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Presidents Report November 2026

What a lovely morning was had by all at the over 50 Expo I was so pleased to see so many people talking to the members manning our booth. We had lots of enquiries and even a few new members signing up to National Seniors. While taking my turn on the booth I was reminded of the member discounts offered to our members and would encourage everyone to look at the NSA app to see what can be saved.

While the fight is far from over, I was delighted to note the senate had rejected the bill for private health rebate. Our club is fighting for us in this matter so many of our club members Australia wide would be affected by this. For those who can no longer afford this increase it would mean that they will be entering the already crowded public system. For those already in the system it could lead to even longer waits.

It has come to my notice that one of our members. Lyn Ball was awarded two awards at the Neighbourhood Watch Queensland conference on the Gold Coast. First Member of the year for South Brisbane region and the State Member of the year. On behalf of all our members I would like to congratulate Lynne on a job well done.

We will be handing out a questionnaire at our November meeting. I would like to encourage everyone to complete this and return it to the box supplied. While I am sure everyone will agree all the members involved in preparing our activities are doing a wonderful job it will be of great benefit to them to get some feedback on what our members would like to enjoy in the near future. The questionnaire will not ask for your name so please give us your honest opinion so the committee can arrange the activities you want.

John Young
President

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Wendy Cooke **Beatrice Cowen** **Geoff Harvey**

Marilyn Sprankling **Lily Wade** **Anne Wilkes**

Gail Young



dogs QUEENSLAND

Forest Lake National Seniors Branch meet at Dogs Queensland, 247 King Avenue, Durack.

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT THE 'DOGS ON THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER, 2026

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Members Welfare

Do you know of any Members who are unwell, had a bereavement in the family of feeling down? Often, we are not aware so if you know of any Members, please let our Welfare Officer, Lynne Fogg know. You can ring Lynne on her number which is listed above

We strongly encourage Members to pay via Internet banking or depositing payment over the counter at Heritage Bank Forest Lake.

Bank Transfer & Direct Deposit
Account Name: National Seniors Australia Forest Lake Branch Inc
Bank account details: BSB-638 070
Acc Number-12471674

Please include your name & event name on the transfer and receipt for identification.
Example – Smithx1Xmas party
Surname (Smith)
Number going (1)
Event (Branch Christmas Party)
Trip details
Payment amount
Dietary requirements

Joe Smith Branch Christmas Party $? Gluten Free

Seal your payment inside the envelope and hand it to the trip's desk.
Unless it is in an envelope as stated above the trips table will not accept any payment.
Full Payment will be due at the monthly meeting prior to the trip.

Branch Refund Policy
Cancellation of an outing

The branch policy for late cancellations. Notify the Secretary or Treasurer 48 hours beforehand. A Medical Certificate will be required to receive a refund if notification is 24 hours or less. In the case of a sudden medical emergency on the day which cannot be prevented, the Management Committee will consider the matter with respect to a refund. When we have to book seats on a bus or give numbers for a booked luncheon and are still required to pay even in the case of a cancellation by a member a refund will not be provided. In the event of an activity/outing being cancelled due to some unforeseen circumstance beyond our control, eg: storm, transport breakdown, etc, and cannot be rescheduled, members will be refunded any monies paid.

NOTE: Please do NOT pay by transfer prior to any trip sheets being presented at the front desk for you to express your interest in attend-ing a bus trip/event, FIRST. Expressions of interest MUST be made first before payment – making payment in advance does not guarantee you a place on the bus

ACTIVITY REPORT FOR GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2026

OCTOBER:

Tuesday 27th "Esk Bush Bashers" – very successful day. Big thank you to Pat for organizing the delicious morning tea.

NOVEMBER:

Thursday 12th General meeting with our speaker for Remembrance Day being Lt. Col. George Hulse Retired –speaking about "WWI Desert Campaign" Books available for sale for cash or per "square" after the meeting.

Thursday 26th Lunch at Durack Tavern, names down please for booking – own expense

DECEMBER:

Thursday 3rd Christmas Lunch party – 11.30am arrival for lunch at 12.00 pm. Finishes at 2.00 pm. Music: David Barry, lucky door $20 gift cards, hampers donated by Hon Milton Dick MP, gift card $50 from Margie Nightingale, Cr Charles Strunk, and Heritage Bank - $55.00 Always a fun day – pay PRIOR TO NOVEMBER MEETING PLEASE

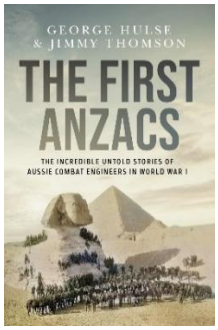
CALENDAR FOR 2027

Will be handed out at our November meeting once approved by Committee at this meeting

Lynne B + Activity Team



Great photos of happy members during the Esk Bush Bashers day trip.



Lt Col George Hulse OAM Retired is our guest speaker and will be doing a presentation on WW1 Dessert Campaign and Vince Atley will have copies of George's latest book The First Anzacs for sale



April from Forest Lake Lions Club, will be selling Lion's Christmas cakes before the branch meeting, and you can pay either with cash or by card. She will be there from 9:30am until the start of the meeting at 10am

CALLING ALL BOOK LOVERS

"BOOK EXCHANGE
We going to have a book exchange at the meetings –
Bring along a book you're read and exchange it for another. "

Books to be exchanged **ONLY before or after** the meeting'
See Norah for more information"

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