DIARY DATE CLAIMERS:

All bookings/queries/payments please see John C.

Dec 3 CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: Geebung RSL…..…**Cost: $30 members ($40 non-members)**

Feb 18 FIRST SOCIAL MEETING for 2027

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: All correspondence please email: *nsachermside@outlook.com*

President: Barbara Coleman
M: 0413 494 693

Secretary: Vicki Beardmore
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Treasurer: Sue Webster

Membership: Jeanette Daff
M: 0423 579 621

Guest Speakers:
M:

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M: 0410 699 300

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Welfare Officer: Jenny Tidey OAM
M: 0409 108 358

Newsletter: Alayne Brown
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VENUE REMINDERS:

* If the main doors are closed, enter via the Newman Rd entrance of The Cove Kitchen & Bar.
* *MEETING PARKING*: Car park entry off Newman Rd.
* *BUS TRIP PARKING*: Carpark in Collings St adjacent to the trainline.
* *BUS PICK UPS*: Wait at the BCC bus shelter on Newman Rd opposite the club carpark entry.

GENERAL REMINDERS:

Check your NSA Membership validity and renewal dates and renew if required. If unsure, please see Jeanette Daff (Membership).

For group verification and to claim any NSA Discount when ordering lunch, drinks etc, PLEASE wear your NSA name badge on all outings.

To order and purchase a badge, please see Sue Webster (Treasurer).

For payment of an **event**, please do **ONE** of the following ASAP:

1. **CASH:** Correct money placed in an envelope with:
   Your Name – Event & Date – Amount enclosed
   Please give the envelope to John C (Tours) who will issue a receipt.
   …..**OR**…..
2. **BANK TRANSFER:** Please record your name in the "details section" of the transfer.
   Acct Name: National Seniors Chermside
   BSB No: 084150 **Acct Number:** 047984369

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*For lunch reservations, please put your name in the exercise book at the Social meeting or contact **Karlotta**, our **Activities Co-ordinator,** before the date of the lunch.*

*If you're aware of a member who is unwell, please let **Jenny Tidey OAM** know immediately, so that she can contact them.*

*For apologies, if you're unable to attend a meeting and if your contact or address details have changed, please let **Jeanette Daff** our **Membership Officer** know ASAP.*

*If you have info for the Newsletter, feedback and/or need to organise a lift to the meeting or to any of the social outings, please let **Alayne Brown** our **Public Relations Officer** know, to help with any arrangements.*

LORD MAYOR'S CITY HALL CONCERTS:

FREE From 12 – 1pm Every Tuesday:

NOV 24 A TRIBUTE TO THE HEART OF SCOTLAND
Soaring bagpipes, electrifying fiddle and the irresistible pulse of the drum.
Featuring Australian Celtic women and special guest performers.
Enjoy traditional and beloved classics woven together with Ceilidh dancing, Gaelic language, reels and Highland flings.

Event Cinemas Chermside hosts a weekly **Seniors Movie Session** every Wednesday from 10.30am. Cost $13, includes morning tea & a movie.

PUZZLE SOLUTION



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CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

Q: What popular Christmas beverage is also called "milk punch"? _____
Q: How many ghosts show up in "A Christmas Carol"? _____
Q: What country started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree? _____
Q: What are the post-Christmas sales called in Australia? _____
Q: What race begins on Boxing Day (December 26) in Australia? _____
Q: How many Santa's flying kangaroos are in the Australian Christmas song? _____



A gingerbread man went to the Doctor with a sore knee. "A sore knee?" the Doc said. "Have you tried icing it?"

What did the snowman say to the aggressive carrot? "Get out of my face".

What do you call an old snowman? Water

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National Seniors AUSTRALIA

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Venue: Geebung RSL, Newman Room, 323 Newman Rd, Geebung
Web Page: nationalseniors.com.au/get-involved/branches/Chermside

NEWSLETTER November 19, 2026



Good Morning Members & Guests

Hope you're all coping well with all the heat, humidity and thunderstorms that have been happening lately. Hopefully none of you have had any resulting water damage to your homes.

We will be handing out the tickets to the Lord Mayor's Seniors Christmas Party today, for those members who registered their interest. If your name is down but find you can't attend, please immediately let Vicki or myself know as there is a waiting list for tickets. Additionally, if you find on the day that you can't attend, please call Vicki ASAP, so that arrangements can be made and someone else on the waiting list can use your ticket.

NSA celebrated its 50th Anniversary recently, reflecting on five decades of advocacy, research, services and social connection. Twenty Volunteers and Committee members were acknowledged for their contribution to NSA. Certificates were presented to three of our Committee members - Jenny Tidey OAM, Vicki Beardmore (who was unfortunately sick on the day) and me. This was a huge community event, and members came from across Brisbane.

As this is the last meeting for the year, the Committee and I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. We hope to see you all at our Christmas Celebration held here at Geebung RSL on December 3. If you're unable to come, please enjoy a safe and relaxing break.



Take care & see you all back in 2027

Barbara Coleman (President)

TODAY'S SOCIAL MEETING & MORNING TEA (Mobile phones off/on silent please).

Our Guest speaker today is: Everald Compton OAM - 95yo NSA founder, author, philanthropist & seniors advocate.

***NOTE**: Karlotta has made a lunch booking **upstairs at Element Restaurant** after today's meeting.*
If you'd like to stay on for a meal, chat or just a coffee, you're most welcome to join.

TIP OF THE MONTH: GIFTCARD DRAINING & TAMPERING SCAMS

With Christmas just around the corner and people purchasing Gift cards from supermarkets and retailers for gifts, please be aware that the card you buy, may already be compromised. Scammers targeting the cards displayed on open shelves (often at Coles, Aldi, Woolies, Big W etc), gently open packaging, sometimes scratch digits off serial numbers, record the numbers and PINS (by stealthily lifting and replacing the PIN cover strip) and wait for the shopper to buy or activate them. Once activated the balance is drained before the real buyer can use it. This can be done remotely.

What you can do: Check the packaging before buying. Inspect for weird scratching, bent or broken packaging or a mismatched/peeling PIN label. If you can, only buy a card from behind the service counter. If not available at that store, try or find one which does. If you have been scammed: Report to Scamwatch immediately and contact the issuing retailer, card provider or Customer service ie. Coles - to see if a refund is possible

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:
Jan Groth 11th, Dianne Harkin 12th,
Rhonda Melville 17th, Keith Boucher 23rd,
Judy Catalano 25th, Roy Wilkes 26th,
Jenny Tidey OAM 27th, Julia Geatches 30th



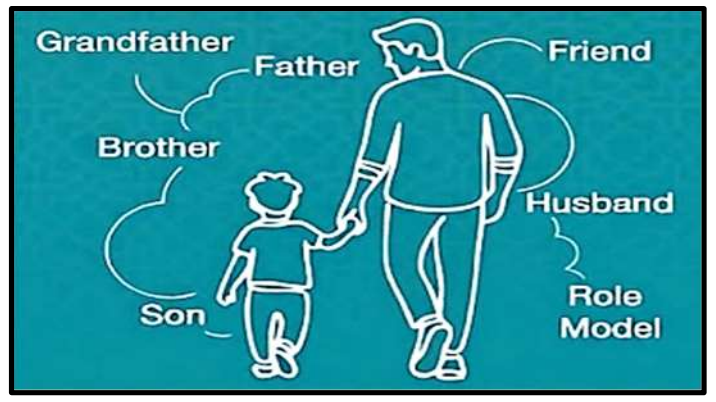
DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:
Sharne Mines 1st, Noelle Wardle 25th,
Anne Palu 26th, Karlotta Reeves 28th

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL !!

NOTES FROM THE LAST MEETING:

- **Attendance: 42** Members; **New Members: 2** We welcomed **Peter Lahey** & **Marilyn Touzeau.** They came along as visitors and decided to join up after the meeting. Marilyn's Carer came along also as a visitor.
- David Hallesy from NSA, talked about the latest scams and frauds, which are circulating and affecting our community including Gift Card and Romance Scams.
- Stamps gratefully received from Leslie Single.

INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY



International Men's Day, celebrated on November 19th, gives us the opportunity to recognise the positive contributions men make to their families, workplaces and communities. It is also a chance to reflect on the qualities we admire in the men around us and the example they set for the next generation.

To the men past & present, who lead with courage, care & empathy & live with purpose…Thank you!

OTHER NOTES:

- Thank you to Pat Felsch and Brenda Dimmock for looking after the Bring & Buy stall, which made $354.30!
- ***As you all know, we still need to fill the Guest Speaker's role and help out the Committee. With a new year coming up, we hope to keep our meetings interesting - please consider helping out.***
- When booking for the Christmas Lunch:
  - Please make note if you have a particular dietary requirement.
  - If you would like to be seated at the same table with friends, please note this also. There will be round tables which seat 8 people. Don't worry if you're new, we're all friendly and you'll have a fun day.
- Our Club will take an extended holiday break this year. There will be NO JANUARY SOCIAL MEETING.
- Our first Social Meeting will be here on February 18th. However, for those who still would like to get together for lunch in January (and escape the heat as well), Karlotta will book some tables here at the RSL for lunch. Please put your name in the book or let her know (0410 699 300).

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BURNIE BRAE CHRISTMAS MARKET November 21 8am - 12noon
Handmade gifts, artisan stalls, stocking stuffers, delicious homemade food and plenty of Christmas cheer. Catch up with friends, enjoy a coffee and a browse. Free entry.
Held in the Burnie Brae Hall at 60 Kuran St, Chermside.

KEDRON-WAVELL WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS STALL December 2 from 10am
Homemade goodies including cakes, biscuits and Christmas fare, beautiful gifts, assorted plants and handcrafted treasures. Held in the foyer of Kedron-Wavell RSL, Kittyhawk Dr, Chermside.
Pop in and pick up a treat or two and stay for a coffee or lunch at the club.

SOCIAL MEETINGS, MORNING TEAS & LUNCHES

Nov 26 **11.30am LUNCH** The Gibson, 352 Stafford Rd, Stafford

Dec 3 **CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON @** Geebung RSL…......**$30 members ($40 non-members)**
11.45am for 12noon Christmas Bingo, goodie bags & prizes. Sit down dining with a two-course meal.

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JANUARY HOLIDAY BREAK

Jan 21 **11.30am LUNCH** at Geebung RSL (Please let Karlotta know if you're attending).

Feb 4 **1pm COMMITTEE MEETING** Geebung RSL (12pm lunch prior)
Feb 11 **11.30am LUNCH** The Crepe Café, Clock Corner Shops 521 Beams Rd, Carseldine
Feb 18 **SOCIAL MEETING Morning Tea & Lucky door ticket……….......................................$10**
9.30am for 10am Start *Guest speaker: TBD*
Feb 25 **11.30am LUNCH** Bravo Restaurant @ Kedron Wavell Services Club

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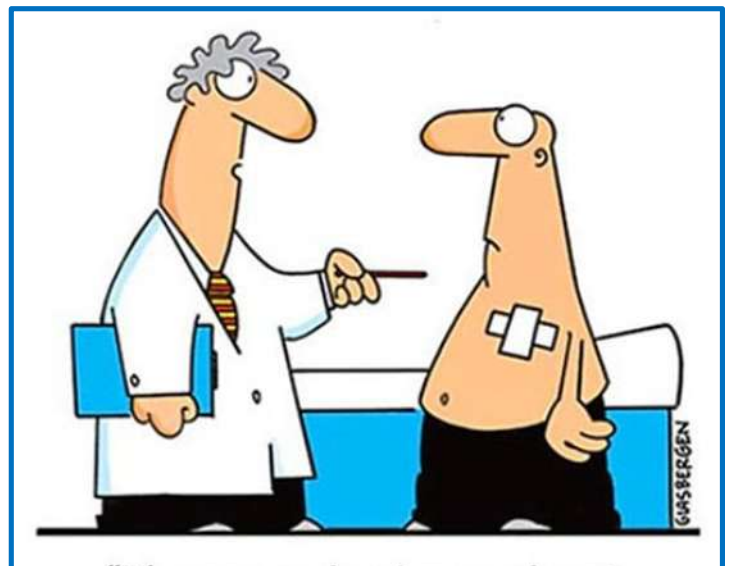
FUNNIES:

Two guys were out hiking when they came upon an old abandoned mine shaft. Curious about its depth they threw in a pebble and waited for the sound of it to strike the bottom, but they heard nothing. They found a bigger rock, threw it in and waited…still nothing. They searched the area for something larger and found an old ironbark railway sleeper. With great difficulty, they carried it to the mine's opening and threw it in. While waiting for it to hit bottom, a goat suddenly darted between them and leapt into the mine shaft. The guys were still standing there with astonished looks upon their faces, when a man walked up to them. He asked them if they had seen a goat anywhere in the area. They explained that one had just jumped into the mine shaft! The man replied, "No, that can't be my goat – mine was tied to an old railway sleeper."

With the COST OF LIVING CRISIS, many businesses are finding it hard and closing down. Here are a few:
- *a local Bra Manufacturer has gone bust*
- *a Submarine Builder has gone under*
- *a Blender Manufacturer has gone into liquidation*
- *a Dog Kennel has had to call in the retrievers*
- *a Cigarette Producer has been stubbed out*
- *a Plumbing Business has pulled the plug*
- *an Animal Shelter has gone to the dogs*
- *a Table Manufacturer is on its last legs*
- *a Fitness Gym has gone belly up*
- *a Bowling Alley has decided to only open on the weekends, as the staff have gone on strike*
- *a Boat Builder's business is on the rocks*
- *an Origami Paper Company has folded*
- *a Frypan Manufacturer went broke and closed, as their accountant was charged with cooking the books.*

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Jesus, Moses, and an old man go golfing. The first to tee off is Moses. He smashes the ball and it's heading right for the water hazard before the green. Moses raises his club, the water parts, and the ball makes it onto the green. Jesus gets up to swing, cranks it out, and it's headed for the water hazard. Jesus closes his eyes and prays. The ball skips across the water and lands on the green two feet from the hole. The old man's turn comes and he drives the ball. The ball looks like it is going to drop directly into the water. A fish jumps from the water hazard swallowing the ball, then an eagle drops from the sky, grabbing the fish. As the eagle flies over the green, a bolt of lightning strikes the eagle, making it drop the fish. As the fish hits the green, it spits out the ball and the ball falls into the hole, making a hole in one. Jesus looks at Moses and says, "Next time, I think I'll leave Dad at home!"



"It's a pacemaker for your heart. Plus, you can download apps for your liver, kidneys, lungs, and pancreas!"







"You're right! We should have built the castle first, THEN the moat!"

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MEDIUM SUDOKU

(TRIVIA ANSWERS: Egg Nog, Four (Marley's Ghost plus the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present & Yet to come), Germany, Boxing Day Sales, The Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race, SIX White Boomers)