



President's Jottings

Seniors Recreation Council of WA Inc.

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Have a Go Day 2020, a LiveLighter Event; Remembrance Day

On 11th November, Have a Go Day, a LiveLighter Event, was held in the beautiful grounds of Burswood Park and was a outstanding success. The weather on the day was perfect for the many thousands of participants who came along to enjoy the opportunity to get out and take part in activities and gather information from the many static displays in attendance. This year SRCWA partnered with the Victoria Park-South Perth RSL sub-branch to include Remembrance Day observances as part of the event. Thank you to our major partner, Healthway, promoting the LiveLighter message.

Seniors Recreation Council of WA has an amazing Have a Go Day volunteer team who work tirelessly for 12 months and spend 3, 12 hour days putting together and presenting the event. This year was particularly difficult in the lead up to the event with all the uncertainty of COVID and the extra requirements needed to present a safe and well planned event. SRCWA pays tribute to the WA Government, Premier Mark McGowan, WA Health Workers and all West Australians for their dedication in observing all the COVID recommendations that have kept WA safe and healthy during these difficult times. Our thanks and appreciation goes to both past volunteers and the current team who through their dedication presented such a professional and amazing event for and on behalf of WA's Seniors. The coordinating committee organise the layout & management of the event and this year that was made even more difficult with two days of rain and windy weather hampering their efforts but true to their magnificent form they were all on board at 5.30am on Wednesday to present the polished event. Other jobs included; transport management - shuttle busses and parking, coordination of different areas around the grounds on the day, man and coordinate the hospitality tents and as it was a cooler day serving thousands teas, coffees & bottled water, manage the set up and pack down of the event and so many other jobs it would be impossible to name them all.

SRCWA would also like to thank the many volunteers who came on board this year, volunteers from SRCWA, Dept of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries, Have a Go News, SRCWA Branches and general public who once again amaze us by assisting with the many jobs it takes to produce such a large event. SRCWA would also like to extend their gratitude and thanks to the team of Trustees from Wooroloo Prison who attended on Tuesday to assist the coordinators with setting up the event and on Wednesday to assist where needed throughout the day and then in the afternoon to pack down the event. Have a Go Day would not be possible without all the volunteers who assisted at the event.

SRCWA would like to thank Burswood Park Board for hosting Have a Go Day in the beautiful grounds of Burswood Park, for providing all the support in the lead up to and at the event, the grounds staff do an amazing job with the park and in supporting SRCWA at the event.

Thank you to Crown Perth for providing sponsorship towards the event and also providing free parking in the high rise parking complex and the first prize in the major prize draw for the day.

We would also like to thank our Media partners for their wonderful support and promotion of Have a Go Day; Have a Go News – our major media partner, Channel 7, Home in WA, 882am 6PR & Curtin 100.1fm.

A big thank you to Lotterywest who once again supported Seniors' Recreation Council with a major grant for Have a Go Day and we also thank the Government of Western Australia for their ongoing support for Have a Go Day and also for SRCWA with additional funding enabling this organisation to once again employ a part-time administration assistant.

The Official Welcome was MC'd by Simon Beaumont from 882am 6PR and it was a pleasure to have the Hon Mick Murray MLA, welcome everyone to the event and compliment SRCWA on such an amazing event. A moving Welcome to Country was conducted by Mort Hansen who invited everyone to have a great day. The WA Police Pipe Band played the National Anthem and at the conclusion of the welcome the band escorted the Over Fifty Five Walking Assn, The Heart Foundation walkers and participants as they led the official Have a Go Day walk through the grounds. SRCWA was very appreciative of the Victoria Park-South Perth RSL sub-branch for their partnership in taking care of all the Remembrance Day Observances at the event. During the official opening the RSL organised the laying of wreaths by Hon. Mick Murray MLA, Phil Paddon SRCWA State President & Ron Baker from Vic Park-South Perth RSL, the bugler, Luis Lim, who called everyone to silence for one minute around the whole ground and then the wonderful fly past with two planes and poppies dropped over the grounds, many of the poppies were returned to the RSL tent where prizes were also given. The Remembrance Day inclusions in this years event added to the wonderful atmosphere that was felt around the grounds throughout the whole day.

This year participants were encouraged to have a go at activities on the day which included; boomerang throwing, canoeing, walking, riding on a Trishaw, Laser Pistol Shooting, climbing wall, Petanque, Croquet, pickle ball, disc golf, metal detecting, exercise to music, square dancing, Morris dancing, tap dancing, line dancing, Yoga, breathing exercises, cooking demonstrations and competitions and much more. Everyone was treated to free tea, coffee and bottled water at the hospitality tents assisted by a large team of volunteers and compliments of Have a Go News. The bottled water was supplemented by 3 large refill tanks.

There was a wide variety of information and display stalls for everyone to look at including clubs/groups, Model Boats, MG Car Club, Classic Speedway, Antique bikes, Collectable displays, gemstone display, many of the sites included information and give aways and so much more. Health checks were also available at different locations around the grounds.

This year the entertainment stage was Sponsored by Ingenia Gardens who also ran activities throughout the day, thank you Ingenia Gardens for your support. The entertainment/activity this year was MC'd by Jim Drysdale & Jenny Cole with the entertainment line up including: WA Bush Poets & Yarnspinners, Jazz Club of WA, WA Police Pipe Band, Jim Sings Country and Terry Bennetts with Sally Jane rounded off the fabulous entertainment line up just prior to the Major Prize Draw – participants all enjoyed the entertainment under shade in front of the main stage whilst they relaxed after visiting lots of sites and having a go at activities.

MAJOR PRIZE DRAW WINNERS:

1st Prize donated by Crown Perth - \$2,000 Crown Towers Experience: T. Payne

2nd Prize donated by Have a Go News and Kings Tours and Travel - \$500 Visa Card: S. Saratsis

3rd Prize donated by Telstra Australia – Technology essentials prize: V. Wong

Thank you to Crown Perth, Kings Tours & Travel & Have a Go News & Telstra for providing the wonderful prizes for the Major Prize Draw at Have a Go Day and Congratulations to all our prize winners.

SRCWA wishes to once again express a huge thank you to all our valued Sponsors, Partners & supporters who provide the means with which to make Have a Go Day, a LiveLighter Event, a success, they are: Burswood Park Board, Lotterywest, Crown Perth, Have a Go Newspaper, Government of Western Australia, LiveLighter Healthway, Channel 7, Channel Seven's Home in WA, 882AM 6PR, Ingenia Gardens, Studio TwentySix Photography, Phoenix Insurance Brokers, Curtin Radio 100.1fm, Kings Tours & Travel, Telstra, The Hire Guys & Scarboro Toyota.

Diary Note: for 2021

Have a Go Day a LiveLighter Event in Burswood Park will be held on Wednesday 10th November 2021, registrations for exhibitors/site holders will open early April. Put this date in your diary and if you would like to attend as a site holder in 2021 contact the SRCWA office 9492 9773 to request to be put on the data base so you can receive a registration form when they are distributed.

For details of events and programs run by Seniors Recreation Council of WA visit our website www.srcwa.asn.au