

# National Seniors

AUSTRALIA

## Melville Branch – January 2026 Newsletter

I hope all members had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. While we have had a few hot days the weather generally has been mild and pleasant.

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The Christmas lunch was again an enjoyable time for members to socialise and enjoy a lovely lunch presented by Dave the cook. I would like to thank all of the members who helped to make it a success.

Below are several photos taken at the lunch



### MORNING TEAS

An issue that we will need to have a discussion and resolve at the January meeting is the morning tea arrangements at meetings. Barbara and Wendy with support from Amy have provided lovely morning teas to members since we

have been meeting at the Lifestream Church. Unfortunately, Barbara has not got the time and may not even be able to attend all of our meetings as her main responsibility is that of looking after her husband and his numerous medical appointments. Also, Wendy would like to step down from the role. I had a meeting with Barbara, Wendy and Amy on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January and we had a good discussion in regard to the best way forward in the arrangements for providing morning teas. Amy will also be returning to the Netherlands for 4 months in June. Amy and Wendy will continue to do the morning teas up to and including the May meeting if we can't find someone to take on the role sooner.

We have 3 options being:

1. Having two people come forward to take over doing the catering each month.
2. Do up a roster in which members take their turn in doing the catering for each meeting. This would require a member to take on the role of organising the roster.
3. Going back to just having biscuits for morning teas as was the case when we met at RAAFA.

I am sure that there are a number of capable members who could either take over from Barbara and Wendy or go on a roster.

I ask all members to give careful thought in regard to this issue and hope that we can resolve it at the January meeting.

### **Outings/Social Events**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – 5.30pm. Twilight Tea at Piney Lakes. BYO Food/Drinks /Chair.** The picture below is the actual meeting site.



**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – 8.00am – Branch Breakfast at Wireless Hill.**

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Cash at Bank on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January was \$6,034.20

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

## **SPEAKERS:**

January - Anthony Alborn talking on the Fenians- the great Escape

## **THEATRE VISITS, Etc**

Norma will provide update at the January meeting.

## **CAMPAIGNS BY National Seniors Australia**

Below is a full list of issues that National Seniors Australia is currently pursuing for members. If you want further information this can be found on the NSA website.

 <p><b>Fairness in retirement income</b> Campaigning for a retirement income system that is adequate, sustainable and fair.</p> <p><a href="#">Learn more</a></p>	 <p><b>Healthy Earth, Healthier Future</b> We're campaigning the government to take practical action on climate issues.</p> <p><a href="#">Learn more</a></p>
 <p><b>Better housing</b> We're working to improve downsizing options and introduce a stamp duty concession.</p> <p><a href="#">Learn more</a></p>	 <p><b>Fairer Concessions</b> We're campaigning for fairer concessions. Plus, discover the current concessions for older Australians.</p> <p><a href="#">Learn more</a></p>
 <p><b>Aged care</b> We are working hard to build a better aged care system for you with an emphasis on making home care available when and where you need it.</p> <p><a href="#">Learn more</a></p>	 <p><b>Fix pension poverty</b> We're fighting to improve the standard of living for those reliant on the Age Pension.</p> <p><a href="#">Learn more</a></p>
 <p><b>Energy Affordability</b> We're working to reduce energy bills for older Australians.</p> <p><a href="#">Learn more</a></p>	 <p><b>Health Costs/Specialist Fees</b> We're campaigning to reduce out-of-pocket health care costs.</p> <p><a href="#">Learn more</a></p>

## **CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE**

After the November meeting we obtained -\$19.30 for cans and bottles. 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 in the Branch being able to subsidise events. The more income from this source, the more we can subsidise events.

**BIRTHDAYS:** In February - Best wishes for a happy birthday to Wendy Tucker and Dorothy Davidson. A special one for Dorothy!

## **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.

## **Current Membership rates to be a member of National Seniors Australia are:**

	<b>Single Membership</b>
<input type="radio"/> 1 Year - <b>\$49.50</b>	
<input type="radio"/> 2 Year - <b>\$88</b>	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> 3 Year - <b>\$120</b> <b>Save \$28.50</b>	
<input type="radio"/> 5 Year - <b>\$220</b>	
	<b>Joint Membership</b>
<input type="radio"/> 1 Year - <b>\$80</b>	
<input type="radio"/> 2 Year - <b>\$143</b>	
<input type="radio"/> 3 Year - <b>\$180</b>	
<input type="radio"/> 5 Year - <b>\$325</b>	

Membership payments **can't be paid via our local branch**; they must be paid directly to the Brisbane office.

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Associations Registration Number – A1006794T

Containers for Change – Deposit Number C10360289

Branch's Westpac account details BSB 036084 and Account Number 434141

**Branch Meetings 2026** 27<sup>th</sup> January 24<sup>th</sup> February 24<sup>th</sup> March 28<sup>th</sup> April 26<sup>th</sup> May 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
28<sup>th</sup> July 25<sup>th</sup> August 22<sup>nd</sup> September 27<sup>th</sup> October 24<sup>th</sup> November

## Committee Meetings 2025

9 February – Sally & John    13 April – Les    8 June - Ann

## **EVENTS**

## 22<sup>nd</sup> January – Piney Lakes Twilight Tea

## 4<sup>th</sup> March – Branch Breakfast