



Message from the President

We are up and running

It was good to see the turn up at our last General Meeting showing that we are getting more confident in mixing socially again. I've been told that the new venue is a little more relaxed and conducive to conversation. Whilst we don't have the elaborate surroundings of the Lion, the chairs were comfortable and the air conditioning efficient. A couple of members voiced their preference for the Lion due to the ability to have a meal after the meeting or try your luck on the pokies. I will take a vote at our next meeting as to whether we continue on at the National Serviceman's Association Hall or try for the old venue.

You may remember an email went out from NSA through me about Seniors Advantage, an organization promoting itself to seniors offering discounts on membership and other benefits, possibly in competition to National Seniors. Choice has investigated this organisation and found them to be registered in Lithuania and little could be found out about their CEO, Paul Smith. I would concur that we stay away from joining them as their website could disappear tomorrow and you have lost your money.

There is an opportunity for a member to make a real impact on our senior community. Be Connected (you may remember we ran a workshop at The Terraces thanks to Mary Cottam) is offering a free on-line workshop for Digital Mentors who can then assist those seniors who may have difficulties in mastering the complexities of the Internet. If you have any interest please email me and I can forward the details to you.

By the time this newsletter gets to you, we would have decided on who will be running the State. NSA has lobbied both parties strongly to deliver senior benefits in the areas of transport (more travel concessions), housing (incentives to developers to design better housing for senior needs) and better discounts for rates and water amongst other important issues to our age group. Both major parties were open to these discussions and it will be interesting to see which one follows through.

I'll leave you with that thought and the hope to see you at our next meeting.

Peter



Committee Members

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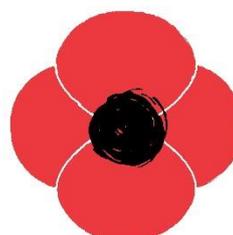
Membership - Linda Bird _____ 37149708

Trips Coordinator – Ian Horrocks ___ 0409275016



Malcolm Beahan
Jan Beck
Margaret Caldwell

Beatrice Cowen
Terrence Siggers
Anne Wilkes



*Remembrance Day!
Lest We Forget*

Upcoming Events

November

Branch Meeting

DATE: Thursday 12th
WHERE: National Serviceman's Association Hall
907 Boundary Rd, Wacol
TIME: 9.30 sign in for 10.00am Start
COST: \$6.00

Guest Speaker – Catie from Emergency Medical Services – SafeTwear medical alert

Granite Highlands Tour Package to Stanthorpe

DATE: 23RD – 25TH
WHERE: Stanthorpe
TIME: 7.30am departure
COST: Double / Twin share \$480 per person
Single \$570 per person

This trip is fully booked

December

Christmas Lunch

DATE: Thursday 10th
WHERE: The Blue Fin, Inala
TIME: 11.30am
COST: Members \$50 Non-Members \$55

**Payment due November meeting, last day to pay
30th November**

Trips Payment

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 - Court2CL

Surname (Court)

Number going (2)

Trip (Christmas Lunch)

EFTPOS

The Branch has purchased a "Square card" hand held EFTPOS machine to take payments. Members wishing to pay by card using this method can do so at Branch Meetings. Receipts will be emailed. Please note payment via this method will incur a surcharge of 1.9%.

Cash or Cheques

To assist the trips desk please write on an envelope:

Your name
Trip details
Payment amount
Dietary requirements
Seating needs

Joe Smith
Christmas Lunch
\$50
Gluten Free

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.

Branch Refund Policy

Cancellation of an outing

The branch policy for late cancellations. Notify the Secretary 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

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 again for our club this year. You can contact her on 0409275016.



Treasurer's Report

Treasurers Report – October 2020

Opening Balance \$7,957.06

Income: \$14,872.06

Expense: \$ 452.49

Surplus/(Deficit) \$14,419.57

Closing Balance at 31st October \$22,376.63

Made up of:

Balance at Bank \$16,189.59

Heritage Term Deposit \$6,061.04

Petty Cash & Floats \$ 120.00

Committed Funds Trips \$14,226.00

Seniors Week BBQ \$ 621.24

Therefore, the true funds available = \$22,376.63 minus

\$14,847.24 = \$7,529.39

Colin Court

Treasurer

Newsletter, Agendas & Minutes of previous meetings

Our postage & stationary costs have become quite significant, in an effort to save we will predominately use Email to deliver the Newsletter, Branch Meeting Agenda & Minutes of previous Branch meeting to our members. We will have a limited supply at the Branch Meetings.

In the pre-meeting email, you will find attached not only the Newsletter but also the Agenda for the upcoming Branch Meeting & the Minutes of the previous Branch Meeting. If you wish to have a copy with you at the Branch Meeting, **please print them out & bring them with you.**

The Newsletter is available to read on our website (nationalseniors.com.au/get-involved/branches/forest-lake) & also on our Facebook group page "Forest Lake Branch National Seniors Australia Group" If you are on Facebook go to the Branch Facebook Page ([Forest Lake National Seniors Australia](https://www.facebook.com/Forest-Lake-National-Seniors-Australia)) and click on "join Group"

Quiz time

These are not trick questions. They are straight questions with straight answers...

1. Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends.
2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?
3. Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every

year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?

4. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
5. In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?
6. Only three words in standard English begin with the letters 'dw' and they are all common words. Name two of them.
7. There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name at least half of them?
8. Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh.
9. Name 6 or more things that you can wear on your feet beginning with the letter 'S.'

See back page for answers.



What a pleasure it is to include a member's wonderful craft item in this Newsletter. A fitting time of the year with Remembrance Day on 11 November. Thank you to Cheryl Hilder for making this amazing quilt In Tribute to All Pilots commemorating the Battle of Britain, July 10, 1940 to October 31, 1940 (a turning point in WWII). The quilt will have pride of place in the RSL Forest Lake and Districts Branch meeting hut at Wacol once renovations are completed.



Quiz Answers

1. Boxing.
2. Niagara Falls - The rim is worn down about two and a half feet each year because of the millions of gallons of water that rush over it every minute.
3. Asparagus and rhubarb.
4. Strawberry.
5. It grew inside the bottle. The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small, and are wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for the entire growing season. When the pears are ripe, they are snipped off at the stems.
6. Dwarf, dwell and dwindle.
7. Period, comma, colon, semicolon, dash, hyphen, apostrophe, question mark, exclamation point, quotation mark, brackets, parenthesis, braces, and ellipses.
8. Lettuce.
9. Shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skis, skates, snowshoes, stockings, stilts.

SOLITUDE

In solitude I sit alone and wait
In solitude I sit alone and stare
In solitude I await my fate
In solitude alone, somewhere
In solitude I will not share
In solitude I sit in thought
In solitude I am aware



COMPANY

In company I sit and smile
In company I sit content
In company I live in style
In company, well spent
In company I always share
In company I come alive
In company I show flair
In company I really thrive



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SHARE THE DIGNITY DONATIONS

Each year this charity distributes thousands of bags filled with essential items and special gifts to women who are homeless or victims of domestic violence. This branch has been collecting suitable items for the past five years and your last chance to donate to the current appeal is at our November meeting. Barry Weston collects these items and deposits them with bunnings who collect them on a national basis for delivery to the charity.

It's in the *Bag* essentials

- ✓ shampoo & conditioner
- ✓ roll on deodorant
- ✓ toothbrush & toothpaste
- ✓ sealed period products
- ✓ soap or body wash



Justice of the Peace: If anyone requires a JP, Mary Cottam would be happy to provide this service after our monthly meeting, or privately in your home. Just call Mary on 0403006758 to advise what it is you would like witnessed.

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