



President's Report November 2025.

Has Tech gone to Far.

Recently I read an article in the NSA Connect where an elderly couple had bought a new T V and they could not get it to work. They then asked their 15 year old grandson to come over and he sorted it out in a fairly short time.

There is a similar problem, if any of us buy a new car. There is such an array of bells and whistles to set up in the car, that makes life difficult with different menus and drop down screens . Our son, who is a computer engineer, got so frustrated with a hire car he had that required a drop down menu and 2 computer screens to change the volume on the radio that he didn't use the radio. Where has the simple twist knob gone?

What about the humble washing machine, microwave, oven and even the bed-side alarm clock, which have one or two buttons and a screen to navigate to operate the appliance. It doesn't appear that we can just switch an appliance on and you are ready to go.

However, all is not lost; one of the big electronic companies is developing a TV that is easier to operate which can get all the channels available to the TV and all your streaming channels. Also VW are looking at making the controls on the car systems easier with switches and knobs.

O this brave new world, we can't go back to the horse and cart with the washing being done in a metal tub and scrubbing board on the kitchen floor, with a wood fire in the corner to do the cooking over.

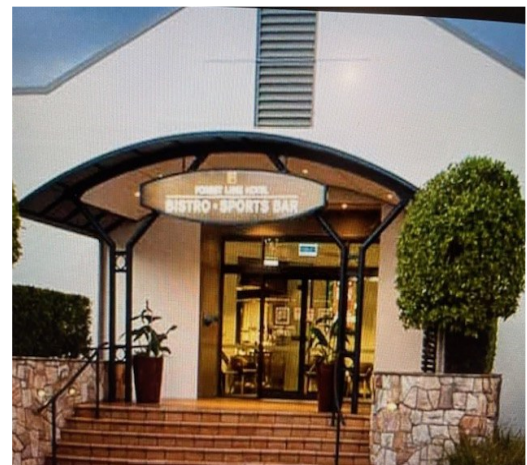
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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| Wendy Cooke | Geoff Harvey | Anne Wilkes |
| Beatrice Cowen | Merlyn Spranklings | Gail Young |
| | Lilly Wade | |

National Seniors Branch members please use the access to the Forest Lake Hotel on the side of the hotel opposite the Red Rooster.



ACTIVITY REPORT FOR GENERAL MEETING

13 November, 2025

NOVEMBER:

Thursday 13th General meeting – Remembrance Day Retired Lt Col George Hulse – “Dogs in War”

Thursday 20th 7.45 Spring Breakfast at Café 63 Government Road Richlands, OWN EXPENSE.

NAMES DOWN FOR BOOKING PURPOSES AT NOVEMBER MEETING PLEASE

DECEMBER

**Thursday 4 Christmas Party – Blue Fin Fishing Club, Inala 11.30 - 2.15pm
Entertainer Alice Anderson + Mark,
lucky \$20 Xmas voucher, hampers drawn throughout the festivities \$55.00 pr person**

NAMES DOWN AT NOVEMBER MEETING PLEASE AND PAYMENT PRIOR TO NOVEMBER MEETING –

BEST BY BANK TRANSFER PLEASE, TO SAVE CONGESTION AT THE DESK- VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

Lynne B + Activity Team

The Committee would like to thank all the supporters of the NSA Forest Lake Branch for photocopying or printing of newsletters, financial reports and other support material.

Thank you for the printing of our monthly newsletter to Margie Nightingale and her team at her Office . Margie is our local state member

A special thank you goes to our volunteers without whom our meetings would not run so smoothly.

Committee Members

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General Opening hours

Of interest for our Branch Members

jpc mobile, tech repair and accessories have now moved into a shop.

The address is Shop 3a, 152 Woogaroo Street Forest Lake Phone 0480 039 913.

If any members happen to need their services can they please mention that they are National Seniors Forest Lake Branch members.

Newsletter, Agendas & Minutes of previous meetings

Email Members will be sent these in the pre-meeting email, **please print them out & bring 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 also available online at (nationalseniors.com.au/getinvolved/branches/forest-lake) & 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"

Hi Members: Could you please try to have small change with you to pay when entering our meetings. This is to pay for morning tea and as our lovely Volunteers manning the desk do not have access to a lot of change and big notes make it very difficult for them.

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

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.

Vicki has kindly taken on this important role for our club.

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 – Smithx1Xmas party

Surname (Smith)

Number going (1)

Event (Branch Christmas Party)

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

Seal your payment inside the envelope and hand it to 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
Branch Christmas Party
\$?
Gluten Free

Branch Refund Policy

Cancellation of an outing

Travel Insurance for our away trips is strongly recommended.

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 away trip or 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.

AWAY TRIPS

Hello travelling enthusiasts as this is the last newsletter for the year, it is appropriate to let you know of our interest and planning for our away trips in 2026.

Our planning group have given the first few months of the year over to saving for what will be a cracker of a six day cruise to Cairns on the “Carnival Encounter” departing Brisbane on 30th May 2026.

Our second Away Trip for the year will be a four day/three night bus and river adventure to Yamba and the NSW Northern Rivers. This outing departs on Wednesday 19th August 2026 and once again will be hosted by Allan Foster of Granite Highlands Maxi Tours.

Our last Away Trip “The Mary Valley Explorer” which was held in October this year, proved another great success for the Branch.

This bus trip was ably supervised by **Julie and Dan Baldwin** who have reported on their adventure below.

Keep on Travelling

Ian H

Away Trip Co-ordinator

AWAY TRIP “MARY VALLEY EXPLORER”

Twenty four travellers enjoyed a 3 day 2 night adventure with a full itinerary. Most reported they slept very well on both nights. Each place we visited had many things our travellers found interesting.

Meals were tasty and enjoyed at the many different locations. Everyone got to know each other and there were many highlights.

Allan was a fantastic tour guide and driver, always pointing out interesting and wonderful sights to see.

Thank you everyone for supporting this second away trip for 2025.

Kind regards

Julie and Dan



**NATIONAL SENIORS AUSTRALIA
FOREST LAKE BRANCH
EVENT CALENDAR NOVEMBER TO DECEMBER 2025**

<u>NOVEMBER</u>		
Thursday 13th	General meeting held at Forest Lake Hotel 09.30am - Speaker:- Remembrance Day Retired Lt Col George Hulse – “ Dogs in War”	\$8
Thursday 20th	7.45am Late Spring breakfast at Café 63 Richlands	Own expense
<u>DECEMBER</u>		
Thursday 4th	CHRISTMAS PARTY – Blue Fin 11.30 – 2.00pm Entertainer - Alice Anderson + Mark	\$55.00
	45 days until Christmas.	

2026 Calendar

Our calendar for next year will be handed out at our November 13th meeting.



LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE

Question: Why did the golfer bring two pairs of pants.

Answer at the November meeting.

What's a sleepwalker's least favourite part of an email newsletter?

The subject lines always seem to wake them up.



Why did the newsletter break up with the magazine?



It said their relationship lacked issues!

Members who ordered the **Christmas cakes** from April from the **Lions Club** please be advised that April will be delivering them to you at our **November branch meeting**.

You will need to pay April in **cash** at this meeting please.

April and your Lions Christmas Cakes will be positioned just before our usual table where you sign in and pay and get your lucky



Our next Blue Fin Community night for our Forest Lake National Seniors Branch is on the **January 20th 2026**.



The Lord Mayor's Seniors Christmas Parties' will be held in Brisbane City Hall from Monday 1st December to Saturday 6th December 2025

Each event will commence at 9am, 1pm or 5pm. Experience the joy of Christmas and celebrate amongst friends.

Enjoy an exciting variety concert by the finest local artists performing traditional sing-along Christmas carols and performances