

DIARY DATES

March 14th BUS TRIP A visit to the Port of Brisbane with an informative Guided Tour and Morning Tea included. Purchase your own lunch at the DFO (table reservations at the Coffee Club TBA). A stop at the Lolly Factory on the way home.
Let John Canterbury know ASAP if you or any friends are interested.....Cost \$45

May 16th BRING & BUY STALL Please consider what you can prepare now to bring along to our fund-raising event. (Craft & handmade items, plants etc).

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REMINDERS

For group verification and to claim any NSA Discount when ordering lunch, drinks etc, you **MUST** wear your NSA name badge on all outings including lunches.

To purchase a badge, please see Barbara Coleman (Treasurer) at the social meetings. For payment of an **event**, please do **ONE** of the following ASAP:

- CASH:** Correct money placed in an envelope with:
Your Name – Event & Date – Amount encl. Please give the envelope to John Canterbury (Tours) or Barbara Coleman (Treasurer) who will then issue a receipt.....**OR**.....
- BANK TRANSFER:** Please remember to put your name in the details section of the transfer.
Acct Name: National Seniors Chermide
BSB No: 084150 **Acct Number:** 047984369

*Please remember to put your name in the exercise book at the Social meeting or contact **Karlotta**, our **Activities Co-ordinator**, before the date of the lunch.*

*As soon as you are aware of any club member who is unwell, please let **June Kerrigan** our **Welfare Officer** know immediately, so that she can contact them.*

*If you change your contact or address details, please let **Jeanette Daff** our **Membership Officer** know, as soon as possible.*

*If you have information for the Newsletter and/or need a lift to the meeting or to any of the social outings, including the bus trips, please let **Alayne Brown** our **Public Relations Officer** know, to help with any arrangements.*

A priest was stopped for speeding on the M1 Motorway. The Police Officer smells alcohol on his breath and sees an empty wine bottle on the floor, so he asks, "Reverend have you been drinking?" The Priest says, "Just water, Officer." The Officer replies, "Then why can I smell wine on your breath?" The Priest looks down at the bottle and says, "Good Lord! He's done it again!"

Hospital regulations require a wheelchair for patients being discharged. An enthusiastic student nurse, found an elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with his suitcase packed, who insisted that he didn't need any help to leave the hospital.

After a chat about safety rules, he reluctantly let the nurse wheel him to the lift. On the way down she asked him if his wife was meeting him in the foyer. "I don't know," he said. "She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown."

Bacon & Eggs – A day's work for a chicken, a lifetime of commitment for a pig!

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NEWSLETTER – 15th February 2024

Good Morning Members,

Although it was nice to have the cooler weather and rain, it was sad that so much flooding has affected so many people's lives. If you were affected and need some help, please let us know.

Are you up to date with your vaccinations? Covid is around our area. Some of our friends have been very sick - even after being vaccinated. A reminder that you may be eligible for the new Shingles Vaccination. As well, the new 2024 Flu Vax will be available in 2 months. Keep in touch with your GP for availability of these.

Great to see so many of our members returning after the Christmas break. I'm sure you all enjoyed our January guest, Terry Scott. Vicki is hoping to book him again later in the year. If you have heard of an entertainer or guest speaker you think we'd all enjoy, please pass their information onto Vicki or our Committee.

Have you seen a copy of *Branching Out*? This is a new 16-page booklet put out by NSA Head Office to bridge the gap left by the discontinuation of the printed magazine, *Our Generation* - which as we know, is now only available on-line. We've received 20 copies of this booklet for members to preview. We know there are more than 20 people who would be interested in it, so if you do take one, please read it and then pass it on to someone else. We really need your feedback though, to pass on to Head Office. Any positive/negative responses or suggestions are encouraged. Please talk to me, Beris, or any of the Committee who will forward your suggestions.

Keep safe and stay healthy.

Jenny Tidey OAM
President

TODAY'S SOCIAL MEETING & MORNING TEA (Mobile phones off/on silent please).

Welcome: Bob Walker, who is from the Qld Dept of Justice and Attorney-General, Office of Fair Trading. He will talk to us today about consumer rights.

TIP OF THE MONTH: MAIL SECURITY

Mail theft is a common form of financial identity crime. If you can, use a secure letterbox or add a padlock. If unable, remember to check your letterbox regularly. It's also a good idea to shred or cut up your disposed mail.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Brenda Dimmock, Del Hodge,
Betty Webb

ANNIVERSARIES:

Maree & Barry Evans (1964) 60 yrs

Some days I amaze myself...other days I put the keys in the fridge!
I did a push-up today...well actually, I fell down, but had to use my arms to get back up!

Live well. Laugh often. Love much.

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NOTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

- ❖ 42 members and 1 visitor, attended our January Social Meeting.
- ❖ 10 apologies were received.
- ❖ We were entertained by singer/entertainer Terry Scott.

SOCIAL MEETINGS, MORNING TEAS & LUNCHES

February 22 nd	11.30am - LUNCH - Lawnton Tavern, 820 Gympie Rd, Lawnton
February 29 th	11.30am - LUNCH - Everton Park Hotel, 101 Flockton St, Everton Park
March 7 th	1.00pm - COMMITTEE MEETING - Chermside Library
March 14 th	8.30am for 8.45am Departure - BUS TRIP Port of Brisbane.....\$45 Morning Tea and guided tour included. Lunch at DFO own expense. A stop at the Lolly Factory on the way home.
March 21 st	9am for 10am Start – SOCIAL MEETING & MORNING TEA.....\$10 Our guest speaker will be John Aagten from St John Ambulance, who will provide helpful tips for living a safe and healthy life.
March 28 th	11.30am - LUNCH - Norths Devils Leagues Club, Franklin St Nundah
April 4 th	1.00pm - COMMITTEE MEETING - Chermside Library
April 11 th	11.30am - LUNCH - Aspley Hornets Graham Road, Aspley
April 18 th	9am for 10am Start – SOCIAL MEETING & MORNING TEA.....\$10 Our guest speaker will be from Young Diggers for Anzac Day. Donations can be made in the <i>Pink Pig</i> money box.
April 25 th	ANZAC DAY (No Meeting)

SENIOR'S CITY HALL *FEBRUARY & MARCH CONCERTS* Tues 12 – 1pm

20th February – Passioni Vocali

Experience the power of Neapolitan tenor Raffaele Pierno and pianist Leeanne Warne as they perform and showcase some iconic opera masterpieces including *Nessun Dorma* and *Nocturne in C# Minor*.

27th February – Bobby Alu & Foloi Iulia

A blend of Polynesian Folk, Reggae, Soul and Tropical Pop with graceful Samoan dance. Bobby Alu performs his signature ukulele, drums and percussion, whilst sharing the stage with his mother, as she displays traditional dance moves.

5th March – For the Love of Tony: A Tribute to Tony Bennett

Vocalist Chris Lloyd and the Jamie Rigg Band will take you on a musical journey with timeless standards including 'I Left my Heart in San Francisco' and 'Stranger in Paradise'.

5th March 1.15pm (following the above concert) ORGAN RECITAL - Andrej Kouznetsov

The Asst. Dir. of Music at Brisbane's St John's Cathedral will perform on the Father Henry Willis Organ.

12th March – Guanaco Trio

An Argentinian Folkloric instrumental project comprising violin, bandoneón and guitar. They will present music from their debut album, which weaves original compositions with traditional melodies.

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JANUARY 90+ BIRTHDAY MEMBERS



Barbara Barlow - 94



Bill Durston - 92



Mary Hargreaves - 90

SCAM ALERT: ALWAYS ASK FOR A RECEIPT AND CHECK IT BEFORE LEAVING THE STORE

Have you noticed lately, that unless you ask for one, receipts are not being given with your goods when you buy something at a shop – especially if the purchase is under \$30. For those who 'tap & go', (especially for that quick coffee), how many times do you ask for a receipt or check the EFTPOS machine? How many of you still reconcile your receipts against your monthly bank statements? This story was shared recently, and it may alert you or your family of a quiet scam, that can happen anywhere (at the coffee shop, petrol station, supermarket, Saturday weekend market stall etc).

A man bought a lot of stuff at the sales (over \$450). When he glanced at the receipt as the cashier was handing him his bags, he saw cash out of \$20! He told her he didn't request any cash and to delete it. She said he'd have to take the \$20, because she couldn't delete it. He told her to call a supervisor. Supervisor came and said he'd have to take it. He said NO Bloody way! Because, taking the \$20 would be a cash advance against his Credit Card and he wasn't paying interest on a cash advance! If they couldn't delete it, then they would have to delete the whole order. So, the supervisor had the cashier delete the whole order and re-scan everything!

The second time, he checked the EFTPOS machine before he pinned in his number and again an amount of cash out for \$20 popped up. At that point he told the cashier, and she deleted it. The total then came out right. The cashier said that the EFTPOS machine must be defective. Obviously, the cashier knew the electronic pad was defective, as she NEVER offered him any cash after either of the transactions.

Can you imagine how many people went through before him and by the end of her shift how much money she pocketed? Meanwhile, a woman went into a Coles Supermarket. She had her items scanned by the cashier. The cashier hurried her along and didn't give her a receipt. She asked the cashier for the receipt and the cashier seemed annoyed but gave it to her. She didn't look at her receipt until later that night when back at home. The receipt showed that she had asked for \$20 cash. SHE DID NOT ASK FOR ANY CASH, NOR WAS SHE GIVEN IT!

So, she called Coles who investigated but could not see that the cashier pocketed the money. They then spoke with an associate, who works for one of the banks. They told them that this was a new scam that was bound to escalate, especially as people don't ask for receipts anymore. The cashier will key in that you asked for cash and then hand it to one of their friends (in their *cash out* or change), when they next come through the check-out queue.

This is NOT limited to Coles; they are just one of the larger retailers to have the most incidents. I wonder how many "Seniors" have been, or will be, "stung" by this one? Don't let it happen to you – **ALWAYS ASK FOR – and - CHECK YOUR RECEIPTS.**

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