NSA News....(report by John Austin)

The Federal government"s recent ministerial reshuffle produced a stand-alone Assistant Minister for Ageing. Who is she and what should she do?

The new Assistant Minister for Ageing, Kate Thwaites, has the job in front of her to represent the interests of Australia's 4.2 mill. people aged 65 and over. That number swells to 9.5mill.people aged 50+.All of us are ageing wich makes Ms Thwaites job even more confronting. The creation of an Assistant Minister for Ageing Portfolio comes after lobbying by NSA and Independent Federal Member for Mayo Ms Rebekha Sharkie, and comes well into the governments currect term, which has been notable for not having a dedicated minister for older Australian's. Previously to Ms Thwaite's appointment to a dedicated ageing portfolio, the governments emphasis was on aged-care through cabinet Health and Aged care Minister, Mark Bowen. Asssitant Minister for Health and Aged Care, Ged Kearney and Aged Care Minister Anika Wells. Those ministers retain their jobs NSA welcomes the creation of a dedicated Ageing ministerial position, even if at a junior level and outside cabinet decision-making. NSA CEO Chris Grice says the appointment is recognition that older Australian's need to be better represented in federal government. He said the issues facing older Australian's are many and touch on multiple minitries and portfolios, far beyond aged care. "It's a timely appointment. According to the 2023 Inter-Generational Report, the number of Australians aged over 65 will more than double, and the number aged 85+ will more than triple over the next 40 years. We need plan for this impact and opportunity now," Mr. Grice said. Aged care is just one of many issues facing older Australian's. many also experience ageism, elder abuse, poverty etc. "Representation is about ensuring the social, physical, and econmic contribution of all older Australian's are understood and reflected in good public policy," Mr Grice said. "Australians support the economy and society in many ways as they get older, they also have specific needs. A successful Minister for aging will understand this diversity and be able to communicate this to their colleagues and to the wider public, ensuring better outcomes. Mr. Grice said this was an opportunity to "give millions of older Australians a stronger say within government", adding the the portfolio was a step in the right direction and very welcome," "NSA looks forward to working with the Assistant Minister to ensure this growing cohort has both the support and recognition it needs and deserves," he said. Having a dedicated voice in government through a stand alone portfolio and minister has been a long standing advocacy of NSA. We believe it best serves the needs and values of older Australians, which are far broader than just aged care. "Importantly it is an opportunity to change the narrative around older Australians to view them as the builders they have the potential to be, rather than a burden they are too often portrayed," Mr. Grice said.

Among other matters, NSA would like to see Ms. Thwaites address the barriers facing seniors who want to go back to work, concern about the rising cost of living and access to dental care, homelessness among older people, elder abuse, and lax consumer protection for seniors in retirement villages. NSA looks forward to working with Ms Thwaites and will continue to work closely with other Parliamentary friends of NSA

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Branch Diary

Guest speakers

19th. Aug. Oberammergau Passion Play Talk

16th Sept. Scams Alert (Michael Bamton) (AGM)

21st. Oct. Bangers and Mash (entertainment)

18th. Nov. Christmas Lunch -- Windsor Hotel

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Modbury National Seniors meet every third Monday of the month (4^{th} if Public Holiday) at 1.30pm at Lutheran Homes Inc., 1217 Grand Junction Rd. Hope Valley except November and December. Entrance fee of \$5.00

Postal address: NSA Modbury, PO Box 499, St. Agnes, 5097

We always welcome visitors and potential new members. If after 3 or 4 visits you find that you enjoy coming to our meetings and being part of our group why not become a financial member of National Seniors Australia? Members are able to get involved in discussing and taking part in community issues pertaining to Senior Australians.

You can also take part in social events, hear interesting guest-speakers and meet likeminded members at other branches. Most importantly members can ensure that their voice is heard on issues affecting the over 6 mill. Australians over 50!

Only financial members are covered by NSA Insurance on outings! Financial members will also be

	single	joint	
1year membership	\$49.50	\$80	
2 year	\$88	\$143	
3 year	\$120	\$180	
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given preference when there is a limit on numbers e.g. Christmas Lunch, Bus Trips etc.

Enrolment forms can be found on activities Table or from Treasurer. M/fees can be paid by phone. No Credit card surcharge applies!

Riddle: What points the way without a hand, floats on water but exists on land Just a thought: Junk is something you collect for years only to throw it out a few days before you need it.

Please wear your nametag at all meetings and Outings!!!!!

Forthcoming events for 2024

Monday 2nd Sept. 10am, Tour of Beaumont House & Gardens, 631 Glynburn Rd.

Beaumont, Morning tea \$25, followed by tour of house, can wander through the gardens later. As a bus is not available we will have to arrange share rides for people at todays meeting. Light lunch at Pasta Delli Fire Station, Glynburn .Rd, Glynde at approx.. 12.30 park at Aldi next door!

Monday 18th NOv. Christmas Lunch, Windsor Hotel 410 N.E Road Windsor Gardens Seniors Christmas lunch \$25.90, 2 course meal with salad/vegetable bar, Raffle!!

<u>Put your names in Outing folder to attend Outings and Please let Rosalie know if unable to attend!!!!!!!!!!!!!</u>

August Birthdays: Margaret Fellows(8), Rosalie Zurek(13), Lyne Kirk(17), David Sweet(23) Elaine Peters(23),

Anniversaries: Heather & Ron Murphy (27), Congratulations and Best Wishes to All !!!

Fred had just retired and was about to go on a world trip .He popped into Bob the Barber's for a short back and sides on the eve of his departure.

"Be sure to come back and tell me all about it when you get back home," said Bob after he finished the cut.

Two month later Fred was back in the chair again relating the highlights of his trip.

"I even went to see the Pope at St. Peter's he said. "Wow," said Fred.

"And what's more, the Pope came over and spoke to me."

"That's unbelievable," said Bob, still clipping away. "What did the Pope say?"

"He said, 'Where in the hell did you get a haircut like that'!"



AGM. Have you picked up a Nomination Form and thought about whom you could nominate or who you think would be good to have on the committee? Maybe you would like to give it try? Some of the current members have been there for a long time and would love to pass their knowledge unto someone with new ideas!!!!

We're always happy to assist you if you're not certain how to perform your duties.