

National Seniors Australia ~ Centenary Branch

JULY 2019- Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Good morning members. A very pleasant day was had recently on our Explorer Trip down river on a beautiful Queensland winters day. Our Explorer Trips this year have been organized by Helen to whom we give much credit and many thanks. Helen is now leaving that duty and we need a replacement.

Nomination forms for committee positions are now available as our AGM is quickly approaching.

Wisdom – Never put off till tomorrow what you should have done last week.

JULY ENTERTAINER - Terry Scott.

AUGUST GUEST SPEAKER – Barry Collis from Angel Flight.

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



MANY HAPPY RETURNS

RECENT EVENTS:

DINNER at Café 63 Westlake was very well attended.

LUNCH at Monier on 20th June was enjoyed by 23 members.

JUNE EXPLORER TRIP to Northpoint Hamilton was a great day.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

AUGUST WED. 21st – Senior Expo at Riverlife 17 Mile Rocks.

SEPTEMBER – Jindalee Bowls Club Annual Portofino Fashion Parade.

COACH TRIP – 16th July 2019 – XMAS IN JULY AT RIVERDECK TEWANTIN - \$55. – 8AM

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.

CONTACTS

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MUSIC AT THE HUB

MARJORIE

3376 2030

CHANGES TO ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBERS

HUGH

3376 1371

NEWSLETTER

CHERYL

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

CENTENARY NATIONAL SENIORS WEBPAGE –

<https://nationalseniors.com.au/about/branches/centenary>.

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.

LAUGHING IN COURT

How do court stenographers keep a straight face? These are from a book called "Disorder in the Court" and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and published by court reporters that had the torment of staying calm while the exchanges were taking place.

ATTORNEY: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?

WITNESS: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

ATTORNEY: Are you sexually active?

WITNESS: No, I just lie there.

ATTORNEY: What is your date of birth?

WITNESS: July 18th.

ATTORNEY: What year?

WITNESS: Every year.

ATTORNEY: How old is your son, the one living with you?

WITNESS: Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember which.

ATTORNEY: How long has he lived with you?

WITNESS: Forty-five years.

ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he?

WITNESS: He's 20, very close to your IQ.

ATTORNEY: Were you present when your picture was taken?

WITNESS: Are you kidding me?

ATTORNEY: She had three children, right?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: How many were boys?

WITNESS: None

ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?

WITNESS: Your Honor, I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?

ATTORNEY: How was your first marriage terminated?

WITNESS: By death.

ATTORNEY: And by whose death was it terminated?

WITNESS: Take a guess

MEMBER'S PROFILE (by Mayleen Green and her mother, Norma Suttie).

Carrying on from our National Senior's Member Profile (courtesy Tony & Jenny Olive in March edition) of their experience on their wedding day on 26th January 1974, this is my mother, Norma Suttie's story and my story about that day also – the Brisbane Flood.

It was from a day in December 1973 that my life changed. I had been selected as an Exchange Student on a Scholarship to USA for 12 months through St. Peter's Lutheran College and then Kenmore Rotary. The country town I stayed in, Ironwood Michigan, was so kind to me and interested in me, my family, my life and Australia. I learnt and experienced so much.

But then –

2 weeks on from my arrival in America, 26th January 1974, was the Australia Day floods. The Council had organized for Bill Lickis, MLA, to get an army duck and people to go out to Moggill to take food and check on stranded people. My dad, Glenn Suttie, was in Kenmore Rotary and volunteered to help with 6 others. We had a farm at Moggill and dad had lived in the area all his life, so could tell the soldiers where to go by the tops of trees, buildings and power lines, as all landmarks were under feet of water.

Unfortunately the boat hit a cut loose power line and in a metal boat all the volunteers and rescued people in the front of the boat were in serious trouble. One man died and one went blind. Dad was floating in the water when a doctor recognized him, saw him moving, and rescued him. So he was alive and lived another 43 years. His plastic protective helmet melted on to his neck and ears and his arm holding the boat was burnt. So all his fingers swelled up like bananas (full of water) and he was in hospital for weeks with the burns.

I was in the USA and mum could not tell me about the accident as there was no communication out of Brisbane. She was worried I would see it on American TV, without knowing the details about dad. She also had to run our business at Kenmore and keep visiting dad. She couldn't leave the shop. Our staff couldn't get through, so my uncle came out to help.

It was a nightmare for mum. As I said, it went on for weeks.

She contacted me eventually and said not come home, so I stayed till the following January, 1975. Dad met me at the airport. It had been a horrendous 26 January, but it could have been worse for us.

CALENDAR 2019

JULY 2019

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| 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 | La Bonne Saigon J'lee (formerly The Nook) | |
| Thursday 11 th | MahJong | 9-12noon | Library Meeting Room | |
| Monday 15 th | Steady Steps | 9am for 9.15am | Cent.Uniting Church Hall | \$7 |
| Tuesday 16 th | Bus Trip Xmas in July | 8am | Riverdeck Tewanin | \$55 |
| 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 |
| 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 | |

AUGUST 2019

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| Thursday 1 st | MahJong | 9-12noon | Library Meeting Room | |
| Monday 5 th | Steady Steps | 9am for 9.15am | Cent.Uniting Church Hall | \$7 |
| Tuesday 6 th | General Meeting/AGM | 9.30am | Jindalee Bowls Club | \$5 |
| Wednesday 7 th | Evening Dinner | 6pm | Primavera Corinda | |
| Thursday 8 th | MahJong | 9-12noon | Library Meeting Room | |
| Monday 12 th | Steady Steps | 9am for 9.15am | Cent.Uniting Church Hall | \$7 |
| Wed. 14 th | Evening Dinner | 6PM | TBA | |
| Thursday 15 th | Book Club | 10am-12noon | The Hub | |
| Thursday 15 th | Lunch | 12noon | Monier Hotel Darra | |
| Saturday 17 th | Music | 6pm | The Hub | \$10 |
| Monday 19 th | Steady Steps | 9am for 9.15am | Cent.Uniting Church Hall | \$7 |
| Tuesday 20 th | Picnic in the Park | 10.30am | Rocks Riverside - BYO | |

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| Wednesday 21 st | Seniors Expo | 8AM-2.30PM | Riverlife 17 Mile Rocks | |
| Monday 26th | Steady Steps | 9am for 9.15am | Cent.Uniting Church Hall | \$7 |
| Tuesday 27th | Coffee & Conversation | 10am | Mt.Ommaney Food Court | |
| Tuesday 27th | Committee Meeting | 1pm | Library Meeting Room | |

SEPTEMBER 2019

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| Monday 2nd | Steady Steps | 9am for 9.15am | Cent.Uniting Church Hall | \$7 |
| Tuesday 3th | General Meeting | 9.30am | Jindalee Bowls Club | \$5 |
| Thursday 5th | MahJong | 9-12noon | Library Meeting Room | |
| Monday 9th | Steady Steps | 9am for 9.15am | Cent.Uniting Church Hall | \$7 |
| Wednesday 11 th | Evening Dinner | 6pm | TBA | |
| Thursday 12th | MahJong | 9-12noon | Library Meeting Room | |
| Monday 16th | Steady Steps | 9am for 9.15am | Cent.Uniting Church Hall | \$7 |
| Tuesday 17 th | Coach Trip | TBA | Bucks Farm | \$55 |
| Thursday 19th | Book Club | 10am – 12noon | The Hub | |
| Thursday 19th | Lunch | 12noon | Monier Hotel Darra | |
| Thursday 19 th | Committee Meeting | 1.30pm | Monier Hotel Darra | |
| Sat 21–Sat 28th | Longreach/Winton Trip | | | |
| Monday 23rd | Steady Steps | 9am for 9.15am | Cent.Uniting Church Hall | \$7 |
| Tuesday 24th | Coffee & Conversation | 10am | Mt.Ommaney Food Court | |