



Message from the President

Hi everyone

We are planning an interesting end meeting for 2021 so I encourage you to attend. Everald Compton AO will be our guest speaker and as many may know, he was an early advocate of the formation of National Seniors Australia. He has tirelessly worked towards improvements for seniors in this country at top political levels and was recently awarded the Order of Australia in the Australia Day awards. His active life after retirement is an inspiration to all who listen to him.

Our Christmas luncheon should be one to bring back great memories with Fortunato providing the entertainment and lots of gifts from raffles with the opportunity for many members to go home with early Christmas gifts. On behalf of the Management Committee, I wish you a safe and joyous festive season spent with family, friends and loved ones. We hope you return in the New Year with fading memories of a most difficult year, ready to participate in the many activities that are planned for our branch in 2022. Again I would like to thank the many volunteers and our committee members for their untiring and might I add unpaid efforts throughout the year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all. See you at the luncheon and back again in February.

Peter



Activity Coordinator/s

The Branch must fill the position responsible for Activities or we will not have guest speakers, meeting activities or other events apart from trips. The management committee propose that interested members may form a group of two or more to coordinate these activities. The benefit of this is that the workload is reduced and we can still enjoy these activities into the future. **Before the November meeting if you and a friend or group of friends would assist then please nominate at the next meeting when called for by the President.** Thanking you all for considering this proposal seriously.



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Lest We Forget

Malcolm Beahan
Jan Beck
Margaret Caldwell
Beatrice Cowen

Ludmilla Morshuk
Terence Siggers
Carol Thompson
Anne Wilkes



Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

Branch Meeting

DATE: Thursday 11th (Remembrance Day)
Guest Speaker – Everald Crompton
Pay for Christmas Lunch (Blue Fin)
WHERE: Richlands Hotel
132 Government Road, Richlands
TIME: **Entry 9.30am**, 10am meeting starts
COST: \$7.00

Day Trip – Beenleigh Historical Village

DATE: Friday 12th
WHERE: Beenleigh Historical Village, Lunch at Jacobs
Wells Tavern
TIME: 8.15 am
COST: \$65pp

DECEMBER

Christmas Lunch

DATE: Thursday 2nd
Entertainment Fortunato
WHERE: Blue Fin Fishing Club
24 Lilac Street, Inala
TIME: 11.30 am
COST: Members \$50 Non Members \$55

Please note all Meetings, activities & trips remain fluid & can change due to the Covid 19 regulations at the time.

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

Trips Payment

Bank Transfer & Direct Deposit

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 – Smith1Xmaslunch
Surname (Smith)
Number going (1)
Trip (Christmas Lunch)

EFTPOS

The Branch has 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.

From the trips desk

This month we are travelling to the **Beenleigh Historical Village and museum** where we will enjoy a guided tour of the facility including damper and billy tea. Afterwards we will travel to the Jacobs Well Tavern for Lunch. Members going please insure you are at the meeting point **prior to the 8.15 am departure time.**

Our away trips calendar for the first 6 months of next year 2022 is finalised in DRAFT form and will be available to hand out at our Christmas function & included in the December Newsletter.

Ian Horrocks

TRIPS CO-ORDINATOR

Christmas Lunch



Bluefin Fishing Club
Thursday 2nd December
Two Course Meal
Entertainment – Fortunato
Free Raffle ticket
\$50 m \$55 nm Payable at Nov Meeting



AGM / Branch Meeting 14th October

It was a great morning Branch meeting and then the AGM chaired by Vera Somerwil.



Lunch 21st October

Really nice get together for lunch at the Forest Lake Tavern. Very good attendance too. Some of our members smiling for the camera



Congratulations to the new Management Committee.

Returning in their positions are:

President - Peter Dunell.

Treasurer – Colin court

Trips Coordinator – Ian Horrocks

Returning in new positions:

Lyn Martin – Secretary

Linda Bird – Publicity Officer

New MC Member:

Kay Jones – Membership Officer

Positions not filled to date:

Vice President

Activities Officer

Thank you and good wishes to the retiring MC member. An excellent job. Giving so much of your time to the Branch is very much appreciated by all members. Our volunteers have been doing a fabulous job and been a terrific support to the Committee.

Guest speaker Samuel from Right At Home gave a very informative and extremely useful presentation to members. Many members stayed on to enjoy lunch.

Newsletter, Agendas & Minutes of previous meetings

Email Members will be sent these in the pre-meeting email, **please print out & bring them with you if you wish to have a copy at the branch meetings**

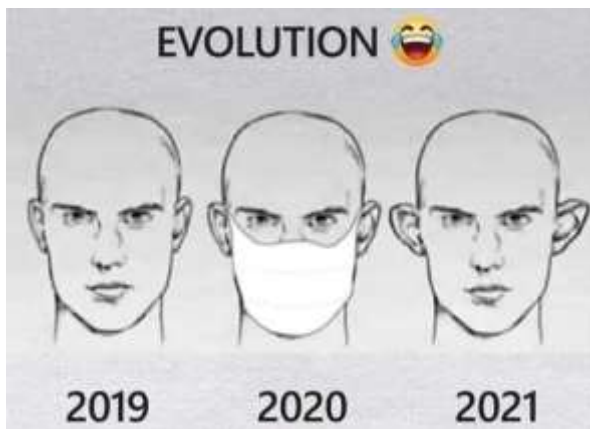
Non-Email Members will have a copy of the newsletter reserved for them for pick up at the entry desk. The Newsletter is available to (nationalseniors.com.au/getinvolved/branches/forest-lake) & also on our Facebook group page "Forest Lake Branch National Seniors Australia Group" If you are on Facebook go to the Branch Facebook Page (**Forest Lake National Seniors Australia**) and click on "join Group"

Laughter is the best medicine

LONDON REMEMBRANCE 1946

I ASKED MY GRANDPA, "AFTER 65 YEARS, YOU STILL CALL GRANDMA DARLING, BEAUTIFUL, AND HONEY. WHAT'S THE SECRET?" HE SAID, "I FORGOT HER NAME 5 YEARS AGO AND I'M SCARED TO ASK HER."

DO YOU EVER LOOK AT ALL YOUR KIDS AND THINK...
THAT ONE will be dropping me curbside at the nursing home.
THAT ONE will be paying for it.
THAT ONE will visit me the most.
And **THAT ONE?** He'll be sneaking in the good tequila and twinkies.



As a young boy stood with his dad, hand in hand
The sombre military procession passed them by
Music from the Brigade of Guards massed band
Was stirring and many in crowd began to cry
The white stone shone in the pale November sun
And seemed to brighten when the sun disappeared
As the combined military parade marched by as one
They gave a silent salute to those lost and revered
The three great flags gave a salute of their own
Mirroring the praise from the standing crowd
And as the breeze lifted the flags from the stone
They opened up and spread forth like a shroud
Mr. Attlee and Mr. Churchill stood silently, side by side
Their political differences of no importance this day
As they, with the crowd, showed deference and pride
For the many brave lives lost in the world's pitiful affray.

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November 2020

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.

Committee Members

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Vice President -?
Secretary – Lyn Martin.....0403 006 758
Treasurer - Colin Court..... 0426 863 506
Membership – Kay Jones.....0408 199 560
Trips Coordinator – Ian Horrocks.....0409 275 016
Activities Coordinator -?
Publicity Officer – Linda Bird.....07 3714 9708

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