

# National Seniors

## AUSTRALIA

### Melville Branch - JANUARY 2025 Newsletter

I hope members had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. The weather temperatures are up and down at the moment but it is looking likely that we are going to have a large number of very hot days through summer.

The Christmas Lunch in December was again a huge success with 41 in attendance. Chef Dave Elliott again put on an excellent meal for members. A big thank you to Barbara, Wendy and Amy who got the desserts ready. The Branch subsidised the lunch to the tune of \$339.64.

2025 started off with the annual twilight tea at Wireless Hill on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> of January. After reaching a maximum of 41 degrees during the day the sea breeze came in around 6.30 and the evening turned out very pleasant. 14 members attended and all had an enjoyable night socialising.

Unfortunately, another member, Annalise Van Royan passed away just before Christmas.

### HEALTH ISSUES

Amy Koppert's knee replacement surgery has been delayed several times and is now scheduled for the last week of January. We wish her all the best.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### **DOOR ATTENDANCE FEES FOR (2025) (January to June)**



2025 door attendance fees will remain at \$8 per meeting – this includes one raffle ticket for a chance to win one of two prizes of \$25 and \$10, morning tea and the benefit of sharing the wisdom of our guest speakers and strengthening friendships.

For those of you who have taken up the opportunity to pay by EFT for the first six months (instead of having to find \$8 at every meeting) you have been highlighted in yellow on the attached list. For those of you still wishing to take up this convenient way of paying you can still do so by EFT or you can pay at the door with cash (but please ensure you have placed the required amount in an envelope, clearly marked with your name and the amount.

By way of explanation of this list, the members who have paid in advance previously but have not come to one of the meetings in the previous period, a credit has been applied which is why some amounts are different Please also note that **no change is**

**available at the door.**

Sally McCartney - Treasurer

## **SPEAKERS:**

**January – Sheila Twine** – Topic - Great Wall of China

**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 13<sup>th</sup> of February – 12 noon – 8 Knots Tavern, East Fremantle

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.

Tuesday 15 April – 12 noon -Mia Cucina Restaurant, Hillary Boat Harbour. If you are willing to drive and take other members, please let Geoff know when you put your name down. Members would need to meet up in the car park at the Lifestream Church for a 11.15am departure. Copy of current menu is attached.

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

### 1. OLD MILL THEATRE

1. **Looped, a comedy** , based on a true story. During the summer of 1965 an inebriated Tallulah Bankhead entered a recording studio in an effort to record (or loop) a few lines of dialogue from her final film, this took over 8 hours to complete! Dates February 21 to March 8

2. **The Lady in the Van** dates April 25 to May 10 more details by next meeting.

### 3. MELVILLE THEATRE

Season 2 **Chalk face** May2-17 Comedy of teachers disagreeing with different methods of teaching, i.e. the old way versus the new way (Directed by a current teacher!)

I will bring more information to the meeting next week.

In the meantime, if anyone has questions, please contact me on 0402 249 249 or email at [davisnl@iinet.net.au](mailto:davisnl@iinet.net.au)

Norma

## **CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE**

The final figure for 2024 was \$159.10 We have already made a good start to 2025 as we have already received \$29.50. Any income received from this source goes to helping subsidise events.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Best wishes to Johanna, who had a birthday in January.

February -Happy Birthday! to Hilary Slater, Wendy Tucker and Dorothy Davidson.

### **This Month's Jokes**

**A wife was making a breakfast of fried eggs for her husband.** Suddenly, her husband burst into the kitchen. 'Careful,' he said, 'CAREFUL! Put in some more butter! Oh my gosh! You're cooking too many at once. TOO MANY! Turn them! TURN THEM NOW! We need more butter. Oh my gosh! WHERE are we going to get MORE BUTTER? They're going to STICK! Careful. CAREFUL! I said be CAREFUL! You NEVER listen to me when you're cooking! Never! Turn them! Hurry up! Are you CRAZY? Have you LOST your mind? Don't forget to salt them. You know you always forget to salt them. Use the salt. USE THE SALT! THE SALT!'

The wife stared at him. 'What in the world is wrong with you? You think I don't know how to fry a couple of eggs?' The husband calmly replied, 'I just wanted to show you what it feels like when I'm driving.'

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**Two elderly women were eating breakfast in a restaurant one morning.** Ethel noticed something funny about Mabel's ear and she said, "Mabel, did you know you've got a suppository in your left ear? " Mabel answered, "I have a suppository?" She pulled it out and stared at it. Then she said, "Ethel, I'm glad you saw this thing. Now I think I know where my hearing aid is."

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**A guy is reading his paper when his wife walks up behind him and smacks him on the back of the head with a frying pan.** He asks, "What was that for?" She says, "I found a piece of paper in your pocket with 'Betty Sue' written on it." He says, "Jeez, honey, remember last week when I went to the track? 'Betty Sue' was the name of the horse I went there to bet on." She shrugs and walks away.

Three days later he's reading his paper when she walks up behind him and smacks him on the back of the head again with the frying pan. He asks, "What was that for?" She answers, "Your horse called."

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**You'll love this one!!** An out-of-towner drove his car into a ditch in a desolated area. Luckily, a local farmer came to help with his big strong horse named Buddy. He hitched Buddy up to the car and yelled, "Pull, Nellie, pull!" Buddy didn't move. Then the farmer hollered, "Pull, Buster, pull!" Buddy didn't respond.

Once more the farmer commanded, "Pull, Coco, pull!" Nothing. Then the farmer nonchalantly said, "Pull, Buddy, pull!" And the horse easily dragged the car out of the ditch. The motorist was most appreciative and very curious. He asked the farmer why he called his horse by the wrong name three times. The farmer said, "Oh, Buddy is blind and if he thought he was the only one pulling, he wouldn't even try!"

## **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. To attend meetings of the Melville Branch, a person must be a member of National Seniors Australia whose offices are in Brisbane. Application Forms available at Branch Meetings.
2. Visitors are entitled to one free attendance at a Branch meeting. Thereafter, the meeting fee of \$8.00 is payable. Members must bring the correct money as the Treasurer does not carry change.
3. 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:**

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| <b>Single Membership</b>  | <b>Joint Membership</b>  |
| <input type="radio"/> 1 Year - \$49.50  | <input type="radio"/> 1 Year - \$80  |
| <input type="radio"/> 2 Year - \$88   | <input type="radio"/> 2 Year - \$143   |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> 3 Year - \$120 <b>Save \$28.50</b>                 | <input type="radio"/> 3 Year - \$180   |
| <input type="radio"/> 5 Year - \$220  | <input type="radio"/> 5 Year - \$325   |

Membership payments **cannot be paid via our local branch**; they must be paid directly to the Head Office.

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**Branch Meetings 2025**

28<sup>th</sup> January 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**

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**

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 Wednesday 12 March Branch Breakfast – Wireless Hill  
 Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Mia Cucina Restaurant

