



## Message from the President

Salutations fellow members,

Well, we are coming to the end of another year with the Annual General Meeting this month and it understandably feels like we have done very little although our last meeting was eventful. We finally celebrated our tenth birthday with a highly sought after mud cake (none was left over) by the 70 plus who attended. Una Gray, one of our founding members, helped me with the cutting duties. We were also treated to an informative session on the dangers of scamming, presented by Emily Gould. Members were very interactive with stories of their own and some examples that had Emily surprised. She has sent through further examples and pamphlets to me to distribute at future meetings

I remain optimistic that we will finish the year without further disruptions to our events and it was encouraging to see so many members having received their vaccinations, helping to safe-guard ourselves, our families, our friends and the community. I'm looking forward to a festive season and taking the tip to start shopping early as presents and supplies may be short closer to the event. Although I will acknowledge the efforts of both our outgoing Secretary Mary Cottam and Linda Bird in Membership at our meeting, I would formally like to thank them in this newsletter in supporting me whilst in their roles. I would hope that we can get members nominating to fill these vital positions to keep the branch operating efficiently and providing you with great experiences into the future. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Cheers Peter



## October AGM

### **Positions requiring candidates at the October AGM**

The Executive committee positions consist of, President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer. All these roles need to be filled for our Branch to exist. We are seeking candidates for the **Vice President & Secretary** roles.

The general committee position of **Membership Officer** is also open for nominations.

The returning Committee members will assist anyone willing to take on these roles.

**NOTE:** Our branch cannot function without these roles being filled. Please assist us to keep our branch from closing by nominating for one of these positions.



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

Carmel Japuncic  
Rhonda Martins  
Lyn Martin  
Nikolai Morshuk  
Tony Olive  
Dianne Parish  
Jock Shepherd  
Marjorie Stephenson  
Margaret Taylor

## Upcoming Events

### OCTOBER

#### **Branch Meeting**

DATE: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>  
Guest Speaker -Samuel Dauncey "Right at home"  
**Pay for Beenleigh day trip**  
WHERE: Richlands Hotel  
132 Government Road, Richlands  
TIME: **Entry 9.30am**, 10am meeting starts  
COST: \$7.00

#### **Lunch**

DATE: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>  
WHERE: Forest Lake Tavern  
245 Forest Lake Boulevard, Forest Lake  
TIME: 11.30 to 11.45 am Meet, 12MD Ordering  
COST: At members own cost

### NOVEMBER

#### **Branch Meeting**

DATE: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>  
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 12<sup>th</sup>  
WHERE: Beenleigh Historical Village, Lunch at Jacobs Wells Tavern  
TIME: 8.15 am  
COST: \$65pp

### DECEMBER

#### **Christmas Lunch**

DATE: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Entertainment Fortunato  
WHERE: Blue Fin Fishing Club  
24 Lilac Street, Inala  
TIME: TBA  
COST: TBA

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 – Smith1Beenleigh  
Surname (Smith)  
Number going (1)  
Trip (Beenleigh)

### **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
Beenleigh Trip
\$65
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

### OCTOBER

The Covid 19 situation in the other Eastern States is of continuing concern thus I have decided not to organise an Away Trip for the month of October. Instead, we will take the much safer option of enjoying each other's company with a relaxing lunch at the Forest Lake Tavern.

Lunch at the Forest Lake Tavern on Thursday 21st October 2021. Meeting at 11.45am and ordering our meals at 12midday.Members own cost.

**Please pay for our November away trip to Beenleigh / Jacobs Well at the October meeting. \$65**

### NOVEMBER

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.

Depart: Forest Lake at 08.15am

Date: Friday 12th November 2021

Cost: \$65 To be paid for at the October meeting.

**Please note the earlier departure time of 08.15am.**

#### Meal Selection required for Jacobs Well Tavern.

Please make a selection of one of the following and advise the trips desk.

**Chicken Schnitzel, chips and salad**

**Fish and chips tartare sauce and lemon**

**Traditional Caesar Salad**

**Steak Sandwich and chips**

**Chicken burger and chips**

### DECEMBER

Our Christmas lunch will be held at the Blue Fin Sporting Club on Thursday 2nd December 2021. Cost TBA.

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.

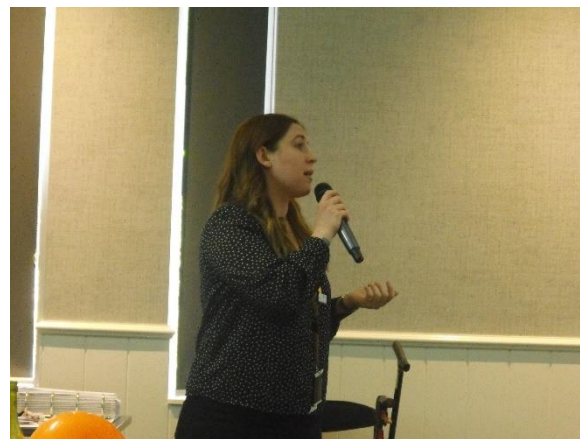
**Ian Horrocks**

**TRIPS CO-ORDINATOR**

## Tenth Branch Birthday celebrations



Exciting day celebrating the Branch's 10th Birthday as well as 3 months of members birthdays. We welcomed a new member and also met Gerry O'Neill National Seniors Be Connected Local Mentor. Guest Speaker Emily Gould gave a great presentation on Scamming.



### 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](http://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



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



## **FOREVER OUTBACK**

An old rusting water tank stands at a lean  
With its vivid outline etched in a silhouette  
And the morning sky, dominant in this scene  
Paints a classic picture impossible to forget  
At the tank's side, a windmill, standing aloof  
Its vanes stationary against the red streaked sky  
A few metres away, an old shed without a roof  
Adding reality to the beauty presented to the eye  
With a few stunted trees standing stark and bold  
Their very presence adding charm and peace  
This outback scene, a poignant story yet to be told  
A wonderous view of beauty never to cease  
And with the distant horizon of gold and black  
Contrasting with the sky of fiery red and grey  
It emphasizes the isolation of that old shack  
As it greets the dawning of a new outback day



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## 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 - Lyn Martin ..... 0409879329  
Secretary – Mary Cottam.....0403006758  
Treasurer - Colin Court.....0426863506  
Membership - Linda Bird.....0737149708  
Trips Coordinator – Ian Horrocks..... 0409275016

