



SOUNDS OF THE BAY

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Yesterday (14/5) my President of Vice (Bob Cooper) and I attended the Zone Conference, which was hosted by the Rosebud Branch, at the Rosebud Country Club. Les and his team did a great job of hosting the conference and could not have chosen a nicer venue. There were four recognition awards presented yesterday, to people who had contributed over and above what is normally done by members within National Seniors.



The CEO of National Seniors Aust. Michael O'Neil talked to us about the future of NSA and gave us some ideas on increasing membership. It was a very informative discussion, and gave us lots to look forward to in the future. Branches were encouraged to become more proactive in policy issues, and to stay in contact with our Head Office about policies that affect their members and their districts. We have quite a strong voice in Canberra, with Michael O'Neill frequently interviewed in the various media outlets, and there is much more that we can achieve by getting more involved.

I would like to say how encouraging it is to see so many members attending our various functions, especially the dine-outs. If you are looking to introduce your friends to NSA, then the dine-outs are a wonderful opportunity to do so, in a friendly and casual atmosphere.

I would also like to say a big thank you to all the Branch members for their continued support of both the Branch and myself. It encourages us to continue striving for improvements and new ideas.

Until next month,
Raymond Baldock

DIARY NOTES

MAY

Saturday 19—Dine Out Lunch

Burdett's Café & Garden 12pm

Monday 21—Branch Meeting

Bentons Road Community Centre—2.30pm
Guest Speaker & handcraft display from Marjory Parr

Friday 25—Movies

More info at Meeting or ring Jill 5975 3866

JUNE

Monday 4—Committee Meeting 7.30pm

Sat. 15—Dine Out

Westernport Hotel—Hastings, 7pm

Monday 18—Branch Meeting

Bentons Road Community Centre—2.30pm

Friday 22—Movies

JILL'S JOTTINGS

A great day was had by 14 members at the Beleura House & Gardens outing on a lovely Autumnal day. Following a talk by Anthony Knight, and our morning tea, we toured the house and the gardens, and enjoyed the luncheon with very yummy deserts.

It was great to have a chance to get to know newer members at the Pelican Pantry lunch, and nice to know it is still being used as a hospitality training facility for many young disadvantaged people. The servings were very generous and we had to help Nancy out with her large bowl of wedges—not that we minded.

Coming Up—I have booked for 10 people for lunch (12-12.30) at Burdett's Café Garden & Crafts (19/5) for a "Mothers in May" outing. Don't forget to book with me. Hopefully there will be another good film for the afternoon of 25th May. Phone me on 59753866 for details, and I'll do my very best to get back to you if you leave your names and numbers.

Meanwhile, keep warm!

Jill Falla



GREETINGS TO NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS

John, Sue, Doug and Ray all visited us at various functions during the month. We hope that you all enjoyed yourselves, and that we have the chance to share your company again soon

Remember to invite all your over 50's friends to join our happy group!

SICK LIST

We are unaware of anybody being ill this last month. If you have been, or know of someone who has been ill, we extend our commiserations and warm wishes for a speedy recovery.

If you have been experiencing illness and not been mentioned, it is because we have not heard about it. Our thoughts and best wishes are still with you. Let your committee know if you need help in any way.



BIRTHDAYS

Nancy Francis, Margaret Rechsteiner and Kathleen West all have birthdays this month. We hope you have, or have had, a really wonderful day. Happy Birthday!

Please check our Members List when you are at meetings, to be sure that all your information is current and correct!

GRAPEVINE

Ray and Dawn are of travelling again this month. This time though they are off overseas for a dream holiday including a Rhine Cruise.

Marjory & Ernie Parr are off on their overseas trip at the end of May, and are really excited about all they will experience. They are also going on a River Cruise. In the mean time **Marjory** has excelled herself with her multiple awards for her beautiful hardanger craft work. At the recent Red Hill Show, Marjory won a 1st, a 2nd and two 3rds for her efforts, and we have convinced her to bring her work for us all to see at the Branch Meeting.

Nancy and Ngarita are also off to Europe for a wonderful trip which will include Chelsea Flower Show as well as the sights of Europe in general.

When you think of the beautiful weather in Europe at this time of year, you can't help but feel a little bit green with envy. We all look forward to hearing about their adventures when they return.

Louis and Margaret return from France this month. Louis' accent is sure to be even more beautiful after all this time conversing with his family and friends in his mother tongue. Hopefully they will have lots of photos to share at the meeting.

Please keep the editor informed of all your interesting information. Remember! Grapevines can only thrive if fertilized with information.



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