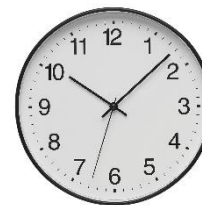


What's happened since our last Newsletter?

- The State Election has been held and a new Government has been elected.
- Daylight Saving has ended, and we have had to adjust all our clocks – it's always confusing and often weeks later we find a clock that is on the wrong time.
- Easter is upon us, and the Chocoholics are the happiest people around.
- Covid-19 restrictions are constantly changing.
- And most importantly, Brighton Seniors can hold their Branch Meetings again and enjoy the company of one another.



Branch Meetings

Our Monthly Branch Meetings are held at the Lighthouse Community Church, corner Jetty Road and The Crescent, Brighton on the beach side of the railway line. The meeting starts at 10am, so arrive from 9.30am. Door entry is \$5, and this includes morning tea and a chance to win a door entry prize.

Payment of your annual subscription can be made at the Branch meetings. Payment by Visa or MasterCard Credit or Debit Card is available for subscriptions and Door Entry.

Lunch

After each Branch meeting there is a lunch for members who wish to attend. On the 19 April the lunch will be at the Esplanade Hotel, Brighton. Our Activities Team have requested that we be seated at the Esplanade Hotel in the area near the windows with a view of the ocean rather than being squashed together in the rear area of the dinner room.

If you wish to go to lunch, put your name down on the sheet on the back table.

Covid-19

The restrictions are gradually easing with QR or manual check in not now required for our meetings. Mask wearing is not compulsory from 14 April. The Branch Committee recommends that as it is an effective way to prevent the spread of Covid-19, it would be wise to continue to wear masks at our meetings.

Some organisations are imposing restrictions on non-vaccinated people, but this involves checking their vaccination status. National Seniors HQ have not imposed this requirement on the Branches. However, we strongly recommend that all our members be fully vaccinated unless you have been granted an exemption.

Catering 19 April

Lleyan Adams, Catering Coordinator will directly contact members who have indicated that they can assist with Morning Tea. If you would like to be on the Morning Tea roster, speak with Lleyan or phone her on 0422 288 151.



Some of our members enjoying morning tea

Branch Meeting, Tuesday 19 April

We will have an interesting speaker, John Reilly to talk about Cyclone Tracy which devastated Darwin on Christmas Eve 1974. Many of us will remember the shock of hearing about Cyclone Tracy on Christmas Day that year and fearing for people we knew in Darwin. Back then, communications were less secure than it is now, and it was some time before news of the extent of the damage reached us.



Our speaker John will be supported by Max Gordon operating the technology for the presentation.

John Reilly lived through Cyclone Tracy and witnessed the resultant devastation. A month later he wrote a letter home to his parents in Ireland which he will most likely read to us. It is so descriptive.

John now lives locally in Brighton, is of similar age to many of us and he attends the University of the Third Age at Flinders.

The Walking Group meet 9.30am every Tuesday except when there is a Branch Meeting. On that week the group meet the following day. On **Wednesday 20 April** meet 9.30am at **Oaklands Reserve** (entrance off Oaklands Road, Marion, opposite Hendrie Street. at traffic lights. Drive to end of driveway). Meet near toilet block, walk to Finniss Street, have a coffee and return.

The contacts are Barbara Hansen 8295 4965 and Dawn May 8296 5031.

Upcoming Activities

- **Wednesday 27 April** – Take the 10.04 am train (front carriage) from Brighton to Seaford, then bus to Seaford Central Shopping Centre for Morning Tea. Then bus to Colonnades for lunch and shopping. Check the times for other stations from Metro Adelaide web site.
- **Tuesday 17 May – Branch Meeting.** May is History Month and Coralie Creevey will speak on Australian History through Australian Art. Coralie has a passion for Art and her PowerPoint presentation will showcase paintings representing historical occasions in Australia.
- **Thursday 26 May** - Historic guided tour of North Terrace by David Jarman. This is a free tour. Start at 10am at top of Adelaide Railway entrance ramp. Tea break at Art Gallery Café. Take tram back to city centre for shopping or Casino for Lunch.
- **Tuesday 21 June – Branch Meeting-** Ricko entertainment. Your friends are welcome to attend.



- **Thursday 30 June – Luncheon cruise around West Lakes.** Cruise lasts 2 hours, with boarding from 11.20am. The cruise leaves at noon from 141 Brebner Drive, West Lakes. Park at the Lakes Resort Hotel and walk down the path on the right side of the hotel towards the lake. Cost is \$45, includes 2 course lunch. Main courses are battered Barramundi or Crumbed Chicken

Breast. Dessert, tea, and coffee included. Advise your main course when booking. Friends are welcome to attend.

- **Wednesday 27 July Anniversary Birthday lunch** at Marion Hotel. 849 Marion Road, Mitchell Park. Start at noon. Details in future Newsletter.
- **Wednesday 30 November** – Advance notice – Christmas lunch at Club Marion.

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