



Message from the President

Happy New Year everyone.

I don't know how you spent your Christmas Day but ours was quiet with the exception of Boxing Day which saw 30 family members descend on us for lunch. It was great catching up again as a group and everyone helped with the catering which seems acceptable these days. My gardening tools were increased by a Ryobi hedge-trimmer which I still question if that's good because it means more work but it was my choice and will be easier so I'm thankful. I hope Santa was kind to you all as well.

Our meeting on the 14th January will be a great opportunity to catch up on all the latest so please make the effort to attend. You may remember that I had written about an organisation known as "**Senior Advantage**" which was offering cheap membership and great discounts from many businesses. The ACCC has been investigating this organisation and found that its head office is in Lithuania. There is a strong recommendation that you avoid joining this body whilst the ACCC looks into the legality of their claims. I have seen their advertisements on news sites and have applied for membership just to see what the offers are. Many of these savings are already available to seniors through known reputable operators.

The Activities Team lead by Lyn Martin have some great events in the pipeline for January and February. We'll have a guest comedian come musician for our first meeting followed by a guest speaker in February who has led a most interesting life and is currently an accomplished conductor. Australia Day will be celebrated at our Forest Lake Tavern on the 26th January similar to last year. There will be some amusing games and prizes for those who don't mind being a little embarrassed in the process. We'll cover the details at our next meeting. Ian Horrocks has been travelling the countryside and burning the late-night oil sorting out our trips in the first six months. The changing landscape of travel restrictions has meant we haven't been able to present a locked in calendar this year but we will try to give dates for you to plan your activities around. I'm looking forward to making up some lost ground in the touring side of things.

Once again, I hope to see you at the next meeting and please note the points in our pre-meeting email with regards to access times to the hall.

Regards Peter



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Upcoming Events

January

Branch Meeting

DATE: Thursday 14th
WHERE: National Serviceman's Association Hall
907 Boundary Rd, Wacol
TIME: No entry before 9.30am, 10am start
COST: \$6.00
Comedian / Entertainer

Australia Day Function

DATE: Tuesday 26th
WHERE: Forest Lake Hotel
TIME: 11.00 AM
COST: \$25.00
PAYMENT REQUIRED at January Branch Meeting

February

Branch Meeting

DATE: Thursday 11th
WHERE: National Serviceman's Association Hall
907 Boundary Rd, Wacol
TIME: No entry before 9.30am, 10am start
COST: \$6.00
Guest Speaker

Bribie Island / Butterfly House

DATE: Thursday 18th
WHERE: Butterfly House
Lunch - Surf Club at own cost
TIME: To be advised
COST: \$45.00 Bus & Entry
Payment required at the January Branch meeting.

March

International Women's Day

DATE: Monday 8th
WHERE: Forest Lake Hotel
TIME: To be advised
COST: To be advised

Branch Meeting

DATE: Thursday 11th
WHERE: National Serviceman's Association Hall
907 Boundary Rd, Wacol
TIME: No entry before 9.30am, 10am start
COST: \$6.00

Bus Day Trip – Albert River Wines

DATE: Thursday 25th
WHERE: Albert River Wines
TIME: To be advised
COST: \$65 Includes Bus, Morning Tea, Tour & Lunch in their Restaurant

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 - Smith2ADL

Surname (Smith)

Number going (2)

Trip (Aust Day Lunch)

EFTPOS

The Branch has purchased 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

Joe Smith
Aust Day Lunch
\$25
Gluten Free

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.



AUSTRALIA DAY LUNCH

When - January 26th

Where - Forest Lake Hotel

Time - 11AM

Cost - \$25.00

Dress Theme - Aussie Clobber

**Steak or
Chicken
Burger &
Chips**

**Meringue
or
Lamington**

**Bingo,
Trivia
& more**



Come join in the fun at our first event for 2021

Payment due no later than 14th January

Members Welfare

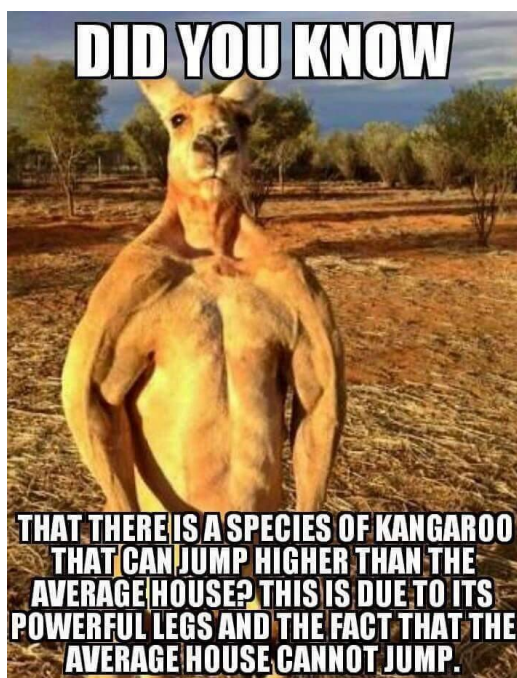
Do you know of any Members who are unwell, had a bereavement in the family or feeling down? Often, we are not aware so if you know of any Members please let our Welfare Officer know. Lorraine Horrocks has kindly taken on this important role again for our club this year. You can contact her on 0409275016.

Newsletter, Agendas & Minutes of previous meetings

Our postage & stationary costs have become quite significant, in an effort to save we will predominately use Email to deliver the Newsletter, Branch Meeting Agenda & Minutes of previous Branch meeting to our members. We will have a limited supply at the Branch Meetings.

In the pre-meeting email, you will find attached not only the Newsletter but also the Agenda for the upcoming Branch Meeting & the Minutes of the previous Branch Meeting. If you wish to have a copy with you at the Branch Meeting, **please print them out & bring them with you.**

The Newsletter is available to read on our website (nationalseniors.com.au/get-involved/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](https://www.facebook.com/ForestLakeNationalSeniorsAustralia)) and click on "join Group"



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.

"Christmas Party December 2020


The party and lunch was so much fun. There were terrific raffle prizes, some special awards given to special members, a delicious lunch, very tasty desserts, great entertainer, a few important words from our President, message from Premier Palaszczuk and Councillor Strunk. Let's not forget some light hearted humour from our resident humour-ologist Lyn.

All a perfect recipe for a wonderful end of year celebration. A challenging year for all."



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