

January 2026



*Message from the President, Maureen Cook*

*Wishing all our Brighton National Seniors members and visitors a Very Happy New Year 2026 and may you be blessed with good health and happiness throughout the year. I hope you can join us through the following months at our monthly meetings and activities which the committee work hard in the background to organise. Sometimes plans go astray, however we do our best to find replacements so all are informed and entertained and also enjoy the meetings which encourage you to continue joining us for friendship and socialising on a regular basis.*

## **Brighton Branch Meetings - Next Meeting Tuesday 20th January 2026**

Our Branch Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, except for December when we do not have a meeting. Meeting 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](mailto: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
- **Next Meeting - Guest Speaker-** Due to unforeseen circumstances we have a change of Guest Speaker - but we are lucky enough to introduce Mr Peter Brinkworth **"The real story behind the invention of Aussie icon, the humble chicken salt"** Very few of us know about the origin story of this powerful, all-purpose flavour agent. It all started at Peter Brinkworth's chicken shop in Gawler, 40 km north of Adelaide, some time in the early 1970s. Peter will explain to us exactly how chicken salt was originally made. He has kindly agreed to talk to us about himself, his product and his recent resurgence of himself and his product. He will bring some product for sale.
- **Lunch After this Months Meeting** is at The Broadway Hotel, 61 Broadway, Glenelg South, 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.
- **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.**
- **Lunch Date for your diary Thursday 29th January 2026 - Lockleys Hotel** 493 Henley Beach Road, Fulham. Time: 12.30pm. Seniors' menu Nine Main Courses. Final bookings at the January Branch Meeting.

- **Below are just a few photo's taken at our 10th December Christmas Lunch at Seacliff Beach Hotel** - I think you will all agree with lovely comments below by Eliana Hockley - "After a wonderful Christmas party - the food and company was great, all that hard work behind the scene has not gone unnoticed. The activity team put on a show. A big thank you goes to the team. Graham and Lyndal wrapping the gifts up. Graham, Brian and Lyndal transport Santa gifts to the venue. Making the raffle booklets and stabling them together. A special thank you goes to all that called out the raffle numbers, collecting raffle, checking numbers and making sure everyone got a prize. The venue was well decorated and getting welcomed by the Christmas arch as you walked in."



**Movie lovers monthly event at the Mercury Cinema** - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 10.00am Morning tea (sponsored by Retire Australia) followed by the movie **The Golden Spurtle**. Cost \$12 (Discount for RAA members). Movie plot – In a Scottish Highland village, competitors gather for the world Porridge Championships' final year under Charlie Miller's leadership, celebrating traditional community through the art of perfect porridge-making. No need to book, just meet in the foyer. 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 (our Branch 25th Anniversary Year):** Marion Museum; Cummins House; Repatriation Hospital Heritage Walk; Migration Museum and a West Lakes Cruise.

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