

August 2025



• Brighton Branch Meetings Next Meeting Tuesday 19th August

Our Branch Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, except for December when we do not have a meeting. We meet at the Lighthouse Community Church, corner Jetty Road and The Crescent, Brighton on the beach side of the railway line. The meeting starts at 10am, so arrive from 9.30am. Door entry is \$5, and this includes morning tea and a chance to win a door entry prize. Payment of your annual subscription can be made at the Branch meetings. Payment by Cash, Visa or MasterCard Credit or Debit Card is available for Subscriptions, Outings, and Door Entry. There is a lunch each month after the monthly meeting and an Anniversary Lunch in July/August plus a Christmas Lunch. Happy Seniors are we - Come, join us and see.

• Recent Activity - Annual General Meeting 15 July 2025

At the AGM a new Committee was elected to guide us for the next 12 months. We are very pleased to announce that the following Committee was elected unanimously: President Maureen Cook; Vice President Marilyn Smith; Secretary Julie Hockley; Treasurer still to be found; Newsletter Christine Jackson; Committee Members: Hans Broweleit; Loretta Schubert; Graham Gurry; Lyndall Ingram; Ron Tiessem;



Brian Hockley and Heather Williams. **With special thanks**

to The Retiring President Aileen Merrett, Treasurer Bill Adams and Catering Co-ordinator Lleyan Adams, are all stepping down after **6 years in their roles**. Our Vice-President and Newsletter Writer, Graham Sporn is also



unavailable due to health issues. At the AGM we celebrated the 24 year Anniversary of the Brighton Branch with a special Anniversary Cake. The cake was cut by one of our foundation members Valerie Edwards. That is a wonderful achievement to be a member for 24 years.



♦ TREASURER VACANCY

Brighton Branch National Seniors Australia is desperately looking for a Treasurer. If we can't find a treasurer to look after the Branches' finances then our Branch and social activities will be seriously compromised to the point of the Branch having to be closed. Bill Adams is happy to give training to anyone who will take on this position. If you can fill this position or wish to discuss the position for consideration please contact the President Maureen Cook, detail supplied at end of newsletter.

• Next Meeting - Tuesday 19th August

Talk - Don Loffler - Life in 1948 and the arrival of the Holden Car Don Loffler considers himself the "luckiest man alive". Now 76, he has retired from a distinguished career as a teacher of Latin and German at the prestigious St Peter's College in Adelaide and now writes books about historic Holdens. Loffler's obsession with Holden began, as usual, in childhood. "I was nine years old when the Holden came out in 1948. I have the most vivid memories of the drama of that car appearing. I had an instant love affair with the Holden. I was already interested in cars per se, but this affair never left me.



• Lunch on 19th August After the Meeting

After each Branch meeting there is a lunch for members who wish to attend. This month lunch is booked at the Seacliff Beach Hotel If you wish to attend, please put your name on the sheet on the back table at the meeting, so we can advise the hotel of the number of members attending.

- **The Walking Group**

There is an active Walking Group, which meets every Tuesday, except when there is a Branch Meeting, and the walk is on the following day. The walks are very leisurely, we walk for about half an hour, have coffee and a good old chinwag for an hour and return to the starting point. If you would like to join in any of the weekly walks, contact either **Barbara Hansen 0448 223 075 or Rose Cearns 0405 537 910.**

- **Thursday 25 September - Still Time to Book for the Bus Trip to Anlaby Station**

Step back in time with a guided tour of the homestead and heritage listed gardens. Discover 10 acres of English garden displays and a glimpse into one of the great South Australian rural houses. The property was originally established in 1839 by Frederick Dutton, and is home to the oldest Merino stud in South Australia. The cost is \$95 for members and \$105 for non-members, which includes a 2-course lunch.



Contact is Brian Hockley, Phone 0412 995 691. Bus leaves from Windsor Theatre, 1 Commercial Rd, Brighton at 9.00am sharp.

Dates for your Diary -

- **Next Meeting Tuesday 16th September**

We will be entertained by the ever-popular **Me 'n' Me Mates** ME 'N ME MATES is all about celebrating Australian songs and stories Australian Country songs and yarns - comprising local musicians and singers, the Mates will immediately set the atmosphere of country pub or woolshed. Musical backing on guitar and banjo is occasionally supplemented by the others on lagerphone, washboard and harmonica.



- **Wednesday December 10 Christmas Lunch at Seacliff Beach Hotel**

- **Movies at the Mercury**

Movie lovers monthly event 3rd Friday of the month Here's a chance to enjoy a monthly film very cheaply with other NSA Brighton members. The Mercury Cinema puts on a Silverscreen program (\$10 for morning tea and movie for Seniors) on Tuesdays, Friday, and Sundays, and once a month Retire Australia contributes a luscious morning tea. Come along to the next gathering at 10am for 10.30 movie. No need to book, just come to the Mercury, in Morphett Street, CBD, near the City West tram stop, and meet in the foyer.



Further information: Heather Williams 0402 073 264 or themercury.org.au

- **Catering.**

Thank you so much to Lleyan and her team of helpers who have looked after us over the many years with delightful morning teas and we are pleased to announce that Ann Langman has kindly offered to take over the catering role ably assisted by Ann Chesson (photo of Ann Langman).



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