



Message from the President

Hi everyone

It was unfortunate that we had to cancel our July meeting since restrictions would have seen only 50 members allowed to attend and how do you decide who can in such a situation. We are again in such circumstances, with the management Committee deciding to **postpone our August Branch meeting**. We will notify you all when the new date is set. Our Christmas in July event still went ahead under these guidelines and from all accounts everyone enjoyed themselves. The morning went off without a hitch as we have come to expect from our Trip Coordinator, Ian and our sights are now set on the Whitsunday Dreaming tour in a couple of weeks time.

I continue to get a number of queries from interested people in joining the branch basically because we are an active bunch and we may be faced with a meeting space issue again. Still, I would rather we had continuing growth than losing members.

This month we are celebrating our 10th birthday with great music and fanfare. Dress up in party gear if you so wish to add atmosphere. Those who are into cake should definitely be there. Keep an eye out for some historical memories put together by our historian, Julie. There is some great entertainment and speakers scheduled for our meetings for the rest of the year so try to come along to each of them. Christmas at the Blue Fin promises to be a great event with Fortunato revisiting us after his cruise gigs and a stint on Norfolk Island. Due to the situation in Sydney, we have cancelled the September Bellingen/Dorrigo Trip. Our Trips coordinator however has been very busy organising another option for you, see details in the "From the Trips desk" article

Our September meeting will be combined with our AGM. We still do not have nominations for the positions of Secretary and Membership. The responsibilities in these roles have been simplified greatly so speak to Mary and Linda if you are interested. Remember we cannot function without these roles being filled so please help out if you can. There is plenty of help available to assist you to settle in. All positions must be vacated and renominated for so choose who you think will do a good job and get them signed up now and back to Mary our secretary as soon as possible.

Cheers Peter



MC Positions – YOUR BRANCH NEEDS YOU

Positions with no candidates for September AGM

Branch Secretary

Please contact Mary if you have any questions regarding this position.

Branch Membership Officer

Please contact Linda if you have any questions regarding this position.

Both positions have a laptop Computer & printer supplied.

Consider giving back to your club by nominating for either of the upcoming vacancies. Support will be available from the Management Committee for anyone taking on these important positions.

Nomination forms are available from our secretary & will be available at our August Branch Meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: OUR BRANCH CANNOT FUNCTION WITHOUT THESE ROLES BEING FILLED, SO TO AVOID OUR BRANCH FROM CLOSING CONSIDER SAVING IT BY NOMINATING FOR A POSITION AT THE SEPTEMBER AGM.



**Jane Aslett
Barbara Barlow
Steve Bentley
Norah Blunden
Graham Dean
Patricia Dean
Wendy Donaldson
Pam Healy**

**Gillian Hume
Lesley Ingram
Robert McAlpine
Barry Miles
Frances Rowe
Brian Waldeck
Barry Weston**

Upcoming Events

AUGUST

Branch Meeting

DATE: **POSTPONED. New date to be decided as restrictions permit**

Our branches 10th Birthday
Entertainer – Billy Guy (Singer)

WHERE: Richlands Hotel
132 Government Road, Richlands

TIME: **Entry 9.30am**, 10am meeting starts

COST: \$6.00

Away Trip – Whitsunday Dreaming

DATE: Wednesday 11th to Tuesday 17th

COST: Fully booked

SEPTEMBER

Branch Meeting

DATE: Thursday 9th
Guest Speaker Emily Gould (Scamming)

Pay for Laidley Day Trip

WHERE: Richlands Hotel
132 Government Road, Richlands

TIME: **Entry 9.30am**, 10am meeting starts

COST: \$6.00

Away Trip – Bellingen/Dorrigo CANCELLED

DATE: Mon 20th to Thu 23rd

WHERE: Bellingen/Dorrigo

TIME: 7.30am

COST: \$750pp Double & \$930 Single

OCTOBER

Branch Meeting

DATE: Thursday 14th
Pay for Beenleigh Day Trip

WHERE: Richlands Hotel
132 Government Road, Richlands

TIME: **Entry 9.30am**, 10am meeting starts

COST: \$6.00

Day Trip – Laidley

DATE: Thursday 21st
WHERE: Laidley, Lunch at QLD National Hotel

TIME: TBA

COST: \$55pp

NOVEMBER

Branch Meeting

DATE: Thursday 11th
Guest Speaker – Everaldo Crompton
Pay for Christmas Lunch (Blue Fin)

WHERE: Richlands Hotel
132 Government Road, Richlands

TIME: **Entry 9.30am**, 10am meeting starts

COST: \$6.00

Day Trip – Beenleigh Historical Village

DATE: Friday 12th
WHERE: Beenleigh Historical Village, Lunch at Jacobs
Wells Tavern

TIME: TBA

COST: \$65pp

Lunch

Thursday 18th - Monier Hotel, 12 Midday

Please note all Meetings, activities & trips remain fluid & can change due to the Covid 19 regulations at the time.

We strongly encourage Members to pay via Internet banking or depositing payment over the counter at Heritage Bank Forest Lake.

Trips Payment

Bank Transfer & Direct Deposit

Account Name: National Seniors Australia Forest
Lake Branch Inc

Bank account details: BSB-638 070
Acc No-12471674

Please include your name & event name on the
transfer and receipt for identification.

Example – Smith1Laidley

Surname (Smith)

Number going (1)

Trip (Laidley)

EFTPOS

The Branch has a "Square card" hand held EFTPOS
machine to take payments. Members wishing to pay by
card using this method can do so at Branch Meetings.
Receipts will be emailed. Please note payment via this
method will incur a surcharge of 1.9%.

Cash or Cheques

To assist the trips desk please write on an
envelope:

Your name

Trip details

Payment amount

Dietary requirements

Seating needs

Seal your payment inside the envelope and hand into
the trips desk.

**Unless it is in an envelope as stated above the
trips table will not accept any payment.**

Full Payment will be due at the monthly meeting prior
to the trip.

Branch Refund Policy

Cancellation of an outing

The branch policy for late cancellations. Notify the
Secretary or Treasurer 48 hours beforehand. In the
case of a sudden medical emergency on the day which
cannot be prevented, the management Committee will
consider the matter with respect of a refund.

When we have to book seats on a bus or give numbers
for a booked luncheon and are still required to pay
even in the case of a cancellation by a member a refund
will not be provided. In the event of an activity/outing
being cancelled due to some unforeseen circumstance
beyond our control, eg.: storm, transport breakdown,
etc and cannot be rescheduled, members will be
refunded any monies paid.

From The Trips Desk

JULY

Well, our Christmas in July day trip to 'Woodlands of Marburg' was a roaring success even the few raindrops could not deter from the days enjoyment. The meal was of a quality fitting the ambiance of the day and the tour through the old homestead did not disappoint. We had 39 members tour on the day and I would like to thank them for their support.



AUGUST

The Branch's away trip to *the Whitsunday's* is all booked and ready to go. For the participants I have secured a bus to take us to the train at Roma Street Rail Station. Our connecting bus will depart from behind Aldi at the Forest Lake Shopping Centre at 1.45pm and those travelling should be there at least 15 minutes prior to bus departure. We wish those members a safe and happy trip to the water wonderland of *the Whitsunday islands*.

SEPTEMBER

Our much anticipated away trip to the New South Wales area of Bellingen/Dorrigo is now sadly the victim of COVID-19 for the second year running. It grieves me to report that after consultation with Allan Foster of 'Granite Highlands Maxi Tours' the Management Committee has had to cancel this away trip. It will be reviewed for a suitable date next year hopefully at a time when COVID-19 is not of concern.

*Finding places to go is becoming increasingly difficult especially for quality away trips to locations we have not ventured before. To this end I have developed a three-day two night away trip to Tewantin and Noosa. This trip focuses on the Noosa River and surrounds with two nights in a resort by the Marina. It gets into the small villages of Tewantin and Kenilworth with a splash of tourist shopping at some of our well known locations such as Hastings Street, Noosa and finishes off with a spectacular restaurant on the Maleny southern escarpment overlooking the Glasshouse Mountains. The **early projected cost** would be \$530 twin/double, Single \$80 more.*

The detailed itinerary follows.... I would like everybody to give me feedback as to whether or not you would go

if I put this into our event calendar at a date to be fixed.

Ian Horrocks

TRIPS CO-ORDINATOR

Noosa Explorer

Three Day Two Night Extravaganza

DAY ONE:

- Depart Forest Lake 8.30am
- Morning tea and tour at the Caboolture Pioneer Village
- Lunch at the Nambour RSL.
- Yandina Ginger Factory and surrounds
- Overnight at the Noosa Lakes Resort Tewantin
- Dinner at the Tewantin/ Noosa RSL

DAY TWO:

- Breakfast at the Marina Tewantin 'Pier 11' 7.30am
- Ferry down Noosa River to Noosa, commentary enroute.
- Morning tea (own expense) explore Hastings Street Shops.
- Lunch at the Noosa Surf Club (own expense).
- Return Ferry stop off at Noosaville markets and foreshore.
- Return Ferry to Noosa Lakes Resort
- Dinner at the Tewantin/ Noosa RSL

DAY THREE:

- Breakfast at the Marina Tewantin 7.30am
- Depart Tewantin, travel to Kenilworth
- Kenilworth Dairies, history & operation of cheese factory
- Morning tea and cheese tasting in Kenilworth
- Travel to Maleny. Tourist drive and lookout.
- Lunch at King Ludwigs Restaurant, Maleny escarpment.
- Return to Forest Lake approximately 4pm

Members Welfare

Do you know of any Members who are unwell, had a bereavement in the family or feeling down? Often, we are not aware so if you know of any Members, please let our Welfare Officer know. Lorraine Horrocks has kindly taken on this important role again for our club this year. You can contact her on 0409275016.

Newsletter, Agendas & Minutes of previous meetings

Email Members will be sent these in the pre-meeting email, **please print out & bring them with you if you wish to have a copy at the branch meetings**

Non-Email Members will have a copy of the newsletter reserved for them for pick up at the entry desk. The Newsletter is available to read on our website

(nationalseniors.com.au/getinvolved/branches/)

forest-lake) & also on our Facebook group page "Forest Lake Branch National Seniors Australia Group" If you are on Facebook go to the Branch Facebook Page (**Forest Lake National Seniors Australia**) and click on "join Group"

Laughter is the best medicine

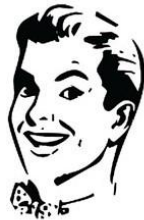
A truck loaded with Vicks VapoRub overturned on the highway.

Amazingly, there was no congestion for eight hours.











Department of health is looking to hire couples married for 7 years or more to educate people on social distancing.

Four men are in the hospital waiting room because their wives are having babies. * A nurse goes up to the first guy and says, "Congratulations! You're the father of twins." * "That's odd," replies the man. "I work for the Minnesota Twins!" * A nurse says to the second guy, "Congratulations! You're the father of triplets!" * "That's weird," says the second man. "I work for the 3M company!" * A nurse tells the third man, "Congratulations! You're the father of quadruplets!" * "That's strange," he responds. "I work for the Four Seasons hotel!" * The last man is groaning and banging his head against the wall. * "What's wrong?" the others ask. * "I work for 7-Eleven!"



WHEN!

	When it's difficult to find your way And melancholy invades your day Just share some time with a friend And your melancholy soon will end	
	When happy moments are hard to find Just open a window in your mind And bring forth memories now and then To help reignite your happiness again	
	When feeling saddened and really down When all you can muster is a sullen frown Play your favourite music to lift your spirits A happy melody with your favourite lyrics	
	When waking hours are filled with dread And you feel anxious for the days ahead Picture an image of a baby's laughing face And your worries soon will disperse in space	
<p>These four simple things never fail me So I hope they will render you worry free</p>		

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- President - Peter Dunell 0404829518
- Vice President - Lyn Martin..... 0409879329
- Secretary – Mary Cottam..... 0403006758
- Treasurer - Colin Court..... 0426863506
- Membership - Linda Bird..... 0737149708
- Trips Coordinator – Ian Horrocks..... 0409275016



Justice of the Peace: If anyone requires a JP, Mary Cottam would be happy to provide this service after our monthly meeting, or privately in your home. Just call Mary on 0403006758 to advise what it is you would like witnessed.

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