

## AWARD CEREMONY AT BRIGHTON BRANCH

On Tuesday 18th March an Award Ceremony was held immediately following the Branch Meeting. Eight members having 25+ year association with National Seniors were presented with award certificates and lapel pins. 3 members not present but also with 25+ year association, also received awards which were posted out.

17 members with association for 20+ years received certificates. 3 members not present also with 20+ year association had their certificates posted out.

After the awards, photos were taken and recipients and members proceeded to the adjoining hall where a delightful high tea was served. The high tea was capably organised by Branch catering coordinator Lleyan Adams and a team of helpers. Overall the day was very successful.



*Left: Receiving Awards for 25+ year association with National Seniors are from left: John Buckland, Norma Buckland, Mandy Winter, John Winter, Darryl Carr, Jill Carr, Janet Ingleton and Roma Cearns. Absent from the Ceremony were Patricia Burt, Hans Broweleit and Trevor Manfield.*

*Below: Receiving Awards for 20+ years association were from left: Bon Jordan, Barbara Jansen, Olive Jordan, Graham Gurry (at back), Valerie Edwards (front), Anne Langman (at back), Ed Staunton (sitting at front), Denise Cotterill (at back), Sue Temby, Dawn May, Maureen Cook (at back), Yvonne Clark, Barbara Hansen, Valerie Appleby, Mary Welk, Paul Appleby, Carol Holt. Absent from the ceremony were Janet Boyd, Jake Jansen and Kenneth May.*



### BRIGHTON (SA) BRANCH MEETINGS

Our Branch Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, except for December.

We meet at the Lighthouse Community Church, corner Jetty Road and The Crescent, Brighton, on the beach side of the railway line.

**The meetings are 10am - 12 noon (arrive from 9.30).**

Door entry is \$5 and this includes morning tea and the chance to win a door entry prize.

Payments using Cash, Visa, MasterCard or Debit Card are available for Subscriptions, Door Entry and Outings



More High Tea Photos



*The Brighton Branch were delighted to have 4 visitors from National Seniors Macquarie Hastings Branch for the March Branch meeting, who are pictured left, along with Brighton Branch new member Christine Jackson (centre)*

# SENIORS FORUM

A Seniors Forum was held on Friday 4th April in the Brighton Rugby Union Football Clubrooms.

Approximately 145 people attended the forum which was hosted by Sarah Andrews, State Member for Gibson.

After Sarah welcomed the attendees, she introduced Kathy Williams from the Office of Ageing Well, a state government organisation which works to fulfil the government's commitment to supporting South Australians to age well. Through continued consultation with a diverse range of older South Australians and by partnering with government, non-government and community organisations the Office for Ageing Well supports older people to remain active and engaged.

The organisation works with and for older South Australians through the:

- Seniors Card Program
- Retirement Villages Unit
- Aged Care Assessment Program
- State Ageing Plan
- Community Grants

The Office for Ageing Well has also expanded its existing support function for adult safeguarding through the work of the Adult Safeguarding Unit.

After Kathy spoke, there was a chance for questions and answers.

Sarah then introduced the State Premier, Peter Malinauskas, who spoke on a range of subjects. There was once again time for questions and answers.

Afterwards, attendees had time to browse the many information stalls which were set up and receive information on a wide variety of subjects available. National Seniors Brighton Branch being one.

Tea, coffee and light refreshments were provided, and it was agreed by all to have been a very successful morning.

*Pictured top: Sarah Andrews with Peter Malinauskas speaking.  
Middle: The National Seniors Brighton Branch Information stall.  
Below: A large crowd of Approximately 145 people in attendance.*



## SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

A visit to SARDI (South Australian Research & Development Institute) at West Beach is planned for **Wednesday day 23rd April**, with lunch following at the new West Beach Surf Lifesaving Club. Contact Graham Gurry on 8296 7646.

**Devonshire Morning Tea** onboard "Popeye" is planned for Saturday 25th May. Cost is \$36. Contact Heather Williams on 0402 073 264.

## UPCOMING BRANCH MEETINGS PROGRAM

At the Branch Meeting on **15th April**, we are privileged to have Kim Cheater speaking to us on the history of local historic home "**Alwyndor**", his family's former home. His topic will be "**Alwyndor Aged Care - Past, Present and Future**".

**At the May meeting on Tuesday 20th, we will be entertained by "String Fever".**

**"It's Not Just Books"**, a presentation by the Holdfast Library is planned for the **June meeting** on the 17th.

## REGULAR NOTICES

After each Branch meeting there is a lunch for members who wish to attend. On Tuesday 15th April, the lunch will be at the **Watermark Hotel**, corner of Anzac Highway and Adelphi Terrace, Glenelg. If you wish to attend, please put your name on the sheet on the back table at the meeting, so we can advise the hotel of the number of members attending.

**Disposable cups** for morning tea are expensive. Recycling is better than cups going into landfill, but still not good for the environment due to the resources used. Cups made sustainably are not as good as reusing, which is the best choice for our environment.

**So we urge you to bring your own cup or mug for morning tea.**

And tea/coffee tastes so much better from a "real china" mug!

**THE WALKING GROUP** meets at **9.30am EVERY TUESDAY** except when there is a Branch Meeting. That week the walk is on the following day. **The next walk** is on **Wednesday 16th April**, meet at the Adelaide Sailing Club car park (Barcoo Road, off Military Road, West Beach). The walk begins at the start of the boat ramp. Walk to the West Beach Surf Lifesaving Club for refreshments and return. **Tuesday 22nd April**, meet at the Broadway Hotel carpark (behind the Broadway Hotel), walk along the Esplanade to Mamma Carmella's Jetty Road Glenelg and return. **Tuesday 29th April**, meet at **Oaklands Reserve carpark** (entrance off Oaklands Rd, opposite Hendry Street at the lights. Drive to the end). Meet near the toilet block, walk to Cafe Finniss on Finniss Street for refreshments and return. **Tuesday 6th May**, meet at the end of **Rossall Road, Somerton Park and the Esplanade**. Walk to Broadway Kiosk and return. **Tuesday 13th May**, meet at the **start of the Brighton Jetty** and walk to the **Seacliff Beach Hotel** for refreshments and return.

We'd love to have more walkers, so if you'd like to join us (the walks are quite leisurely - or you can just meet for refreshments) contact **Barbara Hansen** 0448 223 075 or **Rose Cearn** 0405 537 910.

If the weather is inclement, individuals can choose whether they wish to walk or not, otherwise meet at the designated refreshment venue.

AS OUR TREASURER BILL ADAMS IS AWAY  
AND WILL NOT BE AT  
THE APRIL BRANCH MEETING,  
WE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE ALL PAYMENTS IN  
CASH NEXT BRANCH MEETING.  
IF YOU DO NOT HAVE CASH, WE WILL MAKE A  
NOTE THAT THE PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AT A LATER  
DATE (OR AT THE MAY BRANCH MEETING)

## CASH OUT DAY

As you are probably aware, National Seniors is promoting the continued use of CASH.

In 2024, *Change.org* held **Cash Out Day** which was a major success, with ATM companies and banks noticing a big spike in the numbers of withdrawals.

They got the message that millions of Australians do NOT want cash to disappear.

Since then, Australia's extremely profitable banks have committed to keep bank branches open (for a few years) and the government has committed to a cash mandate from 1 January.

**This year the Cash Out Day is on Tuesday 22nd April.**

**So if you're able, withdraw some cash.**



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