# NEWSLETTER Forest Lake Branch

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Seniors Scoop

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# **Message from the President**

Hi fellow members,

Hope everyone is well if not slightly insane whilst in isolation. I've heard that a few are taking advantage of the relaxation of the restrictions and having friends or family around home or somewhere in the wide open spaces. Ros and I went to Wivenhoe Dam just recently for a picnic and I thoroughly recommend it. The Management Committee has had its first meeting in May since the lock-down. Hopefully we will be able to have a General Meeting at the Lion before too long (still observing the distance rules) and get our lives back to as close to normal as possible these days. Once the weather warms up in a couple of months our long awaited "picnic in the park" will go ahead. It will be great to catch up with everyone again. I think we all know that our trip calendar for 2020 has gone by the way but I am still optimistic that we can have a Christmas lunch if we can find the right venue to take the numbers in safe seating under the rules. In the meantime the Management team will be putting their thinking hats on for planning 2021. We would love any ideas to come from you addressed to our Secretary Julie for inclusion at our next MC meetings June/July.

Stay safe and keep in touch if you have anything we can assist you with.

Cheers

Peter Dunell



# **Committee Members**

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# June Members Birthdays

Jill Beauchamp Lyn Court Richard Hilder Pauline Steadman Val Summerville Annette Weaver

Mary Cottam Ros Dunell Wendy Mitchell Jaquie Stibbard Charles Taylor



# Membership Renewals

With the cancellation of our meetings, we are unable to process your Membership renewals.

If yours falls due while we are in restrictions please contact the National Seniors Australia Head Office on 07 3233 9198. Alternately you can renew online via your membership login.

We request that you please let Linda or Julie know of your new expiry date. It is a requisite of the branch that we keep our Branch Membership Register updated.

I would like to thank members that have already done so.

### **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 for our club this year. You can contact her on 0409275016.

### Welfare Report

Brian Dodd is in respite care at Alcare Perigian Springs.

Our Membership Officer Linda Bird was sent a sympathy card & flowers for the passing of her mother.

### What have you been up to lately?

Now there's a question many of us could answer differently. Judging from how well and safe everyone has been keeping, and the very few cases of COVID-19, it's fair to say we are pretty good at finding lots of ways to occupy our time in isolation. We should all be very proud of ourselves.

#### <u>Remember – it's temporary</u>

One of the good things about being older is understanding that most things in life are temporary.

We have seen many seasons and stages in life (good and not so good), and they all pass. Offering this sense of perspective to younger people can be one of the ways you help others through this time.

### The Lucky Country

Seeing the way Australia has banded together to overcome this crisis has been incredible. Our deepseated love for this country has been evident from the beginning.

### A Trip Down Memory Lane

### Visit to Harrow Homestead in May 2014

It really was a fantastic trip to Harrow Homestead at Cambooya on 22 May. A busload of eager travellers enjoyed a visit to historic Harrow Homestead. We took tea and scones on the verandah before taking in the splendour of the beautiful homestead and gardens.



### Youngcare bibs donation April 2014

What a heart warming occasion for these ladies to be able to present the special bibs they had sewn to residents at Youngcare Sinnamon Park. Such beautiful work and so very much appreciated too. A big thank you to Wendy Mitchell, Annette Weaver and Val Hannan.



### <u>Riddle me this</u>

I am something people love or hate. I change people's appearances and thoughts. If a person takes care of themself, I will go up even higher. To some people I will fool them. To others I am a mystery. Some people might want to try and hide me but I will show. No matter how hard people try I will Never go down. What am I?

Answer: see last page

### **On the Lighter Side**

At the bank, I told the cashier, "I'd like to open a joint account please." "OK, with whom?" "Whoever has lots of money."



AFTER LISTENING TO, LINDA, HIS HUMAN, FOR 12 DAYS WHILE IN QUARANTINE AS SHE COMPLAINED FOR HOURS ON END....



Best To Do List Ever! For those of you that know the theme song.....you're welcome! It will be stuck in your head now too.





I told my suitcases that there will be no vacation this year. Now I'm dealing with emotional baggage.



### <u> Those were the days - A Bit of Nostalgia</u>

<u>National Council</u>

My mum used to cut chicken, chop eggs and spread butter on bread on the same cutting board with the same knife and no bleach, but we didn't seem to get food poisoning. Our school sandwiches were wrapped in wax paper in a brown paper bag, not in ice pack coolers, but I can't remember getting E-coli.

Almost all of us would have rather gone swimming in the creek, the lake or at the beach instead of a pristine chlorinated pool (talk about boring), no beach closures then either.

We all took PE and risked permanent injury with a pair of Dunlop sandshoes or bare feet if you couldn't afford the runners, instead of having cross-training athletic shoes with air cushion soles and built-in light reflectors that cost as much as a small car. I can't recall any injuries but they must have happened because they tell us how much safer we are now.

We got the cane or the strap for doing something wrong at school, they used to call it discipline, yet we all grew up to accept the rules and to honour & respect those older than us.

We had at least 40 kids in our class and somehow we all learned to read and write, do maths and spell almost all the words needed to write a grammatically correct letter, FUNNY THAT!!

We all said prayers in school irrespective of our religion, sang the national anthem and saluted the Flag and no one got upset. Staying in detention after school netted us all sorts of negative attention we wish we hadn't got.

And we all knew we had to accomplish something before we were allowed to be proud of ourselves.

I just can't recall how bored we were without computers, Play Station, Nintendo, X-box or 270 digital TV cable stations. We weren't!! Don't even mention about the rope swing into the river or climbing trees

Oh yeah, and where were the antibiotics and sterilisation kit when I got that bee sting? I could have been killed!

We played "King of the Castle" on piles of dirt or gravel left on vacant building sites and when we got hurt, mum pulled out the 2/6p bottle of iodine and then we got our backside spanked. Now it's a trip to the emergency room, followed by a 10 day dose of antibiotics and then mum calls the lawyer to sue the contractor for leaving a horribly vicious pile of gravel where it was such a threat. To top it off, not a single person I knew had ever been told that they were from a dysfunctional family. How could we possibly have known that?

We never needed to get into group therapy, or anger management classes. We were obviously so duped by so many societal ills, that we didn't even notice that the entire country wasn't taking Prozac!

BUGGER ME!! How did we ever survive? AAAAh, those WERE the days!!!!

The National Council is a peak governance element within the National Seniors structure.

The National Council is established to provide a forum for the discussion of matters relevant to trends and strategic issues relating to older Australians and the National Seniors Australia organisation.

It will also provide reflections and advice to the Board relevant to the continued development of the organisation which will include:

emerging trends, that impact on the over 50s population,
societal attitudes to the over 50s and the impact of these

on the organisation,

- the role of National Seniors Australia in the context of societal and other trends,

- the nature and direction of the priorities of National Seniors Australia; and

- ensuring the structure of the organisation remains relevant to the needs of National Seniors Australia membership and the older Australians generally.

### Membership The Board Mr Christopher Guille – SA Ms Valerie Pratt – NSW M. Darryl Wilson - QLD Ms Marcia Griffin - VIC Mr Ross Glossop - WA

Regional Representatives Dr Marjorie Green – QLD Mr Peter Feeney – VIC/TAS Mr Graeme Piggott – WA Mr Gary Byron - SA/NT Mr John Urquhart - NSW

General Representatives Mr David Warner – QLD Mr Robert Firth – NSW/ACT Ms Mary Parsissons – TAS Ms Barbara Horton – WA

### Quote me this

The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place.

#### George Bernard Shaw

I woke up this morning with devout thanksgiving for my friends, the old and the new.

Ralph Waldo Emerson.





### **Recipe Resource**

### **Mini Raspberry Friands**

0:20 Prep \* 0:20 Cook \* 10 Servings \* Advanced

Topped with crunchy golden almonds, these baby-sized friands are ideal for any special celebration with friends.

### **INGREDIENTS**

Melted butter, to grease Plain flour, to dust 195g (1 ½ cups) pure icing sugar, sifted 75g (l/2cup) plain flour, sifted 155g (1 ½ cups) almond meal 3 eggs, lightly whisked 180g unsalted butter, melted, cooled 100g frozen raspberries 2 tablespoons flaked almonds Icing sugar, to dust

#### **METHOD**

- **Step 1** Preheat oven to 180"C. Brush thirty 40ml-capacity mini muffin pans with melted butter to grease. Dust with plain flour.
- Step 2 Combine the sugar. flour and almond meal in a bowl. Make a well in the centre. Add egg and butter. Stir until well combined.
- Step 3 Divide among the prepared pans. Divide the raspberries among the centres. Sprinkle with the flaked almonds.
- **Step 4** Bake for 15-20 minutes or until light golden. Set aside in the pans for 5 minutes to cool slightly before transferring to wire racks to cool completely.
- **Step 5** Dust the friands with icing sugar to serve.

#### NOTES

Freezing tip: Prepare to the end of step 4 up to 2 weeks ahead. Wrap the friands, 5 at a time, in 2 layers of plastic wrap and 1 of foil. Freeze. Thaw overnight. Continue from step 5 just before serving.





**Treasurer's Report** 

### Treasurer's Report 27th May 2019 for period 1st - 30th April 2020

The National Seniors Forest Lake Cash Account for the period began with an opening balance of \$9,869.84, received income of \$2,230.00 incurred expenses of \$3,224.80 with a closing balance of \$8,875.04 made up as shown of:

Balance at Bank: \$3,121.23 Heritage Term Deposit \$6,033.81 Petty Cash & Floats \$ 120.00 Un-presented Cheque # 582501 \$-200.00 Un-presented Cheque # 582502 \$-100.00 Un-presented Cheque # 582503 \$-100.00

The closing balance of 8875.04 includes committed monies held for, First Aid \$ 350.00 Seniors Week BBQ \$ 900.00 Trips \$ 426.00

This leaves the Branch with a total of \$7,199.04 in available funds at the end of April.

The months' activities resulted in a decrease to available funds of \$- 543.40. Funds were impacted by the expenses listed and adjustment to funds set aside for Activities/Excursions.

**Colin Court Treasurer** 



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# Roadmap to easing Queensland's restrictions

A step-down approach to COVID-19

Unite against COVID-19

CONTINUING CONDITIONS • Social distancing, 1.5 metres and hygiene • Stay at home if you're sick • Tracking, tracing, rapid response • Work at home if it works for you and your employee from 11:59pm 15 MAY 2020 (4 weeks) STAGE 1: **EASING TO DATE** STAGE 2: 12 JUNE 2020 (4 weeks) STAGE 3: 10 JULY 2020 SCHOOLS PLAN 25 May Years 2-10 School holidays (27 Jun-12 Jul) 11 May Kindy, Prep Years 1, 11, 12 Subject to further planning and review, interstate an further intrastate travel will be permitted and a maxi Family, friends and community Family, friends and community Family, friends and community Gatherings in homes (household + 2 visitors from the same or different households, or up to 5 visitors from Gatherings in homes (household + ma allowed from separate households) Gatherings of up to 10 peoples ngs of up to 20 peop s visitors. of 100 people will be permitted for gatherings in public spaces and homes dining in: restaurants, cafes, pubs, regis public spaces and lagoons (e.g. South Bank Parklands, Cairns, Airlie Boach otc) the same household) Household or one friend and within 50 kms of home outdoor, non-contact activity non-contact indoor and outdoor community sport for recreational purposes personal training pools (indoor and outdoor) licensed clubs, RSL clubs, food courts and hotels y go for a drive have a picnic visit a national park go fishing, boating or jet-skiing personal training gyms\*, health clubs\* and yoga studios\* pools (indoor and outdoor) and communi museums, art galleries and historic sites worddiare: indoorcinemas poots (indoor and outdoor)
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places of worship and religious coromonios Funerais (max 20 indoors or 30 outdoors) Recreational travel (max 150 kms within your region for day trips) biking, camping and other recreational activities Schools Inking, camping and other recreational activities In national and state parks places of worship and religious ceremonies Funerals (max 50) Recreational travel, camping and accommodation, including caravan parks (max 250 kms within your region) Gradual return to class weddings funerals 11 May: Kindy, Prep and Years 1, 11 and 12 25 May: Years 2–10. saunas and bathhouses open homes and auclions casinos, gaming and gambling venues pubs, registered and licensed clubs, RSL clubs and hotels **Businesses and economy** Retail shopping 10 people permitted at any one time for: > dining in (with COVID SAFE Checklist): restaurants **Businesses and economy** Retail shopping 20 people permitted at any one time for: > dining in (with COVID SAFE Checklist): restaurants\*, nightclubs beauty therapy, tanning, nail salons and spas. tattoo parlours and non-therapeutic massage parlours cafés, pubs, registered and licensed clubs, RSL clubs and hotels - no bars or gaming cafés<sup>4</sup>, pubs<sup>4</sup>, registered and licensed clubs<sup>4</sup>, RSL clubs<sup>4</sup>, hotels<sup>4</sup> and casinos<sup>4</sup> - no bars or gaming hiking, camping and other recreation national and state parks. open homes and auctions
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outdoor amusement parks\*, tourism experiences\*, zoos\* and arcades\*
concert venues\*, theatres\*, arenas\*, auditoriums\* and stadiums\* Outback<sup>4</sup> Minimum four weeks between stages The public health rules to maintain: Dining in (with COVID SAFE Checklist): restaurants, cafes, pubs, registered and licensed clubs, IISL clubs and hotels (max 20 at any one time) for locats only (must show proof of residence) – no bars or gaming Surveillance and epidemiological indicators suggest a move would NOT present an undue risk Physical distancing and stadiums\* > beauty therapy, nail satons, tanning, tattoo parlours and spas (with COVID Sate Checklist) > School helidays - drive holiday in your region --Queenstanders backing Queenstand > Tourism accommodation 4 square metres per person when indoors Testing is widespread and adequately identifies community transmission Hand hygiene Respiratory hygie Frequent environs Recreational travel including overnight accommodation Point source outbreaks are effectively ntal cleaning and disinfe max 500 kms within the outback only if you live in the contained by public health actions outhack Outback<sup>4</sup> \* More with COVID SAFE Plan approved by health outh Dining in (with COVID Safe Checklist): restaurants\*, calds\*, pubs\*, registered and licensed clubs\*, RSL clubs\* and hotels\* (max 50 at any one time) for locals only (must show proof of residence) – no bars or gaming # Outback areas as defined by Local Government Area. Details on COVID19.aid.gov.au Recreational travel within the outback only if you live in the outback. COVID SAFE check point assess impact > review box COVID SAFE check point assess impact a review bord **COVID SAFE check**  $(\checkmark)$ assess impact >

# <u>For Sale</u>

I have a leather jacket for sale, I purchased it to protect my arms if I came off my Yamaha scooter while travelling between Sydney and Wollongong in the early 70's. It is in pretty good condition and I would like \$50 which I will donate to Doctors without borders. If anyone is interested in buying the jacket they could contact me on our landline 30609784, email me, <u>barbara.tweedie@gmail.com</u> or call in and try the jacket on, check the condition etc.





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