

National Seniors

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Melville Branch – November 2025 Newsletter

I hope members are enjoying this lovely spring weather that we are currently experiencing.

There is now only 3 weeks until the Christmas lunch on the 9th of December. Those paying by cash must do this at the November meeting or no later than 30 November via bank transfer. I hope that we again get a good number attending.

Eighteen members attended the outing to Walters River Café on the 18th of November. The weather was lovely and the food was great. Thank you for all the birthday wishes and spoiling me with a lovely dessert.

Is there anyone who lives close to RAAFA who could oblige in picking up Ivy King and Glenys Pearce to attend Branch Meetings?

AGE PENSION ELIGIBILITY AGE

There is much false information circulating about the age people can apply for the age pension. The government has advised that at this stage it has no plan to increase the age from 67.

New Australian Headlight Rule Australia Wide

The **new headlight rule** in Australia focuses on improving driver awareness in varying light conditions. From **11 November 2025**, all vehicles must have headlights switched on during **low visibility periods** such as fog, rain, or dusk. Authorities aim to minimize the risks of **rear-end collisions** and pedestrian-related incidents. This rule applies to **all motorists** nationwide, and traffic officers will strictly monitor compliance. Motorists should check their **vehicle lighting systems** regularly to avoid unnecessary penalties and ensure safety for all road users.

Outings/Social Events

Tuesday 9th December – 11.30am - Christmas Lunch at the Rossmoyne Bowling Club. Cost \$30-member \$35.00 non-member. Payment will be required to be made at the November Branch meeting, or via bank transfer by 30th November.

Thursday 22nd January – 5.30pm. Twilight Tea at Piney Lakes. BYO Food/Drinks/Chair.

Wednesday 4th March – 8.00am – Branch Breakfast at Wireless Hill.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash at Bank on the 14th of November \$6,801.10

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

SPEAKERS:

November - Richard Offen – Heroes, Villains and Vagabonds

THEATRE VISITS, Etc

Norma will provide update at next Tuesday's meeting.

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

A big thank you to those members who bring in cans and bottles to our monthly meetings. This year's total received is the best we have done. \$26.30 was received after our October meeting taking our current Y-T-D total to \$198.60 for 2025. While members can bring cans and bottles into the meeting, 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 December - Best wishes for a happy birthday to John McCartney, Ivy King and Rodney Orr.

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.

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:



Single Membership

☐ 1 Year - \$49.50

☐ 2 Year - \$88

☒ 3 Year - \$120 Save \$28.50

☐ 5 Year - \$220



Joint Membership

☐ 1 Year - \$80

☐ 2 Year - \$143

☐ 3 Year - \$180

☐ 5 Year - \$325

Membership payments **cannot 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 27th January 24th February 24th March 28th April 26th May 23rd June
 28th July 25th August 22nd September 27th October 24th November

EVENTS

9th December – Christmas Lunch, 22nd January – Piney Lakes Twilight Tea

4th March – Branch Breakfast



*From your Branch Committee, to all
 our members, our best wishes for the Festive Season and
 for good health and happiness in 2026.*