

National Seniors Australia ~ Centenary Branch

MAY 2021 - Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Good morning members – It's taken a few years, due to the COVID pandemic, but our long awaited trip to Lightning Ridge was a huge success, thanks to all who travelled, joined well with each other and just generally had a great time. We learnt so much – did you know that the cotton/wheat farms are so big out there that they don't measure them by hectares but by their water allocation. We stopped for morning tea in the border town of Hebel. You will recall we prepared and sent out "care" packages in 2018. I spoke to the owner of the café and she remembers those packages arriving – so again – well done, members. The people in the towns we visited are all happy and looking forward to great things this year as they have had a "good" flood and crops show great promise. The Artesian Springs was an experience not to be missed, the water at an amazing 46 degrees softened the skin and felt amazing – really just had to add peas & carrots & we would all have been "done". Some photos are on our website courtesy of Geoff Harvey.

The current project is trying to get the photographs collected by various members over the years and from trips and excursions digitized so they can be viewed at our monthly meetings. Watch this space.

I am working on a 5 day 4 night trip for maybe October taking in Hervey Bay, 1770, Bundaberg region – more on that later. (Note: I know I won't be President at that point but I don't think it's fair to throw the new person in at the deep end).

Nomination forms for committee positions will be ready for our June meeting – step right up, don't be shy – new blood is a good thing for every club.

Words of Wisdom by David Port: Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you do criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.

We all wish Jenny Hashim-Jones a speedy recovery and note that Tina and Frank Oost are still not up to coming to meetings.

SPEAKER; Carolyn Hamilton – Centenary Historical Society.

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

MANY HAPPY RETURNS



RECENT EVENTS:

Lightning Ridge Trip - 11th April – 17th April .

UPCOMING EVENTS:

COACH TRIP - TUESDAY 16TH MAY – Caboolture Historical Village is now not available.

We will however be going to Redlands Museum. Departure 8.30am from JBC.

As indicated at the last meeting after this trip all coach trips will be \$70 pp.

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 not be refunded

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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.

1. Dad, are we pyromaniacs? Yes, we arson.
2. What do you call a pig with laryngitis? Disgruntled.
3. Writing my name in cursive is my signature move.
4. Why do bees stay in their hives during winter? Swarm.
5. If you're bad at haggling, you'll end up paying the price.
6. Just so everyone's clear, I'm going to put my glasses on.
7. A commander walks into a bar and orders everyone around.
8. I lost my job as a stage designer. I left without making a scene.
9. Never buy flowers from a monk. Only you can prevent florist friars.
10. How much did the pirate pay to get his ears pierced? A buccaneer.
11. I once worked at a cheap pizza shop to get by. I kneaded the dough.
12. My friends and I have named our band 'Duvet'. It's a cover band.
13. I lost my girlfriend's audio book, and now I'll never hear the end of it.
14. Why is 'dark' spelled with a k and not c? Because you can't see in the dark.
15. Why is it unwise to share your secrets with a clock? Well, time will tell.
16. When I told my contractor I didn't want carpeted steps, they gave me a blank stare.
17. Bono and The Edge walk into a Dublin bar and the bartender says, "Oh no, not U2 again."
18. Prison is just one word to you, but for some people, it's a whole sentence.
19. Scientists got together to study the effects of alcohol on a person's walk, and the result was staggering.
20. I'm trying to organize a hide and seek tournament, but good players are really hard to find.
21. I got over my addiction to chocolate, marshmallows, and nuts. I won't lie, it was a rocky road.
22. What do you say to comfort a friend who's struggling with grammar? There, their, they're.

23. I went to the toy store and asked the assistant where the Schwarzenegger dolls are and he replied, "Aisle B, back."

24. What did the surgeon say to the patient who insisted on closing up their own incision?
Suture self.

25. I've started telling everyone about the benefits of eating dried grapes. It's all about raisin awareness.

PROFILE – JOYCE BANKS

I was born Gladys Joyce Bryson (though am most commonly known as Joyce) on the 2nd February 1935 in Longreach and I am the seventh child of thirteen to Kathleen and William Bryson. I was born tiny and came home on a pillow being small enough to fit – one of my brother Frank's favourite story to tell my grandchildren. I grew up still being small and my father, who used to throw the children into the river to learn to swim, refused to do so to me due to my size and to this day, I still do not know how to swim. A bit of trivia: the streets in Longreach are named after birds – main streets are male and side streets are female birds). My Dad was an army man and got a posting to Rockhampton when I was seven so we all moved to Rockhampton. Moving from Longreach to Rockhampton was a different world – more houses, more traffic though mostly push bikes, more noise as the American army camped on the outskirts of Rockhampton. Our first trip was a train ride to Yeppoon Beach and I was amazed to see the ocean for the first time. From then on we spent many a Sunday going to the beach and I wondered where all the water came from. Skip a few years I left school and worked in hospitality at the Criterion Hotel and my employer Jessica Bloxsom became a lifelong mentor and friend. The Criterion allowed me to serve some famous and not so famous people. One memorable occasion was when the young Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip visited Rockhampton. I and another lass was chosen to serve them morning tea with tiny sandwiches in the shape of Queensland and Australia and fancy small cakes. We were excitedly waiting in a room to serve but then received word that the royals didn't have time to sit and eat as they were on their way to the airport. We were disappointed we didn't get to meet them.

I was 22 when I married John Banks in 1956, the love of my life. We raised four children – three sons and one daughter; Wayne, Errol, Darrylyn and Gavin.

When the surf lifesaving movement introduced nippers my two eldest boys, Wayne and Errol, signed up and when they became of age Darrylyn and Gavin followed suit. Every Sunday was spent at Yeppoon beach – a nice full circle to my childhood Sundays at the same place – supporting our kids, working as a recorder for competitions for many years.

It was through this experience that I met my still best friend Joan Lennox, our kids all did life saving and are still family friends to this day. The club house in Yeppoon was falling down and it was decided to raise money for a new building and Bingo was the go for money. We set ourselves up for the event and one of the fathers for the nippers promised to be caller but on the

night didn't show – so I took his place. I called Bingo for over ten years and can still entertain my grandchildren and great grandchildren by repeating the rhymes that match each number (e.g. 22, two little ducks, 66 clickety click, 88 two fat ladies). My five minutes of fame was winning champion bingo caller in a competition for \$200 for the club. There were 14 men and two ladies in the competition and the men were not amused to be beaten by a woman.

Sadly, we lost John in 1980 due to a heart attack.

My children began to marry and I have been blessed with seven beautiful grandchildren.

I have had some event filled birthdays but one significant memory (among many) was riding a Harley Davidson motorbike on my 60th birthday.

At the beginning of 1996 I moved to New Zealand with Darrylyn's family, due to Michael's work. We lived in New Zealand, Auckland until the end of 1999. During this time, we managed to travel to all parts of New Zealand including the very top of the North Island, down to the bottom of the South Island – seeing Wellington, Dunedin and Christchurch and seeing fairy penguins, many wild seals, dolphins while crossing between the two main islands, albatrosses and of course a few kiwi birds. Some significant memories include, seeing snow for the first time, being at Mt Rapaehua, an active volcano, as it erupted – we woke up in the morning to ash covering everything. Our first year in Auckland happened to be one of the coldest winters on record and our family from Queensland was freezing and relied on our fireplace each night to warm up. As we travelled around New Zealand long car trips were a necessity and I was in charge of car lollies. I decided to trick the grandchildren that they could only have a lolly at a one way bridge (a rare landmark in Australia) not knowing that in New Zealand a one-way bridge is actually quite common. I joined Epsom Bowls Club and it was here I formed lifelong friendships and really got to know our Kiwi brothers across the ditch.

We moved back to Australia at the end of 1999 (only a few days before the new millennium). I joined the Indooroopilly Bowls club until it was shut down. I saw high school graduations, Tafe and university degrees and marriages of some of my grandchildren and the arrival of ten great grandchildren and counting.

I joined Centenary Seniors and continue to enjoy the friendships I have made there.

God Bless you all.

CALENDAR 2021

MAY 2021

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	The Hub	
Monday 10th	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Wednesday 12 th	Evening Dinner	6pm	Pepper Lounge Jindalee	
Thursday 13th	MahJong	9-12noon	The Hub	
Monday 17th	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Tuesday 18 th	Coach Trip	8.30am	Jindalee Bowls Club	\$60
Thursday 20th	Mahjong	10am-12noon	Monier Hotel	
Thursday 20th	Lunch	12noon	Monier Hotel Darra	
Monday 24th	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Tuesday 25 th	Coffee & Conversation	10am	Mt Ommaney Food Court	
Tuesday 25th	Committee Meeting	1pm	President's home	
Thursday 27 th	Mahjong	10am – 12noon	Monier Hotel	

JUNE 2021

Tuesday 1 st	General Meeting	9.30am	Jindalee Bowls Club	\$5
Thursday 3rd	MahJong	9-12noon	The Hub	
Monday 7 th	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Wednesday 9 th	Evening Dinner	6PM		
Thursday 10 th	MahJong	9-12noon	The Hub	
Monday 14th	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Tuesday 15 th	Explorer Trip		Cleveland	
Thursday 17 th	MahJong	10am – 12noon	Monier Hotel	
Thursday 17 th	Lunch	12noon	Monier Hotel Darra	
Monday 21st	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Thursday 24 th	MahJong	10am – 12noon	Monier Hotel	
Monday 28 th	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Tuesday 29 th	Coffee & Conversation	10am	Mt Ommaney Food Court	
Tuesday 29 th	Committee Meeting	1pm	President's home	

JULY 2021

Thursday 1 st	MahJong	9-12noon	The Hub	
Monday 5th	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Tuesday 6th	General Meeting	9.30am	Jindalee Bowls Club	\$5
Thursday 8th	MahJong	9-12noon	The Hub	
Monday 12 th	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Thursday 15 th	Lunch	12noon	Monier Hotel Darra	
Monday 19 th	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Tuesday 20 th	Xmas in July		Qld. National Hotel Laidley	\$70
Thursday 22 nd	MahJong	10am – 12noon	Monier Hotel	
Monday 26th	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Tuesday 27 th	Coffee & Conversation	10am	Mt Ommaney Food Court	
Tuesday 27th	Committee Meeting	1pm	President's home	
Thursday 29 th	MahJong	10am – 12noon	Monier Hotel	