

Brighton Newsletter

June 2025

Recent Activities

- **May Branch Meeting**

The **String Fever** duo thrilled our members with their music and singing of songs from the past. The jovial way they entertained us was captivating.

Their last tune "I am Australian" had many of us singing along to this wonderful song, which was written and first performed by the Australian group "The Seekers".

Photo provided by Bev Robinson.



- **Popeye Cruise**



12 members enjoyed a wonderful Devonshire Tea as they cruised along the River Torrens. Not only did they enjoy their Devonshire Tea, but they learnt many historical facts about Adelaide. One fact that the Popeye Captain told our members was the history of Pinky Flat. It was a major camping ground for the Kaurna people before European settlement and the name "Pinky Flat" is believed to be linked to the bilby (pinku), a traditional Aboriginal food source. The Pinky Flat landing was created for a Royal visitor many years ago.

June Activities

- **Tuesday 17 June, Branch Meeting – It's Not Just Books**

Our speaker will be a staff member from the Holdfast Bay Council Library.

Libraries are no longer just about books. They are places the community can come together for all types of activities, for children of all ages, where adults can meet up, technology classes are held, etc etc.



- **Lunch on 17 June, Esplanade Hotel, Brighton**

After each Branch meeting there is a lunch for members who wish to attend. On 17 June the lunch will be at the Esplanade Hotel on the sea front at Brighton. If you wish to attend, please put your name on the sheet on the back table at the meeting, so we can advise the hotel of the number of members attending.

- **The Walking Group**

The Walking Group meet 9.30am every Tuesday except when there is a Branch Meeting. On that week the group meet on the following day. On **Wednesday 18 June** meet northern end Esplanade North at Anderson Ave corner, walk to Oaks Plaza Pier, Glenelg, enjoy refreshments and return. If you would like to join in any of the weekly walks, contact either Barbara Hansen 0448 223 075 or Rose Cearn 0405 537 910.

- **Thursday 26 June – Tour Adelaide's Treasury Tunnels**



Go underground and journey through winding hallways and hidden chambers to the stories within and beneath one of Adelaide's oldest buildings. The Treasury Building was at the heart of South Australia's early political life. Come and explore its secrets and forgotten stories.

The tour costs \$18 for Seniors payable in advance. The tour starts at 10.30am. Arrive 15 minutes before at the Aldina Treasury Hotel, 2 Flinders Steet, Adelaide. Contact is Lyndall Ingram, Ph 0411 403 033.

Future Activities

- **Annual General Meeting 15 July 2025**



At the AGM we will elect the Committee to guide us for the next 12 months. We currently have 109 members and there are lots of talented people amongst us. The President Aileen, Treasurer Bill, and Catering Co-ordinator Lleyan, are all stepping down after 6 years in their roles. Our Vice-President and Newsletter Writer, Graham Sporn is also unavailable due to health issues.

To continue to enjoy interesting speakers, entertainment, morning tea, we need members to fill these roles.

After the AGM and Morning Tea, we would like 3 or 4 members to talk to us for 10 minutes about something that interests them. Advise Julie Hockley if you would like to participate.

- **Thursday 17 July – Visit to Adelaide Fire Brigade, Wakefield Street, Adelaide.**

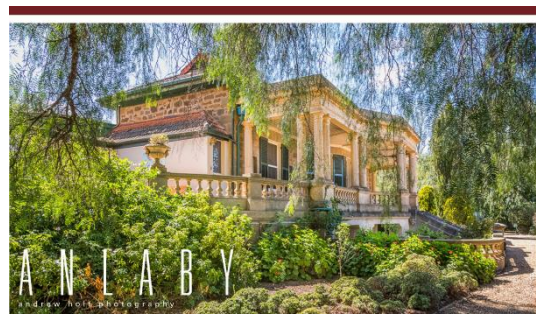
Come along to the Adelaide Fire Brigade station and learn how this emergency service protects us. Their role is not only to put out fires but to educate us to stop fires starting. Do you have a Home Fire Escape Plan? We hear about Lithium-ion batteries exploding – but how can we avoid this happening to us? The visit starts at 10.30am. If you would like to attend, put your name on the sheet on the back table at the Branch Meeting. There is no cost. A luncheon venue can be arranged after the visit. Contact is Brian Hockley, Phone 0412 995 691.

- **Wednesday 6 August – Anniversary Lunch at Marion Club, 262 Sturt Road, Marion.**

The lunch starts at Noon. There is a Seniors menu. Payment to be made at the hotel on the day. Put your name down on the booking sheet. Brighton Branch NSA has been providing wonderful activities for Seniors for nearly 24 years, and it is hoped that it can continue for many years to come. Contact is Graham Gurry Phone 8296 7646.

- **Thursday 25 September - Bus Trip to Anlaby Station**

Step back in time with a guided tour of the homestead and heritage-listed gardens. Anlaby Station is located at Hamilton which is north of Kapunda. Discover 10 acres of English garden displays and a glimpse into one of the great South Australian rural houses. The cost is \$95 for members and \$105 for non-members, and this includes a 2-course lunch. We will start taking payments in July but put your name down on the booking sheet if you are interested. Contact is Brian Hockley, Phone 0412 995 691.



Brighton Branch Meetings

Our Branch Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, except for December when we do not have a meeting. We meet at the Lighthouse Community Church, corner Jetty Road and The Crescent, Brighton on the beach side of the railway line. The meeting starts at 10am, so arrive from 9.30am. Door entry is \$5, and this includes morning tea and a chance to win a door entry prize. Payment of your annual subscription can be made at the Branch meetings. Payment by Cash, Visa or MasterCard Credit or Debit Card is available for Subscriptions, Outings, and Door Entry.

Catering. Lleyan and her team of helpers are pleased with the positive feedback they regularly receive from members regarding the Morning Teas. If you can help in the kitchen from time to time, talk to Lleyan. This will relieve the load from the regular band of willing volunteers, who sometimes cannot come due to other commitments, travel, or illness.



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