



Members & Visitors

Message from the President

Welcome to our last meeting for 2019. You would agree that this year has gone too quickly for all of us. It is indicative of our busy lifestyle even though we are retired. Christmas is a time to slow down and take stock of what is important in our lives. It is a time when family, friends and the true meaning of Christmas must take precedent over the clutter. The Management Committee and I wish all our members a safe and joyous festive season, hoping you join us at the Christmas Lunch at the Lion this year on the 12th of December. Hoping to see you back in February 2020 for what promises to be an exciting year.

Committee Members

- President - Peter Dunell33729432
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- Treasurer - Colin Court0426863506
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- Activities Coordinator - Barry Miles38791690

Members Welfare

Do you know of any Members who are unwell, had a bereavement in the family or feeling down? Often, we are not aware so if you know of any Members please let our Welfare Officer know. Lorraine Horrocks has kindly taken on this important role for our club this year. You can contact her on 0409275016.



November Members Birthdays

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| Malcolm Beahan | Maggie Lacey |
| Jan Beck | Terence Siggers |
| Margaret Cardwell | Anne Wilkes |
| Beatrice Cowen | |

December Members Birthdays

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| Graham Bryson | Rod More |
| Dawn Cheer | John Needham |
| Beverly Cross | Alex Passaris |
| Una Gray | John Paszkiewicz |
| Ellen Hobb | Myra Robinson |
| Don Hodgson | Rayma Walker |
| Aileen Hogan | Cheryl Williams |
| Sally Anne Malone | |

Birthday wishes to you all.



Meeting Venue

Branch Meetings are held at The Lion,
133 Pine Road, Richlands on the 2nd
Thursday of the month.

No meetings held in December or January

Sign in 10am for a 10.30am start.



Visitors

Visitors are welcome to attend three meetings to see if our branch is for you.

After your 3rd visit if you decide you want to continue joining us, you need to become a member of the National Seniors Australia & be put on our Branch register.

If you are an existing NSA Member you will need to be put on our Branch register.

Please see the Membership Officer between 10am & 10.30am at the monthly Branch Meeting.

New Members Welcome Pack

It was decided by the new committee that we should welcome new members with a pack.

These packs contain: Members information book, Medical pocket card & NSA items subject to availability

Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to assist with the smooth running of our Branch Meetings.

If you are able & willing to help please see our Membership Officer Linda Bird to put your name on our volunteer register.



Movie & Theatre Group

Give your contacts to Barry Miles if you would like to join us. Barry will let you know when the next movie outing is scheduled. We go to Orion Cinemas at Springfield Lakes. Tickets are cheaper if you have a Cinebuzz Seniors Card. It's easy to catch the train and a short walk to the Movies.

Logan Entertainment Centre

From time to time we go to shows at the LEC. Barry Miles will keep us up to date with upcoming shows.

Dining Adventurers

Watch this space.....

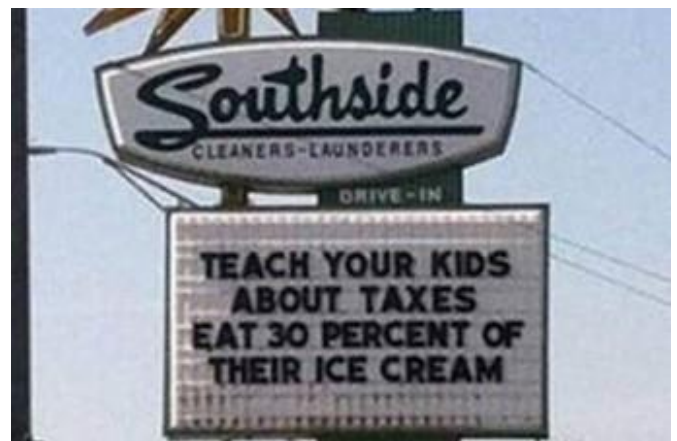
Meeting Apologies

If you want to submit your inability to attend a Branch Meeting contact the Secretary Julie 32787274, leave a message if out or email nsaforestlakesec@gmail.com

For a Laugh



When I get a Headache. I take 2 aspirins and keep away from children just like it says on the bottle!



UPCOMING EVENTS

November

Movie Group

Date: Wednesday 20th
Where: Events Cinema Springfield Orion
Time: 10.30am session
Movie: Last Christmas

December

Christmas Lunch

Date: Thursday 12th
Where: The Lions Richlands
Time: 10.30 am
Cost: \$35.00 Members \$45.00 Non-Member

Management Committee decision to subsidise Members **Pay November Branch Meeting**

LEC-Craig Martin's Swingin' Christmas Show

Date: Friday 20th
Where: Logan Entertainment Centre
Time: 11.00am
Cost: \$28.50
See Barry at Nov meeting. Must have 8 people to go ahead

February

Dining Occasion

Date: Saturday 1st
Where: TBA
Time: TBA
Cost: TBA

Branch Meeting

Date: Thursday 13th
Where: Lions, Richlands
Time: 10.00am
Cost: \$6.00

March

International Women's day Lunch

Date: Friday 6th
Where: Forest Lake Hotel
Time: TBA
Cost: TBA

Branch Meeting

Date: Thursday 13th
Where: Lions, Richlands
Time: 10.00am
Cost: \$6.00

Day Bus Trip

Date: Thursday 19th
Where: Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary
Time: TBA
Cost: \$55.00 Lunch at own expense

May

Away Trip

Date: 1st-4th
Where: Bellingen/Dorrigo
Time: TBA
Cost: TBA
Names & Contact details at November meeting

Trips Payment

Cash or Cheques

To assist the trips desk please write on an envelope:

Your name

Trip details

Payment amount

Dietary requirements

Seating needs

Seal your payment inside the envelope and hand into the trips 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.

Joe Smith Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers \$60 Gluten Free

EFTPOS

The Branch has purchased a "Square card" hand held EFTPOS machine to take payments at the monthly Branch Meetings. Members wishing to pay by card using this method can do so at the November Branch Meeting. Meeting Entry \$6 & Christmas lunch \$35 Members \$45 Non-Members. Receipts will be emailed.

Bank Transfer & direct deposit

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

Account Name: National Seniors Australia Forest Lake Branch Inc

Bank account details: BSB-638 070
Acc No-12471674

Please include your name & event name on the transfer and receipt for identification. Example - Court2TCOF Surname (Court)
Number going (2)
Trip (Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers)

Branch Refund Policy

Cancellation of an outing

The branch policy for late cancellations. Notify the Secretary 32787274 or Treasurer 48 hours beforehand. In the case of a sudden medical emergency on the day which cannot be prevented, the management Committee will consider the matter with respect of 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.



Branch Donation to St George Raffle Prize

A donation was made on behalf of the Branch to assist in raising much needed funds to support farmers in the Balonne Shire (St George and surrounds). The donation was used to purchase a raffle prize of a wheelbarrow filled with non-perishable items. Tickets were sold at the recent St George River Dragon Festival. A thank you letter/email for our continued support has been received along with a photo of the prize.



Website

nationalseniors.com.au/about/branches/forest-lake

Here you can see upcoming events, the latest newsletter & photos of our outings

Please also take time to access the National Seniors Australia Website. It is very simple to navigate. The drop-down menus are excellent. There's lots of interesting things to read and keep yourself up to date. There's a world of membership benefits awaiting. Remember to look out for the quarterly PAM reports from NSA Chief Advocate, Ian Henschke.

Facebook

Did you know our Branch has a Facebook page?

Search for **Forest Lake Branch National Seniors Australia**. You can join our group to keep up with all the news. Please note only Members on our Branch register will be given access to the group.

National Seniors Australia is also on Facebook & is a great way to keep up to date.

Bushfire Appeal Reception

Bushfire Appeal Reception on the Speaker's Green Parliament House on Thursday evening 24th October. Branch President Peter Dunell and wife Ros attended representing National Seniors Forest Lake and Dan & Julie Baldwin attended as private citizens. There were raffles, auction of wonderful items, the finger food was delicious accompanied by wines from our great State. The Reception was Co-hosted by Hon. Curtis Pitt, MP, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier and Minister for Trade, and Deb Frecklington MP, Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Minister for Trade. The event was sponsored by Lion. Proceeds from this Event are to help the many families and communities which have been impacted by the recent sustained run of bushfire activity.

Our Generation Magazine

Did you see on page 39 "Branch Events" of the spring edition the lovely photo of two of our members at the Xmas in July Lunch at Hampton Wines? On this page we also had some Forest Lake Branch Events listed.



Do you have any ideas for extra additions to the Newsletter? Please let us know.



CLASSIFIEDS

To advertise on this page is free



Friday's Craft Days

Forest Lake Community House,
3 Alpine Place, Forest Lake.
Fridays 9am - 12 noon. \$5 entry
includes morning tea and a lucky
door prize. The group carries
insurance. Contact Wendy on
0406 063 585.

**Do you have
something to sell,
give away, offer
services, want to say
thank you to
someone or submit a
death notice?**

Charity Donations

Barry Weston is running another
"Share the Dignity" "It's in the
Bag" donation request.
The last month for donating items
is the November (Branch
Meeting). This will benefit
homeless women, women at risk
or women experiencing domestic
violence all around Australia.

Can you sew,
do mending etc
for a small fee?
Offer your
services here

Do you have an
event you would
like to advertise? Place
it here

National Seniors Member Benefits

Petals Florists

We all need to send flowers from time
to time and that's why Petals Network,
a quality assured, award winning
network of over 1,100 florists
throughout Australia and New Zealand
is pleased to offer National Seniors
members a special discount of 18%* on
the flower value of every order placed.
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your discount.

See our Secretary
Julie if you wish to
place a classified



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