

# Yarra Ranges Grapevine

The Journal of the National Seniors Australia Yarra Ranges Branch Inc  
Incorporation No. A0048800C Branch No 100132

## NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2019

**Branch Meetings are held on 2nd Monday of the Month at the  
'Lilydale Senior Citizens Centre' 7 Hardy Street Lilydale.  
(Unless advised otherwise)**

### Next Branch Meetings will be on

**Monday 11 November at 7:00pm for 7.30pm start @ Hall (as above)  
& Monday 9 December at 7:00pm for 7.30pm start @ Hall (as above)**

### PLEASE NOTE: Membership Renewals & Joining Members

Please ensure you use the 'Yarra Ranges NSA Application Forms' at the end of this 'Grapevine' & pay through the Branch. This informs NSA that you are a member of this Branch. The Branch also receives a small retainer for your membership - thank you

[Click here for Membership Form](#)

### Guest Speakers for the Branch Meeting

#### Monday 11 November

Sharon Meek

**'Emergency Medical  
Services, Safe T Care  
Team'**

Hall Meeting

7 Hardy Street Lilydale

#### Monday December

**'End of Year Break Up'  
Come and join us for the  
last Branch 2019 Meeting  
a Buffet Style meal together.  
Book with Chris for Catering**

Hall Meeting

7 Hardy Street Lilydale

**If you have a suggestion for  
a Guest Speaker please let  
Denise or Committee**

## President's Report

Hi Members,

The *Seniors Week Trivia* morning was well attended & lots of fun. Thank you to Chris for all her organising once again.

There were good numbers at The Crown meeting this month.

Sadly one of our members Jeanie Cannon passed away on the 8<sup>th</sup> October aged 84. Lorraine & I, Lorraine Schaffer, Dorne & Olga attended her funeral service at Heritage Wantirna. It was a lovely service and the family appreciated our attendance.

Next Meeting is at the Hall, 7 Hardy St Lilydale. We still need more donations for the Christmas Hampers so bring them to the meeting Monday night. Don't forget to check the 'Used by' date.



Jeanie Cannon

24.04.1935 – 08.10.2019

Aged 84 Years

Wishing you all a *Happy CHRISTMAS* & a *Great New Year!*

Happy Reading

Trevor

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*Happy Birthday & Congratulations to!  
No November Birthdays???*

*8<sup>th</sup> December*

*Don*

*14<sup>th</sup> December*

*Lorraine Se*

*We would like to celebrate your day!*

Don't forget to email / phone your birthday & month to Lyn

**DIARY DATES**

**'WELCOME' to our BRANCH MEETING Dates - 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month**

@ 'Lilydale Senior Citizens Centre Hall', 7 Hardy Street Lilydale @ 7:00pm for 7.30pm start

**11 Nov 'Emergency Medical Services' @ HALL**

**9 Dec 'End of Year Break Up' @ HALL**

**2020 No Meeting in January**

**10 February @ HALL 7 Hardy St Lilydale**



**COMMITTEE MEETINGS - 1<sup>ST</sup> Monday of Month**

@ Chris' place Meet @ 7.30pm

**Monday 4 November**

**Monday 2 December**

**2020 - Monday 3 February**



**'OUT & ABOUT' - Contact Chris 'Activities Coordinator' to Book**

**Please Note** All payments in an envelope with name, amount of payment and Outing name. This will be a great help. Thank you, Chris



**Sun 10 November 'Mystery Car Rally'** Contact Pamela ☎ 9735 5449

– see more information near back of the 'Grapevine'

**Wed 27 November 'Telecommunications Museum'** by train 9.40am Lilydale Lunch @ Glenferrie Hotel

**Fri 24 January 'Bare Foot Bowls'** @ 6.00pm Lilydale Bowling Club 4 Hardy Street Lilydale

**Sat 1 February 'Penguins at St Kilda & Dinner'** Train and Tram

**Sun 22 March 'French Island Tour'** Car Pool, Ferry, Bus Tour

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**'DINING OUT' - Contact Chris Activities Coordinator to Book**



**Sat 2 November** 'Kilsyth Club' Cnr Canterbury & Colchester Roads Kilsyth @ 6.30pm

**Sat 20 November** 'William Angliss Christmas Lunch' Little Lonsdale St Melb @ 12.00 noon \$30 for 3 courses - Train from Lilydale 10.39am

**Sun 8 December** 'Sanctuary House CHRISTMAS DINNER Break Up' Badgers Weir Road Healesville @ 5.30pm \$40.00 per person

**Fri 17 January** 'Fish & Chips Dinner' @ 6.30pm Meet at car park opposite Webb Street Warrandyte on the bank of the Yarra River Buy F & C BYO drink, chair, nibbles

**Sun 16 February** 'Chris' Café Lunch' @ 12.00 noon 3 Mangans Road Lilydale **Booking Essential** Punch, Nibbles, Spit Roast Meats, Salads, Desserts, Tea / Coffee \$25.00 BYO Alcohol

**Sun 1 March** 'Grants Reserve Café Lunch' @ 12.00 noon Sherbrooke Car Pool

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**'MORNING MELODIES' last Thursday of the Month – Contact Chris to Book**

@ 'Olinda Creek Hotel' 161 Main Street Lilydale – Show 10:00am for 10:30am start (Note: order & pay for lunch first)- Lunch – 11:30am (1 course \$12.00)

**Thurs 14 November** Tony Diamond 'Good Times & Classic Hits'

**Thurs 12 December** Marty Fields 'Christmas Show' 2 course lunch \$30



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**'SATURDAY WALKS' - Contact Chris Activities Coordinator for details**

Walks start 9.00am (unless over 30degrees then start 8.30am)

***Photos in the September & October 'Grapevine' - Answers!***

**1st** - A perfectly still Lilydale Lake reflection & **2nd** below the Lake Bank in the Dog Park area

Photos from our walks – do you know where they are?  
Come and join us to find out?  
Both photos are from the same walk.  
Answer in the next edition of the 'Yarra Ranges Grapevine'

- Sat 26th October** Lilydale to Mt Evelyn
- Sat 2 November** Mullum Mullum Burnt Bridge
- Sat 9 November** Barneong Reserve Croydon North
- Sat 16 November** Lilydale Lake
- Sat 23 November** Wandin to Seville
- Sat 30 November** Norton Rd Croydon
- Sat 7 December** Lilydale to Mt Evelyn
- Sat 14 December** Mullum Mullum Burnt Bridge
- Sat 21 December** Barneong Reserve Croydon Nth
- Sat 28 December** Lilydale Lake
- Sat 4 January** Lilydale Lake
- Sat 11 January** Lilydale to Mt Evelyn
- Sat 18 January** Wandin to Seville
- Sat 25 January** Norton Rd Croydon



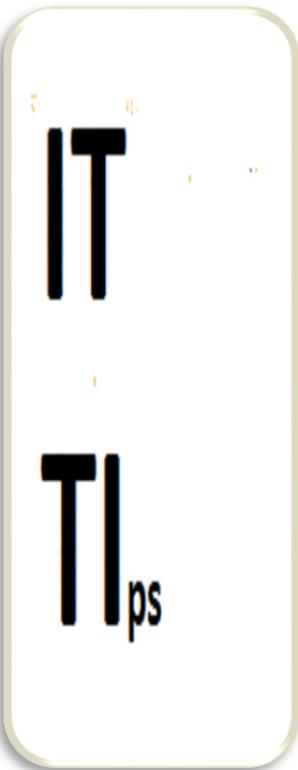
The above is not a Monet painting, but we were struck by the similarity to the composition of his work in this photo.

# Tradies Corner

Carpenter Hans ☎ 0418 111 499	Electrician Shockfree Electricians ☎ 0411 035 345	House Renovations Tandin Constructions Tim ☎ 0412 185 353
Kitchens Touchwood Kitchens ☎ 0418 542 130	Painting Craig ☎ 0421 889 326	Plumber Lachy ☎ 0438 563 788
Tile & Bathroom Renovations Stephen ☎ 0419 894 874		

## OTHER NEWSY BITS!

Our Web Administrator Patrick has the following tips for you. If you have any difficulty, please catch Patrick at our Branch Meetings for help.



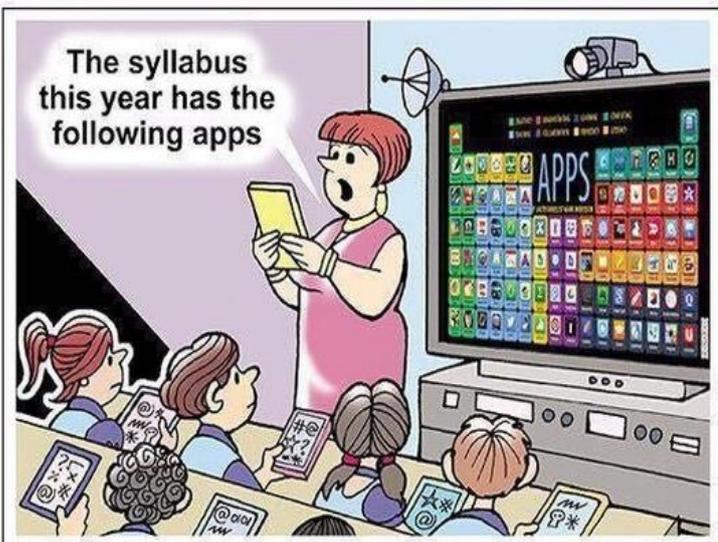
The **Yarra Ranges National Seniors Australia Website** contains all the information from our 'Grapevine' Newsletter and the ability to update your electronic diary with that information. Did you know the website can be easily accessed from an icon on your android phone, desktop PC or Laptop? Here's how:

Using your browser, search for 'National Seniors Yarra Ranges'. Our Website will be the first entry presented. Select it. Then:

**For a PC or Laptop:** create a desktop shortcut for the URL. If you use chrome or Internet Explorer you drag (left click hold and move) the small icon before the URL in the address bar to your desktop. If you use any other browser you know how to do it. When you click the shortcut you have created you are taken direct to our website.

**For an Android phone:** tap the menu (usually the 3 horizontal lines in the top right corner of the browser), then tap 'add to Home Screen' (for Galaxy) or 'Bookmark' then 'Home Screen' (for other Androids). A National Seniors Icon will now be on your home page. Tap that icon and you are taken direct to our website.

Once in our website you will see a button to download the latest newsletter and for the events you wish to attend a button to update your e-diary.



## AGM – ‘Show & Tell’ Meeting

**What a great night we had!** After the AGM & Branch Meeting, some of our members had brought along a great variety of ‘Treasures’ to share & tell their story. If you weren’t there you missed a very interesting night.



Huey and his Pork Boning Knife. He enlightened us in its use. Over 20 years old



Olga spoke about her Ukrainian background tradition of Painting Easter Eggs and beautifully detailed Cross Stitch embroidery custom.

The hand carved Captive Ball and Chain  
*This is carved from one piece of cedar timber, which was started by our son when in scouts, left to father to finish off.*

*This is possibly the only time a length of timber is longer at the completion of project than at the start without joining on to it in any way. The cedar timber was part of the sill from a shop front in a Victorian country town.*



Elaine gave us the background into her passion for Quilting and how she donates many of her items for raffles as well as for sale. Long may you keep doing it Elaine – they are beautiful.

Don spoke about the genuine Japanese Samurai Sword that was surrendered to his Father at the end of World War 2. It is in original condition.



Beautiful Handmade Rabbit & Koala won by Steve in ‘Flying Doctor’ raffles

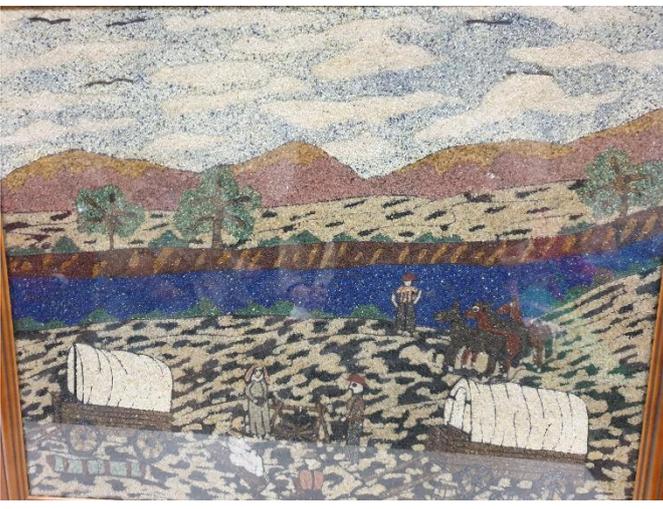
Lyn’s Grandfather won this bracelet in a foot race in early 1900s. It is approximately 100 years old.



Pamela introduced us to her most interesting relative - *Pamela Bowen CBE* (Commander of the British Empire) who is Senior Policy Advisor in the Crown Prosecutor Office in Westminster UK. She received her CBE for her work on the ‘*Human Traffic Criminal Prosecution Policy*’. Because of this body of work, Pamela Bowen will be the Guest Speaker at an International Conference in Vienna in October where she will be introduced by Amal Cluny (George Cluny’s wife).

MINERAL	DESCRIPTION
MANGANOCALCITE	Manganese/calcium carbonate
GYTSUM	Hydrated calcium sulphate
RHODONITE	Manganese silicate
CORONADITE	Manganese/lead oxide
FLUORITE	Calcium fluoride
SILLIMANITE	Aluminium silicate
BARYTES	Barium sulphate
ACTINOLITE	Calcium/magnesium/iron/silicate
MAGNESITE	Magnesium carbonate
ARSENOPYRITE	Arsenic/aluminium sulphide
LEMONITE	Hydrated ferric oxide
GALENA	Lead sulphide
CALCITE	Calcium carbonate
PYRITE	Iron sulphide
MALACHITE	Hydrated copper carbonate
BIOTITE	Magnesium/iron/aluminium silicate
PYRRHOTITE	Iron sulphide
QUARTZITE	Silicon dioxide
W. FELDSPAR	Potassium/aluminium silicate
MUSKOVITE	Potassium/aluminium silicate
SPHALERITE	Zinc sulphide
BUSTAMITE	Calcium/manganese silicate
QUARTZ	Silicon dioxide
ORTHOCLASE	Potassium/aluminium silicate
CHALCOPHY	Copper/calcium silicate
LIMESTONE	Calcium carbonate
HORNBLende	Aluminium/calcium/iron silicate
SIDERITE	Iron carbonate
KAPLAR	Hydrated aluminium silicate
HEMATITE	Iron oxide
CHLOITE	Aluminium/iron/magnesium silicate
GARNET	Iron/aluminium silicate
BERYL	Beryllium/aluminium silicate
PINK APHTE	Aluminium silicate
OPAL	Noncrystalline quartz silica gem
PERFUMED WOOD	Silica-bearing water
AZARITE	Carbonate of copper
BAUNTE Local District	Iron oxides - red
FELDSPAR	Potassium/aluminium silicate
SLAU	Black from smelting
GRANITE	Varying colour - BH District

Chris' magnificent Ore Picture. It is unique because these days mining is blasting and the ores are all mixed and therefore this type of picture cannot be replicated. List of ores used are by tick.



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## A magical day with the Terracotta Warriors

Another great report from our Intrepid Roving Reporter alias - Bradley Hastings-Goodenough



What good is sitting alone, in your room, on yet another dreary wintry day? And you don't have to when you can go out with 'Out and About'. It was the day of our trip to the National Gallery of Victoria to see the 'Terracotta Warriors'. For some, including myself, for the first time, but for many of the well-heeled in the group, it would bring back memories of their prior viewings in the Warriors' homeland.

We trained in the usual way to Flinders Street and thence a short walk across Princes Bridge to the NGV. The permanent pavement security bollards on the bridge got the thumbs up from Chris our Activities Co-ordinator. They are the right height to sit on and will definitely deter careering hoons, maybe even a wayward tram and oh yes, they make Melbourne more resilient.



The NGV building has always impressed and looks a lot oriental, so a suitable venue then, to host the Terracotta Warriors. On approach children were playing with the water cascading down the glass windows inside the entry arch. All familiar so far then, but on entry I was taken aback by a massive bronze coloured black statue of what looked like Micky Mouse cradling a dead Elmo in his arms.



It was not of course, it was KAWS' 'Companion Gone 2019' part of the artist's (sic) 'Companionship in the Age of Loneliness' exhibition also on at the Gallery.

I hurried past to the Coffee shop for an average cake and coffee. Some of my companions were also less than impressed with the offerings there. Then we moved on to the main event.



We entered galleries with objects from across Shaanxi Province including priceless gold, jade and bronze artefacts dating from the Zhou and Han dynasties.

Then a larger gallery where we saw a lamellar armour stone breastplate. Composed of 600 stone tiles each drilled and connected to the surrounding tiles by leather and twine. What an enormous amount of work without power tools. Stunning! Then we saw eight Terracotta Warriors of different ranks and roles, two full-sized horses and two replica bronze chariots, selected to represent that vast army of Qin Shi Huang the first emperor of China. My Thoughts:



- The ancient charioteers were a sun smart group as they appear to have gone into battle with sunshades.
- All the warriors wore shoes with squared-off toecaps. I later found-out that these shoes are made with square cut rigid wooden soles drilled in 5 places and with leather rope used to hold the foot, somewhat like modern day thongs, then covered with leather. The army marching must have shuffled everywhere.
- Finding out that up to 700,000 people were involved with the creation of the full terracotta army I thought that the emperor must have a colossal ego. But perhaps his Terracotta Army was created as an economic tool to keep people occupied in a period of recession and ignored at zero cost in the good-times.



On exiting the Warriors brightly lit chamber we entered a vast more dimly lit area where a murmuration suddenly appeared above the human hubbub. Starlings flying in a tightly packed formation were wheeling and ducking to avoid danger, thousands, ceramic and coloured by fired gunpowder, a glorious sight.

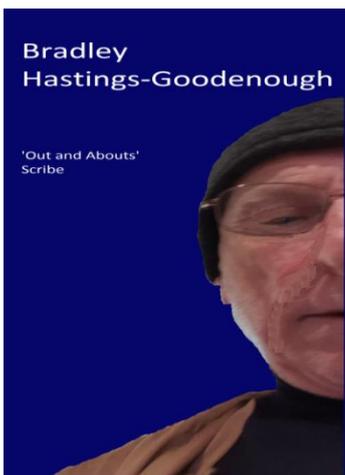


This was the work of *Cai Guo-Qiang* a contemporary Chinese artist, and for me a trip highpoint. Another chamber with works by the same artist, all walls covered with gunpowder coloured painted peonies on silk, strangely reminiscent of Monet's water lilies in the Gallery at the Tuileries, and in the middle of the room ceramic peonies and the odd Starlings hurrying to join the flock in the next room. What a sensation. The

warriors in comparison were life sized but quite lifeless.

What a surprise, we exited the exhibition area through the gift-shop. There I tried to interest members of our group in the \$10,000 Murmuration Presentation Pack, which included one's very own ceramic starling. You never know, it may be a good investment. Doris was unmoved. However canny members of our group had snapped up the Warriors illustrated book for the amazingly low price of \$8.99.

It was time for a coffee or quiet beer at a cafe overlooking the Yarra River then an express train home. *'Out and About'* had turned what weatherwise might have been a gloomy day spent at home, into something interesting and quite magical.



## In Cheek

### Member profile – Bradley Hastings-Goodenough an *'Out and About'* scribe

Bradley is the kind of person who always has very definite opinions. You will often hear him say that the one thing is such and such. Strange though, that this such and such often contradicts what he said yesterday. We wondered if his contradictory views had anything to do with his name or perhaps even his gender.

When questioned about being an *'Out and About'* scribe, Brad said that, "*the thing was men made better journalists*". No Bradley, the Yarra Ranges Branch of the National Seniors Australia is not sure that is so, but we respect that it is your opinion.

This is a new segment we would like members to contribute to

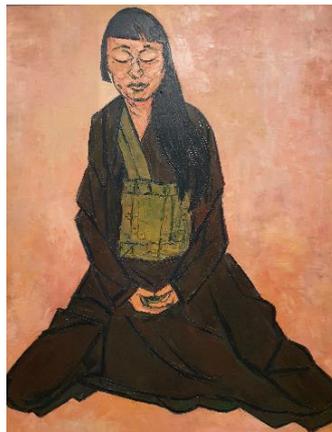
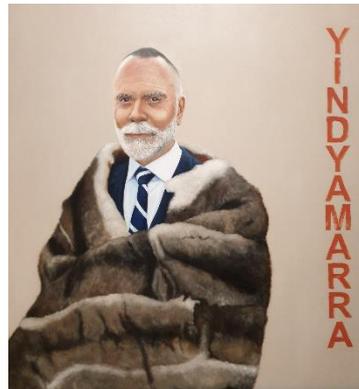
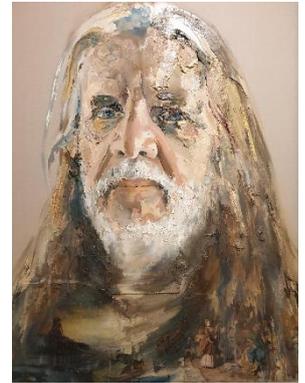
*'Getting to Know You'*

**Suspending this segment until 2020!**

**Are there any Members who would like to contribute please?**



Have you visited the **2019 Archibald Prize** paintings at Tarrawarra Gallery? Here are a few paintings to 'wet' your appetite.



The winner of the *Archibald Prize* painting is the lady on the left.

The winner of the *Packing House Prize* is the David Wenham painting

The Exhibition closes on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Well worth a visit.



### Contributions to our Newsletter



*Have you been travelling?*

Have you attended a good show ?

*Have you read a good book?*

Is there something you have experienced, that you would like to share with

**the members of the Branch? A story? One-liners? Photos from outings?**



**Don't forget to contact Pam to join in the fun of our  
Mystery Car Tour / Rally on Sunday 10 November!!**

# Mystery Car Tour

Hi everyone,

**There's less than two weeks now until our Mystery Car Tour  
on Sunday 10th November**

If you've been thinking about it, but haven't registered yet, I'd appreciate it if you would let me know your (fun!) team name, driver, navigator and passenger/s names as soon as you can please.

Also if you have a family member, or friend who would like to join in, they'd be most welcome.

The teams will meet in the parking spaces on the left hand side of Tudor Village Drive (Melway 38 K3) near *The Chancery*, then leave every few minutes between 2.00pm and 2.30pm.

The navigator will be given the directions to follow from the Melway. The passenger/s will need a clip board and biro to write the answers on the question sheet they'll be given, all of which can be answered from within the car.

This is not a race and the winning team will be the one which answers the most number of questions correctly.

You should start arriving at the destination venue from about 3.30pm and light refreshments will be available if required. When everyone has arrived, we'll mark the sheets and present the prizes, including the booby ones! No guys, they are not those boobies!

Tea (your choice and cost) will be at 5.30pm then eat, drink and be merry until you want to go home.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me on [pamanne43@hotmail.com](mailto:pamanne43@hotmail.com) or on ☎ 9735 5449.

Looking forward to seeing you then for an enjoyable day out.



## **Pension Changes for Wives & Widows**

The Federal Government is changing pension rules for widows and some wives. You may have to transfer to other pension payments. The government is writing to seniors receiving the Wife Pension and Widow B Pension, advising them that these pensions will stop on 20 March next year. The letter will explain what the changes are and how pension recipients will be affected.

### **Widow B Pension**

If you get the Widow B Pension, you will transfer to the Age Pension on 20 March 2020. The department says this won't change the amount you get.

### **Wife Pension**

Your age and where you live will determine your eligibility to transfer to a new payment or not. If you are living overseas on 20 March 2020 and of Age Pension age, you'll automatically transfer to the Age Pension. You won't need to do anything and will get the same payment rate.

However, you may no longer get any Australian social security payment if:

- you're living overseas and are under Age Pension age (65 years)
- you don't qualify for another payment under an international social security agreement

If your payment stops, you may be able to claim a different payment while you are living overseas. The department recommends you read more about the international social security agreements that Australia has with other countries. You can also talk to the social security authority in the country you live in.

If you travel outside Australia temporarily, it may affect your eligibility for transferring to another income support payment.

If you'll be outside Australia on 20 March 2020, you will need to contact the department.

### **If you live in Australia**

If you get the Wife Pension and the Carer Allowance, you will transfer to the Carer Payment on 20 March 2020. Your Wife Pension will stop but you will get Carer Payment with your Carer Allowance.

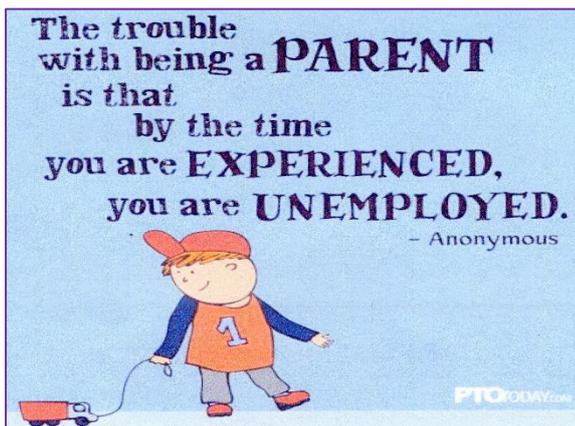
If you only get the Wife Pension, the payment you transfer to depends on your age. If, on 20 March 2020:

- you're 66 or older, you'll get the Age Pension
- you're 65 or younger, you'll get Job Seeker Payment

Your payment amount will stay the same after you transfer.

You can learn more by visiting the [Department of Human Services website](#)

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Overheard in the supermarket last week.  
Mum to 4 year old son.  
  
*'Would you like this for dinner tonight?'*  
As she held up a neatly packaged  
Chicken Schnitzel.  
  
4 year old jumped excitedly up and  
down shouting....  
*'YES! CHICKEN SNEEZEL!'*

Yarra Ranges National Seniors Australia Branch  
Membership Application (NSA ABN 89 050 523 003)

**PERSONAL DETAILS**

Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / Dr First name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Suburb \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

**JOINT MEMBER DETAILS**

Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / Dr First name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_  
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**MEMBERSHIP AND PAYMENT DETAILS**

*Yarra Ranges Branch  
No. 100132*

I/we would like to join for: (please tick) includes GST

- |        |                                       |                                      |          |                                       |                                      |
|--------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 Year | <input type="checkbox"/> Single \$45  | <input type="checkbox"/> Joint \$75  | 2 Year   | <input type="checkbox"/> Single \$80  | <input type="checkbox"/> Joint \$125 |
| 5 Year | <input type="checkbox"/> Single \$195 | <input type="checkbox"/> Joint \$295 | Lifetime | <input type="checkbox"/> Single \$425 | <input type="checkbox"/> Joint \$650 |

TOTAL PAYABLE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Cheques / Money Order enclosed (payable to: National Seniors Australia)  
 Please charge my credit card:  Visa  Master Card

Card number:

Cardholder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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