

At the NSA News: Aged Care Task Force launched....

A taskforce has been created to put forward options to fund care. Who is on it and what does it mean for aged care ?

NSA has welcomed the formation of the Aged Care Taskforce, which has includes former NSA CEO Prof. John Mc Callum. The Taskforce’s primary aim is to review funding arrangements to ensure they are fair and equitable and create a safe and high quality system. Two years after the completion of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety, there are great expectations among all Australians that the care will be improved. While much has already been done to change the system, including better pay for staff, new quality standards and star ratings, one of the key difficulties is the long-term process of funding. Quality care can not be improved without adequate funding and transparency how the funding is spent. With a new age care act in development, it is critical the government gets funding right so older people get the services they deserve. During a Press Club address, Minister for Aged Care Anita Wells declared there would be a stronger focus on dementia and acknowledged the workforce shortage was the number one issue facing providers .Dementia is core to Aged Care with more than 50% of people in care living with dementia. NSA welcomed the development of a 10 year Dementia Action Plan and will be monitoring it closely. The recent 15% wage increase will help attract and retain staff, but more could be done. NSA continues to call for a dedicated mature age traineeship scheme, such as the one successfully trialled in SA and for changes to pensioners income test to allow older workers to be rewarded for continuing to work in the sector. Of course, underpinning any improvement to care is funding. Whatever funding models are put forward by the Taskforce, they must be the fairest and most efficient way to raise the funds. Conversation with the community must be part of the process. What does it mean...

In her speech, the Minister outlined that the taskforce would provide a draft report by October with a final report in December. It is likely therefore, that any funding options put forward from the Taskforce will be announced in the May 24 Budget, this has yet to be confirmed. In doing so, the Minister has signalled that all options are on the table, including a levy and increased payments. However, it is clear from the Minister’s speech and the terms of reference that consumer contributions will be one area that is being strongly considered. NSA will continue to monitor developments and update members and supporters as any news comes to hand!

Key points..

- +A panel of providers, consumers and public experts have been appointed by Minister Anita Wells to give advice regarding aged care funding.
- + Under the terms of reference, the panel is tasked with ensuring the aged care system is “fair and equitable for all Australians”,
- + This will include assessing a fair and equitable approach to consumers contributions, including “the scope of income and assets included in the assessment of means”

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Branch Diary

Guest speakers

21st Aug.: **RAA Travel**

18th Sept **SACOS** **(AGM)**

16th Oct. **20th Birthday Celebration**

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 Modbury National Seniors meet every third Monday of the month (4th if Public Holiday) at 1.30pm at Lutheran Homes Inc., 1217 Grand Junction Rd. Hope Valley except November and December.

Entrance fee of \$5.00

Postal address: NSA Modbury, PO Box 499, St. Agnes, 5097

We always welcome visitors and potential new members. If after 3 or 4 visits you find that you enjoy coming to our meetings and being part of our group why not become a financial member of National Seniors Australia? Members are able to get involved in discussing and taking part in community issues pertaining to Senior Australians.

You can also take part in social events, hear interesting guest-speakers and meet like-minded members at other branches. Most importantly members can ensure that their voice is heard on issues affecting the over 6 mill. Australians over 50!

Only financial members are covered by NSA Insurance on outings! Financial members will also be given preference when there is a limit on numbers e.g. Christmas Lunch, Bus Trips etc.

	Single	Joint
1year membership	\$48.5	\$80
2 year	\$88	\$143
3 year	\$120	\$180
5 year	\$220	\$325

Enrolment forms can be found on activities Table or from Treasurer. M/fees can be paid at the Post Office or by phone. No Credit card surcharge applies!

Riddle: If life gets to tough what do you have left that you can always count on?

Grandma's Wit and wisdom: Once I realised how expensive funerals are, I began to exercise and watch my diet !

Interesting fact: Humans have one more bone in their bodies than horses!

Anyone interested in doing the Newsletter in 2024 please see Ray

Forthcoming events for 2023

Wednesday 27th Sept. Approx. 9-4pm, St Kilda Mangrove Trail, 11seater bus and private cars, Walking Trail approx.. 1hr. return, seats and toilets along the way, can stop and return at any time if you find it too strenuous, Community Bus will leave LHI at 9.30 for trip to St. Kilda cost \$12 payable to Rosalie, morning tea at 'Tackle and Tucker 10.15, Lunch at St. Kilda Hotel at 12pm, Lunch Special \$16.90 & Main Menu, specialty coffees and tea,

Monday 16th Oct. Modbury NSA 20th Birthday Celebration, keep the date free!!!!!!

Monday 20th Nov. 12noon. Seniors Christmas Lunch at the Windsor Hotel, Windsor Gardens, 2 course meal + Salad Bar + hot vegetables \$22.90, will also have a raffle,

Aug. Birthdays: Margaret Fellows(8), Rosalie Zurek(13), Lynne Kirk(17), Elizabeth Dunger(19), Elaine Peters(23), David Sweet(23),

**Wedding Anniversaries: Heather & Ron Murphy
 Congratulations and Best Wishes To All !**

Aussie Joke: For years the couples had been playing cards every week, but as they grew older the pace slackened. While the women were out of the room, one bloke said to the other, 'I usually have to remind you what cards have been played, but tonight I didn't need to. Why not?'

'I've been to memory school.'

'Yeah, whats the name of the school?'

'Let me see.....what do you call the red flower with thorns on it's stem?'

'A rose?'

'Yeah, a rose, that's it. Hey Rose,' he yelled towards the kitchen, 'what was the name of that memory school I went to?'



At the AGM in September the following positions have to be filled: Vice President, Treasurer, Guest speaker Co-ordinator and an extra Door-Person. Please think about taking-on any of these positions if you want the branch to continue!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Please wear your name Badges at meetings and Outings!!!

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