

# **National Seniors Australia ~ Centenary Branch**

## **JULY 2022 - Newsletter**

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**NB: MEETING TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY IS TO BE HELD AT WESTSIDE HQ CORINDA (FORMERLY SHERWOOD SERVICES CLUB) AT 10AM.**

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Greetings everyone. Once again, a reminder that in August we will have our annual general meeting, compulsory for any community association which is incorporated. The annual general meeting is also mandated by National Seniors Australia. It ensures that any member can have input into who they are represented by on Centenary Seniors Committee. While most of us on the committee are ready to serve for another year, we would welcome anyone who would like to join. We meet once a month at Mt Ommaney library, we plan all our activities, including excursions and trips, lunches and dinners, as well as speakers and entertainers. Centenary Seniors also has the obligation to prepare monthly financial and annual financial reports, and minutes and agendas, and keep records of membership. In particular, we would welcome a new treasurer to take on the financial running of the branch, including the financial reports, and an enthusiastic person ready to help out with bus trips and excursions.

I would like to thank Brenda Bennett and her aides for their consistent and capable work over the years, catering for our meetings in the Bowls Club. She feels it's time to hang up the apron, but will still look after some special dietary requirements of our members. Therefore, were Centenary Seniors to move its meetings to a venue where we provide our own morning tea, we would need a new catering coordinator, and some new kitchen help at meetings.

So if you are interested, please fill in a nomination form and hand or send the forms to Anne Munro, the Centenary Seniors Secretary (secretary.nsacb@gmail.com). We have the nomination forms here for you to put yourself forward, or nominate someone else, Needless to say, the nominee must be a paid up member of National Seniors. In addition, if anyone is interested in being Branch President, I would like to hear from them, and would be happy to discuss what the role entails, as I am ready to cede the place to a new person who is ready and willing to step up.

#### **Place of our meetings for the future**

A reminder that we will continue to meet at Westside HQ each month up to and including November 2022: Jindalee Bowls Club is not available, and Westside HQ is the most suitable venue available.

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Attached to this newsletter is a letter received from the Jindalee Bowls Club with an update on their recovery.

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### **ENTERTAINMENT – PITCH FACTORY.**

#### **RECENT EVENTS: 14/07**

Explorer Trip to Neil Diamond Tribute at City Hall – terrific concert enjoyed by members.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – Evening Dinner at Punjab Curry – 6pm – behind Jindalee Pool.

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**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – Xmas In July Cruise on Brisbane River.**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022 – Picnic in the Park for Seniors Week – Rocks Riverside Park.**

**NB. This will be fully catered for by the branch. BYO drink and chair.**

**OVER 50'S EXPO – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022 – 9am – 2.30pm. – Riverlife 17 Mile Rocks.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT WESTSIDE HQ – SATURDAY EVENINGS.**

**13/8 Countdown**  
**08/10 Dean Vegas/Elvis**  
**19/11 Michael Jackson.**

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**CONTACTS**

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<b>STEADY STEPS /CHANGES TO ADDRESS/PH NOS</b>	<b>GEOFF HARVEY</b>	<b>3715 7874</b>
<b>HEART FOUNDATION WALKING MT OMMANEY</b>	<b>SEE DOREEN FLYNN</b>	
<b>MUSIC AT THE HUB</b>	<b>MARJORIE</b>	<b>3376 2030</b>

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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.**

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**Meetings are first Tuesday each month, February to October, except November (second Tuesday).  
Secretary: Anne Munro. P.O. Box 470 Mt Ommaney. 0411 564 267.**

## **MEMBER PROFILE: DAVID PORT**

I was adopted into the Port family by Hazel & Roland (Snowy) Port when about 1 year old. When they first saw me they thought I was a bit of a show off and cheeky. I remember living in Auntie Bren's house in Holland Park. Auntie Bren was not a true auntie but a close friend of Mum. During World War II I watched troop movements at the Army Base across Logan Road from the verandah. Auntie Bren looked after me while mum worked. Mum and Dad rented a home in Preston Road Manly, opposite the reservoir where we lived for several years. My sister, Sandra, was born on 25 April 1944.

I went to kindergarten for a short period before starting primary school at Manly State School in 1945. A section of the school ground had been excavated for slit trenches where students and teachers had to go if there was an air raid. I completed Prep and Grade 1 to 4 at Manly. Then Grade 5 and 6 at Wynnum North State School where I helped set up the school projector for education movies. This experience came in handy a few years later. I also set up the shadow board and read the sun's shadow at 1pm each day. This board was 2 pieces of timber, 200mm wide, nailed together, height 300mm, base length 600mm. The shadow cast by the 300mm high section was what we recorded. This shadow showed the longest and shortest days of the year. This was part of our studies of weather patterns.

During the first 12mths at Wynnum North we lived in a tent (5m x 5m) and all we owned was in the tent. The tent was set up so that when it rained we lifted the centre pole off the block and on to the ground to loosen the ropes.

Before we moved to Wynnum North I had joined the Scout Movement in 1948 as a Wolf Cub at Manly Lota Scout Group. The Scout Den (an old air raid shelter) was located in Ferguson St. The building is still there and another level is on top of the concrete roof. This was the start of my 12 years in scouting, resigning as an Assistant Cub Leader in 1959.

I went crabbing with Dad when I was about 11yrs old. He caught sand crabs by hand lines, dillies and nets. I was amazed at how turtles used to destroy nets when eating the sand crabs. Dad caught crabs in many different ways and showed me all the ways to find crabs and get them out of the holes. During this time we never had to purchase seafood as Dad caught it for us i.e. crabs in summer and fish during winter.

Before I went to Intermediate School (Gr 7 & 8) at the Wynnum State High & Intermediate School, I got a part-time job delivering ice for about 2 years getting up at 4am - 3 mornings a week, I earned 30 shillings a week – about \$3.50 today.

Dad then got a construction job at Tangalooma Whaling Station. We would go to Tangalooma once a month on the service boat – The Norman R Wright. I thought I was special when able to steer the boat across the bay. On completion of the whaling station, Dad was then employed during the whaling season to work on the flensing deck helping the flensers. I knew my way around the factory and took home lots of samples. I gave lectures to my classmates on topics including whale products being used for cattle food, fertiliser and cosmetics.

I finished school in December 1953 at Wynnum passing Scholarship Exam with 71.6% and Intermediate Exam with 77.6% which allowed me to progress to Gr9.

Having left school I wanted to be a boat builder but could'nt get an apprenticeship. I worked for my Uncle Ray on his fruit run for about 4mths. As I could not get a boat builder apprenticeship I applied to be an apprentice carpenter and started working for Battle & Lee, Builders. In May 1954 I was sent to work at Carina on Housing Commission Homes. After 3 mths I transferred to another QHC job at Manly closer to home. I went to Central Technical College for the theory side of my apprenticeship 1 night a week and 1 afternoon for practical work. During my 4<sup>th</sup> year Battle & Lee split up and I completed my apprenticeship with Harry Lee in December 1959.

(TO BE CONTINUED).

**Since I bought this toy for my dog...  
no more salesmen,  
break-ins, or friends popping in  
unannounced.  
Just peace & quiet.**



<b><u>JULY 2022</u></b>				
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Steady Steps</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Cent.Uniting Church Hall</b>	<b>\$7</b>
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Westside HQ Corinda</b>	<b>\$5</b>
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>MahJong</b>	<b>9-12noon</b>	<b>Mt Ommaney Library</b>	
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Steady Steps</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Cent.Uniting Church Hall</b>	<b>\$7</b>
<b>Wed. 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Evening Dinner</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Punjab Curry Jindalee</b>	
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>MahJong</b>	<b>9-12noon</b>	<b>Mt Ommaney Library</b>	
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Steady Steps</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Cent.Uniting Church Hall</b>	<b>\$7</b>
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Coach - Xmas in July</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>River Cruise – Park at JBC</b>	<b>\$70</b>
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>MahJong</b>	<b>9-12noon</b>	<b>Monier Hotel</b>	
<b>Thursday 21<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Monier Hotel</b>	
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Steady Steps</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Cent. Uniting Church Hall</b>	<b>\$7</b>
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Coffee &amp; Conversation</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mt Ommaney Food Court</b>	
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Committee Meeting</b>	<b>1pm</b>	<b>Mt Ommaney Library</b>	
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>MahJong</b>	<b>9-12noon</b>	<b>Monier Hotel</b>	

## **AUGUST 2022**

<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Steady Steps</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Cent.Uniting Church Hall</b>	<b>\$7</b>
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>General Meeting - AGM</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Westside HQ Corinda</b>	<b>\$5</b>
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>MahJong</b>	<b>9-12noon</b>	<b>Mt Ommaney Library</b>	
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Steady Steps</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Cent.Uniting Church Hall</b>	<b>\$7</b>
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Evening Dinner</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>TBA</b>	
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>MahJong</b>	<b>9-12noon</b>	<b>Mt Ommaney Library</b>	
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Steady Steps</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Cent.Uniting Church Hall</b>	<b>\$7</b>
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Picnic in the Park</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Rocks Riverside Park</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>MahJong</b>	<b>9-12noon</b>	<b>Monier Hotel</b>	
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Monier Hotel</b>	
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Steady Steps</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Cent. Uniting Church Hall</b>	<b>\$7</b>
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>MahJong</b>	<b>9-12noon</b>	<b>Monier Hotel</b>	
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Steady Steps</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Cent.Uniting Church Hall</b>	<b>\$7</b>
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Coffee &amp; Conversation</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mt Ommaney Food Court</b>	
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Committee Meeting</b>	<b>1pm</b>	<b>Mt Ommaney Library</b>	

## **SEPTEMBER 2022**

<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>MahJong</b>	<b>9-12noon</b>	<b>Mt Ommaney Library</b>	
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Steady Steps</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Cent.Uniting Church Hall</b>	<b>\$7</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Westside HQ Corinda</b>	<b>\$5</b>
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>MahJong</b>	<b>9-12noon</b>	<b>Mt Ommaney Library</b>	
<b>Sat 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Music at The Hub</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>The Hub Mt Ommaney</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Steady Steps</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Cent.Uniting Church Hall</b>	<b>\$7</b>
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Evening Dinner</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>TBA</b>	
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>MahJong</b>	<b>9-12noon</b>	<b>Monier Hotel</b>	
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Monier Hotel</b>	
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Steady Steps</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Cent. Uniting Church Hall</b>	<b>\$7</b>
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Coach Trip</b>			
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>MahJong</b>	<b>9- 12noon</b>	<b>Monier Hotel</b>	
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Steady Steps</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Cent.Uniting Church Hall</b>	<b>\$7</b>
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Coffee &amp; Conversation</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mt Ommaney Food Court</b>	
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Committee Meeting</b>	<b>1pm</b>	<b>Mt Ommaney Library</b>	
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>MahJong</b>	<b>9--12noon</b>	<b>Monier Hotel</b>	

**From: JBC Secretary**  
**Sent: Thursday, 23 June 2022 2:51 PM**  
**Subject: future of Jindalee bowls club**

**Dear Community Friends**

**Contrary to some rumours doing the rounds, Jindalee Bowls Club is still standing! Bowlers are enjoying the beautiful winter sunshine and using the refurbished bbq area in lieu of a clubhouse.**

**Current situation is, that in consultation with BCC, following detailed examination of the building, the southern section closest to the golf course where the pool table, coffee station and office were located is to be demolished as that slab has moved. It was the last section to be built, some years after the original building and the hall.**

**Architects are in the process of redesigning the smaller bar area. Several scenarios have been discussed.**

**The hall and the foyer are to be restored. No floor coverings will be laid - rather the concrete cleaned and polished and a nonslip coating applied. All plasterboard has been removed. Brick walls will be painted/rendered. No time frame has been mentioned but we have every expectation of being back in business at the beginning of 2023 and we look forward to welcoming you back to the revitalized facility.**

**Kind regards**

**Jan Bell**  
**Honorary secretary**  
**Jindalee Bowls Club Inc.**  
**Jbc-sec@outlook.com**