

# National Seniors

AUSTRALIA

## Melville Branch – April 2026 Newsletter

I hope members are out and about enjoying this lovely autumn weather.

It is good that the decrease in the price of petrol and diesel is starting to flow through to the bowsers. But with the war continuing there will be continued uncertainty about the barrel price of oil and the flow on effects.

### SECRETARY POSITION

Sally has given advance notice that she will be standing down as secretary at the AGM in July due to issues with her hands. If someone came forward to take on the role prior to the AGM Sally would appreciate this.

The work of the secretary has been greatly reduced due to the decision that the committee will now only meet two times a year. Once in July prior to the AGM and again in November prior to the December lunch. If there is a need to make any decisions prior to these meetings, committee members will be consulted by email seeking their endorsement or prior to the general meetings if required.

Taking of minutes at general meetings is not an onerous task. Minute taking is minimal as the Treasurer's, Speaker Organiser's, Theatre visits and Social co-ordinator's reports are generally contained in the newsletter.

We don't want to have to close the Branch if we can't elect a secretary. Surely there is a member who can step up.

### NSA BRISBANE OFFICE and PAG

Chris Grice and Karen Furnivall plan to come to W.A. for public forums in May and June, with the hope of gaining more members for Branches. Suggestions for venues (in the Melville/Thornlie area) have been provided to Karen.

Arlene Quinn, the new Chair of the PAG, plans to visit our Branch sometime this year, to enlighten us on the workings of PAG and an update on current issues.

### RSV Vaccine

On Tuesday the Health Minister announced that this vaccine would be available on the PBS from 15 May for people over the age of 75 years. This will be a big saving for those who need to have the vaccine. I had the vaccine approx two years ago and was out of pocket over \$300. If you have not had the vaccine you should asked your doctor on your next visit about having it.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Cash at Bank 22 April \$6,078.08

A copy of the Treasurer's Report is attached to the email sending out this newsletter.

## **SPEAKERS**

April - Richard often talking about perth cinemas and theatres.

May - Cyril Ayres titled Lets not be serious – journalist

## **THEATRE VISITS, Etc**

### **OLD MILL THEATRE**

June18- July 2. - comedy, The Old Man and the She ( Elderly couple, strangers both move into a new complex. They then decide to start an affair to relieve boredom. Things do not go as planned)

July10 -18 Bel Canto Youth Production

Musical - Sister Act

July24 (?) - August 8 The Master and Margarita (a GRADS production - no info yet)

August 14-24 Pygmalion. (Irish Theatre Production)

September 11 -26 Table Manners - comedy

### **MELVILLE THEATRE**

Captain Moonlite - musical ( rescheduled) July31- August 15

June(dates to come) Breaking the Code- true story of how the German secret codes in WW2 were detected

November Speaking in Tongues, drama

### **SOCIAL CO-ORDINATOR**

Weds 13<sup>th</sup> May Goanna Golf at Point Walter golf course. Mini golf with easy and more challenging holes, in lush gardens. 10.30a.m. \$16. Lunch available in the spacious Grasslands Cafe/bar area.

Proposed for Thurs 18th June - visit to Miller's Bakehouse Museum, in Palmyra, with lunch at a local venue to follow.

Joseph, President of Western suburbs, would like you to know about their classical concert on Thursday 7th May at the Mount Claremont Community Centre.

10.00am - 11.45am. \$15. More details of programme and booking to be displayed at our meeting.

### **CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE**

Thank you to those members who bring their empty containers into the meetings. Since the last meeting we have received \$27.40. Since November we have received \$127.10. If it is more convenient to deposit these locally the reference number for the Branch is C10360289. Please continue to bring in empty bottles and cans as the proceeds help the Branch to be able to subsidise events. The more income from this source, the more we can subsidise events.

**BIRTHDAYS:** In May - Best wishes for a happy birthday to Larry Kirchner, Sally McCartney, Beth Peters, Amy Koppert

### **LUNCH AFTER MEETINGS**

Members are welcome to come down to the Burrendah Tavern. Numbers of those wishing to go to lunch will be taken prior to morning tea at each meeting so a table booking can be made.

### **Melville NSA Meeting Dates and Venue**

The Melville branch meets at 10.00am on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Lifestreams Church, 55 Agincourt Drive, Willetton, WA, 6155, with the exception of July and December.

### **Protocol**

1. A visitor can attend their first meeting free.
2. To attend further meetings of the Melville Branch, a person must either be a member or become a member of National Seniors Australia whose offices are in Brisbane. Application Forms are available at Branch Meetings.
3. A fee of \$8.00 is payable to attend each Branch meeting. The fee covers venue hire and morning tea. Members must bring the correct money as the Treasurer does not carry change.
4. The meeting fee can be paid at each meeting by being placed in an envelope with the attendee's name clearly marked on the front, or by 2 instalments January and July into the Branch's bank account.  
Credit will be given to future pre-payments for any missed meetings.

