

National Seniors Australia ~ Centenary Branch

FEBRUARY 2020- Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Good morning, members.

Welcome back. We've had a nice long break and I hope you've had an enjoyable time. We look forward to another year of things to do and places to see. Please come forward with any thoughts you have for explorer trips or bus trips, remember your committee is here for you. The last page of the newsletter is a reminder of the club activities for the year, for example, to give you time to get cuttings started, or clean out those unwanted items.

Words of Wisdom: Never be afraid to try something new...amateurs built the ark; professionals built the Titanic

GUEST SPEAKER: Carlie Jeffery – Under the Lino.

FREE BOOKS: There will be a table beside Yvonne with free books for members. Any member can bring their no longer needed books along. Only requirement is that at the end of the meeting any books not taken are collected by those who dropped them off.

BIRTHDAYS: Best wishes are extended to all our valued members celebrating birthdays during February. . We hope you have a wonderful day.



MANY HAPPY RETURNS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

EXPLORER TRIP – Tuesday 18th February. Trip to Broadbeach. Bus 455 will leave Mt Ommaney at 8.44am to Roma Street. Then Train to Helensvale and tram to Broadbeach. – Names to Jenny today.

URGENT: Last chance - More members are desperately required for the combined RSL/Seniors Coach Trip to Stanthorpe for the Apple and Grape Harvest Festival on 5th – 8th March. These communities are suffering so badly both with the drought and fires. They are desperate for tourists as that is all they have left. Please see Cheryl for the itinerary and further info.

BUS TRIP – Tuesday 17th March - Coolum Beach Hotel to celebrate St Patricks Day - 9am - \$55. Morning tea, lunch included. (wear something green). – Names to Ann today. Please note **FULL PAYMENT FOR BUS TRIPS IS TO BE MADE AT THE MONTHLY MEETING BEFORE TRIP. NAME BADGES ARE COMPULSORY FOR ALL BUS TRIPS.**
BRANCH REFUND POLICY FOR BUS TRIPS. The bus is booked the Thursday before we travel. For cancellations after this date, except for medical emergencies, money will be refunded except for a \$15 cancellation fee.

In the event of a trip being cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances beyond our control and cannot be rescheduled, then members will receive a full refund.

May 19th Bus Trip – Awassi Cheesery – Lockyer Valley.

NOTE FOR DIARY – Coach trip to Lightning Ridge – 9th – 15th August. Expression of Interest Names to Jenny today.

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SECRETARY/NEWSLETTER

(INCLUDES MEMBERS WISHING TO HAVE THEIR

NEWSLETTER EMAILED, OR PUT IN AN APOLOGY FOR GENERAL MEETING)

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COACH TRIPS

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DINNERS, FUNCTIONS

JENNY

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STEADY STEPS /CHANGES TO

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HUGH

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HEART FOUNDATION WALKING MT OMMANEY

SEE DOREEN FLYNN

MUSIC AT THE HUB

MARJORIE

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BOOK CLUB

PAULINE

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CENTENARY NATIONAL SENIORS WEBPAGE

<https://nationalseniors.com.au/about/branches/centenary>

Do you know of any Centenary Seniors members who are unwell? Often we do not know of anyone who has been unwell or in hospital. If you know of any members please call Carol Uren on 0415 722 940. Meetings are first Tuesday each month, February to October, except November (second Tuesday) at the Jindalee Bowls Club at 9.30am. Secretary: Cheryl Williams. P.O. Box 470 Mt Ommaney

JOKE

There were five houses of religion in a smalltown: The Presbyterian Church, The Baptist Church The Lutheran Church , The Catholic Church and The Jewish Synagogue. Each church and Synagogue was overrun with pesky squirrels.

One day, the PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH called a meeting to decide what to do about the squirrels. After much prayer and consideration they determined that the squirrels were predestined to be there and they shouldn't interfere with God's divine will.

In The BAPTIST CHURCH the squirrels had taken up habitation in the baptistery. The deacons met and decided to put a cover on the baptistery and drown the squirrels in it. The squirrels escaped somehow and there were twice as many there the next week

The LUTHERAN CHURCH got together and decided that they were not in a position to harm any of God's creation. So, they humanely trapped the Squirrels and set them free a few miles outside of town. Three days later, the squirrels were back.

But -- The CATHOLIC CHURCH came up with the best and most effective solution. They baptized the squirrels and registered them as members of the church. Now they only see them on Christmas , Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday and Easter.

Not much was heard about the JEWISH SYNAGOGUE, but they took one squirrel and had a short service with him called circumcision and they haven't seen a squirrel on the property since.

MEMBER'S PROFILE

The Jenny Hashim-Jones' story

I am second generation of Indian descent, born in Mombasa, a coastal town in Kenya, East Africa. Both my paternal and maternal grand-parents migrated from India as free settlers, when Kenya was colonised by the British. The British built the East African Railways for economic purposes. They imported lots of Indian labourers (coolies), who helped them build the railway in the late 19th century. These people became the backbone of the economy in Kenya; this included my grand-parents as well.

I went to England in 1962 to acquire a degree in Nursing where I also studied Midwifery and other courses pertaining to this degree. I worked in cancer research centre, plastic surgery, casualty and in many other nursing facets whilst there.

I returned to Kenya in 1969 after spending seven years in various UK hospitals gaining experiences in general nursing. In Kenya I worked as resident school matron in a boarding school, in the country side, looking after health and well-being of 1200 students aged between 6 and 16. At the school I also taught Anatomy and Physiology. I also worked in various hospitals in Nairobi, Kenya.

My other job was to visit rural, African communities, as a volunteer, to advise them on health and nutritional issues as well as birth control.

I met Allen through correspondence, actually he was a coin collector and so was my father. During our exchange of letters, I sent him many coins from all parts of the world, and told him about my life in Kenya. Well, during this time we fell in love and he asked me to marry him.

I came to Australia in 1972 and joined in matrimony and never looked back. My life in Australia has been a bliss, have two sons and four grand-children.

I worked with Qld Corrective Services, prisons, both men's and women's. It was the best job I'd ever had. I met offenders from all walks of life including blue and white collar crimes; eg. Politicians, Doctors, Union Officials, Lawyers, Policemen, etc. and hard-core criminals. My work with all of the above was very trying and one has to be totally impartial and non-judgmental to work in this field. I also worked at The Park Centre for Mental Health in Wacol to improve my psychiatric abilities to enable me to help offenders with mental health issues.

In 2010 I retired after many years fulfilling my very interesting profession. My husband and I are now enjoying our retirement and awfully glad to have joined the National Seniors and all the activities it has to offer by some very dedicated committee members and I thank them all.

CALENDAR 2020

FEBRUARY 2020

Monday 3rd	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Tuesday 4th	General Meeting	9.30am	Jindalee Bowls Club	\$5
Thursday 6th	MahJong	9-12noon	Library Meeting Room	
Monday 10 th	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Wednesday 12th	Evening Dinner	6pm	La Bonne Saigon, J'lee	

Saturday 15 th	Womens Get Together	10.30am-12noon	The Hub	
Saturday 15 th	Music	6.30pm for 7pm	The Hub	\$10
Thursday 13 th	MahJong	9-12noon	Library Meeting Room	
Monday 17 th	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Tuesday 18 th	Explorer Trip	8.30am	Bus/Train to Broadbeach	
Thursday 20 th	Book Club	10am-12noon	The Hub	
Thursday 20 th	Lunch	12noon	Monier Hotel Darra	
Monday 24 th	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Tuesday 25 th	Coffee & Conversation	10am	Mt.Ommaney Food Court	
Tuesday 25 th	Committee Meeting	1pm	Library Meeting Room	

MARCH 2020

Monday 2 nd	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Tuesday 3 rd	General Meeting	9.30am	Jindalee Bowls Club	\$5
Thursday 5 th	MahJong	9-12noon	Library Meeting Room	
Monday 9 th	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Wednesday 11 th	Evening Dinner	6pm	Sanmarco, Middle Park	
Thursday 12 th	MahJong	9-12noon	Library Meeting Room	
Monday 16 th	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Tuesday 17 th	Bus Trip	9am	Coolum Hotel	\$55
Thursday 19 th	Book Club	10am-12noon	The Hub	
Thursday 19 th	Lunch	12noon	Monier Hotel Darra	
Monday 23 rd	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Monday 30 th	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Tuesday 31 st	Coffee & Conversation	10am	Mt.Ommaney Food Court	
Tuesday 31 st	Committee Meeting	1pm	Library Meeting Room	

APRIL 2020

Thursday 2 nd	Mahjong	9-12noon	Library Meeting Room	
Monday 6 th	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Tuesday 7 th	General Meeting	9.30am	Jindalee Bowls Club	\$5
Wednesday 8 th	Evening Dinner	6pm	Thai Red Seed, Westlake	
Thursday 9 th	MahJong	9-12noon	Library Meeting Room	
Monday 13 th	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Thursday 16 th	Book Club	10am-12noon	The Hub	
Thursday 16 th	Lunch	12noon	Monier Hotel Darra	
Saturday 18 th	Music	6.30pm for 7pm	The Hub	

Monday 20th	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Monday 27th	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Tuesday 28th	Coffee & Conversation	10am	Mt.Ommaney Food Court	
Tuesday 28th	Committee Meeting	1pm	Library Meeting Room	

ANNUAL EVENTS

February – Explorer trip to Broadbeach

March - First coach day trip

**April - Bring & buy
Explorer trip to Sandgate**

May - Coach day trip

**June - Explorer trip- Proposed trip to Bulimba by City Cat.
Nomination forms to be made available**

July - Coach Day Trip

August - Seniors week, Picnic in the Park
 - **AGM including election of President and Committee.**
 - **Proposed (6-7day) holiday to Lightening Ridge**

September – Coach day trip.

October - Hugh Colebatch Garden Corner Plant sale
 - **Explorer Trip – proposed boat trip up Bremer River.**

November - Coach day trip

December - Christmas Lunch