



Message from the President

Hi Everyone

The Management Committee has been busy looking at alternative venues because of the issues we had with accessing the facilities during a downpour at our February meeting. A number of our members have also had difficulty in negotiating the trek to the conveniences. I have raised the issue with the Servicemen's Association but they are unable to fix them in the short term. Please check your emails and the Newsletter for the venue change if it should occur either this month or next.

I attended a very informative session on scamming at the Inala Community Hub and will procure the services of the young lady who presented it, for one of our future meetings. I thought I knew just about everything on the subject but learnt something new on the day. Our next meeting will see us entertained by the duet "Boom Baby" featuring our last meeting presenter, Jim Lergessner, who entertained us with stories from the Baby Boomer era.

Without stealing Ian's story-line on our last trip to Toowoomba, suffice to say we had a fun-filled time with a varied itinerary. Time stopped for us at the Cuckoo Clock factory at Cabarlah (pictured) or maybe it was wishful thinking. I laid a wreath on behalf of National Seniors Forest Lake for the commemoration at the lake on Anzac Day. We were treated to an air-force jet flyover right on time. Thanks to Brian Phillips for an excellent poem highlighting the sacrifices endured by our soldiers.

I might note that we are non-political so I must ask that any items for our branch face-book page be approved by Linda, our webmaster, before posting them. Please remember to bring a friend who may be at loose ends for something to do as this keeps our branch growing and assures its survival, as many are having difficulties as numbers decline naturally or otherwise. Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Cheers Peter



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New Branch Meeting Venue

Our next meeting **13/05/21** will be held at the **Richlands Hotel, 132 Government Road, Richlands.** **Entry via the bistro doors.** Sign-in as normal at 9.30 am. Meeting starts at 10.00 am. Meeting fees are still \$6. Download the **Queensland COVID App** for sign-in. Members who cannot - staff will be able to assist with sign-in via an iPad. Buffet meals will be available at a discount if you have a Queensland Seniors Card (blue) for \$15. Otherwise, the cost is \$18.35. There is a membership sign-up available which accumulates reward points. We suggest you visit the hotel prior to the meeting to join, as there will not be time on the day prior to the meeting.

MC Positions

**Management Committee Positions falling vacant
2021 - 2022.**

Branch Secretary

Membership Coordinator.

Our current Management Committee members fulfilling these roles will not be renominating next year. **Both roles are essential to the running of the branch and must be filled.** If you feel you would like to contribute, even if only for a short time, please speak to either Mary or Linda, to get an understanding of these roles and if agreeable, then you could be trained/mentored in the time leading up to our AGM in September this year.

Upcoming Events

May

Branch Meeting

DATE: Thursday 13th Entertainment – Boom Baby
Pay for Canungra / O'Reillys Trip
WHERE: **Richlands Hotel**
132 Government Road, Richlands
TIME: **Entry 9.30am**, 10am meeting starts
COST: \$6.00

Day Trip – Bribie Island

DATE: Thursday 20th
WHERE: Bribie Island – Butterfly House & Lunch
TIME: 8.30am depart from ALDI carpark
COST: \$55pp

June

Branch Meeting

DATE: Thursday 10th
Pay for Christmas in July
WHERE: Richlands Hotel
132 Government Road, Richlands
TIME: **Entry 9.30am**, 10am meeting starts
COST: \$6.00

Day Trip – Canungra & O'Reillys Valley

DATE: Thursday 17th
WHERE: O'Reillys Valley Estate & Canungra
TIME: 8.00am depart from ALDI carpark
COST: \$65pp

Lunch

DATE: Thursday 24th
WHERE: Monier Hotel, 168/176 Monier Road, Darra
TIME: 12.00pm
COST: Pay for own meal on the day

July

Branch Meeting

DATE: Thursday 10th
Pay for Whitsunday Dreaming Trip
WHERE: Richlands Hotel
132 Government Road, Richlands
TIME: **Entry 9.30am**, 10am start
COST: \$6.00

Day Trip – Christmas in July

DATE: Friday 23rd
WHERE: Woodlands at Marburg
TIME: TBA
COST: TBA

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

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 – Smith1Canun
Surname (Smith)
Number going (1)
Trip (Canungra & O'Reillys Valley Trip)

EFTPOS

The Branch has 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 Canungra & O'Reillys Trip \$65 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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Julie Baldwin	Marion Harnwell
Iwan Bidiuch	Ian Horrocks
Noel Edwards	Morven Leech
Margaret Gibson	Rod Leech
Clive Harnwell	Betty Maughan

Sherwood Services Club Lunch

16 members enjoyed lunch and good conversation at the Sherwood Services club".



Anzac Day

Our President laid a wreath on behalf of National Seniors Forest Lake for the commemoration at the lake.



From The Trips Desk

TOOWOOMBA OVERNIGHT TRIP

Our last away trip was the one night two day to Toowoomba and country. It was an amazing trip with fantastic company. Our bus driver and mine host Alan, had us visiting the new Wellcamp Airport, Jondaryan Wool Shed for a tour and lunch, the Oakey Army Aviation Air Wing Museum, Hollands Winery at Crows Nest (and yes, we did stop for double sars at the Crows Nest Cordial Factory). We overnighted in Toowoomba and dined at the Glenvale Sports club. At least one of the members had a huge win on the pokies. Next morning, we were off to the Highfield Pioneer Village for a tour and morning tea. Loved their damper made

on site. We then visited the Cabarlah Cuckoo Clock centre and onto the Danish Flower Art centre for lunch. Our trusty bus driver then took us to Picnic Point Lookout in Toowoomba where icecream and photo opportunities were aplenty. Then homeward bound arriving at approx. 5.30pm.



THURSDAY 20TH MAY 2021 - COST \$55.00

Our away trip for May is to BRIBIE ISLAND visiting the Butterfly House in the Bribie Island suburb of Bongaree (morning tea at own expense). Please wear bright colours to attract the butterflies. We will then lunch at the Bribie Island Surf Club (included). There will be a meal choice prior to our arrival at lunch. (To be advised).

Our bus leaves from behind Aldi at the Forest Lake Shopping Centre at 8.30am.

THURSDAY 17TH JUNE 2021 - COST \$65.00

Our away trip for June is to CANUNGRA AND O'REILLYS VALLEY.

Depart 8am and arrive at O'Reillys 9.35am

Morning Tea

Short talk on property

Walk to Alpaca facility

Other wildlife viewing in creek that runs through property

Alpaca and facility shop

Depart for Canungra at a suitable time.

Investigate Canungra shops

Lunch at the Canungra Hotel (meal choice to be advised)

Morning tea and lunch included in cost.

To be paid at **May** branch meeting.

THURSDAY 24TH JUNE 2021

LUNCH AT THE MONIER HOTEL

Names at **May** branch meeting please

FRIDAY 23RD JULY 2021....COST TBA

CHRISTMAS IN JULY / WOODLANDS OF MARBURG

2 course alternate drop lunch

Guided tour of premises

Names of interested members at May meeting

To be paid for at **June** branch meeting

Trip Coordinator Ian Horrocks

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.

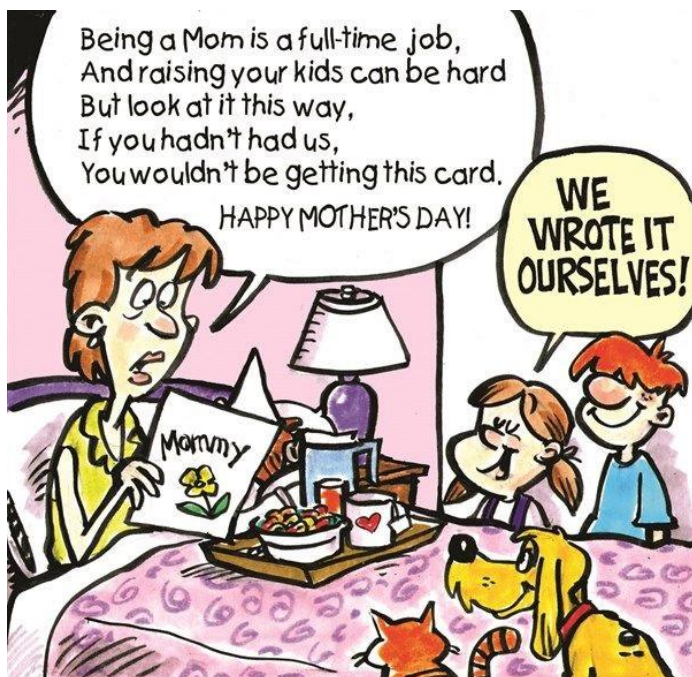
Newsletter, Agendas & Minutes of previous meetings

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) & 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"

Laughter is the best medicine



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 daughter asked her mother "How does it feel to have an intelligent and smart daughter? Her Mother replied, "I don't know, ask your Grandma."

Why don't they have Mother's Day Sales? Because Mothers are priceless

THE VILLAGE CHURCH

The ancient village church stands in a welcome pose
With its ancient clock tick-tocking closer to the hour
Giving blessings to all those that rest within its shadows
And a home for pigeons and sparrows its lofty tower
Way above its hallowed ground, trees form as a comose
Complimented by a remembrance garden in full flower
Bringing forth a peaceful scene, one of complete repose
With the surrounding flint wall acting as a protective bower
Shielding a well-trodden pathway though the velvet grass
Making an easy walk to the grey tiled roof of a lychgate
Where a board informs of service times and of a Bible Class
With each service listed showing details of the day and date
And highlighting the event of a solemn memorial mass
There too, a separate billboard advertising the village fete
With a happy picture of enjoyment for every lad and lass
And welcoming all to worship in the church's peaceful state

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