

# National Seniors Australia ~ Centenary Branch

## NOVEMBER 2020- Newsletter

**MESSAGE –** Good morning, members.

It's certainly a big improvement being able to gather together again. I've heard that in future when things are disastrous it will be described as "a real 2020 situation".

Preparing for last months meeting the owner of Pepper Lounge did us a big favour so if you a looking for a coffee or place to dine locally, give them a try and mention you are there from National Seniors, opens at 7a.m. closes at 1p.m. opens again at 5p.m.

We had a great night out at Café 63, Westlake on 14<sup>th</sup> and on 15<sup>th</sup> the doors were shut...locking out the owner. I spoke to him to check that it wasn't anything to do with us and was told that because of the lack of business due to the pandemic the rent is in arrears, it's now a court battle. He thanks us for our support and hopes to be back in the near future.

In this newsletter you will find a recipe – courtesy of Yvonne Smith – would you be so kind as to present me with your favourite "neverfail" recipe to be included in future issues. I need them because I've forgotten how to cook.

**Humour:** I told my suitcase that there will be no holiday this year....now I'm dealing with emotional baggage.

**ENTERTAINMENT:** By Boom Baby.

**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:**

**MANY HAPPY RETURNS**



**RECENT EVENTS:** Bus Trip. 33 members enjoyed a great day out at Awassi Cheesery. Very interesting, good food, and goodies to purchase.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** - Xmas Lunch – Monier Tues. 1/12  
Lord Mayor's Xmas Party 9/12, booked.

**THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY** – Lunch at Monier 12 noon will resume after Xmas break.

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.

## CONTACTS

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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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**STEADY STEPS /CHANGES TO  
ADDRESS/PH NOS**

**HUGH**

**3376 1371**

**HEART FOUNDATION WALKING MT OMMANEY**

**SEE DOREEN FLYNN**

**MUSIC AT THE HUB**

**MARJORIE**

**3376 2030**

**CENTENARY NATIONAL SENIORS WEBPAGE**

<https://nationalseniors.com.au/get-involved/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***

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## JOKE

**ADULT\_** - A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

**BEAUTY PARLOR\_** - A place where women curl up and dye.

**COMMITTEE** – A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

**MOSQUITO** – An insect that makes you like flies better.

**CHICKENS** – The only animals you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

**RAISIN** – A grape with sunburn.

## MARIE COLLINS

I was a fair dinkum country girl growing up on a dairy farm on the lovely Darling Downs. Yes I milked the cows before school and then soon after coming home from school, I milked them again. Somewhere in between I did my homework. At the grand age of 14 years, my dream was to one day get married and raise a large family and this is exactly what I did. At the age of 15 years I became employed at a printing business and went on to marry the boss when I was 19.

Our first home was at Indooroopilly but as we didn't really love living in suburbia, we moved to the Redlands which was still considered "country" in those days. We started our own small printing business under our house. With my skills as a book-binder and my husband's printing expertise, we soon outgrew that arrangement and so we moved our business into larger premises in Cleveland. Soon after forming a partnership with two others, we printed and published the Redland Times. Walking through the factory, the smell of the ink and paper was – almost – as good as the cow yard. After years of hard work and long hours, we finally sold the business.

Our next move was to purchase a menswear shop in Cleveland. However this is when health issues became a problem. A quieter lifestyle beckoned so it was back to the country raising cows and poddy calves, horses, chooks and GEESE. Our view from our kitchen window at Wellcamp (near Toowoomba) was Gowrie Mountain but under the tank stand our geese laid a lot of eggs, many eggs, but our expectations of lots of little goslings popping out were dashed after being told we did not have a GANDER! Silly me, now I know.

Unfortunately more health issues arose with Ray requiring dialysis. So back to suburbia and my role now was being a nurse. There are benefits however of living the suburban life, one of which is that you can walk from your laundry to the clothes-line without stepping in goose poo!

Yes I stayed married until 3 days short of our 50 year anniversary when my marriage to Ray ended with his demise.

I am so grateful to be living where I live (suburbia) although on returning to the Downs recently I found a wee spark was still there. The love of the country still remains within this country girl.

## Peanut Biscuits – Yvonne Smith

1 cup butter  
1 cup sugar  
1 cup rolled oats

1 cup self raising flour  
1 cup salted peanuts  
1 cup cornflakes

1 beaten egg

Melt butter and sugar in microwave. Add beaten egg. In a large bowl mix all other ingredients, add egg mixture, blend through dry ingredients.

Place in small spoonfuls on a greased tray, press lightly with a fork.

Cook in a moderate oven for 15 minutes until light brown. Leave until cold on the tray to make biscuits crisp.

## CALENDAR 2020

### NOVEMBER 2020

Monday 2nd	Steady Steps	8.45 or 9.45am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Tuesday 3rd	Melbourne Cup Lunch	11am	La Bonne Saigon, J'lee	\$50
Thursday 5th	MahJong	9-12noon	The Hub	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Steady Steps	8.45 or 9.45am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Tuesday 10th	General Meeting	9.30am	Jindalee Bowls Club	\$5
Thursday 12th	MahJong	9-12noon	The Hub	
Monday 16th	Steady Steps	8.45 or 9.45am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Thursday 19th	Lunch	12noon	Monier Hotel Darra	
Monday 23rd	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Tuesday 24th	Committee Meeting	1pm	President's home	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Steady Steps	8.45 or 9.45am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7

### DECEMBER 2020

Tuesday 1st	Xmas Lunch	11.30am	Monier Hotel	\$35
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	MahJong	9-12noon	The Hub	
Monday 7th	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Lord Mayor's Xmas Party	9am	B'bane City Hall	
Thursday 10th	MahJong	9-12noon	The Hub	
Monday 14th	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch	11.30am	Monier Hotel	
		<b>XMAS</b>		

### JANUARY 2021

Monday 4th	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Thursday 7th	Mahjong	9-12noon	The Hub	
Monday 11th	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Thursday 14th	MahJong	9-12noon	The Hub	
Thursday 21st	Lunch	12noon	Monier Hotel Darra	
Monday 18th	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
<b>Tuesday 26th</b>	<b>Committee Meeting NB This is Public Holiday.</b>	<b>1pm</b>	<b>President's Home</b>	