



LOCAL SENIORS INVITED TO FREE FORUM & NSA CHILDERS BRANCH LAUNCH

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Local seniors are invited to the National Seniors Australia (NSA) free forum and branch launch in Childers on Wednesday 8 October at the Isis Cultural Centre, 49 Churchill Street, Childers.

NSA Community Engagement Manager Ms Karen Furnivall said the forum is an opportunity for local seniors to learn practical tools to save money, stay informed of topical advocacy issues, and protect themselves online – all while enjoying morning tea and meeting new people in a warm and friendly environment.

“NSA forums are always the highlight on our community calendar,” Ms Furnivall said.

“Importantly, this event will also launch the new **Childers Branch**, with an opportunity to get involved or even explore starting your own social group in the Wide Bay–Burnett region.”

“It’s a great opportunity to help ensure seniors in our region have their voices heard at a national level via NSA’s advocacy work and I’m looking forward to sharing more of our plans for our social get-togethers at the forum,” Local resident Desley Cowley said.

The program includes a gentle **chair yoga session** with Yoga Owl, a 30-minute **scam safety workshop**, and free **morning tea and light lunch**, with plenty of time to meet others in your community.

NSA CEO Chris Grice will share how the peak consumer body representing older Australians is championing seniors across government, industry and media. And how local seniors can get involved in NSA advocacy work covering issues such as the Age Pension, Protecting Retirement Income, as well as Aged and Home Care.

What seniors will gain from the event

- A deeper understanding of NSA’s advocacy work
- Practical savings tips and tools; Commonwealth Bank updates on scams and how to protect yourself
- Guidance on staying connected through local NSA branches
- Opportunities to network with other members and branch representatives

A **free bus service** will run to and from the forum from **Hervey Bay, Maryborough and Bundaberg**.

Bus pick- up and Schedule

- 7.30am depart Maryborough – pick up McDowells Car Park, Kent St Maryborough
- 8am – depart Hervey Bay – pick up Stockland Shopping Centre Bus terminal
- 8am – depart Bundaberg – pick up 13 Quay St (cnr Quay and Targo St) near the toilets
- Departure: 3pm at drop off point out front Isis Cultural Centre

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Good to know

- Morning tea and lunch provided free of charge
- Doors open at 9:00am for a 9:30am start
- Finishes at 12:30pm, with an optional volunteer planning session afterwards
- Free bus available from Hervey Bay/Maryborough and Bundaberg (registration required)

“The event promises to be engaging and informative and we encourage local seniors to register now to secure their place before booked out!” Ms Furnivall said.

For more information or to register please visit [here](#)

National Seniors Australia is a peak consumer body that defends, protects, and promotes the interest of older Australians. To learn more about our work please visit [here](#)

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