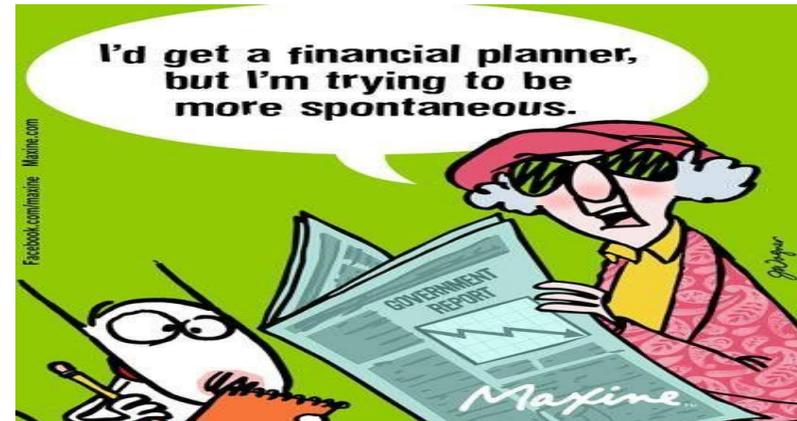


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Branch Diary

**Guest Speakers 2026**

**16<sup>th</sup> Feb. Financial Planner, Mataan Dunning**

**16<sup>th</sup> March LIONS Assistance Dogs, Jess Hattam**

**20<sup>th</sup> April My Local Physio Plus**

**18<sup>th</sup> May Ben Hollister ( Professional Historian)**

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Committee for 2026

President

Susan Boyle

NSA News: The song remains the same.....

This year marks 50 years of National Seniors Australia, a milestone that celebrates our long-standing commitment to advocating for and supporting older Australians . Our 50 year anniversary is not just a reflection on how far we've come, it's a reminder of the strength, resilience, and unity of our members, and the important role we continue to play in shaping a better future for seniors.

A dip into the archives proves it's the passion of it's members that makes NSA what it is today. In June 1986, change was afoot in later years, the forerunner organisation of National Seniors Australia. It's magazine, The Good Life, took on a bright new look with the cover showing 2 members, Marj Morrison and George Clements, blowing candles on a birthday cake. The occasion was our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary – and while a lot has evolved as NSA prepares for it's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, the enthusiasm and engagement of our members, and the primary purpose of the organisation, remain the same. The magazine focussed on members and their various activities, enjoying life and giving back to the community. Among them were "The Lunch Bunch" – a group of 10 women and 1 man – who were celebrating 6 years of serving up lunches at monthly Later Years meetings in Brisbane's City Hall. One of the volunteers, Kath Douglas, said, "we've become great friends. We go out socially together and hit the town regularly. And we share our problems. 3 of us have husbands, though – they're the only things we don't share. Also profiled was Ken Smith, the organisation's far North Queensland liaison officer, who at 67, has just completed a walk from Cairns to Townsville. "I wanted to prove that a person our age can do anything once the mind is set on it," he said. Another story profiled Thomas Stephens, who topped off a long career in the law by completing his PhD at the age of 84. There is also a story about "Later Years" – a celebration that involved 600 seniors and kicked off with a concert at the Suncorp Theatre starring popular baritone Denis White. The party continued through the week with a free screening of the film "Cocoon", about residents of a retirement home who believe they have discovered the "Fountain of Youth". The magazine also featured an interview with Bert Martin, one of the founders of Later Years, whose motto was "You're never too old to learn something new". His co-founder, Everard Compton, wrote a column about the successes of the organisation, which has grown over the decade to have more than 20 000 members. "The foundation have now been laid and the greatest years are ahead," he wrote ." Later years are going places and we want you to come with us."

- Vice President Piero Fioretti
- Secretary Bruce Anderson
- Treasurer Bruce Dommenz
- Assist. Treasurer Alastair Boyle
- Activities Officer
- Guest Speakers Rosalie Zurek
- Welfare Ashley Todd
- Extra Member (1) Mary Fioretti
- Extra Member (2)
- Ex Officio. Public Officer Ray Zurek
- Door Dianne & David Broadbent
- Greeter Beverly Anderson
- Newsletter Ray Zurek

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 Modbury National Seniors meet every third Monday of the month (4<sup>th</sup> if Public Holiday) at 1.30pm at the Lutheran Homes, 1217 Grand junction Rd. Hope Valley, except November and December. Entrance fee \$ 5.00  
 Postal address: NSA Modbury, PO Box 499 St Agnes 5097  
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**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 guestspeakers 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	\$49.50	\$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: How can I halve 12 and still have 7 left?**  
**Grandma's Wit and Wisdom: Health is real wealth and peace of mind is real happiness**  
**Interesting facts: In the USA ransom payments to kidnappers are tax deductible**

**Forthcoming events for 2025-----2026**  
**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. 12 noon, Lunch at the Highlander Hotel, 647 N/East rd Gillies Plains**  
**Anyone interested in Coopers Brewery Tour. Full tour with tasting \$50, no tasting \$35. See Ashley for more details.**

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**Feb. Birthdays: Robyn Neate (4), Ashley Todd (4), Joyce Wright (10), Robert Megaw (13), Mervin Fenwick 80 (25), Weddings: Marcia & Eric Schubert (19) Congratulations and best wishes to All!!**

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**Joke .....**  
**A priest and a taxi driver died and both went to heaven. St. Peter was at the pearly gates waiting for them.**  
**"Come with me," said St. Peter to the taxi driver.**  
**The taxi driver did as he was told and followed St. Peter to a mansion. It had everything you imagine from a bowling alley to an Olympic sized swimming pool.**  
**"Wow, thank you." Said the taxi driver.**  
**Next, St. Peter led the priest to a rugged old shack with a little old television set.**  
**"Wait, I think you're a little mixed up," said the priest. "Shouldn't I be the one who gets the mansion? After all I was a priest, went to church every day and preached God's word.**  
**"Yes, That's true. But during your sermons people slept. When the taxi driver drove, everyone prayed!"**

