

# National Seniors

## AUSTRALIA

### Melville Branch - FEBRUARY 2025 Newsletter

I hope members are enjoying this lovely spell of cooler weather. However, there is probably some more hot weather that we will experience before the end of summer.

I thought I would brighten up the week with a lovely photo of a Golden Shower Tree growing in Gosnells.



Only 12 members turned up to the outing at the 8 Knots Tavern on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February after 22 members had put their name down to attend. Geoff only received one last minute apology. I know some members may not be well on the day or a medical appointment has cropped up, but please do the right thing and let Geoff know that you are not suddenly able to attend. It is not fair on restaurants when we book tables for 22 and only 12 turn up.

At this stage Geoff only has the names of 10 members interested in the outing to Mia Cucina restaurant in at Hillarys Boat Harbour on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of April. Now that I have booked the RAAFA Bus we do need more members to put their name down over the next 2 Branch Meetings to make the hiring of the bus worthwhile. The bus can take 18 members but I am prepared to drive allowing a total of 22 to go. This will be a worthwhile outing as the food at the restaurant is very nice. Put your name down and pay Geoff the \$5 to help cover the bus hire.

## **BRANCH NETWORK FORUM (BNF)**

The meeting on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> of February covered many issues. Firstly Chris Grice, the CEO had a video link into the meeting. This was very informative with Chris going through the wins that NSA has had and current issues being taken up with the Government. There are currently 71 Branches Australia wide with 256,000 members nationally. Karen Furnivall, Community Engagement Manager, had travelled over from Brisbane for the meeting, and Ross Glossop, Chairman of National Seniors, who lives in Perth, also attended.

Karen provided a presentation covering Branch closure, with options to attempt to stop this from happening. The concept of a social group versus an incorporated Branch was put forward for discussion as a future option for Branches facing possible closure.

## **HEALTH ISSUES**

Amy Koppert's has now had her knee replacement surgery and is recovering.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Another reminder in regard to paying on the day. **Sally does not have change** therefore we again ask that members place \$8 in an envelope and hand this in at the door on meeting days.

## **SPEAKERS:**

**February – Strokesafe** – This is a very relevant subject as several of our members have had strokes over the past couple of years.

## **OUTINGS - Geoff Palm**

Wednesday 12th March – 8.30am – Branch Breakfast at Wireless Hill. At its January meeting the committee agreed to fully subsidise this event. If you are going to come to the breakfast, please let Geoff know as we do need numbers for catering purposes. **It would be appreciated if you can bring your own plate and cup/mug for tea or coffee**

**Tuesday 15 April – 12 noon** -Mia Cucina Restaurant, Hillarys Boat Harbour. As previously advised, I have hired the RAAFA Bus for this outing and the cost for members going on the bus will \$5. Members will need to meet up in the car park at the Lifestream Church for a 11.00am departure.

## **THEATRE VISITS, Etc (Report by Norma)**

## **CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE**

We have made an excellent start to 2025 with total income of \$55 to date. A decision will be made shortly for accepting additional bottles and cans.

**BIRTHDAYS:** March – Best wishes go to Fred Belford, Elaine Laing and Ken Peters.

## **This Month's Jokes**

Two friends meet.

- Where are you going?
- To a choir rehearsal.
- That's boring...
- Not at all!
- So what do you do there?
- We play cards, drink vodka and beer.
- And when do you sing?
- When we're going home!

During an argument with her husband, the wife shouts:

- I would have done better if I had married the devil!
- Unfortunately - the husband sighs - Marriage between relatives is prohibited!

## **BRANCH MEETINGS**

The Branch meets at the Lifestreams Church, 55 Agincourt Drive, Willetton at 10.00am on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month with the exception of July and December when we have a Christmas in July lunch and a Christmas lunch at another venue.

## **LUNCH AFTER MEETINGS**

Members are welcome to come down to the Burrendah Tavern. Numbers of those wishing to go to lunch will be taken prior to morning tea so a table booking can be made. If you live in the Melville area and receive The Little Aussie book there is a voucher that gives you a discount on a Tuesday.



## **Protocol**

1. A visitor can attend their first meeting free.
2. To attend further meetings of the Melville Branch, a person must either be a member or become a member of National Seniors Australia whose

offices are in Brisbane. Application Forms are available at Branch Meetings.

3. A fee of \$8.00 is payable to attend each Branch meeting. The fee covers venue hire and morning tea. Members must bring the correct money as the Treasurer does not carry change.
4. The meeting fee can be paid at each meeting by being placed in an envelope with the attendee's name clearly marked on the front, or by 2 instalments January and July into the Branch's bank account.

**Current Membership rates to be a member of National Seniors Australia are:**

 <p><b>Single Membership</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> 1 Year - \$49.50</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 2 Year - \$88</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> 3 Year - \$120    Save \$28.50</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 5 Year - \$220</p>	 <p><b>Joint Membership</b></p> <p><input type="radio"/> 1 Year - \$80</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 2 Year - \$143</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 3 Year - \$180</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 5 Year - \$325</p>
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Membership payments **cannot be paid via our local branch**; they must be paid directly to the Brisbane office.

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**Branch Meetings 2025**

25<sup>th</sup> February 25<sup>th</sup> March 22<sup>nd</sup> April  
 27<sup>th</sup> May 24<sup>th</sup> June 22<sup>nd</sup> July 26<sup>th</sup> August 23<sup>rd</sup> September  
 28<sup>th</sup> October 25<sup>th</sup> November

**Committee Meetings**

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10<sup>th</sup> March – Venue Les Davey      12<sup>th</sup> May – Venue Barbara Smart

14<sup>th</sup> July – Venue Sally/John      8<sup>th</sup> September – Venue Ann Mellish

10<sup>th</sup> November – Venue (to be confirmed)

## **EVENTS**

Wednesday 12 March Branch Breakfast – Wireless Hill

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Mia Cucina Restaurant

