



## Message from the President

Again, it was encouraging to see 71 attend our February meeting but normally we get close to 100 prior to the pandemic. With the vaccine rolling out to seniors aged 70 and above in March, we would hope that these numbers can be achieved again. As mentioned previously, the Lion is unlikely to host our branch in the near future due to their alternate plans for the room we used in the past.

Our guest speaker, Patrick Pickett was very interesting despite the failure of technology with the projector. Some members were lucky to win a concert ticket when he tested our recall of his presentation.

We were able to hit the road once more with our "Tag along Tour" to Boonah last month. The 21 members who attended enjoyed morning tea at Sandies and lunch at the Commercial Hotel after spending some money in the stores around the town. We travelled in two cars and a mini-bus kindly provided by the RSL for a moderate cost. Appreciation goes to Dan Baldwin for driving the bus and Julie for hosting the passengers with water and an itinerary for the day. We have some great activities, day trips along with overnight tours planned for the coming months. We need numbers to attend these events to keep the cost down so come out and enjoy yourselves again.

I hope to see more of you (bring a friend who isn't a member) at our next meeting on Thursday, 11th March at 9.30 am in the National Servicemen's Association Hall, 907 Boundary Road, Wacol. Don't forget that St Patrick's Day is coming up so please yourself if green dress is your choice.

Cheers Peter.



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## Upcoming Events

### March

#### **International Women's Day**

DATE: Monday 8th  
WHERE: Forest Lake Hotel  
TIME: 11.00 am  
COST: \$35

#### **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

#### **Pay for Toowoomba Trip**

#### **Bus Day Trip – Albert River Wines**

DATE: Thursday 25th  
WHERE: Albert River Wines  
TIME: 9am depart from ALDI car park  
COST: \$65 Includes Bus, Morning Tea, Tour & Lunch in their Restaurant

### April

#### **Branch Meeting**

DATE: Thursday 8th  
WHERE: National Serviceman's Association Hall  
907 Boundary Rd, Wacol  
TIME: **No entry before 9.30am**, 10am start  
COST: \$6.00

#### **Cent auction / Plant sale**

#### **Sherwood Services Club Lunch**

DATE: Thursday 15th  
WHERE: Sherwood Services Club  
TIME: 11.30 am  
COST: Pay for your own meal on the day

#### **Bus Overnight Trip – Toowoomba**

DATE: Thursday 22nd/Friday 23th  
WHERE: Toowoomba  
TIME: 7am Depart Brisbane  
COST: \$334 Double/Twin \$384 Single not sharing

### May

#### **Branch Meeting**

DATE: Thursday 13th  
WHERE: National Serviceman's Association Hall  
907 Boundary Rd, Wacol  
TIME: **No entry before 9.30am**, 10am start  
COST: \$6.00

Please note all Meetings, activities & trips remain fluid & can change due to the Covid 19 regulations at the time.

### April Cent Auction & Plant Sale

We hope you have all been sorting through your cupboards for those unwanted items to donate to our April Meeting Cent Auction. If you have any items in good condition that you wish to donate the committee would be grateful of your generosity. Please no books, CDs or Jewellery.

We hope all those gardening members have been putting their green thumbs to work propagating plants for our plant sale. All donations would be gratefully received.

### Toowoomba Away Trip Thursday 22nd/Friday 23rd April 2021

Granite Highlands Two Day/ One Night  
All Inclusive: \$334 double/twin: \$384 pp Single not sharing.

**DAY 1:** 7.00am depart Brisbane to Wellcamp Airport for morning tea and Tour. Then proceed to Jondaryan Wool shed for tour and lunch. Then to Oakey Aviation Museum tour time permitting. Then to Toowoomba and book into motel (Cotswold Motor Inn 4.30pm). 6.30pm Dinner at Motel Restaurant.

**DAY 2:** 7.30 am Breakfast at Motel, then load coach 8.45am depart motel to Highfields Pioneer Village for tour and morning tea. Then visit Cabarlah Cuckoo Clocks. Lunch at the Danish Flower Art Centre. Then to the Chocolate Cottage and Village Green Highfields. Then to Picnic Point and return back to Forest Lake around 5.00pm

**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 – Smith1Twmba  
Surname (Smith)  
Number going (1)  
Trip (Toowoomba)

#### **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
Toowoomba Trip
\$384
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.

### [Name Badge Order](#)

Badge orders will now be done on a quarterly basis due to postage costs. If you wish to purchase a Name Badge please see our Membership Officer, Linda Bird at the March Branch Meeting as she will be placing the first order for this year. Badges cost \$5 each.

### [From the Trips Desk](#)

Well members our TAG ALONG trip to the lovely township of Boonah on Thursday 18th February was just what we needed to rid ourselves of the "Pandemic Blues." The members arrived in Boonah by vehicle convoy which included the RSL bus driven by Dan Baldwin and met for morning tea at the lovely Sandies newly opened restaurant. We were met by the friendly staff and ushered to a reserved area set aside for us. The country fare was amazing with huge cups and servings of cake so huge they were a talking point. I noted that Cheryl Williams was given a doggy bag for her mountain of cake. After morning tea, the members dispersed into the world of country shops looking for that "out of the way" bargain. I went on the trail of a "country hat" and found them in the "Haberdashery". Unfortunately, I was behind a local farmer who tried on all 25 hats from the shelf. He delighted in showing me what he looked like in them. Neither of us bought one!!! We met again for lunch in Mr Ken's restaurant situated in the Commercial Hotel. Again, we were met by friendly staff and ushered to a reserved area. Lunch was a fun affair which was followed by a short walk to the ice cream shop where we were treated to the largest "small ice cream" in many flavours. It was a great day with Lorraine and I together with our passengers Brian and Zoe Phillips and Val Sommerville arriving back at Forest Lake at about 3pm. Not a long day but a very enjoyable one.



### [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 & priority will be given to non-email members

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/getinvolved/branches/forest-lake](http://nationalseniors.com.au/getinvolved/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**) and click on "join Group"



# CANDLES

As the candles flickered in the homely breeze  
 Beams of reflected light stabbed the gloom  
 Light, hardly penetrating, unable to appease  
 But highlighting cherished items in the room  
 On the mantle there, a lifetime's plethora  
 A silver photo frame danced and disappeared  
 An old, but loved vase showed its coloured aura  
 A mantle clock, chiming a memory, forever revered  
 And only just visible in the flickering candlelight  
 A pipe rack, with a projected shadow, grotesque  
 In the room a sofa gradually coming into sight  
 While across that room stood an old office desk  
 Such visions that are etched within the mind  
 Even as the candles spluttered and expired  
 Many pleasant memories, so easy to find  
 To be brought forth whenever required

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## Laughter is the best medicine

A pregnant Irish woman from Dublin gets in a car accident and falls into a deep coma. Asleep for nearly 6 months, when she wakes up, she sees that she is no longer pregnant and frantically asks the doctor about her baby. The doctor replies, 'Ma'am you had twins! a boy and a girl. Your brother from Cork came in and named them.' The woman thinks to herself, 'Oh No, not my brother... he's an idiot!' She asks the doctor, 'Well, what's the girl's name? 'Denise.' 'Wow, that's not a bad name, I like it! What's the boy's name? 'Denephew'



## Irish Joke

An Irishman not able to find a parking spot starts to pray. "Lord," he prayed, "if you open a space for me I swear I'll give up me whiskey & I promise to go to church every week!"

Suddenly, the clouds parted and the sun shone on an empty parking space. "Never mind," he says, "I found one."



**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.

**The Committee would like to thank all the supporters of the NSA Forest Lake Branch for photocopying or printing newsletters, meeting minutes and agendas, financial reports and other support material.**

## Good of Irish Humour

19 Irishmen go to the cinema the ticket lady says, "Why so many of you?"  
 Mick replies, "The film says 18 or over!"

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