

National Seniors

AUSTRALIA

Melville Branch – March 2024

Ann, Larry and myself attended the special BNF meeting on Monday the 11th March. Ann has provided the following summary of the meeting.

Visit by Chris Grice & Karen Furnivall from Head Office on March 11th: 31 members, including Ross Glossop, Board Chairman, and the Policy Action Group attended. We did not have access to the Conference Room until 1.30p.m and there were difficulties with the a/v system, so we had less time for questions and answers than anticipated.

However, we were given a comprehensive description of the new direction that NSA has taken as a means of increasing membership and the viability of the organisation. This will foster interest in and appreciation of NSA by, for example, providing information through the subscriber nurture programme. (On-line publications) In Canberra, a group has been formed – Parliamentary friends of Seniors, with five co-chairs, including Bob Katter. M.P.'s have been given the number of NSA members in their electorates. NSA's focus is on four main areas – housing, health, finance and services.

Key policy work is on retirement income and aged care.

Priorities were described as advocacy, community and sustainability.

For Aged Care the Dept of Health regards NSA as a Peak Body.

Some statistics – NSA has 238,000 members, average age of 73. W.A. has 8,000 members, 756 of whom belong to a Branch. The average age of these members is 79.

HEALTH ISSUES OF MEMBERS

The following members have either had falls or surgery since our last meeting.

Robyn Hudson had a fall and is currently in respite care.

Amy unfortunately fell off her E-bike and broke her hip in 2 places.

Norma Davis has had a hip replacement is now back at home recovering.

We wish these members a speedy recovery and our thoughts go out to them.

Also, two weeks ago I had a tumour removed from inside of my ear. The wound is not healing. At present I have a cotton wool ball in my ear to help the bandaging. This is very uncomfortable.

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

After Ann deposited the containers after the February meeting we now have a year to date total of \$54.90. Keep the containers coming in as it helps to keep the price of events lower.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE I was unaware that the Pastoral Carers at SJOG Murdoch hold remembrance services every three months to acknowledge the passing of loved ones. I attended a service last Friday and while I did get emotional at times it was a lovely service.

SPEAKERS

26 March - Advanced Care Planners

OUTINGS (Report by Helen/Geoff)

Thursday 23 May – Lunch at the 8 Knott Tavern Riverside Rd, East Fremantle

Tuesday 16th July - Annual General Meeting and mid-year lunch. The Rossmoyne Bowling Club and chef Dave have been booked for this event. Price will be confirmed after the March committee meeting.

THEATRE VISITS, Etc (Report by Norma)

No visits planned currently while Norma recovers from her surgery.

BIRTHDAYS – APRIL

Best wishes for a Happy Day to Marlene Belford.

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
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:



Single Membership

- 1 Year - \$49.50
- 2 Year - \$88
- 3 Year - \$120 **Save \$28.50**
- 5 Year - \$220



Joint Membership

- 1 Year - \$80
- 2 Year - \$143
- 3 Year - \$180
- 5 Year - \$325

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Branch Meetings 2024

26th March 23rd April 28th May 25th June

16th July 27th August 24th September 22nd October 26th November

COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2024

13th May 8th July 9th September 11th November

EVENTS

Wednesday 20 March Branch Breakfast Wireless Hill 8.30am

Tuesday 16 July AGM and Lunch - Rossmoyne Bowling Club 10.00am

