

National Seniors

AUSTRALIA

Melville Branch – March 2026 Newsletter

The war in Iran is certainly having an impact on Australia, especially the price of petrol and diesel. This is going to have a flow on effect for the cost of grocery items and fruit and vegies. Two weeks ago I purchased fuel at a Burk service station that cost me \$140.9 after discount. The price is now over \$2.40 a litre for petrol and around \$2.70 for diesel. What I can't understand, is what is happening in Iran is going to send inflation higher resulting in the increase in interest rates. Therefore, the interest on home loans is going to cost more so the average Australian is going to have to pay more on their home loan as well as for fuel and groceries.

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. They would welcome suggestions for venues (in the Melville/Thornlie area) and means of advertising.

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.

BRANCH BREAKFAST

Well, the weather was kind to us for the Branch Breakfast this year and the 22 members who attended had an enjoyable meal and there was a lot of socialising. A big thankyou to Ann for organising the food and for John and Hans for cooking on the BBQ.

Below is a couple of pictures showing how beautiful the location was to hold the breakfast.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash at Bank 16th March 2026 \$6,288.27

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

SPEAKERS

March - Speaker on orangutans

THEATRE VISITS, Etc

Melville Theatre:

May- A musical- Captain Moonlight, based on the true story of a West Australian bushranger

June- Breaking the Code - how the British managed to decode the German secret message code in Ww2

August- Speaking in Tongues

Old Mill Theatre- No shows until about June as renovation taking place, new seating and carpeting.

July will see Bel Canto (the young theatre group) putting on the Musical- Sister Act.

SOCIAL CO-ORDINATOR

Next outing: Lunch at Carnaby's, East Fremantle Thurs 16th April 12.00pm
Seniors' menu available \$20.

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

Thank you to those members who bring their empty containers into the meetings. Since November we have received \$99.70. 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 April - Best wishes for a happy birthday to Marlene Belford,

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 4th 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:

 <p>Single Membership</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 1 Year - \$49.50</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 2 Year - \$88</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> 3 Year - \$120 Save \$28.50</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 5 Year - \$220</p>	 <p>Joint Membership</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 1 Year - \$80</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 2 Year - \$143</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 3 Year - \$180</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 5 Year - \$325</p>
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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 24th March 28th April 26th May 23rd June

28th July 25th August 22nd September 27th October 24th November

Committee Meetings 2025

13 April – Ann 8 June - Les

EVENTS

Lunch at Carnaby's, East Fremantle Thurs 16th April 12.00pm