

National Seniors Here's the News

Australia

Calamvale Branch Inc.

MARCH 2021



To all our Guests and Visitors

President's Message

Good Morning and welcome to all our members and visitors to today's meeting. I mentioned last month that I hoped we were going to have a lot better year in 2021 than last year as the Virus vaccination is rolled out. It is great to see it underway and maybe we will have a new normal very soon.

It was great to see 83 members attended our February meeting and we had 4 new members join National Seniors and especially the Calamvale branch. Please make yourself known to the new members and give them a very warm welcome.

National Anthem. Last month we abided by the Australian Government change to the anthem and sang **We are One and Free, not Young and Free.** But did you watch the Men's final of the Australian Open. The singer sang **Young and Free.**

Social Night Dinner. We went to the Il Castello Pizzeria at Sunnybank Hills. It was excellent and made a nice change from our normal meals at hotels and clubs. Remember everyone is invited to attend. Just let Lyn Wilson know so she can make the booking.



Bus Trip. Last month we went to White Ridge farms and then to the Club Tavern at Caboolture for lunch. It was once again a great day out. As I said last month Pat Wilson has been busy over the break and the trips he has organised look fantastic. Please come along and enjoy a great day out with great company. Just a reminder once again the cost of Bus Trips has increased to \$50.00 per person from the March trip onwards.

Monster Raffle. The monster raffle will once again be drawn at the Easter meeting. The cash prizes are 1st \$200, 2nd \$100 and 3rd \$50. Joyce Morrison is still selling tickets today and at the April meeting. The tickets are \$5 each.

Sunnybank Theatre Group. Let me tell you that if you did not attend the February show you missed one of the best shows I have seen. It was a musical of Zanadu and it featured a live band. Just Great.

Annual General Meetings. The committee discussed the date and it was agreed to hold the meetings in September from here on. This allows time for the Annual Financial Reports to be prepared and sent to the accountants for auditing.

If anyone is considering a role on the committee and is not sure what the duties are, you are most welcome to attend a committee meeting. Please call me on 0400 796 563 if you wish to attend.

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Activities. Please look at the calendar of events in the newsletter and see what you would like to attend. Our activities are open to all Members, so come along and join in the fun.

Have a great day today and once again I look forward to seeing you at our other activities throughout this month and the year ahead.

Lila

MONSTER EASTER RAFFLE

1ST PRIZE

\$200

2ND PRIZE

\$100

3RD PRIZE

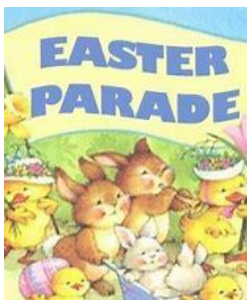
\$50



only **\$5** each

Drawn April Meeting

EASTER BONNET PARADE



April Meeting

Wear your favourite hat, join in the fun and win a prize.



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Hi everyone.

I am sitting here typing up the newsletter and the perspiration is dripping from me. It is hard to believe that in a few days' time it will be Autumn. Such a beautiful time of the year where we get a reprieve from this excessive heat.

Next month we have Anzac Day. It is so great to hear that people will once again be able to go to Dawn Services and watch Street Parades to honour our Veterans. Plus for some a game of Two-up.

We also have our Monster Easter Raffle and of course our Easter Bonnet Parade. Put your thinking cap on and create the most decorative or beautiful hat of the day. This is for the guys too. So don't be shy, we won't laugh at you...well maybe just a little bit. You can also win a prize.

I thought that next month, because of Anzac Day, I would devote a page to the men and women in the Forces. If you have a photo of yourself in uniform or with medals, I would love to add it to my story. Please send it through to me via my email mrregalauthor@gmail.com

Please don't forget, that every month I would love to receive your photos of some where you have been or something you have done.

*Till next time
Be happy, keep smiling*

Gwen





FEBRUARY BUS TRIP White Ridge Farm Elimbah

There were 32 of us on the bus and we were off to White Ridge Farm at Elimbah up near Caboolture. We were on the Blue BUS again with our favourite driver Henry. (He didn't have his whips or his juggling balls with him,,, bit disappointing). It was a bright sunny morning with just a bit of a cool breeze and we were expecting a few showers.

We arrived at the farm about 9.15. The first thing we did was to have morning tea, and they had an area set out for us. Lila hosted the morning tea with a little help from Doug (so he said). It was beautiful.

It was an educational and fun farm experience where you could visit the friendly farm animals. You could pat and hand feed the llamas and alpacas, the lambs and the baby goats, and Gypsy the camel. You could also give the miniature pig a rub on the belly. There was a miniature horse and donkey as well as chickens, geese, and birds. There were lots of animals. They even had a bumpy, bouncy cart ride around the farm which was a bit of fun. There was also Putt Putt golf, an adventure playground, trampoline for the kids, and a barn with lots of shady tables and chairs just perfect for a picnic.

All over the farm there were bitumen walk ways, so everything was accessible and wheel chair friendly. It was well set up.

We headed off about 11.15 into Caboolture, which was only a couple of minutes away. We went for a walk around to explore, but there wasn't much there. It was a bit of a quiet place. I think a couple of ladies found an Op Shop hidden away somewhere. You ladies love your op shops.

We all met up for lunch at the Club Tavern about 12pm. We didn't have to sign in as they booked us in as a group which was good. (Still observing the Covid rules). Lunch was very nice. There was roast of the day, chicken schnitzel, and fish and chips. I think most people got what they wanted. After a lazy lunch and raffles we had time to play the pokies or have another wander around before leaving. As we boarded the bus it started raining, but once we got under way it soon cleared up.

Thanks again to Pat and Lyn for a good day out. I know that it is getting harder to source venues, as lots of places don't take large groups any more due to covid restrictions, so keep up the good work.

Editorial by John Butchard

NEXT BUS TRIP Wednesday 17th March 2021 Gold Coast Motor Museum, Upper Coomera.

Bus departs Drakes at Parkinson at 8.00am and onto Acacia Ridge at 8.15pm. Travel to Gold Coast Motor Museum and arrive around 10.00am. Museum consists of heaps of old to modern day transport vehicles. Lunch location is to be advised. Depart after lunch at 2.00pm for return trip.

Cost \$50.00 p/p
Phone Pat Wilson 0417 493 785



MARCH

Cheryl Schmidke	David Fletcher
Yvonne Krafft	Nick Ganter
Julie Berwick	Mary Hayden
Irene Elhers	Patricia Gribben
Ines Sonogo	Barry Golinski
Jan De Bruyn	Betty O'Reilly
Rodney Fuller	Susan Butchard
Pat Davie	Margaret Fletcher

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Terence (Terry) Daly

Passed away peacefully 28.01.2021 aged 90 Years. Loving Husband of Joyce.

Funeral Service was held on Saturday 6th February.

Terry and Joyce have been long term valued members of Calamvale National Seniors.

Ian Scott

One of our past members Ian Scott has passed away, Ian has not been at meetings for several years but quite a few members would have known Ian and his late wife Margaret.

A service was held for Ian on Monday 1st February

In your time of sorrow our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.



Fun facts about EASTER



Easter always occurs between March 22 and April 25.

It is believed by some that Easter was named after the Anglo-Saxon goddess, Eastre, whose symbols were the egg and the hare (rabbit).

The first Easter eggs were coloured red, in memory of the blood Jesus shed during the crucifixion.

In some European countries, other animals – in Switzerland the cuckoo, in Westphalia the fox – brought the Easter Eggs

More than 90 million chocolate Easter Bunnies are manufactured each year.

The most famous Easter Parade is held in New York

In the 13th century, the church prohibited the eating of eggs during Holy Week. Marking the eggs laid during the week began the custom of decorating eggs.

More than 90 million chocolate Easter bunnies are manufactured each year.

Americans consume over 16 million jellybeans on Easter, enough to circle the globe more than three times.



PHOTO GALLERY

White Ridge Farm Elimbah



Today's
GUEST SPEAKER
Tran Vuong and Charlie Young from
Bennett Philip Lawyers.

Vuong will be the speaker with the assistance of Charlie Young.

The topic on the day will be Estate Planning (preventing greedy relatives contesting your estate, pros and cons of do-it-yourself wills, etc)

Did you Know?

It was illegal for women to wear trousers in Paris until 2012

Grandparents and family law

National Seniors Australia
Connect Newsletter – 17/2/21

The following article is content from our partner, Caxton Legal Centre. Are you no longer in contact with your grandchildren because of a relationship breakdown with your adult son or daughter? Find out what your options are.

The law recognises that children have a right to maintain a meaningful relationship with their grandparents. Any legal decision related to children's relationships with grandparents will be considered through the lens of what is in the child's best interests.

Caxton Legal Centre's Family, Domestic Violence and Elder Law Practice Director Colette Bots said many grandparents do not know what legal assistance is available to them.

Where you can find help

Community legal centres around the country can be found through the [Community Legal Centres Australia](#) website. A list of each state's Legal Aid service is available through the [National Legal Aid](#) website.

"Grandparents can make an application for a mediation and if a mediation fails, they then will have the right to make an application to the Federal Circuit Court of Australia to get parenting orders, if that is what they're seeking," said Ms Bots.

"The purpose of mediation is to reach a parenting agreement in which it can be detailed what time children can spend with their grandparents on a regular basis."

She said it was not uncommon for the parent who opposed contact to be the former son-in-law or daughter-in-law.

"Often those grandparents have tried everything they can before seeking legal advice," Ms Bots said.

"There's not [a legal] 'as of right' for the grandparents to have the grandchildren live with them, but the law clearly recognises that the children do have a right to have a relationship with them, which would include visiting them on a regular basis."

What the Family Law Act says

The Family Law Act focuses on the importance of both parents playing an active role in the lives of their children after separation and on the need to ensure children are protected from harm (psychological or physical) above all else. The best interests of the child remain the paramount consideration throughout the Act.

One principle of the law includes children's right to spend time and communicate on a regular basis with both their parents and other people significant to their care, welfare and development (e.g. grandparents and other relatives), where it is not contrary to a child's best interests.

Further information about the Family Law Act is available at [Caxton Legal Centre's legal information website](#).





You Want To What?

A woman walks into a pharmacy and asks the chemist for arsenic.

He asks, "What for?"



"I want to kill my husband," she replies.

"Sorry, I can't sell you that."

The lady reaches into her handbag and brings out a photo of her husband in bed with the pharmacist's wife.

He says, "You didn't tell me you had a prescription."

The Taxi Passenger



A passenger in a taxi leaned over to ask the driver a question and tapped him on the shoulder.

The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, mounted the kerb and screeched to a stop inches from a huge plate glass window.

"I'm terribly sorry," said the driver. "But you scared the living daylights out of me."

"I didn't think a little tap on the shoulder would frighten anybody!" Exclaimed the fare.

"No, no, I'm sorry. My fault entirely. This is my first day driving a cab. For the past 25 years I've been driving a hearse."

School Starts

On the first day of school, a first grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. It read "The opinions by this child are not necessarily those of his parents."

Fall Down Drunk

A man, whose level of drunkenness is boarding on absurd, stood up and fell flat on his face. "Maybe I need some fresh air," he thinks and crawls out the door. Standing up, he falls flat on his face in the mud. "Bugger it, I'll just crawl home."



The next morning his wife finds him on the doorstep asleep. "You were out drinking again last night, weren't you?" she said. "Uh, yes." He replied sheepishly. "How did you know?"

"You left your wheelchair at the bar again."

Stressed Co-worker

I urgently needed a few days off work, but I knew the Boss would not allow me to take leave. I thought that maybe if I act "CRAZY" the he would tell me to take a few days off. So I hung upside down from the ceiling and made funny noises.

My co-worker (who's blonde) asked what I was doing. I told her that I was pretending to be a light bulb so the Boss would think I was "CRAZY" and give me a few days off.

A few minutes later the Boss came into the office and asked "What are you doing?" I told him I was a light bulb.



He said "You are clearly stressed out. Go home and recuperate for a couple of days." I jumped down and walked out of the office.

When my co-worker (the blonde) followed me, the boss asked "And where do you think you're going?"

She said, "I'm going home too. I can't work in the dark."

What did the bartender ask Charles Dickens when he ordered a martini?
He said: "Olive or twist?"

EVENTS CALENDAR

March

3rd General Meeting
8th Social Night Out
10th Sausage Sizzle
12th Quilting Morning
17th Bus Trip
18th Garden Club
25th Ladies Lunch
29th Craft Making
31st Committee Meeting
Every Thursday – Men's Cuppa



FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE 10th March

Social get-together for all NSA members

Hosts – John and Sue

Calamvale District Park
Off Ormskirk Street

Please bring your own eating utensil and a dessert or salad item to be shared with others. This is a great fun time to catch up with everyone. Put your name down at meeting or ring Jill **3879 1567**

LADIES LUNCH

Thursday 25th March

For more detail's
Ph Wendy Foster
0410 665 802



Quilting Morning

Friday 12th March

185 Ridgewood Rd. Alger. 9am-12pm

No need to bring anything.

Come and join us for a cuppa.
Ph Rosemary **3172 0125**

Social Night Out

Monday 8th March

Hotel Monier
168/176 Monier Road
Darra

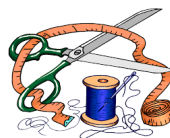
Meet at 6pm Dine at 6.30pm

Regulars **not** attending, please contact Lyn by text on **0404 483 785**

New members most welcome to come along. Just give Lyn a call

Lyn Wilson

0404 483 785



Craft Making

Monday 29th March
At Gloria Nuttall's home

Please bring along your own craft making items. A fun time where we can pool craft ideas and share knowledge with each other. Bring your own lunch. Starts at 10am and finishes about 3pm.

Phone Gloria **3273 1418**

COMMITTEE MEETING

31st March

For those wishing to attend to **observe** proceedings, contact Lila.

3273 5953



At Ngaire Lanyon & Margaret Donnelly's place from 9.30am to 11.30am. Contact Lyn Wilson for address.

Thursday 18th March

Ph Lyn Wilson
0404 483 785





BUS TRIP

17th March

Gold Coast Motor Museum

Departs – Drakes 8.00am

A/Ridge 8.15am

Please be at pick-up area 10 minutes before departure

NOTE!! Bus Trips to be paid in full (\$50) at the general meeting in the month of the trip.

Please bring your own cup

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 3rd March

Doors open 9.15. Meeting starts 10.00am

Guest Speaker – Tran Vuong and

Charlie Young from

Bennett Philip Lawyers

Why not stay after lunch and play cards, you are all welcome. Tell Ngaire at the meeting if you want to join in. It is just a bit of fun, learn a new game.



Sunnybank Theatre Group

The next 2 productions are "The Sum of Us" on 10 April and "First Things First" on 5 June. I need payment for the April one at today's meeting.

Paula Ross

3711 5317 or 0409 615 525

Please Note

The above events are planned in good faith but can change. We will endeavour to give plenty of notice of any changes.

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Wednesday 17th March 2021

Gold Coast Motor Museum, Upper Coomera.

Travelling off to our morning tea (supplied) destination of Coomera Lakes at Coomera. After morning tea, we will be travelling to the Gold Coast Motor Museum arriving around 10.00am. Lunch will be at the Gold Coast Motor Museum at 12.00noon. Around 1.30pm, we will be departing there and travelling to Syd's Pie and British Food Shop at Loganholme. Departing there around 2.30pm for home. Make sure to bring a bag to put your goodies in.

Wednesday 21st April

St. Helena Island

Departing Drakes at 7.30am. and Acacia Ridge at 7.45am. Then off to Manly to catch the boat across to St. Helena Island. **BYO** morning tea as morning tea will **not be supplied** by the club. Food and drinks can be purchased on board. The trip across to St. Helena Island takes about an hour. Lunch will be a cold meat lunch on the Island. Gluten free foods will be available. Make sure you wear good walking shoes as you will be walking about 3klm. Payment for trip must be made on the day of the meeting as I have to pre-pay for the trip. No late payments will be accepted. Should you cancel your trip after my paying for the trip, you will **not** get a refund. We return to Manly at 2.15pm to catch the bus home.

Wednesday 18th May

Roma Street Gardens

Leaves Drakes 8.15am and Acacia Ridge 8.30am and travelling to the Roma Street Gardens for morning tea. Bus will be departing the gardens around 12.00noon and travelling to the Pineapple Hotel at Kangaroo Point for lunch. Around 1.30pm, we will be departing for a tour around the outer suburbs and then returning home.

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USED POSTAGE STAMPS

Please save your used postage stamps for **Jill McVey**, and pass them on to her at the monthly meetings. They will be sent to Sister Rosamund from the "Community of the Sister of the Church" to raise money for charity.



WANTED

Unwanted computers (desktop or laptop) or printers. **Working or not working.**

Plus

VHS transferred to DVD;
LP and cassette to CD;
Open reel tape to CD; DV video to DVD.

Contact Barry
3273 2164 or 0437 342 811



JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Patrick Wilson is a justice of the peace, and will be available at our general meetings for signings. You can also contact him on
0417 493 785

[If you are visiting us today we invite you to join our Branch](#)

National Seniors Australia membership is open to any person who:

- has an interest in seniors' issues; or
- is age 50 years or over; or
- Is a spouse / partner of a person who is 50 years or over.

Membership is available for only \$45 for a one year single membership, or \$75 for a one year joint membership.

For further information, ask President Lila or Secretary Tania for a Membership Application brochure (if you weren't given one at the door on your way in).



MENS MORNING COFFEE & CHAT

Every Thursday Morning 10am

Jo's Café

Next to Aldi

Cnr Illaweena St & Beaudesert Road

Phone John 0438 532 528

*** BUS TRIPS ***

2021

18TH May

Roma Street Gardens

15th June

Awasssi Cheesy, Gatton

21st July

Brisbane River Cruise, Southbank

August

Twin Towns

(day & date to be advised)

15th September

Mystery Tour of Redland Bay

20th October

Artvo, Robina Shopping Town

17th November

Eumundi Markets, Eumundi

If you would like to celebrate your birthday with a lovely meal and a fun time.

Join the



Birthday Club

A contribution of \$5.00 per person will cover the cost of a gift, joint card and birthday cake. Collection of the birthday cake will be rotated and paid for out of the birthday fund.

For more details

Ph Wendy Foster 0410 665 802

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Do you have something to sell, give away? Family notices, births, deaths, birthdays.

Thank you to someone, wanted to buy, help wanted.



Do you know of a member who is sick, lost a loved one, or is hurting in any way?

Call Joyce Morrison our Welfare Co-ordinator and she can give them a call or send them a card to cheer them up.

Ph Joyce 0408 704 045

PLEASE leave your name so that I can call you back

REMINDER NOTICE

Don't forget to bring your **OWN CUP** for your coffee or tea, when coming to a general meeting or going on one of our bus trips.

Thank you

SUBMISSIONS

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Email Gwen – mrregalauthor@gmail.com

GUEST ENTERTAINER

for

APRIL

"Boom Baby"

International Women's Day luncheon

Forest Lake Hotel
8th March 11am
Cost \$35

If you would like to attend see Gay Day for more information

Phone 0430 131 234

WANTED

Photo's

Have you been to one of our outings and taken photo's, or maybe you have pictures taken on your recent trip or holiday Gwen would love to have them for the "Photo Gallery" page in the newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April

Easter Bonnet Parade
Easter raffle drawn
Anzac Day

May

Bring and Buy

June

Cancer Morning Tea

July

Christmas in July

September

AGM

October

Club Birthday celebrations

November

Melbourne Cup Fashion Parade

December

Bring and Buy

Xmas Party

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Meetings at Algester Sports Club
Endiandra Street, Algester –
1st Wednesday of Month



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March 2021							April
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
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