



## Message from the President

Hi everyone

Hope you are feeling invigorated from our August lockdown and yet another cancelled meeting. I am holding my breath and crossing my fingers and toes that we can have a meeting this month. I am looking forward to catching up with you all and enjoying the celebration of our 10th birthday and yes there will be a cake and balloons. Dress in party gear if you are in the mood. It has been very unfortunate that our trip to the Whitsundays was cancelled but our intrepid Trip Coordinator has still been busy planning some local outings for us.

This meeting will also host a guest speaker, Emily Gould, who is a government specialist in scam education, not how to do it but how to avoid being a victim. Another important issue I would hope you would consider is the nomination for management committee roles in the coming year. The positions of Secretary and Membership are still outstanding and must be filled for the Branch to continue. There is plenty of support and assistance to those who feel they can give something back even if for a short time. We will be calling for additional help from volunteers to assist management committee members this year so again consider helping out as this reduces the stress and strain on those who give their time to help you. I am making this impassioned request now so that we aren't chasing people at the last minute prior to the AGM, which will be held in October. Nomination forms will be sent out by Mary Cottam with the pre-meeting email - so please check and seriously consider it.

Hoping to see you there, restrictions permitting.

Cheers Peter

### Members September Birthdays

Jean Elston

Val Hannan

Mavis Hillis

Pamela Kurzok

Pat Parlane

Zoe Phillips

Ellen Simpson

Nick Steadman

Ann Tupicoff

Elizabeth Waldeck

Barbara Weiss

Lyn White



### MC Positions – YOUR BRANCH NEEDS YOU

#### **Positions with no candidates for OCTOBER AGM**

##### **BRANCH SECRETARY**

Please contact Mary if you have any questions regarding this position.

##### **BRANCH MEMBERSHIP OFFICER**

Please contact Linda if you have any questions regarding this position.

Both positions have a Laptop Computer & printer supplied.

Consider giving back to your club by nominating for either of the upcoming vacancies. Support will be available from the Management Committee for anyone taking on these important positions.

Nomination forms are available from our secretary & will be available at our September Branch Meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: OUR BRANCH CANNOT FUNCTION WITHOUT THESE ROLES BEING FILLED, SO TO AVOID OUR BRANCH FROM CLOSING CONSIDER SAVING IT BY NOMINATING FOR A POSITION AT THE SEPTEMBER AGM.

### Happy Tenth Branch Birthday

#### **Photo – Last year's Ninth Birthday celebrations**



## Upcoming Events

### SEPTEMBER

#### Branch Meeting

DATE: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>  
August Birthday celebrations  
Guest Speaker Emily Gould (Scamming)  
**Names taken for Oct Lunch & Nov  
Beenleigh Day Trip**

WHERE: Richlands Hotel  
132 Government Road, Richlands

TIME: **Entry 9.30am**, 10am meeting starts

COST: \$6.00

### OCTOBER

#### Branch Meeting

DATE: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>  
**Pay for Beenleigh day trip**

WHERE: Richlands Hotel  
132 Government Road, Richlands

TIME: **Entry 9.30am**, 10am meeting starts

COST: \$6.00

#### Lunch

DATE: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>

WHERE: Forest Lake Tavern  
245 Forest Lake Boulevard, Forest Lake

TIME: 11.30 Meet, 12MD Ordering

COST: At members own cost

### NOVEMBER

#### Branch Meeting

DATE: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>  
Guest Speaker – Everaldo Crompton  
**Pay for Christmas Lunch (Blue Fin)**

WHERE: Richlands Hotel  
132 Government Road, Richlands

TIME: **Entry 9.30am**, 10am meeting starts

COST: \$6.00

#### Day Trip – Beenleigh Historical Village

DATE: Friday 12<sup>th</sup>

WHERE: Beenleigh Historical Village, Lunch at Jacobs  
Wells Tavern

TIME: 8.30 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

### AUGUST

The Branch's away trip to *the Whitsunday's* was unfortunately another victim of the Covid 19 emergency with the tour being cancelled before we started. The Tour Host "Great Value Holidays" were very professional and undertook to return all monies paid by members for the trip.

### SEPTEMBER

Our much anticipated away trip to the New South Wales area of Bellingen/Dorrigo is also sadly the victim of COVID-19 for the second year running. It will be reviewed for a suitable date next year hopefully at a time when COVID-19 is not of concern.

**At the September meeting we require names of members participating on our Friday 12th November away trip to the Beenleigh Historical Village. We also require names of those attending the lunch on 21 October 2021.**

### 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 others company with a relaxing lunch at the Forest Lake Tavern.

**\* Lunch at the Forest Lake Tavern on Thursday 21st October 2021. Meeting at 1130 and ordering our meals at 12md. Members own cost.**

### 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 08.30am**

**DATE Friday 12th November 2021**

**COST \$65 To be paid for at the October meeting.**

**Names to be given at the September meeting.**

**Ian Horrocks**

**TRIPS CO-ORDINATOR**

## 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.

## 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"

## Be Connected Local Mentor

Introducing Gerard O'Neill, a Forest Lake resident.

I am available as a Digital Mentor to all NSA members who may need assistance with smart phones, tablets, computers and getting connected to the internet. This is a part of the 'Be Connected' program.

Be Connected is an Australian government initiative committed to increasing the confidence, skills and online safety of older Australians. 'Be Connected' aims to empower everyone to use the internet and everyday technology to thrive in our digital world. It is a free service.

I am also available as a J.P. as needed.  
I can be contacted by phone or e-mail.

Regards  
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**Be Connected**

Every Australian online.

Laughter is the best medicine

I JUST SAW A CAR BEING  
DRIVEN BY A SHEEP IN A  
SWIMSUIT...

IT WAS A LAMB BIKINI.



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.

THE CALLING

The palm leaves caught a whisper of breeze  
And they responded with a jaunty flutter  
As the whisper increased it awoke other trees  
Answering that whisper with a leafy mutter  
Then branches and twigs swayed to the wind  
And leaves began to fall like flakes of snow  
Some leaves held true as if they'd been pinned  
Retaining their hold, being reluctant to let go  
As the trees responded to every wind change  
In unison they sang a sweet lonesome tune  
Music that soothed with a melodious range  
But as the wind dropped, it faded all to soon  
These are haunting moments of nature's call  
So rest a while to hear the soothing message  
Let body and mind get wrapped in its thrall  
And travel through life on its smooth passage

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- Treasurer - Colin Court ..... 0426863506
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- Trips Coordinator – Ian Horrocks..... 0409275016



**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.

