



FOREST LAKE BRANCH OF

National Seniors

Australia

SENIORS SCOOP NEWSLETTER

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Editor: Julie Baldwin

**Good Morning Members and Visitors.
Welcome to the September Meeting**

**It's great to have you here
\$6 entry fee covers morning tea**

**HELLO SPRING WONDERFUL TIME OF THE
YEAR**



Today's Meeting is followed by Morning Tea, AGM and Guest Speaker, Author Nick Earls

Nick Earls. Nicholas Francis Ward Earls is a novelist from Brisbane, who writes humorous popular fiction about everyday life. The majority of his novels are set in his home town of Brisbane, which has given him a high local profile. He fronted a major Brisbane tourism campaign.

Born: 8 October 1963 (age 55 years), Newtownards, United Kingdom

Movies: 48 Shades, Just a Father

Awards: Independent Publisher Book Award for Best Adult Fiction E-Book

Education: The University of Queensland, Anglican Church Grammar School (Churchie)

Nick Earls is the author of numerous books, including the bestselling novels *Zigzag Street*, *Bachelor Kisses*, *Perfect Skin* and *World of Chickens*. His work has been published internationally in English and in translation, and has won awards in the UK and Australia. Five of his novels have been adapted into plays and two into feature films. He was the founding chair of the Australian arm of the international aid agency War Child and is now a War Child ambassador. Most recently, his five loosely connected *Wisdom Tree* novellas, *Gotham*, *Venice*, *Vancouver*, *Juneau* and *NoHo* have been described as "triumphant and extraordinary".

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CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS

**"HELP NEEDED" YOUR SKILLS, EXPERIENCE
AND DESIRE TO BE INVOLVED ARE JUST
WHAT OUR BRANCH NEEDS
PLEASE CONSIDER ADDING YOUR NAME TO
THE BRANCH VOLUNTEERS LIST TODAY**

Message from the President

**I DO HOPE YOU ENJOYED THE STUDENT PERFORMANCES
LAST MONTH**



This is my last message as President. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with the Branch and confidently leave the position in the capable hands of Peter Dunell. Please show him all the same wonderful support I received. **Best Wishes, Dan**

COME ON LET'S ALL BE GREETERS

GREETERS welcome any visitors to our meetings. Volunteer to be part of our **"BUDDY SYSTEM"** helping to make the visitors feel welcome. The smiley face blue card placed on a table indicates a visitor is welcome to join that table. Please make them welcome.

Do you know of any Members who are unwell?

To our members who have been unwell or recovering from surgery, we wish you a return to good health. Often we do not know so if you know of any members who are ill, please call 32712772 or 32787274 and leave a message if out.



Spectacular September Birthdays

Best wishes are extended to all our valued members who celebrate a birthday in September. We hope you have a wonderful day. Good luck in the birthday draw.

2019 Suggestion/Feedback box is available each meeting.

What's on Today?

PRIZES, PRIZES, PRIZES - Fantastic prizes (\$50 1st Prize, \$25 2nd Prize) so make sure you have your "Lucky Tickets" for the draw. See Barry for tickets.

WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY:

PAYMENT TODAY

SATURDAY 21 Sept TOOWOOMBA CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS - \$60

FRIDAY OCT 18 KOOKABURRA QUEEN CRUISE - HIGH TEA - \$50 PAY EITHER TODAY OR OCTOBER BRANCH MEETING

EOI Melbourne Cup for Buffet at the Blue Fin - \$39 members \$49 non members.

Justice of the Peace - If you have any documents requiring a JP to witness please contact our Committee Member, Mary Cottam JP(Qual) on 0403006758.

RECENT EVENTS 2019 :

2019 - August 8th Birthday - "It's all about Barry"



Fraser Island Travellers heading off on their 4WD trip



Prize winning doll beautifully dressed by Pam Healy - Owner - Jenny Schonfisch



Seniors Week Celebrations At The Lake



Trips Calendar 2019 - something for everyone!

The Management Committee encourage you to show your support of these opportunities to have an enjoyable time.



EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK

REMINDER: Please place your name, full cost and trip details, special dietary and/or seating needs on an envelope, seal your payment inside the envelope and hand it to the trips table. **In 2019, the trips desk will not accept any payment unless it is in an envelope as stated above.** Full payment will be collected at the monthly meeting before the trip. where possible, the approximate cost of a trip is included on the calendar or will appear on the trips desk posters.

PLEASE HELP - WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO PAY

for trips and outings via direct deposit or bank transfer the Branch Account details are Heritage Bank, Forest Lake - Account name: National Seniors Australia Forest Lake Branch Inc A/c No.

12471674 BSB 638 070. Please include your name & event name on the transfer for identification and receipt. eg BaldwinXmas. Let the trips desk volunteers know.

BRANCH REFUND POLICY

Cancellation of an outing:

The branch policy for late cancellations

Notify the Secretary 32787274 or the 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, e.g. storm, transport breakdown, etc. and cannot be rescheduled, members will be refunded any monies paid.

Trips Request: Members and guests travelling on bus outings are kindly asked to leave the first two rows of seats on either side of the bus for people with difficulties and/or Committee person/persons. Generally, the seats required will have "reserved" signs placed on them. *If you have special seating or food needs, eg gluten free, please let us know when you are booking and paying for your trip.*

What's Coming Up for SEPT, OCT, NOV & DEC

SEPTEMBER

Sept 12 - Branch Meeting/AGM & Guest Speaker

Sept 13 - LEC "Pictures- Songs from Movie Musicals"

SATURDAY Sept 21 -Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers

OCTOBER

Oct 10 - Branch meeting

Oct 18 (FRIDAY) - High Tea on the Kookaburra Queen

NOVEMBER

Nov 5 - Melbourne Cup

Nov 14 - Branch Meeting RACQ presentation

DECEMBER

Dec 12 - Thursday Christmas Lunch @ The Lion plus Entertainment

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

Forest Lake Movies & Theatre Group 2019

Give your contact details to Ros if you would like to join us. Ros will let everyone know when the next movie outing is scheduled. **We go to Orion Cinemas at Springfield Lakes. Tickets are cheaper if you have a Cinebuzz Seniors Card.**
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Logan Entertainment Centre - Barry will keep us up to date.

EMAIL FROM MARY COTTAM

Hello Everyone,

Prior to the Zone Conference last May expressions of interest were sought to fill the roles of Zone Chair & Secretary, none were forth coming. As I had at that time made commitments to chair a number of Branch AGMs, I continued to fill the role and I thought that I would do this until the next Zone meeting in September, but for a number of reasons it is time for me to advise you now that I can no longer fill the role of Zone Chair.

I have very much enjoyed being involved in the Zone as I have met some really lovely people and I have also learnt a great deal about National Seniors in terms of how the organisation strives

to improve life for senior Australians with the advocacy and research work it undertakes. I do hope my contributions have been helpful and useful. I certainly hope that someone will take up the role.

My home is currently on the market and I anticipate moving in the next few months, I also have some current health matters to overcome, so it is time for me to refresh, recharge and move on.

I would like to thank Kristie and Sandra, for the very professional and excellent support they have provided. I must also thank and highlight the excellent efforts of Lyn Martin who as Zone Secretary has taken the minutes at each Zone meeting, attended many Branch meetings with me and made significant contributions to the organisation of the Zone Conferences we held at Browns Plains and Calamvale. Lyn is a great contributor to her local Branch and with her involvement there will not continue as Zone Secretary.

My very best wishes to everyone,

Kind Regards,

Mary Cottam

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR NEW NEWSLETTER SPONSOR



Located in the Forest Lake Shopping Centre



Friday's Craft Days

Forest Lake Community House, 3 Alpine Place, Forest Lake. Fridays 9am - 12 noon. \$5 entry includes morning tea and a lucky door prize. The group carries insurance. Contact Wendy on 0406 063 585.

Crochet & Knitting Group

Meet Thursday's 9-12 Uniting Church 528 Waterford Road Ellen Grove



For all your banking & home loan enquiries, please contact **THE GREAT TEAM**, at Heritage Forest Lake on (07) 37149399 - LOCATED IN FOREST LAKE SHOPPING CENTRE OPPOSITE ALDI

The Branch Bank Account is with Heritage Community Bank, Forest Lake. Through Forest Lake One Community our Branch have been recipients of a number of grants to help with the success of our Branch. **REMEMBER TO TELL YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS ABOUT THIS WONDERFUL COMMUNITY BANK**

MEMBER PROFILE ROEBYNE BIRTLES

I was born in Sydney, NSW and spent a large part of my life in city and rural areas of NSW.

As a teacher I worked in schools in some of the poorest and sometimes challenging areas of Sydney's west. My stint in a small country town northwest of Coffs Harbour was a

wonderful way to end my teaching career.

When I came to Brisbane, I entered the challenging world of real estate which gave me the best of opportunities to meet the locals and become part of a community.

Now retired (sort-of) I am enjoying my garden, my pets and travelling which I discovered when I was invited to go to Thailand with friends in 2015. Now truly bitten by the travel bug, I have been to Japan last year and I am off to France this year. I also enjoy being part of the local Forest Lake community, having good times together.

Thank you Roebayne for sharing your story with us. We know what you mean about being bitten by the travel bug.

Our Website

We appreciate the updating of our Website by Linda Bird. Please take the time yourself to access the useful links available on our website. Invite your friends to view our wonderful, informative website at

www.forestlakenationalseniors.org.au/

Did you know you can also access National Seniors Australia on Facebook? It's a great way to keep up-to-date.

Please also take the time to access the National Seniors Website. It is very simple to navigate. The drop down menus are excellent. There's lots of interesting things to read and keep yourself up to date. There's a world of membership benefits awaiting.

Remember to look out for the quarterly PAM reports from NS Chief Advocate, Ian Henschke on the National Seniors Website.

Apologies - Members wishing to submit their apologies can contact Secretary Julie 32787274, leave a message if out, or email nsaforestlakesec@gmail.com

Meeting Venue

Branch Meetings are held at the The Lion, 133 Pine Road Richlands on the 2nd Thursday of the month. No meetings held in December & January. Sign in 10am for a 10:30am start.

Committee Members 2018-19

Dan Baldwin: President/Guest Speaker-Fund raising Co-ordinator/Zone Delegate/Policy Officer

Peter Dunell: Vice-President/Zone Delegate/Interim Trips Co-ordinator/Training/Health & Safety Co-ordinator

Colin Court: Treasurer

Julie Baldwin: Secretary, Publicity

Linda Bird: Membership Officer, Treasurer Assistant

Margaret Taylor: Provide/Hospitality, support to Treasurer & Membership Officer, Trips & Activities

Mary Cottam: Special Events Co-ordinator, Zone & HO liaison, raffles co-ordinator assistant

Barry Weston: Raffles & Entertainment Co-ordinator

Ros Dunell: Treasurer's Assistant, trips, raffles, provide

Vera Somerwil: Welfare Officer, PAG liaison officer, Community Engagement Officer, Branch Meeting Guest Speaker Host/Co-ordinator, Trips/Special Events

Lyn Martin: Meeting Greeter, Trips, tours

Barry Miles - Assistant Activities/Events/Tours/Safety Officer

Linda Bird: Webmaster

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**SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL THE
VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE BEEN A GREAT
HELP TODAY**

**I always knew
I'd get old. How
fast it happened
was a bit of a
surprise, though.**



SEE YOU ALL NEXT MONTH (OCTOBER)



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