

# National Seniors

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## FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

### GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 5 FEBRUARY, at Brunswick Hotel, 569 Brunswick St, New Farm.  
Morning tea will be 9:15 to 10:00am, meeting to follow.  
Guest Speaker: Richard Kinnon – Outback/Pioneer Tours

### PRESIDENT'S WELCOME



Hello everyone!

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year! It was great to start the New Year with so many of you at our very successful gathering in New Farm Park. In particular, welcome to new members who joined us and hats off to our Special Events Organisers, **Pat and Margaret Pacey**, for taking considerable time and trouble to prepare and serve the most delicious Gourmet BBQ Brunch for us. Everyone agreed that it was exceptional. Thank you, both.

The purpose of National Seniors Australia is to advocate for our age group with the government. As I see it, our purpose as a branch is to create strong social connections which support good mental and physical health, to help one another, to enjoy ourselves, and to give back to the local community. We are very fortunate in many ways. We live in the best country in the world, we are able to live peaceful lives, and we have all that we need to sustain us. Not so for many people in the community. Some of them don't know where their next meal is coming from, which is one reason why the Manager of the Brunswick Hotel, **Paul Kratzman**, established The Brunswick pantry. We all try to bring something to put in the pantry every month, and I was particularly proud of our effort at our Christmas lunch, when **Dell Marshall** suggested that we 'reverse Christmas', and instead of having our usual self-indulgent Secret Santa, we brought special Christmas contributions for the Brunswick Pantry. Great idea, Dell! We filled several tables and I do hope this brought cheer in some small way to those less well-off than ourselves.

I am looking forward to spending time with you all in 2025. Many activities are being planned, such as the fabulous trips that Trish and Diane organise every month, and having special guests and events for our meetings. Everyone makes a difference, so I am also looking forward to the contribution that you can make to help our branch grow and thrive.

Take care of yourselves.

**Anne Stubbington, President.**

### DATE CLAIMERS

Committee Meeting, 2:00pm	Feb 18
Dinner at Taj Mahal, 6:00pm	Feb 20
Lola Day Mooloolaba/Maroochydore 8:30am	Feb 29
General Meeting, 9:15am	Mar 05

Anne and Diane with some of our donations for the New Farm Pantry.





Trish, Beryl & Carolina looking Colon a very hot day.



Some of the group tucking into A delicious brunch.



Margaret, Graeme & Pat our Skilled & happy chefs.

### MY GENERATION MAGAZINE

To access, you need to log in to the NSA website with your membership number and password. Click on the link, <https://nationalseniors.com.au/members/our-generation/our-generation-read-online>  
Online articles can be accessed at: <https://nationalseniors.com.au/news/>

### CHRISTMAS MEETING RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

The Christmas raffle prizes were many & varied. We acknowledge our generous donors on page 4. Because of major renovations resulting in total disarray & chaos in my home over the past month or so, I am unable to locate the list of winners. I apologise for this and if you're at a loose end with nothing to do.....

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Kevin Calder-Potts; Ngaire Caulfield; Bernadette Driessen; Margaret Goudie; Frances Johnson; Olwyn Jones; Carolina Kidd; David MacLaughlin; Bob Martin; Claire Moore; Ann Sargeant; Geoffrey Sterling; Robyn Stevens; Judy Williams



### 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 20th February at 6pm.  
The Taj Mahal Restaurant  
148 Merthyr Rd, New Farm  
QLD 4005**

*Please advise Anne Stubbington by texting 0427749272 if attending.* If you have any suggestions for a venue please contact **Anne on 0427 749 272.**



### LOLA DAYS – Different Days for Different People

**Wed 26 Feb: Bus Trip to Mooloolaba/Maroochydore area.** Actual destination will be confirmed at the February meeting because of cost. The bus fare has increased to \$50 & entry to Underwater World is \$51, or \$36 if you pay online ahead of the visit. When lunch is added to this it becomes an expensive day out. The alternative option is Sunshine Plaza, a huge & varied shopping centre. Bus leaves from the Merthyr Road Uniting Church at 8:30.

## OUT AND ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY

### LORD MAYOR'S CITY HALL CONCERTS

**Tuesday 11 Feb: HITS OF THE CROONERS:** Take a sentimental journey with Chris Lloyds and the Jamie Rigg Band and be serenaded by songs from the Great American Songbook and other Jazz Standards made popular by the great crooners. Chris' smooth sophisticated vocal style will take you back to an era when life was less, and swing was king. Featuring songs made famous by artists such as Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Dean Martin, Bobby Darin, Nat King Cole.

**Tuesday 18 Feb: MELODY GRAVES** is a unique voice on the Meanjin jazz scene carving out her own style and sound, and if you closed your eyes, you might just believe you were listening to an old gramophone record. Inspired by the early jazz and blues music of New Orleans, big band swing and vocalists like Billie Holiday, Bessie Smith, Ella Fitzgerald and Sarah Vaughan – Melody Graves is backed by some of Brisbane's most talented jazz musicians in a special quintet performance for this Lord Mayor's City Hall Concert. Featuring Paula Hackney (Melody Graves – vocals), Jordy Stitt (piano), James Visentin (double bass), Andrew Garton (clarinet), and Evan J. Evans (drums).

**Tuesday 25 Feb: THE SERENADING SOPRANOS** are a world class combination of voices that showcase passion, beauty and tone as well as a commanding vocal clarity and expertise. The Serenading Sopranos will stun you with their vocal agility, and refined stage presence. A hit wherever they perform, The Serenading Sopranos specialise in a powerhouse performance, combining stage flair with a variety of music styles, including Opera, Music Theatre, Celtic, Contemporary and original charts. This enchanting program will have you mesmerised as The Serenading Sopranos take you on a journey of love, passion, betrayal, beauty and romance.

### Tuesday 25 Feb – Organ Recital – Alessandro Pittorino (1.15pm)

**Tuesday 4 March:** Renowned Australian tenor **JONATHON WELCH, AM**, best known for his award-winning Choir of Hard Knocks, and spectacular performance on THE VOICE 2020, brings to life the music and career of one of the most popular Welsh tenors and comedian, Sir Harry Secombe. Regarded as one of the finest tenors of his generation, Jonathon will thrill the audience with his stunning renditions of Secombe's greatest hits including 'Love', 'This is My Song', 'Vienna City of My Dreams', 'Bless this House', 'Love is a Many Splendored Thing', 'I Believe' and his most popular signature song – 'If I Ruled the World!'

### NEW FARM & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society holds public meetings at 2:30 pm on the 4th Saturday of each month (February to November) when guest presenters speak on a variety of topics that inform and inspire and are relevant to the history of the area of greater Brisbane. Afternoon tea brings the opportunity to meet up with friends old and new. These meetings are held at the Merthyr Road Uniting Church Centre, 52 Merthyr Road, New Farm.



**WIDOW CLICQUOT** is based on the true story behind the Veuve Clicquot champagne family and business that began in the late 18th century. After her husband's untimely death, Barbe-Nicole Ponsardin Clicquot flouts convention by assuming the reins of the fledgling wine business they had nurtured together. Steering the company through dizzying political and financial reversals, she defies her critics and revolutionizes the champagne industry to become one of the world's first great entrepreneurs.

**ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW:** So join us for two nights of exquisite fun.

New Farm Cinemas Saturday 15 February.

Yatala Drive in Saturday 23 February.

We would like, if we may, to take you on a strange journey. Dress for a trip to Transylvania with our a sing-a-long, dance-a-long screening of this timeless cult classic.

A flat tyre leaves Brad and Janet stranded on a stormy night. They experience strange incidents when they seek shelter in a nearby castle belonging to Frank-N-Furter, an eccentric transvestite.



## NEW FARM BRANCH COMMITTEE AND ASSISTANTS FROM SEPTEMBER 2023

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## Rayner's Gourmet Meats

882 Brunswick St. New Farm



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