

Welcome
OCTOBER
be good!

Message from the President

Welcome back everyone.

We have had our first General Meeting since the shut-down in March this year. The feedback we have received has been very positive about the temporary venue at the RSL Hall in Wacol, so we will be continuing on with them until the Lion comes out of hibernation and allows functions once again. Our first Management Committee meeting with new members Mary Cottam, Secretary, and Trips Coordinator, Ian Horrocks got off to a very productive start with social outings and trips already in the pipeline. There will be a limited amount of emails going out this year so I ask you to read this Newsletter thoroughly to keep up with our activities. Our next meeting will be held Thursday, 8th October at the RSL Hall but unless restrictions are eased further there may be a need to limit numbers attending so please register your interest as soon as possible via email to nsaforestlakesec@gmail.com. To those who have been watching the Royal Commission into Aged Care in Australia and the obvious failures that have been exposed during the COVID-19 pandemic, it will be of great interest to all of us when the findings come out after the last scheduled hearings were concluded this last week.

National Seniors Australia has formed an alliance with Carers Australia, COTA Australia, Dementia Australia, the Federation of Ethnic Communities of Australia and the Older Persons Advocacy Network to develop a unified statement to make it very clear to government and other industry stakeholders that aged care needs significant reform and needs to happen quickly. This statement is based on 10 key points which I will make available to any members who wish to read them at our next meeting.

Stay safe and healthy

Peter



Committee Members

President - Peter Dunell_____33729432
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Trips Coordinator – Ian Horrocks___0409275016

October Members Birthday

Dan Baldwin
Lynne Ball
Christine Beahan
Vera Bentley
Paula Cockle
Peter Dunell
Pat Flannagan
Cheryl Hilder
Anita Jackson

Ike Jans
Rhonda Martens
Lyn Martin
Tony Olive
Dianne Parish
Rosalind Rowbotham
Jock Shepherd
Marjorie Stephenson
Margaret Taylor



Hello members,

Firstly, you are all to be congratulated for exercising caution and staying safe in this time of COVID 19. For the past four months we have followed medical advice and remained in our homes and local environment. No holidays, no away trips and limited contact with our friends and family. Travel restrictions have been lifted in Queensland and we are now able to enjoy limited travel whilst exercising a covid safe plan.

A small group bus trip to the southern downs has been arranged for **23 - 25 November 2020**. This is our chance to get out and enjoy the company of friends and an excellent itinerary but because time is short, we need names and **a deposit of \$100 per person at our next general meeting (8th October)**

Kind Regards Ian Horrocks.

**Granite Highlands Maxi-Tours
Staying at High Street Motor Inn
2 nights 3 Days 2020 Tour Package to Stanthorpe
Pick up and return from Brisbane**

- Day 1 7.30am Depart from Brisbane
Morning Tea at Bestbrook Mountain Resort and Tour
Proceed to Stanthorpe
Lunch at Blue Pot Pantry
Rumbalara Winery
Short tour of Stanthorpe then approx 4.30 pm
Proceed to motel and book in
6.30pm Dinner at Stanthorpe RSL or Annas Italian Restaurant if reopened
- Day 2 7.30 am Breakfast at motel Restaurant
8.45 Depart Motel to Aloomba Lavender Liston (talk on lavender and its uses)
The Christmas Farm
Stanthorpe Cheese Tastings
Lunch at Granite Belt Brewery including Tour
Ballandean Estate Winery
Back to Stanthorpe Via Storm King Dam (Stanthorpe's Water Supply)
Back to motel to rest before Dinner
6.30pm Dinner at Motel Restaurant
- Day 3 7.30am Breakfast at Motel Restaurant then load up coach for home
8.45am Stanthorpe Historical Museum self-guided tour including morning tea
11am Law dogs Show and Truffle Discovery Centre
Castle Glen Liqueurs
Lunch at Suttons Apple Juice & Cider
Approx 2pm Depart back to Brisbane
Stopping of at Sams Fruit Stall and Aratula for a comfort stop

All-inclusive Cost of the 2 Night 3-day tour to Stanthorpe is \$480 per person Double or Twin Share Single is \$570 per person (1 person not sharing room)

Upcoming Events

October

Branch Meeting

DATE: Thursday 8th
WHERE: RSL Hall, 907 Boundary Rd, Wacol
TIME: 9.30am
COST: \$6.00

November

Melbourne Cup Lunch

Unfortunately, due to the complexities of the Covid restrictions this event has been cancelled

Branch Meeting

DATE: Thursday 12th
WHERE: RSL Hall, 907 Boundary Rd, Wacol
TIME: 9.30am
COST: \$6.00

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

Deposit required October Branch Meeting \$100pp

December

Christmas Lunch

DATE: Thursday 10th
WHERE: The Blue Fin, Inala
TIME: 11.30am
COST: TBA

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 - Court2SPT

Surname (Court)

Number going (2)

Trip (Stanthorpe Package Tour)

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

Stanthorpe Tour Package

Deposit \$100

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

Treasurer's Report 23rd September 2020 for period 1st - 31st August 2020

The National Seniors Forest Lake Cash Account for the period began with an opening balance of \$7,878.34, received income of \$ 750.00 incurred expenses of \$ 518.90 with a closing balance of \$8,109.44 made up as shown of:

Balance at Bank: \$1,928.40

Heritage Term Deposit \$6,061.04

Petty Cash & Floats \$ 120.00

The closing balance of \$8,109.44 includes committed monies held for,

Seniors Week BBQ \$ 900.00

Trips \$ 66.00

This leaves the Branch with a total of \$7,143.44 in available funds at the end of August. The months' activities resulted in a decrease to available funds of \$-342.90.

I have applied for funds from the BCC's Senior Celebration Donation program, if successful we can expect between \$100-\$300, last year we received \$261, these funds are to go against our Christmas lunch.

Colin Court Treasurer

September Branch Meeting

September 10th Branch Meeting, 9th Birthday Cake and AGM. It was a great morning. First meeting back since March, 48 attended. The Branch meeting was followed by a very nice brunch and cutting of the birthday cake. Dr Marjorie Green chaired the AGM and the new management committee was voted in. Congratulations all. We were very fortunate to have the use of the RSL Hall in Wacol. A very good meeting place.



Day Trip to Kalbar Sept 18th

All 25 met up at Kalbar just under an hour's comfortable drive from Forest Lake. Lovely friendly little town. Plenty to see and do. Wonderful tour of The White Chapel and Reception Centre, delicious lunch at the Royal Hotel, some gift shop shopping, fruit and vegetables and a few purchases at the newly opened Postmaster's Lolly shop.



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.

Newsletter, Agendas & Minutes of previous meetings update

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) and click on "join Group"



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