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MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 5 MARCH, at Brunswick Hotel, 569 Brunswick St, New Farm.
Morning tea will be 9:15 to 10:00am, meeting to follow.
Our 35th Anniversary will be attended by Chris Grice, CEO of National Seniors, Australia
We will be entertained by the Argyle Trio thanks to Cathy Simmers.

President's Welcome



We will be celebrating the 35th Anniversary of the New Farm Branch this year at our next General Meeting on March 5th. A very popular guest, **Chief Executive Officer of National Seniors Australia, Chris Grice**, will be here to share in the celebrations, along with some other welcome guests, and a very special performance by the **Argyle Trio**. Not to be missed. And there will be cake, graciously donated by Stephen Bates, Federal MP for Brisbane. This last year has flown by and we have packed it with interesting activities and experiences shared with valued friends. A warm welcome to new members who have joined us – we hope you stay. Our most recent event was a dinner at the Taj Mahal Restaurant in its new location in Merthyr Road.

There were twenty-one of us sitting down to enjoy delicious food and good company. It was a great evening and my thanks to a thoughtful member who emailed his appreciation to me. Our next dinner will be at the Toranj Restaurant, which serves authentic Persian food. A branch favourite. Chris has worked very hard for our members this year on the National Seniors Australia campaign to **Keep Cash**. A number of us went to the first event and I'd like to thank our Secretary, William Norfolk, Kevin Calder-Potts, and Paul Spottiswood for attending the last event and representing the New Farm Branch.

The guest speaker at our last meeting, Richard Kinnon, was a wonderful ambassador for the Australian Outback. His good humour, self-deprecation and laid-back style combined to present a very successful and professional presentation which won him much applause. This hot and humid weather is set to continue for a while I believe. Take care of yourselves. Stay as cool and hydrated as you can. I look forward to seeing you at our birthday party!

Anne Stubbington.
President

Date Claimers

Lola Day Fairfield Shopping Centre	Fri	14 Mar
Committee Meeting	Tues	18 Mar
Dinner, Toranj Restaurant	Thur	20 Mar
Next Meeting	Wed	02 Apr
Lola Day, Canungra	Wed	23 Apr



Richard Kinnon being thanked by President Anne.

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/>

FEBRUARY MEETING RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

Lucky Door prize Double Pass New Farm Cinemas: Denise Wilkinson
\$50 New Farm Bakeology donated by Vicki Howard: William Norfolk
\$20 Gift Voucher Blue Bear Coffee House: Stephen Bates: Paul Cummings
\$25 Gift Card donated by Brunswick Hotel: Richard Eggesfield

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Robin Darling; Beverly Johnson; Eileen Martin; Carolyn Redmond; Greg Russell; Joan Simpson



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 20 March at 6:00pm

Toranj Persian Restaurant, 693 Brunswick St, New Farm.

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

20 people enjoyed a good night at the Taj Mahal & with a special guest appearance from Vicki Howard, we made it to 21!

Ellie, James, John and Cathy



Vicki, Dell, Beryl and Bob



Graham, Eileen, Carolina and Graeme



Ann doing all she can to avoid the photographer



LOLA DAYS – Different Days for Different People

Friday 14 March: Travel by train to Fairfield Shopping Centre. Meet at 9:30 at South Brisbane Station Ticket Office.

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. More information in April Newsletter.

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



NEW FARM CINEMAS

I'M STILL HERE: Oscar nominee Fernanda Montenegro and her daughter Fernanda Torres deliver powerhouse performances in Walter Salles' (The Motorcycle Diaries, Central Station) long-awaited return to narrative filmmaking with I'M STILL HERE, a gripping historical drama set against the backdrop of Brazil's oppressive military dictatorship in the 1970s. Brazil's official selection for Best International Film at the 2025 Academy Awards, the film is based on Marcelo Rubens Paiva's acclaimed memoir, bringing to life a powerful true story of unwavering courage, profound sacrifice, and enduring resilience in the face of systemic oppression.

THE LAST JOURNEY: When Lars Hammar, after 40 years as a beloved French teacher in Köping, retires, he envisions a delightful "third age" with travel, wine, and experiences together with his wife Tiina. But it doesn't turn out as he had hoped. Instead of indulging in life's pleasures, Lars becomes increasingly passive and lacking in willpower at home in his leather armchair, to the great frustration and despair of both Tiina and their son Filip. That's when Filip gets an idea -- to take his frail old father to his beloved France and let him revisit the places he has loved most in life.

LORD MAYOR'S CITY HALL CONCERTS

Tuesday 11 March – The Songs of Sir Elton John:

Bringing Sir Elton John's fabulous tunes to life is Brisbane's own piano bar veteran Michael Hynes with 'The Songs of Sir Elton'.

Tuesday 18 March – The Honeysliders – 1969: The Music

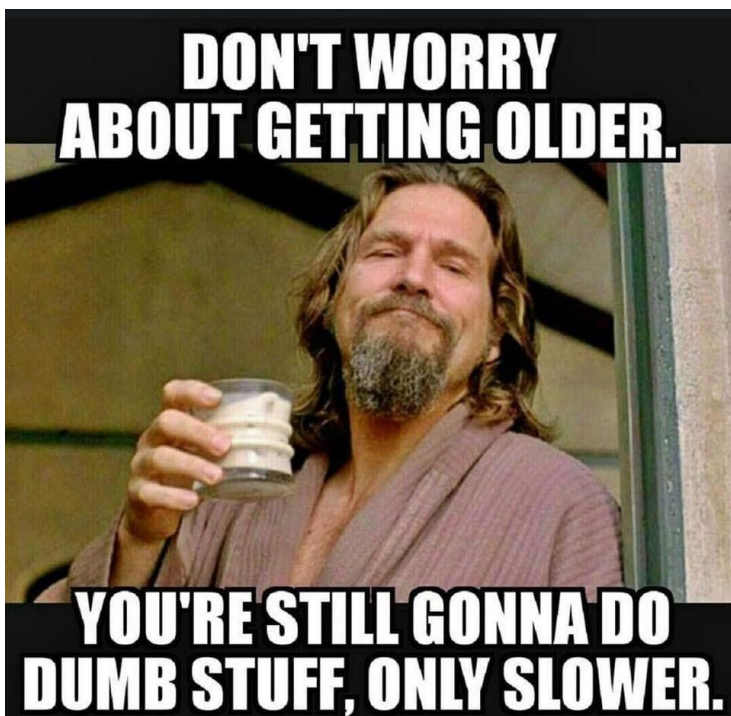
The Honey Sliders are bringing the sights and sounds of 1969 back to life – live on stage, in front of a vivid screen projection, playing the soundtrack to the events that marked the end of the most tumultuous decade of the twentieth century.

Tuesday 25 March – Martes en Marte

Martes en Marte has emerged from graduates of the Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University and is now connecting with various music-loving communities: from the Latin dance scene, to the Jazz world. The focus of the group is to bring a jazz sensitivity to the study of Afro-Cuban soundscapes, exploring the improvisatory and experimental potential of traditional Cuban and Latin folk music of the African diaspora.

Tuesday 1 April – Mariana Verna

Mariana Verna is an up-and-coming jazz and contemporary singer in Meanjin, Brisbane, with nearly 10 years of performing under her belt. Studying at Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University sparked her love of jazz, after growing up in a household that supported her interest in music since she first played the piano at age 6. Some highlights of her career include performing with Australian legends John Farnham, Katie Noonan and Kate Cebrano at the Southbank Piazza as part of the 2017 Brisbane Music Festival



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You drop something when you're young, you just pick it up and move on. Now I drop something and stand there for a while contemplating if I really need it anymore.

@kellyjoneil

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