



February 2026

Brighton Branch Meetings - Next Meeting Tuesday 17th February 2026

Our Branch Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, except for December when we do not have a meeting. We meet at the Lighthouse Community Church, cnr Jetty Road & The Crescent, Brighton, the beach side of the railway line. Meeting starts at 10am, so arrive from 9.30am. Door entry is \$5, and this includes morning tea and a chance to win a door entry prize. Payment for Subscriptions and Outings can be made by: (a) cash at a club meeting: (b) credit card payments - available at Branch meetings or: (c) **Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)** direct to the Branches Account (Bank SA). **BSB: 105-042 Account No. 0579 62340 Account Name: National Seniors Brighton.** Please include your **name and reason for payment** in the **description/reference field**. Also please **send an email to: Marilyn Smith at marcoladelaide@gmail.com** once the transfer has been completed. If you use your card, Brighton Branch does not pass the merchant fee onto you.

- There is a lunch each month after the meeting and an Anniversary Lunch in July/August plus a Christmas Lunch (all at own expense). Note: Name badges and Emergency Cards should be worn at all Branch Meeting and Activities

- On a **trial basis** the Minutes of the previous meeting will be sent by email with the next months Newsletter to see how it works for members. Some helpers are required to put up trestle tables in the Church Hall and on the stage, this needs to be done soon after 9.00am, also help to put the trestle tables back in the store room at meeting end.

- **Next Meeting - Guest Speaker- Mr Alan Starks speaks on "The History of Chocolate"** Alan Starks is a member of the Tea Tree Gully History Society and is interested in the local history of the district. Alan is interested in all types of history and gives talks on the history of beer, chocolate and non-medical medicines that were sold in America in the 1800's. At our February meeting he will speak about the history of chocolate. Samples of different chocolate will be provided and he will advise about what chocolate is good for your health.

- **Lunch After this Months Meeting** is at The Holdfast Hotel, 83 Brighton Road, Glenelg. If you do wish to attend, please put your name on the sheet on the back table at the meeting, so we can advise the hotel of the number of members attending by the end of morning tea.

- **Special Luncheon - Wednesday 4th March 2026**

We will have lunch at The Junction, 470 Anzac Highway, Camden Park (across the tramline from the Morphettville Racecourse). There is a seniors menu available. Bookings Taken at the February meeting - choose and pay for your meal on the day.

- **Thursday 19th March 2025 at 10.00am Visit to the Marion Village Museum**

The Museum is situated at No. 9 Township Road, Marion, in a building behind the historic Methodist Chapel. Not to be confused with St Ann's Catholic Chapel (a white building) in Finniss Street, both chapels are just a few hundred metres apart. Upon arrival look for Museum volunteers (in yellow vests) who will meet and greet and help with parking. The program includes a tour of the Museum, the Stable Gallery and the historic 1862 Chapel and a competition with prizes, also morning tea with scones, jam and cream plus short videos about the Village. A request of \$10 per person by cash or credit card..



- At the **January Meeting** we were lucky enough to have as our Guest Speaker Mr Peter Brinkworth who explained the real story behind the invention of Aussie icon, the humble chicken salt.



- A **special thank you** was made to John and Libby Macey for their many years of devoted work with taking the names of attending members each month.

Another thank you must be given to Beverley Robinson for her contribution of photos taken at each Branch Meeting which are useful for the Newsletter.

Committee Vacancies Please Consider - We still require a - Vice President; one or two Guest Speaker Coordinators; and now - a Newsletter Editor - your help and consideration of these posts would be most appreciated.

- **Movie lovers monthly event at the Mercury Cinema** Silverscreen offers quality cinema with community connection. In partnership with Retire Australia there are a number of special morning tea events coming up for the 10:30am sessions. Everyone is welcome! \$12 for Seniors Card Holders. **Mercury Subscribers receive unlimited complimentary admission to all regular screenings.** No need to book, just meet in the foyer. There will be movies during February and March, however because the Fringe Festival and Festival Arts are on during these months there won't be any Senior's Special morning tea, but many movies available to choice from. **Mercury Cinema is at 13 Morphett Street Adelaide alongside the Morphett Street Bridge 100 metres south of the City West tram stop.**
- **The following activities are being considered for 2026** which is our **Branch 25th Anniversary Year** which will include birthday cake to celebrate.
 - * Visit to Cummins House, Guest Speakers and Entertainment at Meetings to be included.
- **The Walking Group** There is an active Walking Group, which meets every Tuesday, except when there is a Branch Meeting, and the walk is on the following day. If you would like to join in any of the weekly walks, contact either **Barbara Hansen 0448 223 075** or **Rose Cearns 0405 537 910.**

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