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APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 2 April, at Brunswick Hotel, 569 Brunswick St, New Farm.

Morning tea will be 9:15 to 10:00am, meeting to follow.

Today's guest speaker is John Crook whose topic is Artificial Intelligence.



Hello, everyone,

The celebration of our 35th anniversary last month turned out to be a very enjoyable occasion. It was a pleasure to host our CEO, Chris Grice and his colleagues, Anna Townend and Anne Robertson, all of whom do so much for National Seniors Australia. And our thanks must go to Stephen Bates, our MP for Brisbane, for his generosity in providing a delicious cake.

However, our appreciation of the aforementioned guests notwithstanding, The Argyle Trio made Mozart the star of the show, performing his Divertimento #2 439b. It was played to perfection by Cathy Simmers on Clarinet, Elizabeth Simmers, Viola, and Thomas Crilly on Cello. They are all professional musicians who also have day jobs, so the fact that they found the time to prepare this performance for us was an honour. Cathy, who is one of our members, put the whole event together, selecting the music and transcribing it for different instruments. She also devised a musical trivia game where we had to guess the original tune played in classical style. Audience involvement and great fun! It was brilliant. A huge thank you to The Argyle Trio for a wonderful morning.

Our monthly dinner was very well attended, with twenty-three members enjoying the delicious food and hospitality of the Toranj Restaurant in Brunswick Street. I noticed many members wearing their name badges at the dinner and felt bad that I had forgotten my own. Thank you to those members – it was so thoughtful and especially helpful to new members. Please can we all remember to wear our badges whenever we gather and may I remind new members to order their name badge if they haven't done so already.

The guest for our April meeting is John Crook, an expert in Artificial Intelligence (AI). He has been involved in the evolution of this fast-moving technology through a 40-year career in software development and executive leadership. Like it or not, it is something we need to keep up with if we are to remain in control of our own lives. Put on your thinking caps and bring your questions. Is it really what you think it is?

I am hopeful that cooler weather coming soon. I can't wait for our beautiful Brisbane winter!

Take care of yourselves and look out for one another.

Anne Stubbington.
President





CEO Chris Grice and President Anne cut the anniversary cake.



The Argyle Trio, Cathy Simmers - Clarinet, Elizabeth Simmers - Viola, Thomas Crilly – Cello.

MARCH MEETING RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

Lucky Door prize Double Pass New Farm Cinemas: Greg Russell
\$50 New Farm Bakeology donated by Grace Grace: Bob Martin
\$50 Savour Voucher by Vicki Howard: Theresa Petracci
\$20 Gift Voucher Blue Bear Coffee House, Stephen Bates: Beryl Watson
\$25 Gift Card donated by Brunswick Hotel: Helen Mura
Bottle of wine X2: Paul Cummings & Kay Thorpe

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Gay Forsyth; Helen Mura; Una O'Sullivan



WELFARE

Please notify Gay Forsyth of any member that you know of who is ill or injured, so that we can give our support where needed. **PHONE 0438 588 858**

DINING OUT

Thursday 17 April at 6:00pm

NEW FARM SEAFOOD, MERTHYR VILLAGE.

Please advise Anne Stubbington on 0427 749 272 if attending or cancelling.

Twenty-three members enjoyed a delicious meal & convivial company at Toranj.

Joan and Margaret out for an evening at Toranj, enjoying the Persian experience.



In Memoriam

This is to acknowledge the recent sad and untimely death of Drew Sargeant, beloved son of Ann Sargeant. Ann is one of our valued members and we offer her our deepest condolences at this difficult time
Vale Drew.

LOLA DAYS – Different Days for Different People

Wed 23 April: Bus to Canungra to take part in Anzac Day related event at the War Memorial. Leaving from Merthyr Road Uniting Church at 8:30. **Cost \$50 to be paid at April Meeting.**

NATIONAL SENIORS AUSTRALIA NEW FARM BOOK CLUB

8 April, 11:00am at the Brunswick Hotel.
The chosen book is Horse by Geraldine Brooks. Everyone welcome.

OUT AND ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY



THE CORRESPONDENT: Starring Yael Stone, Mojean Aria, Fayssal Bazzi, Rahel Romahn, Julian Maroun, Richard Roxburgh
New Farm Cinemas Q&A screening THE CORRESPONDENT with Richard Roxburgh & Peter Greste in attendance. Film starts 6.30pm with Q+A to follow at 8.30pm on Tues 8 April.

While covering the news desk in Cairo for a colleague over the Christmas holidays, Australian journalist Peter Greste is arrested and accused of terrorism. He has become a pawn in the middle of a deadly game full of corrupt officials and ancient rivalries. **Tuesday 8 April 6:30pm Q&A to follow.**

SMALL THINGS LIKE THESE: After winning the Best Actor Oscar for OPPENHEIMER, Cillian Murphy returns to the big screen. This affecting Irish drama also stars Emily Watson (Breaking the Waves), winner of the Silver Bear at Berlin for her performance. In 1985, devoted father Bill Furlong (Murphy) discovers disturbing secrets kept by the local convent and uncovers shocking truths of his own.

LORD MAYOR'S CITY HALL CONCERTS

Tues 8 April – Kellee Green and the Andrew Butt Trio

Long time friends and collaborators Andrew Butt (saxophone) and Kellee Green (piano) will play a set of nostalgic music from the 40s, 50s and 60s. Think popular jazz standards and songs made famous by Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, The Beatles and more.

Tues 15 April – Peace and Remembrance: A Journey of the ANZACS

In April 2025 for the 110th anniversary of ANZAC day, Choir Works will present a choral program of peace and remembrance, allowing the audience to commemorate and reflect on all that has been and still is being sacrificed for our freedom. For centuries, composers have considered human conflict in many different ways, using music to comment on the reverberating effects of war on our world, and to explore the possibilities of understanding and healing.

Tues 22 April – From Bach to Blockbusters

Sydney's Daniel Justin presents an organ concert featuring music from JS Bach to the famous Thieving Magpie Overture by Rossini, as well as music from the movie How To Train Your Dragon and Interstellar, and famous Jazz standards such as Tiger Rag and A Handful of Keys. You'll be sure to leave with a musical ear-worm or two!

Tues 29 April – Go the Distance: Tenori

Andrew, David and Stewart have travelled a great distance doing what they love. In their new show, they open their treasure trove of songs and stories from the road. Go the Distance explores their fascination with exotic locales and tall tales (with the occasional true story).

The three met while touring internationally with The Ten Tenors, performing in venues such as London's Royal Albert Hall, The Pantages Theatre in LA and the Sydney Opera House. After some time apart working with Opera Australia, Opera Queensland and many of the country's finest orchestras,



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