

National Seniors Here's the News

Australia

Calamvale Branch Inc.

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To all our Guests and Visitors

President's Message

Good Morning and a Happy New Year to all our members and visitors to our first meeting for 2021. Last year was a challenging year with the Corona Virus restrictions, but I hope we are going to have a lot better year in 2021, as the Virus vaccination is rolled out to the population. We are so lucky that we live in Australia where the effect of the Corona Virus has not been anywhere near as devastating as in other Countries around the world.

I am also very happy that we have now been able to revert to our Member's meetings being held on the first Wednesday of the month as we were prior to the Corona Virus starting in 2020. This fits in better with our other activities especially the monthly Monday Night dinners, the Sausage Sizzle and the Bus Trips. Sorry Garden Club members, you will have to choose a day other than Wednesdays to meet.

National Anthem. As declared by the Australian Government we will now sing that we are **One and Free, not Young as Free** as previously.

Bring and Buy December. Our Bring and Buy was held at our December members meeting. It was a great success with the stall holders reporting excellent sales. As it was in December, members took the chance to purchase a few goodies for Christmas presents.

Christmas Party. The Christmas party at the Greenbank RSL was a great success. The staff at the RSL looked after us with the smorgasbord lunch and we were then entertained in the lounge area by Grant Daniels until about 3:30 in the afternoon. The raffles were drawn and some wonderful prizes were won. Linda Ganter said she wanted to win the Brisbane Monopoly board game donated by our Calamvale Councillor, Angela Owen. This was the last item drawn, and guess what, Linda won it. **No, it wasn't rigged.**

Bus Trips. Pat Wilson has been busy over the break and he has a full agenda for 2021. These trips look excellent and I would encourage everyone to come along and enjoy some great days out. Just a reminder the cost of Bus Trips will increase to \$50.00 per person from the March trip onwards. Cont.

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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 selling tickets today and at the March and April meetings. The tickets are \$5 each.

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 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

DID YOU KNOW

While at school, Princess Diana was a prize-winning guinea pig enthusiast.



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Hi everyone.

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all. Over the holidays Pat has been busy organising some amazing trips for the year, and Gay has some exciting Guest Speakers and Entertainers lined up for us as well. So we all have a lot to look forward to in 2021, after a lousy 2020.

I too am looking forward to a year of fun. More than half of my 2020 was spent in lockdown, so I am going to lap up my freedom. Last week I had my second cataract done, and all is going well. I won't know myself with two good eyes.

I am also looking forward to another year as editor of your newsletter. If at any time you would like to contribute to the newsletter with a story, joke, recipe, photo or an item for the classifieds page, please do so. I would love to receive them.

Just a reminder when sending a submission in, that I have to receive it by the Monday before the Committee meeting. Please send it by email, and not PDF, text message or Messenger. My email is mrregalauthor@gmail.com

I hope you all have a wonderful year and enjoy all the activities and adventures that have been planned for our Calamvale Branch for 2021

*Till next time
Be happy, keep smiling*

Gwen





BUS TRIPS

February/March/April

Wednesday 17th February 2021

White Ridge Farm, Elimbah.

Bus departs Drakes at Parkinson at 7.30am and onto Elizabeth St shopping centre at Acacia Ridge at 7.45am. Will be having morning tea in the barn at White Ridge Farm and after morning tea will be walking around and feeding the various animals and going for a cart ride.

Departing White Ridge Farm around 12.15pm to the Club Tavern. Departing the Club Tavern at 2.00pm for the return trip. **Cost for this trip is \$45.00/p.**

Cost of bus trips as of the 17th March 2021 will be \$50.00/p

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

Always wear your seat belt

I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked!

As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5 year old shout from the back, "Mom! That lady isn't wearing a seat belt!"

Wednesday 21st April 2021

St. Helena Island Cruise.

Bus departs Drakes at Parkinson at 7.30am and Acacia Ridge at 7.45pm. Travel to Manly and board twin hull boat to St. Helena Island. Bring something to drink and chew on, for trip over to St.

Helena. Food and drinks can be purchased on board. Picnic lunch will be served on the Island. Please advise Pat (Tour Co-Ordinator) of any dietary requirements. Please wear good walking shoes as there is a small amount (3k) of walking to be done. Return to Brisbane around 2.15pm from Manly. BYO morning tea. Cost \$50.00p/p.

BUS TRIPS

2021

18th May

Roma Street Gardens

15th June

Awasssi Cheesy, Gatton

21st July

Brisbane River Cruise, Southbank

August

(day & date to be advised)

Twin Towns

15th September

Mystery Tour of Redland Bay

20th October

Artvo, Robina Shopping Town

17th November

Eumundi Markets, Eumundi

Grandson's Birthday Wishes

My young grandson called the other day to wish me a Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 62. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY

Margaret Stebbings

Kerry Johnson

Elaine Turnbull

Caterina (Rina) Moiola

Maxwell Sneesby

Judy Hinson

Phil Giles

John Butchard

John Lewis

Lynda Reese



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Today's GUEST SPEAKER

Sharyn Merkley

from

The Genealogical Society of Queensland

Sharon has presented at our branch previously in 2019. It was a fascinating presentation, so we have invited her back as many members enjoyed the last one.

Today Sharon will be presenting a talk about the "Great Fire of Brisbane" in 1864, in relation to genealogy.

National Seniors Resources

Some of the services we can help connect you to include -

- **Older Persons Advocacy Network (OPAN)** - free services support older people and their representatives to address issues related to Commonwealth funded aged care services
- **Community Visitor Scheme** - visitors for anyone receiving government-subsidised residential aged care or Home Care Packages
- **My aged care** - For assistance with food and essentials and assistance around the house and garden

You are also welcome to call us on **1300 887 626**.

Or email

Rose Blair

covid-19support@nationalseniors.com.au

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



PHOTO GALLERY



Madonna's birthday, at Café Parkinson on 14th January, six ladies attended.



Betty & Gloria's birthday celebration. It was a fun day with much chatter & laughter.



THE PHOTO BOOTH GUYS

Taken at the end of year party at HeartFIT.



Doug and Lila on the dance floor at our Xmas Party at Greenbank RSL

If you have a photo you would like to share, of something you have done or somewhere you have been, we would love to put it in the Photo Gallery. Ed



Born and Bred

A vintage English cricket story tells how a defeated side in a village knock-out championship challenged the



qualifications of one of its opponents, doubting if he had played his eight qualifying games.

Back came a letter from the secretary of the allegedly offending club.

“This young man has played for us every Sunday since he left school at the age of 16. For five years before that, he was our official scorer, which takes him back to 11. For five years before that, he was the boy who put the numbers up on the scoreboard, which takes him back to 6, and if you want to go back further than that (and I am now writing not as club secretary but as the father of the boy concerned) he was conceived in the pavilion.”

Penguin Story

A cop pulled over a car containing 20 penguins and told the driver to take them to the zoo where they belonged. Next day the same car, same 20 penguins, same cop. *“I told you to take them to the zoo.”*



“I did.” Replied the driver. *“Today I’m taking them to the movies.”*

Remember this?

“Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pie on the window sill to cool! Her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw.”

Why I Value Women over 40

A woman over 40 will never wake you in the middle of the night and ask you what you’re thinking. She doesn’t care what you think. Women get psychic as they age. You never have to confess your sins to a woman over 40.



Older women are forthright and honest. They’ll tell you right off if you’re a jerk. You don’t have to wonder where you stand with her. We praise women over 40 for a multitude of reasons. Unfortunately it’s not reciprocal.

For every stunning, smart. Well groomed, hot woman over 40, there’s a bald, paunchy relic in yellow pants making a fool of himself with some 22 year old waitress.

Nowadays, women are against marriage, because they realize it’s not worth buying an entire pig just to get a little sausage.

Language Barrier

A Russian woman married an English gentleman and they lived happily ever after. She had problems with English and managed to communicate with her husband but she had trouble when shopping.



Wanting chicken legs at the butcher’s but unable to say so, in desperation she clucked like a chicken and lifted her skirt to show her thighs. The butcher got the message and she got her chicken thighs.

Next day she wanted chicken breasts, and had to display her breasts to make the butcher understand. Later, she wanted sausages, and took her husband along. (Now! Come ON!) What on earth were you thinking? Her husband speaks English!

Remember

She who cheats on her diet always gains in the end.

EVENTS CALENDAR

February

3rd General Meeting
8th Social Night Out
10th Sausage Sizzle
12th Quilting Morning
17th Bus Trip
22nd Craft Making
24th Committee Meeting
25th Ladies Lunch
Every Thursday – Men's Cuppa



FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE 10th February

Social get-together for all NSA members

Hosts – John & Sue Butchard

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 February

For more detail's
Ph Wendy Foster
0410 665 802



Quilting Morning

Friday 12th February

185 Ridgewood Rd. Algester.
9am-12pm

No need to bring anything.
Come and join us for a cuppa.
Phone Rosemary 3172 0125

Social Night Out

Monday 8th February

IL CASTELLO PIZZERIA
Cnr Hellawell & Jackson Rds
Sunnybank Hills

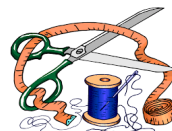
Meet at 6pm Dine at 6.30pm

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 22nd February 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

24th February

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

3273 5953



Garden Club

Do you have a green thumb or like to have one. Come along and share your love of gardening with the newly founded Garden Club.

For more information
Ph Lyn Wilson
0404 483 785



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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).



BUS TRIP

17th February

White Ridge Farm, Elimbah

Departs – Drakes 7.30 A/Ridge 7.45am

Please be at pick-up area 10 minutes before departure

NOTE!! Bus Trips to be paid in full at the general meeting in the month of the trip. As of 17th March, cost of bus trips will be \$50.00p/p

Please bring your own cup

Phone Pat Wilson 0417 493 785

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 3rd February

Doors open 9.15. Meeting starts 10.00am

Our Guest Speaker is
Sharyn Merkle from
The Genealogical Society of
Queensland

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

Paula to update at 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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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 SPEAKER for March

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)

A Smile on your face is a wrinkle that should never be removed.

Happiness is like a kiss; you must **share** it to have it.

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

August

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

February 2021							March
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
1	2	3 Branch Meeting Doors open 9.15am for 10.00am start	4 Men's Morning Cuppa at Jo's Café. (next to Aldi) 10am Ph John 0438 532 538 Every Thursday	5	6	7	
8 Social Night Out For members and their friends 6pm for 6.30pm start Put name down with Lyn Wilson 0404 483 785	9	10 Sausage Sizzle NSA Members 11am onwards Calamvale Community Park Off Ormskirk St	11 Men's Morning Cuppa at Jo's Café. (next to Aldi) 10am Ph John 0438 532 538 Every Thursday	12 Quilting Morning 185 Ridgewood Rd Algester 9am -12pm Ph Rosemary 3172 0125	13	14	
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