





Membership Moment

Altrusa is an adventure in frienship as well as in service.

This is the real meaning and purpose of our membership.Everyone of us attending Altrusa meetings at one time or anothermight think the food is soso, or the programmes are too long or not very good. But,somehow that never seems to make much difference when beside us or across the table from us there is always someone we might not otherwise have known who business or hobbies or interests are different from our own someone to place service above self.



EVEN IF YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK, YOU'LL GET RUN OVER IF YOU JUST SIT THERE.

I learned a long time ago the wisest thing I can do is be on my own side, be an advocate for myself and others like me.

Always remember not to take life too seriously. You'll never get out of it alive



Our Christmas dinner is on the **7th of December**, and the Board thought that we should bring a treat for the local Foodbank, so mark it in your diaries ladies.

There is no Business meeting this month.



Beginning of next year 2027, Tui and Jim have offered their home for a BBQ. Mark it on your diaries 31st Jauary



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It is time to re-engage with past members, and that they be invited to our monthly coffee morning.

Literacy Committee Report-

Literacy Committee met Wednesday, 14 October 2026.

Make a Difference Day – Decision was that the Elderly Care Centre at the Baptist Church be the recipient for our donation of packaged slices and biscuits with chocolates to be presented to the Volunteers on Monday 2 November at 10am. 25 containers with Club logo and coloured ribbon bows were greatly appreciated by the Volunteers. Grateful thanks to Club members who provided the goodies for the packs.

Start time for business meeting be 5.15pm. Committee members agreed to this.

2nd hand books – discussed whether these could be given to the Refugee Community or to a local Kindy. Board to be consulted on distribution of books.

Service Hours
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Next meeting 11 November at Focal Point Café - 12 noon

Airini Bowler
Chair – Literacy Committee

The Rotary and Lions Clubs are holding an ***E Waste collection on the*** **15th November** starting at 9am.

This collection will go for as long as the truck is full. Members have been asked to donate a non perishable item to our local Foodbank.Altrusa members are asked to come and help pack these items along with Rotary and Lions Club.

TWO HUNTERS HAD RENTED

Two hunters had rented an airplane to get to the distant forest zone. After couple of weeks the pilot returned to take them back. After looking at their hunting trophies he said:
– The plane won't be able to carry more than one buffalo. You will have to leave one of them.
– But last year the pilot agreed to take on board two buffalos the same size as these,- the hunters protested.

The pilot thought about it and said:
– Ok. If it worked the last year, it should work this time too.
The plane tried to take off with two passengers and two buffalos on board, but it was not able to reach the required height. The plane crashed into the nearest hill. After getting out the plane wreck, the hunters looked around. One of them said to another:
– Where do you think we are?
His pal examined the surroundings and answered:
– I think we are two miles south from the place that we crashed the last time.

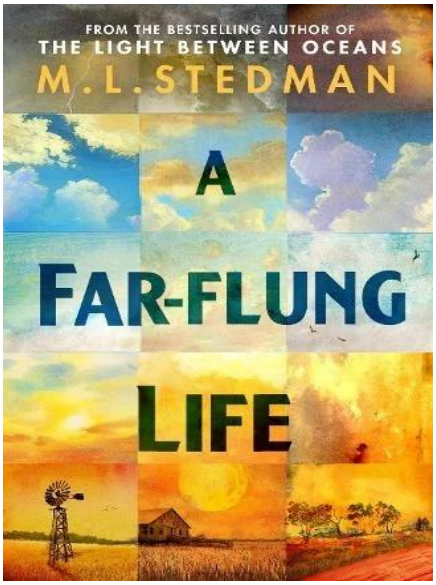


THINGS TO CONSIDER:

Business meetings begin at 5.15pm. please discuss with your Committee.

PLUS: Should we go to two committees instead of four..

Western Australia 1958: here for generations the MacBrides have lived on a remote sheep station, Meredith Downs – a million acres its an ocean of arid land. One ordinary day, on a lonely road, patriarch Phil McBride swerves to avoid a kangaroo. In seconds the lives of his entire family are shattered.



A Far-Flung Life explores the lives of a handful of isolated souls and the secrets they shield in order to survive.
A story of family and belonging, of compassion and hope.
Its about people trying to do their best and each, for private reasons, seeking shelter from the storm of life.
An excellent read, which I thoroughly enjoyed. Chris

This is our last newsletter for 2026, where has the year gone!
Pace yourselves over the next two months, enjoy the holiday season and come back refreshed next year 2027.

SHARE THE JOURNEY
Weaving threads through our community

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