

NSA News: What does the election mean for seniors ?

A majority Labour government was an unexpected result, so who is who in the zoo and what does it mean for you and how can you be heard? Despite the hubris about the election being a wipeout, it is critical to understand the context of Labors victory. Australian voters backed away from change at a time of global uncertainty faced with an opposition that failed to sell itself as an alternative. The large scale of the defeat has meant that opportunities for increased debate, which a hung parliament would have imposed, have diminished. Labor’s majority in the lower house will give it the power to pass bills through the House of Representative, however because all legislation needs to pass though the Senate, there are still opportunities for debate and negotiations. The question for Labor is whether it is willing to listen and work with civil society organisations, like NSA to develop policies that have the best interest of voters. We would argue that this is the best way for Labor to pass good legislation because it will ensure its decisions have buy-in from the electorate. As a peak body, we ensure that our policies are designed to achieve better outcomes for older Australians. Our hope is that Labor will see the benefits of being more, not less consultative, over the next term of parliament.


Who is who in the Zoo.....

PM Anthony Albanese’s ministerial reshuffle has seen the creation of a Cabinet-level Ageing portfolio, and appointment of a new Minister for Aged Care and Seniors. Existing Health and Aged Care Minister Mark Butler’s role has been adjusted and expanded. He is now Minister for Health and Ageing, Disability and NDIS. Replacing ‘Aged Care’ with ‘Ageing is a subtle, but important difference . NSA has long called for a Minister for Older Australians and welcomes the recognition of Ageing and the addition of responsibility for Seniors to the Aged Care ministry. ‘NSA is pleased to see Ageing recognised in Cabinet through the change in Mark Butler’s title to encompass Health and Ageing,’ NSA CEO Chris Grice said. “we hope this change signifies that the government understands the importance and needs of an ageing population,’ “There are many issues facing Australians as they age. Many experience ageism, barriers to mature age employment, elder abuse, poverty, and homelessness which require government support and intervention. NSA believes a key focus for Mr Butler should be a full review of the private health system to reduce health insurance premiums and out-of pocket costs. It should also work with all states to improve the interface between hospitals and age care to reduce hospital ramping and speed up access to aged care services. New Aged Care and Seniors Minister Sam Rae has a big job managing the introduction of the new Aged Care Act which was to be introduced on 1 July 2025. NSA will be calling on the Minister to prioritise reducing wait times for home care services to 3 months and will continue to scrutinise the reform process, providing advise through our participation in various working groups.

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# National Seniors

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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

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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 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	\$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: When is a door not a door?

Grandma's Wit and Wisdom: Always be a first-rate person of yourself, instead of second-rate person of somebody else

Interesting facts: Oysters can change their sex up to four times a year

## Forthcoming events for 2024-----2025

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Aug. Visit to 'Jam Factory' , 19 Morphett St. City,, 11am for 1 hour cost \$5.00

Lunch Venue to be announced later..

Please put your name in the Outings Folder if interested.

If unable to attend please let Rosalie know on 0416 010 329

September AGM, please consider how you can be part of the new Committee!!!!!!!!!!

**July Birthdays:** Keith Fitzgerald(6), Beverley Anderson(7), Christine Stewart(10), Neil Kirk(12), Erma Hill(28), David Broadbent(29), Judy Fairhead(30),

**Weddings: Nil**

**Congratulations and Best Wishes to All**

**Modbury News:** At our last meeting the members agreed to give a \$200 donation to Oz Harvest and the same amount to the Dementia Foundation. We also donated \$200 to 'Orange Laundry.' Well done Guys!!!

NSA is holding a Forum at the Kent Town Hotel on the 24<sup>th</sup> of July. If you haven't received an Invitation E mail to the 'Learn, Connect & Keep Safe' Forum and still like to go, please see Susan.

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An elderly couple returns to a Mercedes dealership to find the salesman had just sold the car they were interested in, to a beautiful, leggy, busty blonde.

"I thought you said you would hold the car till we raised the \$ 120 000 asking price ,"said the elderly man. "Yet you have just closed the deal for \$100 000to that lovely young lady there. You insisted there could be no discount on this new model."

"Well, what can I tell you ? She had the ready cash, and just look at her , how could I resist?" replied the grinning salesman.

Just then the young woman approached the old folks and handed them the keys .

"There you go," she said. "I told you I could get this joker to drop the price!"

"See you later, grandpa."

Never mess with the elderly!!!!



