

National Seniors Australia ~ Centenary Branch

OCTOBER 2021 - Newsletter

New President's Speech as Candidate (as read out at AGM.)

I am a candidate for the position of President of this branch of National Seniors.

I am a reluctant candidate, so if anyone else would like the job, they should approach Bev or Cheryl to express their interest, and I will withdraw my candidature.

However, although a reluctant candidate, should members accept me as president, I will do my very best to ensure the smooth running of the branch as well as I possibly can.

Mostly, it seems to me, to continue the excellent work carried out by Bev Hocker and her committee. They leave big shoes to fill.

A number of you, sitting in front of me, without fanfare, or perhaps unable to come today, have previously served as committee members, and your past good work has bequeathed a healthy number of members, and a positive, friendly environment, where everyone looks forward to our monthly meetings and other activities, which is what it's all about!

As I see it, the president's job is to oversee the organisation of the branch, liaise with others to ensure that things happen as they should, and deal with the inevitable hiccups along the way.

It is not the role of the president, nor of any of the committee members, to deal with personal problems: relationships, financial, health or any other. Luckily for all of us, there are extensive government resources available to help with such problems in this country.

**We all do have problems: they're part of life.
And another thing: life isn't fair, is it?**

It's up to each and every one of us to solve or at least lessen our problems, and live with the imperfect lives we all have.

So please do not look to committee members or myself, should I become president, to deal with personal problems.

Georges and I very much enjoy participating in Centenary Seniors, and this is due to the openness, politeness and sociability of the overwhelming majority of members.

This experience has convinced me to undertake to fill the gap of branch president in the absence of other candidates.

Therefore, I am standing before you today as candidate for the Presidency of National Seniors, Centenary Branch.

Thank you for your attention.

Frances Bertrand

RIP. – Sadly we have lost our long serving member, Hugh Pechey, also Paddy Walker and Peter Swann (husband of member Jacki Swann).

DON'T FORGET THE HUGH COLEBATCH PLANT DAY AT THE OCTOBER MEETING. - Bring all your plants along and your wallets.

Guest Speaker: HELEN RATTENBURY.

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

MANY HAPPY RETURNS



UPCOMING EVENTS:

NB. The November General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 3 November at Jindalee Bowls Club due to Melbourne Cup being on Tuesday 2 November.

Wednesday 13th October – Evening Dinner Kim Khanh Cardiff Rd Darra. 6pm (and not before). Turn right off Monier Rd (after shopping centre) into Cardiff Rd and proceed to first roundabout. Restaurant is on left.

Monday 15th November Portofino Fashion Parade – Jindalee Bowls Club. Seated by 9.30am.

Tuesday 16th November – Coach Trip to Tamborine Village. Morning tea at Botanic Gardens Lunch at Eagle Heights and do the Skywalk.

SENIORS EXPO – This year's Seniors Expo set down for 27th October has been cancelled. It is hoped to occur in February 2022.

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

BANK DETAILS ARE:- BSB 084259, ACCOUNT 821660559 Centenary National Seniors.

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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.

PROFILE - NOELA WEBB

As I have lived in South East Queensland all of my life I don't think my story is quite as exciting as some. I was born in Brisbane and lived in Ashgrove. I remember Ice chests, wood stoves and coppers and toilets in the back yard, but after World War 2 ended we changed over to gas and toilets inside eventually. We had an air raid shelter in our back yard, and chooks of course. We crossed Ithaca creek at the end of our street to get our milk from a hook on the back fence of Gramenz's Dairy, we also caught eels in the creek. Men used to come around selling wooden props for our clothes lines before Hills hoists. Our car was a pre-war Dodge, until the FJ Holden arrived. We travelled mainly by tram.

Gilbert Park, where the Broncos are now, was over the creek from where I lived, and there was a Circus in the park every year for quite a while, and a Chinese Garden in the area, where we used to buy vegetables which were not in our garden.

I turned 5 a few months after the war started so was at school throughout the war. At some time during this time our school closed, and my twin sister and I went to school at Yangan, near Warwick, for about 6 months. We had air raid trenches in the front yard of the school in Brisbane, and I remember the ground being very hard when we had to practice getting into them.

I left school at 15 and worked in a Government Department and then at the Commonwealth Bank next to the G.P.O. which was later demolished and Macarthur House built. In 1956 I attended the Olympic Games in Melbourne, which was very exciting, and was married in 1958. My husband was a teacher, also from Brisbane, and we moved to Proston. This was a small town, only three teachers at the school, and everyone was very welcoming. We were transferred to Brigooda, a one teacher school two weeks before our first child, a son, was born. There was no electricity. All the farms, most 250 acre, had generators. They grew peanuts and some dairying. We did not have a generator, but we soon adjusted to the different way of lighting ,kerosene refrigerator etc. After four years we went to Gowrie Junction, not far out of Toowoomba. We had two daughters while we were there. Hockey was very popular in the Toowoomba area, and I remember our son Mark represented Toowoomba in the under 10's, when he was only 6. Our next move was to Stanthorpe where we stayed for 30 years.

We had another son in Stanthorpe and the family grew up involved in lots of sports and Guides and Scouts. My husband with coaching the boys sports mainly. I was involved in Guiding for about 20 years as a Brownie and Ranger Guide leader and District Commissioner, I also joined the QCWA in 1986, and have since visited most of the Capital cities and Canberra for conferences etc, World Conferences in India, Christchurch and Melbourne, and South Pacific area in Tonga. I have been lucky enough to have been overseas to parts of Europe and the British Isles and Cambodia, but still think Australia has great places to visit. I have been living back in Brisbane for 21 years, and enjoyed visiting family in Victoria and New South Wales, as well as Queensland, and hope we will be able to do so again in the not too long future

It is with great sadness that I have to mention the loss of a few local businesses as a result of COVID-19. A local bra manufacturer has gone bust, a submarine company has gone under, a manufacturer of food blenders has gone into liquidation, a dog kennel has had to call in the retrievers and a company supplying paper for origami enthusiasts has folded. The local strip club has gone tits up, Interflora is pruning its business and Dyno-rod has gone down the drain. The saddest one though is the ice cream van man found dead covered in nuts and raspberry sauce. He couldn't take it anymore and topped himself.

RECIPE:

GERMAN APPLE CAKE (Courtesy Brenda Bennett)

2 eggs
1 cup vegetable oil
2 cups castor sugar
2 teas. ground cinnamon
½ teas. salt
1 teas vanilla essence
2 cups plain flour
1 teas baking powder
4 cups apples – peeled, cored and diced – or use Apple Pie Filling

Preheat oven to 175 deg. Grease and flour 9 x 13 inch cake tin.

In bowl beat eggs and oil until creamy. Add sugar and vanilla and beat well.

Combine dry ingredients in a bowl. Slowly add this mixture to the egg mixture until combined. The batter will be very thick. Fold in the apples by using a wooden spoon.

Spread batter into prepared cake tin.

Bake at 175 deg for 45mins.

Let cake cool on wire rack.

Sprinkle with icing sugar.

CALENDAR 2021

OCTOBER 2021

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| Monday 4th | Steady Steps | 9.15am | Cent.Uniting Church Hall | \$7 |
| Tuesday 5th | General Meeting | 9.30am | Jindalee Bowls Club | \$5 |
| Thursday 7th | MahJong | 9.00am | The Hub | |
| Monday 11 th | Steady Steps | 9.15am | Cent.Uniting Church Hall | \$7 |
| Wednesday 13 th | Evening Dinner | 6pm | Kim Khanh Darra | |
| Thursday 14 th | MahJong | 9.00am | Monier Hotel | |
| Monday 18 th | Steady Steps | 9.15am | Cent.Uniting Church Hall | \$7 |
| Thursday 21st | MahJong | 9.00am | Monier Hotel | |
| Thursday 21st | Lunch | 12noon | Monier Hotel Darra | |
| Sat. 23rd | Music – Asleep at the Wheel | 6pm | The Hub | |
| Monday 25th | Steady Steps | 9.15am | Cent.Uniting Church Hall | \$7 |
| Tuesday 26 th | Coffee & Conversation | 10am | Mt Ommaney Food Court | |
| Tuesday 26th | Committee Meeting | 1pm | Mt.Ommaney Library Room | |
| Thursday 28 th | MahJong | 9.00am | Monier Hotel | |

NOVEMBER 2021

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| Monday 1 st | Steady Steps | 9.15am | Cent.Uniting Church Hall | \$7 |
| Wednesday 3rd | GENERAL MTG | 9.30am | Jindalee Bowls Club | \$5 |
| Thursday 4 th | MahJong | 9.00am | The Hub | |
| Monday 8th | Steady Steps | 9.15am | Cent.Uniting Church Hall | \$7 |
| Thursday 11th | MahJong | 9.00am | The Hub | |
| Monday 15th | Steady Steps | 9.15am | Cent.Uniting Church Hall | \$7 |
| Monday 15th | Fashion Pde Portofino | 9.15am | Jindalee Bowls Club | \$20 |
| Tuesday 16 th | Coach Trip | 8am | Tamborine Village | \$70 |
| Thursday 18 th | MahJong | 9.00am | Monier Hotel | |
| Thursday 18 th | Lunch | 12noon | Monier Hotel Darra | |
| Monday 22nd | Steady Steps | 9.15am | Cent.Uniting Church Hall | \$7 |
| Thursday 25th | MahJong | 9.00am | Monier Hotel | |
| Monday 29th | Steady Steps | 9.15am | Cent.Uniting Church Hall | \$7 |
| Tuesday 30 th | Coffee & Conversation | 10am | Mt Ommaney Food Court | |
| Tuesday 30 th | Committee Meeting | 1pm | Mt.Ommaney Library Room | |

DECEMBER 2021

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| Thursday 2 nd | MahJong | 9.00am | The Hub | |
| Monday 6 th | Steady Steps | 9.15am | Cent.Uniting Church Hall | \$7 |
| Tuesday 7th | Xmas Party | 11.30 am | Monier Hotel | \$40 |
| Wednesday 8 th | Lord Mayors Xmas | 9am | B'bane City Hall | |
| Thursday 9th | MahJong | 9.00am | The Hub | |
| Friday 10 th | Lord Mayors Xmas | 9am | B'bane City Hall | |
| Monday 13 th | Steady Steps | 9.15am | Cent.Uniting Church Hall | \$7 |
| Thursday 16 th | MahJong | 9.00am | Monier Hotel | |
| Monday 20 th | Steady Steps | 9.15am | Cent.Uniting Church Hall | \$7 |