



Message from the President

Well folks, I started off with optimism that this year was full steam ahead but the bug raised its ugly head again and a number of our meetings, functions and a tour had to be cancelled at the last minute. The Management Committee took the responsible decision of better safe than sorry. Nevertheless, we cannot let this run our lives so we have made some alternate plans to cater for future activities that will minimize the risk and keep our branch running until the vaccinations roll out.

We will still be running our meetings at the Wacol Hall within Health Department guidelines, the next one being Thursday 11th February starting at 9.30 am sign in. This meeting will have an entertaining speaker whom I can fully recommend. I have made repeated inquiries to the Lion management about holding our meetings back there but they state that all functions are cancelled and they will be undertaking renovations to that room shortly. I am aware that some members may be holding out for a return to the Lion but this may be some time in the future if ever. If you have issues with getting to the Wacol Hall please let someone from the Management Committee know and we may be able to arrange a lift for you. It would be a shame for you to forego longstanding friendships and the chance to participate in activities or trips.

Our calendar of events will remain fluid for as long as this health issue continues but our team has come up with some innovative ideas which we will discuss at this meeting. We are also very open to thoughts from the membership so bring some along to share. Remember to read the meeting entry requirements in the email so that we can adhere to health guidelines. The meeting will be held 9.30 am for 10.00 am start on Thursday, 11th February at The National Serviceman's Association Hall, 907 Boundary Road, Wacol. Hope to see as many as we can at this meeting.

Cheers Peter



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Congratulations January Birthday Draw winner
Doreen Cotter



Upcoming Events

February

Branch Meeting

DATE: Thursday 11th
WHERE: National Serviceman's Association Hall
907 Boundary Rd, Wacol
TIME: **No entry before 9.30am**, 10am start
COST: \$6.00
Guest Speaker – Patrick Pickett
Pay for International Women's Day Lunch
& Albert River Wines Trip

Self-Drive Tag Along Tour

DATE: Thursday 18th
WHERE: Boonah
TIME: 9.00 am
COST: \$15 Mini Bus Passenger
Pay for your own Lunch etc

March

International Women's Day

DATE: Monday 8th
WHERE: Forest Lake Hotel
TIME: 11.00 am
COST: \$35

Branch Meeting

DATE: Thursday 11th
WHERE: National Serviceman's Association Hall
907 Boundary Rd, Wacol
TIME: **No entry before 9.30am**, 10am start
COST: \$6.00
Pay for Toowoomba Trip

Bus Day Trip – Albert River Wines

DATE: Thursday 25th
WHERE: Albert River Wines
TIME: To be advised
COST: \$65 Includes Bus, Morning Tea, Tour &
Lunch in their Restaurant

April

Branch Meeting

DATE: Thursday 8th
WHERE: National Serviceman's Association Hall
907 Boundary Rd, Wacol
TIME: **No entry before 9.30am**, 10am start
COST: \$6.00
CENT SALE

Sherwood Services Club Lunch

DATE: Thursday 15th
WHERE: Sherwood Services Club
TIME: 11.30 am
COST: Pay for your own meal on the day

Bus Overnight Trip – Toowoomba

DATE: 23rd/24th
WHERE: Toowoomba
TIME: Itinerary to be advised
COST: \$334 Double/Twin \$384 Single not sharing

Please note all Meetings, activities & trips remain fluid & can change due to the Covid 19 regulations at the time.

Boonah Tag Along Trip

Well members we have survived another Covid 19 emergency which resulted in a lock down and sadly the cancellation of our January meeting and Bribie Island bus trip. It is essential that we do get out and enjoy our surrounds and to that end we are going on a vehicle Tag –Along to the lovely country town of Boonah.

Where: A 58-minute drive to the bustling country centre of Boonah

When: Thursday 18 February 2021 departing the Forest Lake shopping Centre at 9.00am

How: By members vehicles, car-pooling where possible and limited seating available in a mini bus (\$15 pp)

Road Travel Directions: Travelling via the Springfield motorway and thence the Ipswich/Boonah Road which continues into Boonah on Coronation Drive. Arriving at the Coronation Drive roundabout take the second exit onto Yeates Ave.

Parking: The State School public car park is in Yeates Ave on the right-hand side from arriving direction of travel. Also, streets in and around High Street.

To Do: Arrive and meet at Sandies Kitchen 17 High street. Coffee and cake. Explore the quaint country shops in High Street. Then at Midday enjoy the country kitchen tastes in Mr Ken's Restaurant in the Commercial Hotel.

TOOWOOMBA AWAY TRIP 23rd/24th April 2021

Granite Highlands Two Day/ One Night

All Inclusive: \$334 double/twin: \$384 pp Single not sharing.

DAY 1

7.00am depart Brisbane to Wellcamp Airport for morning tea and Tour. Then proceed to Jondaryan Wool shed for tour and lunch. Then to Oakey Aviation Museum tour time permitting. Then to Toowoomba and book into motel (Cotswold Motor Inn 4.30pm). 6.30pm Dinner at Motel Restaurant.

DAY 2

7.30 am Breakfast at Motel, then load coach 8.45am depart motel to Highfields Pioneer Village for tour and morning tea. Then visit Cabarlah Cuckoo Clocks. Lunch at the Danish Flower Art Centre. Then to the Chocolate Cottage and Village Green Highfields. Then to Picnic Point and return back to Forest Lake around 5.00pm

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 - Smith2ARW
Surname (Smith)
Number going (2)
Trip (Albert River Wines)

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

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|--------------------|
| Joe Smith |
| Albert River Wines |
| \$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.

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

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/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"

Members 90th Birthday

Finally, our member Doreen Cotter was able to celebrate her 90th birthday with family and friends. Photos are of Doreen as a young woman and a happy snap from her party. Congratulations Doreen.



Memories of a great time in 2020 Australia Day

Maggie and Peter in fierce competition at last Australia Day event.



THE DEVIL'S BRIDGE AT CEREDIGION

*Just as the old woman's pace began to slow
Her faithful dog shied at the water's edge
And they came to a stop at the torrent's flow
Where they sat tiredly on the matted sedge*

*The Devil was resting on a nearby knoll
And could see his moment now was nigh
For all he wanted was the woman's soul
And he was not letting any chance pass by*

*To cross this torrent, you need a bridge
And I will build it so you can cross, old crone
I will make it start from here on this very ridge
And it will be built strong from rock and stone*

*But for my efforts, a new soul is all I want
For the first to cross, that is the only asking toll
So, the woman not wishing to cause détente
Craftily agreed to pay and resume her stroll*

*But that tired old woman outfoxed the devil
She had the villager's bread, which she often supplied
And after the bridge was built, she started to revel
As she threw the villager's bread onto the far side*

*The old crone knew her dog was of retriever breed
And that dog dashed of across the devil's handiwork
So, the devil got his toll on which they had agreed
And the dog's soul served to drive the devil berserk*

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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.

Laughter is the best medicine

A woman was taking an afternoon nap on Valentine's Day. After she awoke, she told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a gorgeous and expensive diamond necklace for Valentine's Day! What do you think it means?"

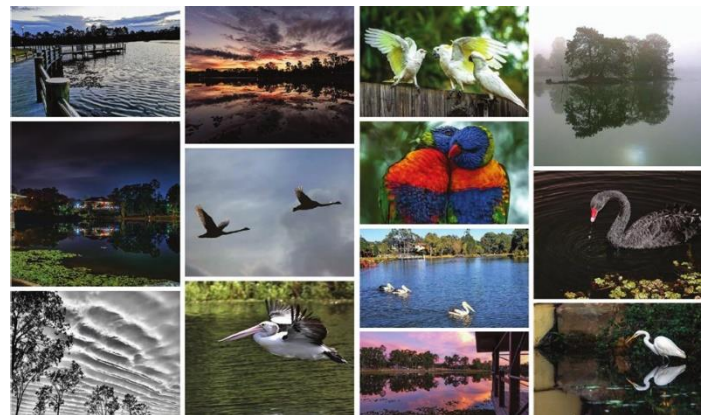
"You'll know tonight," he said.

That evening, her husband came home with a small package for her. Thrilled, she opened it and found a book titled "The Meaning of Dreams."

Jim asked his friend, Tony, whether he had bought his wife anything for Valentine's Day. "Yes," came the answer from Tony who was a bit of a chauvinist, "I've bought her a belt and a bag." "That was very kind of you," Jim added, "I hope she appreciated the thought." Tony smiled as he replied, "So do I, and hopefully the vacuum cleaner will work better now."

Men's shed 2021 Calendars.

These Calendars will be on display at our February Branch meeting for \$10 on the day. The pictures feature images taken around the Lake. Proceeds go to charity & The Men's Shed.



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