

**DIARY DATE CLAIMERS:** All bookings/queries/payments please see John C.

**March 26 BUS TRIP:** Purling Brook Falls & Springbrook.....\$45  
Morning Tea incl. Lunch at own expense. A booking will be made at The Springbrook Café.

**May 28 AUTUMN BUS TRIP:** Interesting sights around Brisbane.....Details TBC

**July 23 CHRISTMAS IN JULY:** Cunungra & Scenic Rim.....Details TBC

**September 24 SPRING BUS TRIP:** Summerland Camel Farm at Harrisville.....Details TBC

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** All correspondence please email: [nsachernside@outlook.com](mailto:nsachernside@outlook.com)

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#### **VENUE REMINDERS:**

\* If the main doors are closed, enter via the Newman Rd entrance of The Cove Kitchen & Bar.

\* **MEETING PARKING:** Car park entry off Newman Rd.

\* **BUS TRIP PARKING:** Carpark in Collings St adjacent to the trainline.

\* **BUS PICK UPS:** Wait at the BCC bus shelter on Newman Rd opposite the club carpark entry.

**Please bring a container if you'd like to take home any leftover morning tea scones or slices.**

#### **LORD MAYOR'S CITY HALL CONCERTS: FREE From 12 – 1pm Every Tuesday**

Full Details: of performances: <https://tinyurl.com/LMConcerts> OR [www.brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au)

**FEB 24 Echoes of Cirque**

**MAR 3 Marina Vern Sextet**

**MAR 10 Rocus Big Band**

**MAR 17 Australian Army Band**

**MAR 24 Play it Again Sam: A Human Journey**

**MAR 24 1:15pm ORGAN RECITAL**

**MAR 31 From Handel to Hollywood**



#### **GENERAL REMINDERS:**

**Check your NSA Membership validity and renewal dates and renew if required. If unsure, please see Jeanette Daff (Membership).**

For group verification and to claim any NSA Discount when ordering lunch, drinks etc, PLEASE wear your NSA name badge on all outings.

To order and purchase a badge, please see Sue Webster (Treasurer).

For payment of an event, please do **ONE** of the following ASAP:

**1. CASH:** Correct money placed in an envelope with:  
**Your Name – Event & Date – Amount enclosed**  
Please give the envelope to John C (Tours) who will issue a receipt.  
.....OR.....

**2. BANK TRANSFER:** Please record your name in the "details section" of the transfer.

**Acct Name:** National Seniors Chermide  
**BSB No:** 084150 **Acct Number:** 047984369

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For lunch reservations, please put your name in the exercise book at the Social meeting or contact **Karlotta**, our **Activities Co-ordinator**, before the date of the lunch.

If you're aware of a member who is unwell, please let **Jenny Tidey OAM** know immediately, so that she can contact them.

For apologies, if you're unable to attend a meeting and if your contact or address details have changed, please let **Jeanette Daff** our **Membership Officer** know ASAP.

If you have info for the Newsletter, feedback and/or need a lift to the meeting or to any of the social outings, including the bus trips, please let **Alayne Brown** our **Public Relations Officer** know, to help with any arrangements.

**NSA Our Generation Magazine:** <https://nationalseniors.com.au/news/>

**TRIVIA ANSWERS:** 1. Amphibians 2. Alaska  
3. Nile River (6650km) 4. Neil Armstrong.  
20/07/1969..5. Kneecap 6. Go / Free parking/ Jail/ Go to jail 7. Payload 8. Vietnamese Dong 9. Two 10. Yellow 11. Migrate 12. Telephone 13. Skin 14. Vodka Martini. Shaken, not stirred. 15. Vatican City

# National Seniors AUSTRALIA

**CHERMSIDE BRANCH:** PO Box 2073, Chermide Qld. 4032

**Web Page:** [nationalseniors.com.au/get-involved/branches/Chermide](http://nationalseniors.com.au/get-involved/branches/Chermide).

**Venue:** Geebung RSL, Newman Room, 323 Newman Rd, Geebung.



## NEWSLETTER February 19, 2026

Good Morning Members & Guests

Hope you're all well. A reminder to please continue to be diligent and *Scam-aware*. Every day we seem to hear of someone who has been scammed – it is a constant battle. Don't answer or just hang up on unknown callers, don't open the door or engage with the door-to-door salesperson and don't open or reply to that email or link.

Have you had a look at the new 'My Aged Care' website? Please check it out ASAP and register NOW for an assessment as there is a 12 month waiting list! It's not an "IF", but "WHEN" you will require help in the future - this may be much earlier that you think or even plan. Get in the system, before the rules change again.

Look out for the poster going around today, for the Community Assistance Day. This event will be held at the Chermide Kedron Community Church Hall (Cnr Gympie & Rode Rds, Chermide) on February 24 from 9 am to 3 pm. Various support organisations including Utility providers, the Energy & Water Ombudsman and an officer from the Qld. Govt. Office of Fair Trading will attend and chat, listen and help you find support for things ie. overdue bills, gas/electricity/water issues, legal issues, phone & internet services etc. Remember to bring along questions, lists, paperwork and the bills you'd like help with. You can even chat to a real person!!

Take care.

Barbara Coleman

President

*TIP: Go to [myagedcare.gov.au/my-guide](http://myagedcare.gov.au/my-guide). This will open your Dashboard and give you a unique link which will make it easier to access and return to your saved info.*

#### **TODAY'S SOCIAL MEETING & MORNING TEA** (Mobile phones off/on silent please).

**Our Guest Speaker is:** Mike Gilmour, President of The Queensland Wattle Association.

**NOTE:** Karlotta has made a lunch booking **downstairs at The Cove Kitchen & Bar** after today's meeting. If you'd like to stay on for a meal, chat or just a coffee, you're most welcome to join.

#### **TIP OF THE MONTH: HOME FIRE SAFETY**

With the start of the year, and many unexplained house fires in Brisbane lately, it's a good time to review and/or plan a fire safety audit of your home. Primary areas of focus should include:

- 1. Smoke alarms:** Check that they are compliant, working and located in the correct areas.
- 2. The Switchboard:** If your house is over 20yrs old or still uses fuse wire, your switchboard may not be equipped for today's demands, where technology, air con, health and lifestyle equipment charging and usage, are now common. If you've noticed flickering lights, tripping power or regular outages, it may be time to get this looked at.
- 3. A Safety switch:** Check that there is one installed. This will automatically trip and cut the power if there is a fault and show you which area/appliance the fault is in, thus preventing electric shock or even a fire.
- 4. An Evacuation Plan:** Ensure all members of your household know what to do and have practised. This also needs to be updated depending on levels of agility and/or dependency on walkers etc. For those who rely on hearing aids there is assistive technology available to enable you to still hear the alarm siren, using vibration/amplification.

**\*\*Ensure that ALL inspections and electrical work is done by a QBCC Licensed Electrician.**



#### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:**

Del Hodge 6<sup>th</sup> (89), Catherine Kent 8<sup>th</sup> (83), Brenda Dimmock 27<sup>th</sup> (83)

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**



## NOTES FROM THE LAST MEETING:

- ❖ **Attendance:** 48 Members; **Apologies received:** 8.
- ❖ Our first meeting for the year provided some light-hearted entertainment, with members bringing along baby or old photos of themselves. These were displayed one by one on the screen and everyone had fun trying to guess who was who. While a few were easy to recognise, most proved quite challenging. Even those members who have known each other for years discovered something new, as they saw their friends as they once were. It was an enjoyable and relaxing start to the new year.

## OTHER NOTES:

- Thank you to those members who generously donate stamps for the Committee to use for member mailouts and correspondence. Some of you donate your Concession card booklets as well, which is also appreciated. For your information: In addition to general Committee correspondence (where email doesn't suffice), Jeanette averages 12 newsletter mailouts to absent members following each meeting and Jenny posts out member Birthday, "Get well" and "Thinking of You" cards each month...that's a lot of stamps!
- If you have a Federal Government concession card (ie Health care, Pension or Senior's card etc), you're eligible to apply for Concession stamps from Aust Post for 60c each (sold in booklets of 5 for \$3). A normal stamp now costs \$1.70. Holders are allowed to purchase up to 50 discounted stamps/year (10 booklets) @ \$30 (saving \$55), plus a free initial booklet of 5 stamps.
- If you're interested in obtaining discounted stamps, but don't have an Aust Post account & card, we have some application forms, which we can help you fill in and submit. Please see Alayne.
- For those who purchased the Lemon or Lime Butter at our Bring & Buy stalls: Please return the clean empty jars when you've finished, so that we can return them to Keith Boucher to re-use and cut down on his costs. Thanks.
- **We URGENTLY require someone to please step up and help your Committee by taking on the role of organising the Guest Speakers.** Vicki has been looking after this position in addition to her demanding role as Secretary, but will not continue. Bookings have been made for speakers up to our AGM in August. Please consider. If you all would like to continue with visits by guest speakers, we need someone else to do this job. Vicki will be available to help with the transition and has a list of contacts for future events.

## SOCIAL MEETINGS, MORNING TEAS & LUNCHES

<b>February 26</b>	<b>11.30am LUNCH</b>	Pine Rivers Bowls Club, 11 Sparkes Rd, Bray Park
<b>March 5</b>	<b>COMMITTEE MEETING</b>	Geebung RSL (12pm lunch prior)
<b>March 12</b>	<b>11.30am LUNCH</b>	The Warner Tavern, 2 Everest St, Warner
<b>March 19</b>	<b>SOCIAL MEETING</b>	<b>Morning Tea &amp; Lucky door ticket.....\$10</b>
<b>9.30am for 10am Start</b>	<i>Guest Speaker: Richard Kinnon from Outback Pioneers Tours</i>	
<b>March 26</b>	<b>BUS TRIP</b>	<b>Purling Brook Falls &amp; Springbrook.....\$45</b>
<b>8.30 for 8.45am Departure</b>	Morning Tea incl. Lunch at own expense	
<b>April 2</b>	<b>COMMITTEE MEETING</b>	Geebung RSL (12pm lunch prior)
<b>April 9</b>	<b>11.30am LUNCH</b>	Aspley Hornets, 50 Graham Rd, Carseldine
<b>April 16</b>	<b>SOCIAL MEETING</b>	<b>Morning Tea &amp; Lucky door ticket.....\$10</b>
<b>9.30am for 10am Start</b>	<i>Guest Speaker: Anzac Day – Details TBC</i>	
<b>April 23</b>	<b>11.30am LUNCH</b>	Lawnton Tavern, 820 Gympie Rd, Lawnton
<b>April 30</b>	<b>10am MORNING TEA</b>	Sandgate Foreshore, opposite Doug's Seafood.
	Grab a coffee, bring morning tea, have a stroll and a chat. (Weather permitting) Stay on for lunch at Doug's Seafood Café, 50 Flinders Parade.	

**NEWS ITEM:** The Federal Govt has recently launched a fully bulk-billed 24/7 health advice hotline – **1800 MEDICARE (1800 633 422)**. It's especially helpful for locals who can't immediately access help or get to a medical centre. You can call this number any time of the day or night to receive professional, confidential health advice from a Registered Nurse. All you need is your Medicare card.



**A nervous first time cruise passenger asked the Captain, "Do ships like this sink very often?" "No," replied the Captain. "Usually only once!"**

Paper & Printing courtesy of Jimmy Sullivan MP, Member for Stafford & his Staff

## BRILLIANT ANAGRAMS

*Someone must be "deadly" at Scrabble*

### PRESBYTERIAN :

When you rearrange the letters:  
**BEST IN PRAYER**

### DESPERATION:

When you rearrange the letters:  
**A ROPE ENDS IT**

### ASTRONOMER:

When you rearrange the letters:  
**MOON STARER**

### THE EYES:

When you rearrange the letters:  
**THEY SEE**

### THE MORSE CODE :

When you rearrange the letters:  
**HERE COME DOTS**

### DORMITORY:

When you rearrange the letters:  
**DIRTY ROOM**

### SLOT MACHINES:

When you rearrange the letters:  
**CASH LOST IN ME**

### ANIMOSITY:

When you rearrange the letters:  
**IS NO AMITY**

### ELECTION RESULTS:

When you rearrange the letters:  
**LIES - LET'S RECOUNT**

### SNOOZE ALARMS:

When you rearrange the letters:  
**ALAS! NO MORE Z 'S**

### A DECIMAL POINT:

When you rearrange the letters:  
**I'M A DOT IN PLACE**

### THE EARTHQUAKES:

When you rearrange the letters:  
**THAT QUEER SHAKE**

### ELEVEN PLUS TWO:

When you rearrange the letters:  
**TWELVE PLUS ONE**

### MOTHER-IN-LAW:

When you rearrange the letters:  
**WOMAN HITLER**

## BRITISH HUMOUR IS DIFFERENT

*These are classified ads, which were actually placed in UK Newspapers*

### FREE YORKSHIRE TERRIER.

8 years old,  
Hateful little bastard.  
Bites!



### FREE PUPPIES.

Mother is a Kennel Club registered German Shepherd. Father is a Super Dog, able to leap tall fences in a single bound.

### FREE PUPPIES

½ Cocker Spaniel, ½ sneaky neighbour's dog

### COWS, CALVES: NEVER BRED

Also 1 gay bull for sale

### JOINING NUDIST COLONY

Must sell washer & dryer £100

### FOR SALE BY OWNER

Complete set of Encyclopaedia Britannica, 45 volumes.  
Excellent condition, £200 or best offer.  
No longer needed, got married.  
Wife knows everything.

### WEDDING DRESS FOR SALE.

Worn once by mistake.  
Call Stephanie.

### Statement of the Century

Thought from the Greatest Living Scottish Thinker - Billy Connolly,  
"If women are so bloody perfect at multi-tasking, how come they can't have a headache and have sex at the same time?"

## GENERAL TRIVIA

1. What type of creature generally lives on land, but starts life in water?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What US state was purchased from Russia in 1867?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the longest river in the world?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Who was the first man to step on the moon? What year?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Which bone are babies born without?  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What is written on the corner spaces of a game of Monopoly?  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. What is the cargo of a spacecraft called?  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. What is the currency of Vietnam?  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. How many of Henry VIII's wives were called Catherine?  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. What colour are Topaz?  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. What do many types of birds ie geese do before it gets colder?  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. Which invention was patented in the US on Valentine's Day 1876?  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. What is your body's largest organ?  
\_\_\_\_\_
14. What's James Bond's favourite cocktail? How did he like it served?  
\_\_\_\_\_
15. What is the smallest country in the world?  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Remember: ~ The happiest people aren't those getting more, but those that are giving more. ~ You're never going to get anywhere if you think you're already there. ~ The most valuable antiques are dear old friends. ~ We don't stop playing because we get old, we get old because we stop playing. ~ Celebrate the success of others.  
Motion is Lotion - keep moving!*