

National Seniors Australia ~ Centenary Branch

APRIL 2019- Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Good morning all,

I've just done one of the hardest things humans can do and that is to send to doggie heaven your best friend, and guardian of your kids & grandkids, for close to 17 years, don't be nice to me today cos I'll cry.

Looking ahead, those of you on the Eumundi list, if you possibly can I need your \$30.00 today, if that is not possible please speak to me so we can arrange payment. I would also like the Longreach travellers to stay back again for a few minutes.

Words of Wisdom: Did you ever notice the best way to get visitors to your door or that phone call you've been waiting for is to go to the bathroom.

APRIL GUEST SPEAKER – Carmel Brennan from Five Good Friends, speaking on Home/health care services.

MAY – ENTERTAINER - David Cheales – Singer

MAY GENERAL MEETING – our Annual Bring & Buy.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Best wishes are extended to all our valued members celebrating April. We hope you have a wonderful day.

birthdays during



MANY HAPPY RETURNS

RECENT EVENTS:

DINNER at Richlands Tavern on 13th March was very well attended.

LUNCH at Monier on 21st March was enjoyed by 20 members.

SUMMERLAND CAMELS, HARRISVILLE. A most informative day was had by 35 members. We ate camel meat and gelato and sampled camel milk and feta cheese. A great day out.

COACH TRIP – 21 MAY 2019 – CAMPUS HISTORY OF UQ GATTON - UQ Gatton dates back to 1897 when the Qld Agricultural College opened. It has since been a high school, US Army Field Hospital and finally a campus of U of Q. It has beautiful grounds, historical buildings and state-of-the-art teaching and research facilities. Devonshire morning tea, lunch and guided tour included - \$55. Names and money to Ann today.

Please note **FULL PAYMENT FOR BUS TRIPS IS TO BE MADE AT THE MONTHLY MEETING BEFORE TRIP. NAME BADGES ARE COMPULSORY FOR ALL BUS TRIPS. BRANCH REFUND POLICY FOR BUS TRIPS.**

- Notify Ann 48 hours beforehand.
- In case of sudden medical emergency on the day, which can not be prevented, the Committee will consider the matter with respect to a refund.
- When we 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) a refund will not be given.
- In the event of a trip being cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances beyond our control and cannot be rescheduled, then members will receive a full refund.

65 YEARS OLD IS STILL YOUNG.

The World Health Organisation has done recent research according to average health quality and life expectancy and has defined a new criterion that divides human age as follows:

- 0 – 17 years old: Underage
- 18- 65 years old: Youth or young people
- 66 -79 years old: Middle Aged.
- 80-99 years old: Elderly or senior
- 100+ years old: Long-lived elderly

Makes one wonder why NSA refers to its members (over 50) as older people!!!!

MEMBER BENEFIT – THE COFFEE CLUB

NATIONAL SENIORS MEMBERS ONLY PAY \$12.50 (usually \$25) FOR THEIR VIP CARD. JUST CALL 39027750, HAVE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH YOU, PAY OVER THE PHONE BY CR CARD AND IN A FEW DAYS YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD WILL COME IN THE POST.

HEART FOUNDATION WALKING GROUP - meets Mon, Wed, Fri at 7am at Mt. Ommaney Shopping Centre. If interested speak to Doreen Flynn.

SHERWOOD SERVICES CLUB – Morning Melodies have returned – Every Tuesday 11am – 2pm.

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(INCLUDES MEMBERS WISHING TO HAVE THEIR NEWSLETTER EMAILED, OR PUT IN AN APOLOGY FOR GENERAL MEETING)

Do you know of any Centenary Seniors members who are unwell? Often we do not know of anyone who has been unwell or in hospital. If you know of any members please call Carol Uren on 3818 5047.

Meetings are first Tuesday each month, February to October, except November (second Tuesday) at the Jindalee Bowls Club at 9.30am. Secretary: Cheryl Williams. P.O. Box 470 Mt Ommaney

Our thanks to Matthew Bourke, Councillor for Jamboree Ward, for provision of photocopying facilities.

MEMBERS PROFILE (provided by Yvonne Smith)

My driving experiences.

Having been brought up on a farm you drove tractors before you went to school When I turned 17 Dad thought I should get my licence in his lovely blue Zephyr 6 with 3 gears on the wheel. The lessons were practically non-existent mainly owing to Dad's and my temperament. Anyway comes the day to get the piece of paper. If you failed you did not go back a second time. Of course I drove myself to the Police Station, no questions asked why I was alone. We went a couple of miles on country roads and on our way back we went over this hill so it was hill starts! I passed the test.

I moved to Ipswich for work so not much driving. When I married I used public transport until we had our first child. Rod thought I needed a car so one day he arrives with a Mini (this became a habit with Rod, he would arrive home with all sorts of cars). I loved my Mini, but one day Rod said to me "do you ever look under the bonnet" followed by a few angry words from me. So next day I thought I would show him. I lifted the bonnet, got the oil, and in it went – wrong place – into the water tank. I debated whether I would tell Rod. I decided I had to so off to our mechanic, hat in hand, and after much laughter they fixed my car.

We outgrew the Mini. One day Rod arrives home with a brand new, Datsun 180B. So amazing having a new car, no more breakdowns. My mishaps were still there. On our way home from Mum at Lowood a rock hit the windscreen, so I had 3 crying children while I cleaned the glass out. They had to sit on the back floor of the car – what a cold drive home!

Another day I loaded up for the tip – well could not get the boot open. I had every person at the tip helping. So back to my trusty garage only to find out on removing the back seat a piece of paper was over the lock and it would not engage. \$50 later I headed back to the tip. I received a rousing welcome.

One morning Rod says "I will take your car". I knew what was coming so I said goodbye to the Datsun. That evening I could not believe my eyes – a Dodge Phoenix – great ugly thing, expensive to run. One day drove to my favourite mechanic (no self-serve then). Paid \$2 and everything was checked. I was driving through Sunnybank and it stopped at the lights. I got out and left it there. Two kind men pushed it to the side – accelerator problem.

One Saturday morning the kids were very excited, I walked to work, quite close. When I arrived home in the driveway was a brand new Falcon. I hugged it. I could not believe it. I was coming home from school drop-off and got a speeding fine. Rod came along 2 hours later, yep you guessed it same policeman who said - I booked a lady from that address a couple of hours ago.

A friend came over to show me her new car. I thought I would just nip out quickly, but not quick enough. I reversed into her new car. Lucky for me Rod was not prone to anger. Yes I am still friends with Helen.

Friday 13th Rod was taking kids out to buy my birthday present. On the way home from work I took a corner short. Someone else coming towards me took it wide (in pouring rain). Police came, booked both of us, and we were able to drive our cars home. The damage to the car came to the same amount as the diamond earrings I received for my birthday. All my dear husband said was "Looks as though you will be without a car for a while." Sadly Rod passed away in 2002 so I now have "Frecla Gwen Echo". I cannot get into trouble with her.

I had quite a few cars mostly bombs, some lovely. They all made life interesting, well that's what Rod said.

CALENDAR 2019

APRIL 2019

Monday 1 st	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Tuesday 2 nd	General Meeting	9.30am	Jindalee Bowls Club	\$5
Thursday 4 th	MahJong	9-12noon	Library Meeting Room	
Monday 8 th	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Wednesday 10 th	Evening Dinner	6PM	The Ox, Oxley Hotel.	
Thursday 11 th	MahJong	9-12noon	Library Meeting Room	
Monday 15 th	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Wednesday 17 th	Eumundi Markets	8am	Jindalee Bowls Club	\$30
Thursday 18 th	Book Club	10am – 12noon	The Hub	
Thursday 18 th	Lunch	12noon	Monier Hotel Darra	
Monday 22 nd	Steady Steps (??)	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Saturday 27 th	Music	6pm for 7pm	The Hub	\$10
Monday 29 th	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Tuesday 30 th	Coffee & Conversation	10am	Mt.Ommaney Food Court	
Tuesday 30 th	Committee Meeting	1pm	Library Meeting Room	

MAY 2019

Thursday 2 nd	MahJong	9-12noon	Library Meeting Room	
Monday 6 th	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Tuesday 7 th	General Meeting BRING & BUY	9.30am	Jindalee Bowls Club	\$5
Wednesday 8 th	Evening Dinner	6pm	TBA	
Thursday 9 th	MahJong	9-12noon	Library Meeting Room	
Monday 13 th	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Thursday 16 th	Book Club	10am-12noon	Library Meeting Room	
Thursday 16 th	Lunch	12noon	Monier Hotel Darra	
Monday 20 th	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Tuesday 21 st	Bus Trip	8am	UQ Gatton Campus	\$55
Monday 27 th	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Tuesday 28 th	Coffee & Conversation	10am	Mt.Ommaney Food Court	
Tuesday 28 th C	Committee Meeting 1	3pm	Library Meeting Room	
Tuesday 28 th Z	Zone 101 Conference	9.15am	Calamvale	\$30

JUNE 2019

Monday 3 rd	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Tuesday 4 th	General Meeting	9.30am	Jindalee Bowls Club	\$5
Thursday 6 th	MahJong	9-12noon	Library Meeting Room	
Monday 10 th	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Wednesday 12 th	Evening Dinner	6pm	TBA	
Thursday 13 th	MahJong	9-12noon	Library Meeting Room	

Monday 17th	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Thursday 20th	Book Club	10am – 12noon	The Hub	
Thursday 20th	Lunch	12noon	Monier Hotel Darra	
Monday 24 th	Steady Steps	9am for 9.15am	Cent.Uniting Church Hall	\$7
Tuesday 25th	Coffee & Conversation	10am	Mt.Ommaney Food Court	
Tuesday 25 th	Committee Meeting	1pm	Library Meeting Room	