

National Seniors

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MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

MAY GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 6th MAY 2022 Morning tea will be from 9:00am to 10:00am, meeting follows.

This meeting, we have the **Bush Poet** and the theme will Australian Bushies, so please join in and **GET DRESSED IN YOUR BEST BUSHIES GEAR**. Yes, there will be a prize for best dressed but whatever, the fun will be in being part of it. We also have Francesca (Frances) talking Member Memories.

The Hotel Bistro has a seniors' lunch menu, or you can order from the usual menu afterwards for those who choose to stay and pay their own.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wow! What a great Meeting Seniors. We had a very well-presented NSA update from Chris Grice, NSA General Manager and then a sensational Member Memories from Matthew. The Irish Theme went down well and Members joined in or wished they had. We'll keep having Member Memories and Theme meetings as the opportunities occur. Please don't be shy about putting your hand up for Member Memories. The memories may be ordinary

to you but they won't be for us.

Our wonderful Treasurer has updated the Branch website. Check it out and use it to show off our Branch. Some great photos there. <https://nationalseniors.com.au/get-involved/branches/new-farm>

The phenomenal buzz at our meetings indicates we're all enjoying the venue with nearly 50 attending our last meeting. The café style seating certainly makes it easier for conversation and moving around. The Brunswick love having us so let's know any improvements you think we can make here. Note there is the option to order from your phone scanning the barcode on the table. You can order and have the staff bring you coffees, food, drinks, etc without leaving your seat. And get 5% off with your Monty's Rewards card, obtainable from the Brunswick or montysrewards.com.au

It has been suggested we find a way for Members to interact with the younger generations. Members certainly enjoyed chatting to my grandchildren at the last meeting. There was an article in the Weekend Australian on matching a 'grandparent' with a 'grandchild' and noted how much enjoyment was derived from this interaction. We could have a specific meeting when Members can bring Grandchildren along for a 'Grandchildren' day. It would need to coincide with school holidays, and maybe an outdoor event such as a BBQ. Let's hear if there's enthusiasm for this and some ideas on how to implement this.

Finally, our Branch is looking at the option at making donations to agreed charities and having a defined process for raising those funds. In accordance with our established donations formula, we made a small donation to Zephyr Education last year which was well received by Members. Coorparoo Branch have a goal to donate a set sum to pre-selected charities with funds raised by adding \$1 to their Meeting fee. They have regular updates and, where possible, visits to their selected charities which gives Members more involvement. In the past our Branch has donated significant funds to charities. the other option is to spend any surplus funds on ourselves for entertainment and subsidised events. Currently we expect to break even on Branch activities this financial year. The options will be canvassed to Members in due course for Member consideration.

See you at the Brunswick
Graeme

Women spend more time wondering what men are thinking than men spend thinking.

Chris Grice talked about what NSA is doing on YOUR behalf. I've borrowed some slides from his presentation.



National Seniors Australia Our Advocacy Wins

We work hard to achieve better outcomes for older Australians.



Aged Care Royal Commission

We fought, and continue to fight, for urgent reforms to the aged care system.



Home Care Packages

We helped secure additional packages so more older Australians can remain at home.



Chief Advocate Ian Henschke



Deeming rates

We successfully lobbied for lower rates and a better deal for older Australians.



Pension age

We fought against the proposal to increase the age to 70 – and won.

And more... Pension loan scheme reduction, regulated price for electricity,

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National Seniors Australia Budget and election priorities for 2022

- Independent pension tribunal
- Increase rent assistance

Fix pension poverty



- Let pensioners work
- Universal pension

Fairer retirement income



- Home care traineeships
- Downsizing incentive
- Rental housing fund
- Home care loans scheme

Home Care



- Clean Energy bonds
- Increase and indexation of gifting limits

Legacy



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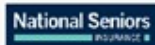
National Seniors Australia Practical examples of support

Membership

- Benefits Program
- Discounts including Insurance & Travel
- Financial Literacy Service e.g. support with Centrelink
- Wellbeing Support Service – COVID-19
- Our Generation magazine – 4 copies delivered 'to your door'
- Call 1300 76 50 50

Travel Insurance

- Domestic & International Plans
- COVID-19 cover included
- Existing Conditions can be covered
- Insurance for older Australians capped at 103 years
- Additional 10% premium discount for National Seniors Australia members
- Buy on-line or talk to one of our friendly staff
- Call 1300 50 50 99



Money Manager Bank Account

- Cash at call account
- No minimum balance required
- 0.55% interest rate
- ATM, Branch @ Post, Online, Cheque book
- \$250,000 Government Guarantee
- Powered by Auswide Bank
- Call 1300 342 149



Term Deposit

- NSA member interest rate of 0.95% for term of 12 months
- NSA member interest rate of 1.5% for term of 24 months
- NSA member interest rate of 1.75% for term of 36 months
- \$250,000 Government Guarantee
- Rates effective 7th April 2022 – Call 1300 342 149



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Jan, Trevor Evans, Steve and Irene, Peter and Carmel.



Some of the workers – Anne, Eileen, Denise, Trish, Di.



LOLA DAY to Boonah

The mini-bus trip took 13 of us to Beaudesert, morning tea at the beautiful Wyaralong Dam, and lunch and wander around the delightful country town of Boonah. Someone was thrilled to discover, in the old-fashioned general store and drapery, that they still stocked panty girdles!!!

APRIL MEETING RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

Lucky Door Prize – New Farm Cinemas 2x free admissions – Graeme Kidd

Bakeology gift card \$50 donated by Grace Grace – Anne Stubbington

Brunswick Hotel \$30 Gift Card – Steve Burchill

Savour Café gift card \$50 donated by Vicki Howard – Carmel Casey

Special St Patrick's Day prizes, chosen by Chris Grice for the greenest of green members, went to Judy Williams and Matthew Murphy.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

**Rob GREER Heather HARTFIEL Jan HICKEY
Joe HUMPHRIES Matthew MURPHY**



**"If you tell a big enough lie and tell it frequently enough, it will be believed." – Adolph Hitler
(This seems appropriate for all sorts of current and upcoming events, sadly. Ed.)**

WELFARE

Please notify **Ken Milner** on 0419227766 of any member you know who is ill or injured, so that we can give our support where needed.



Sadly, we need to advise that our member, Sandra Walsh has passed away after a long battle with cancer.

Sandra was a vibrant and friendly colleague, who did a lot to assist our group. She will be greatly missed.

Sandra's family will be holding a gathering in the form of a party to celebrate her life, this Friday 29th April. It will be held at Events on Oxlade, and all are welcome. We do need to advise Diane Gage if attending.

Please call or email ASAP. Phone or Text 0438 596 798 or email glasgowgage@bigpond.com



Hospitality is the art of making guests feel like they're at home when you wish they were.

There may be no excuse for laziness, but I'm still looking.

ACTIVITIES & DATE CLAIMERS for NSA NEW FARM Branch

THE BRUNSWICK STREET BOOK CLUB Tuesday 10 May at 2pm

Our new Book Club got off to a flying start at our first meeting. Eleven enthusiastic members turned up with a whole range of books and suggested readings. We will meet at 2pm. on the second Tuesday of every month at IWAN Bookshop, 608 Brunswick Street to discuss the selected book. Next month our choice is **Bruny by Heather Rose**, author of the multi prize-winning *The Museum of Modern Love*. As well as paying homage to this beautiful Tasmanian Island, *Bruny* is a searing exploration of politics, family loyalty and the pursuit of power. This promises to generate a very interesting discussion and we looking forward to our meeting in May. **Anne Stubbington**



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If you are interested, give Dani a call on 33585908 or email her at danielledevalera@gmail.com

(PS Best coffee in New Farm, IMHO – Frances)

MAY DINNER

Thursday 19th May at 6:00pm, at Taj Mahal, 710 Brunswick St, New Farm.

See <http://tajmahal.com.au/> for the menu.

Please advise Frances Munro (0422 489 406) if attending or cancelling.



"Some people feel the rain. Others just get wet." — Bob Dylan



LOLA DAYS – DIFFERENT DAYS FOR DIFFERENT PEOPLE

Wednesday, 9th May. A Day on Cavill Ave, Surfers Paradise.
Meet at the Cultural Centre bus stop at 9.20am, or platform 2 at South Brisbane Station at 9.30am.

OUT AND ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY

NEW FARM LIBRARY

FIRST FRIDAY BOOK CLUB
Fri 6th May, 10:00am

In **May** we will be reading **Under Your Wings** by **Tiffany Tao**
New members welcome. Bookings not required. Free



Hard to believe I once had a phone attached to a wall, and when it rang, I picked it up without knowing who was calling.

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— SIX CINEMAS —

THE DROVER'S WIFE: THE LEGEND OF MOLLY JOHNSON

From THU 5 MAY

Directed by Leah Purcell | Starring Jessica De Gouw, Sam Reid, Rob Collins, Leah Purcell, Malachi Dower-Roberts



The Drover's Wife: The Legend of Molly Johnson is a reimagining of Leah Purcell's acclaimed play and Henry Lawson's classic short story. A searing Australian western thriller asking the question: how far do you go to protect your loved ones?



FATHER STU from THU 12 MAY

God wanted a fighter and He found one. Mark Wahlberg stars in the inspiring true-life story, Father Stu.

Based on a true story, Father Stu is an unflinchingly honest, funny, and ultimately uplifting drama about a lost soul who finds his purpose in a most unexpected place. When an injury ends his amateur boxing career, Stuart Long (**Mark Wahlberg**) moves to L.A. dreaming of stardom. While scraping by as a supermarket clerk, he meets Carmen (**Teresa Ruiz**), a Catholic Sunday school teacher who seems immune to his bad-boy charm. Determined to win her over, the longtime agnostic starts going to church to impress her. But surviving a terrible motorcycle accident leaves him wondering if he can use his second chance to help others find their

way, leading to the surprising realization that he is meant to be a Catholic priest. Despite a devastating health crisis and the skepticism of Church officials and his estranged parents (**Mel Gibson and Jacki Weaver**), Stu pursues his vocation with courage and compassion, inspiring not only those closest to him but countless others along the way.

TO OLIVIA from THU 19 MAY

It's 1962 and Roald Dahl (**Hugh Bonneville**), an eccentric, burgeoning children's author and his wife, Patricia Neal (**Keeley Hawes**), a glamorous Hollywood movie star, have retreated to the English countryside to bring up their expanding young family. Tragically, their lives are turned upside down by the devastating death of their daughter Olivia and as the couple struggle through the unimaginable loss, their shared grief becomes a source of redemption and strength which changes their lives forever. Set between New York, England and Los Angeles, chronicles Dahl's struggles while writing some of his most famous works and Neal's return to acting and winning an Oscar.



LORD MAYOR'S CITY HALL CONCERTS:

Please note – due to Covid restrictions, these concerts have to be booked, either online through Brisbane City Council website, or for those without a computer, ring the council on 34038888.

Concerts are still free!

Tue 3rd May 12:00pm to 1:00pm - Pops and Circumstance! The best of the British Isles Brass and Organ Concert

The Queensland Conservatorium Brass Band and the magnificent City Hall pipe organ come together for a whirl around the British Isles, including music from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

There's something for everyone, with a little bit of pomp and a little bit of pops in the tradition of the Last Night of the



Proms. Allow yourself to be swept away by the grandeur of the pipe organ, played by Dr Phillip Gearing, and the full force of a big British-style brass band, under the baton of Howard Taylor. You'll be tapping your

feet to the rhythms of Ireland, transported to the highlands of Scotland and immersed in the eye-watering beauty of Saint Saens Symphony No. 3. To top it all off, be prepared for the full majesty of Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance..



Tue 10th May 12:00pm to 1:00pm. Karl S. Williams and Shannon Carroll

.Celebrate the combined song writing mastery of two of Australia's finest singer-song writers, Karl S. Williams and Shannon Sol Carroll. Worldly, soulful, insightful and inspiring, from the swamps of Mississippi to the surf breaks of Hawaii, Shannon and Karl's stories, songs and sounds transport, transfix and transform.

Tue 17th May 12:00pm to 1:00pm – The Seekers Tribute Concert

The Seekers, Australia's first ever pop group to achieve major chart success in both the USA and UK, have combined pop and folk music with exquisite voice harmonies. The Seekers Tribute band consisting of Jayne Henry, Danny Withington, Russell Hinton and Mick Olsen, collaborate to perform The Seekers greatest hits. Live with that magical four-part harmony and The Seekers signature up-tempo sound, enjoy classic timeless pop folk hits of the original band, sprinkled with the unforgettable covers that resonated throughout the 60s and beyond. A memorable concert performance with unique authenticity will guarantee audience satisfaction.



Tue 24th May 12:00pm to 1:00pm – no concert listed



Tue 31st May 12:00pm to 1:00pm – Sean Sennett presents: I Left My Heart in Highgate Hill

- a song cycle that revolves around love songs and our city. The show features some of South East Queensland's finest female voices including Charlotte Emily, Lucinda Shaw, Rachael Dixon, Dana Gehrman and more. Coming from the album of the same name, the production has played sold-out houses from the Brisbane Festival to the Woodford Folk Festival. The singers perform material from Sean's solo catalogue, along with the radio hits that he has enjoyed with Kate Ceberano and The Church's Steve Kilby (All Tied Up and My Restless Heart). Also featured in the concert is Valentine's Day which was covered by Kasey Chambers and Paul Field, along with popular favourites from other artists.

NEW FARM BRANCH COMMITTEE AND ASSISTANTS FROM SEPTEMBER 2021

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Do remember to update any changes to details with Jenny Milner. Emergency contacts need to be current.

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