

# Centenary Branch Newsletter -DECEMBER 2023

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We now have a Facebook Page. Go to National Seniors Australia Centenary Branch

**FROM THE FRONT DESK** This is our last meeting of the year, and what a topsy turvy year it's been, who would have thought? Your committee and I have put a fair bit of work in and I trust, for the most part, we are running smoothly – things do seem to happen to upset our plans from time to time – like the King's birthday – but we survived.

We enjoyed our speaker last meeting, Lisa Easton, Community Police Officer, and I thank our new member, Steve Jonsson, for playing dress-up with me. The bits we tried on were quite heavy, heaven knows how they cope in summer with an extra 22kgs.

Icarus Restaurant fed 16 of us a most enjoyable, delicious "Taste of Greece" on 28/11 and the weather stayed fine, even provided a rainbow.

Four of us expect to enjoy an evening at the Enchanted Gardens, Roma Street on 30<sup>th</sup> November – just hope the weather is kind.

While we are having this break, please think about what you would like for the upcoming year, the committee is here for you, so you need to let us know what you would like to do – more explorer trips??? Ready for City Cat again?

As I mentioned last meeting – Bring & Buy is out – Craft is in. Our April meeting will be your handiwork sold (we hope) to fellow members. 50% for you, 50% for the club – this is to cover expenses such as our speakers/entertainers, gift cards, stationary, raffle prizes etc. So all you talented people have a few months to cover coat hangers, crochet tea towels, macrame, etc and thank you in advance.

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all committee members for work well done; and a thank you to all members for your suggestions and input throughout the year. Please know that we all do our best.

We pride ourselves on supporting local businesses and these businesses thanked us by way of a donation to this Christmas function, when you are out shopping, be sure to show your support to:-

1. Blooms Chemist.
2. Gardenwize
3. Mount Ommany Fruit
4. Westside HQ

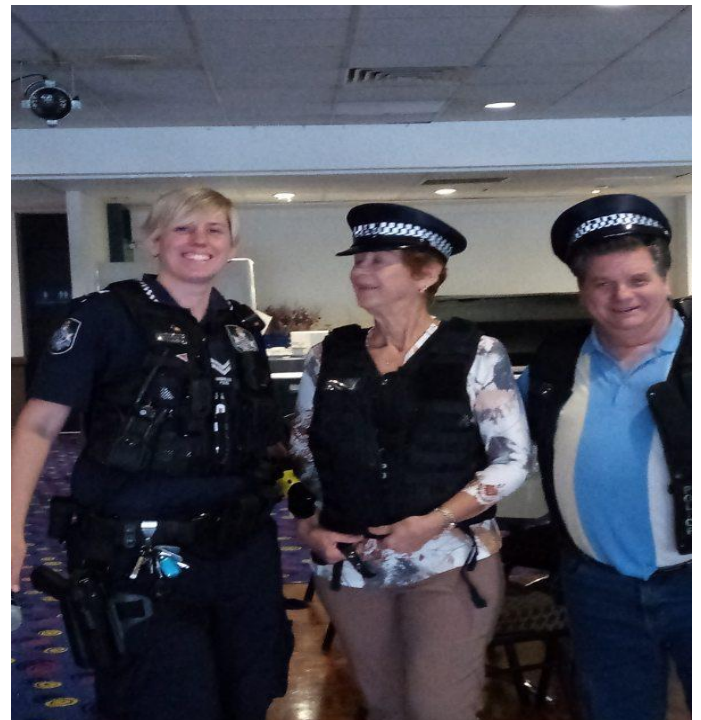
And when you shop say you are from National Seniors because they want to know their promotion is working.

You will notice the absence of Monier Hotel – our request for a donation was refused even though our members are here at least twice a month for mahjong and once a month for lunch. I fail to see why we should support them when they won't support us. One of our members, who had paid, is unable to attend and Monier has refused to refund, even though they had a weeks notice – we had to pay them 110 days in advance. They are off my list.

I wish you and yours a very safe, healthy and happy Christmas as we all look forward to a 2024 filled with contentment.

Bev Hocker

PS: Planning forward – I think a week in Charleville from 8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> September. No details yet.





**Our latest recipients of an OBE. (Over blooming 80)**

**ACTIVITIES**

December 2023 – Roma Street Parklands in the evening Enchanted Garden Light Display. Approx \$10 ticket.

LORD MAYOR'S XMAS PARTY – CITY HALL. Wed. 6/12 and Fri. 8/12.

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**XMAS IN JULY 2024 - WED. 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY.**

Day 1. 7.30am. Depart Brisbane. M/Tea at Bestbrook Mountain resort. Truffle Discovery Centre. Lunch Granite Belt Brewery. Washpool Soaps. Anna's Candles. Short tour around Stanthorpe. Book into High Street Motor Inn. 6.30pm Dinner at Motel Restaurant.

Day 2. 7.30am Breakfast at Motel. 8.30am Load coach. 8.45am Stanthorpe Historical Museum tour and morning tea. The Christmas Farm. Castle Glen Liquors. Stanthorpe Cheese Tastings. 1pm lunch at Vincenzo's Big Apple. Suttons Apple Juice & Cider.

Return to Brisbane with comfort stop at Aratula. Arrive back approx. 5.30pm.

\$355 pp Double/Twin Share. \$420 single.

Please contact Bev by phone, text, email asap as we need to book early and don't meet again until Feb.

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**REMINDERS**

Centenary Community Connections – The Hub can be contacted to see upcoming events by email for info at [bookings@ccconnectasn.au](mailto:bookings@ccconnectasn.au).

Music at the Hub – Contact Marjorie Green 3376 2030.

Westside HQ Free Morning Melodies Every Thursday 10.30am – 1.30pm.

**MANY HAPPY RETURNS**

Best wishes are extended to all our valued members celebrating birthdays during December. We hope you have a wonderful day.



Our thanks to Sarah Hutton, Councillor for the Jamboree Ward for the provision of photocopying facilities



For those who travelled to Northern New South Wales here is the latest photo from the Dorrigo Mountain Retreat. The baby is named Cleopatra Odessa.

JOKE:

Fuel \$2.09 per/L

Full tank @ 128L = \$267.52

Drive away without paying: Court date 6 weeks later and \$80 fine.

Savings:\$187.52

Follow me for more fuel savings tips!!

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**Due to these ridiculous gas prices I will no longer be stopping at stop signs or red lights. I can't afford to idle. Thank you for your understanding and stay safe 🙏 Lol**



**IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR COACH TRIPS.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Full payment for bus trips is to be made at the monthly meeting before trip. Name badges are compulsory for all bus trips. All payments with correct money are to be put in envelopes. Put your name, full amount, ph no, trip details special dietary requirements on the outside of the envelope, seal your payment and hand to the Trips table.

**COACH WILL NOT WAIT FOR LATECOMERS. BRANCH REFUND AND PUNCTUALITY POLICY FOR ALL TRIPS:** As our coach trips are confirmed the Wednesday (one week) before we travel, NO REFUND will be given unless Ann Tupicoff is advised prior to this time. The Committee may consider refunds under special circumstances or medical emergencies (with documentation).

**FOR DIRECT DEPOSIT OR BANK TFR.**

**BANKING DETAILS:**

**NAB MT OMMANEY**

**BSB 084259 ACC. NO. 821660559**

**PLEASE PUT NAME AND EVENT ON TFR FOR IDENTIFICATION AND RECEIPT.**

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Meetings are the first Tuesday each month, February to October, except November (second Tuesday).

**Newsletters, Newspapers and documents are available on Table at entry after check in.**

**Do you know of any Centenary Seniors members who are unwell? Please contact Bev Hocker.**

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**Heart Foundation Walking Mt Ommaney**

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## **CALENDAR 2023**

### **DECEMBER 2023**

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Steady Steps	9.15am	Centenary Uniting Church Hall	\$8
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	XMAS PARTY	11.00am	Monier Hotel	\$30
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Lord Mayor's Xmas	9.00am	City Hall	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Mahjong	9-12noon	Mt Ommaney Library	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Lord Mayor's Xmas	9.00am	City Hall	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Steady Steps	9.15am	Centenary Uniting Church Hall	\$8
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Mahjong	9-12noon	Mt Ommaney Library	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Steady Steps	9.15am	Centenary Uniting Church Hall	\$8
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Mahjong	9-12noon	Monier Hotel	

### **JANUARY 2024**

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Steady Steps	9.15am	Centenary Uniting Church Hall	\$8
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Mahjong	9-12noon	Mt Ommaney Library	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Steady Steps	9.15am	Centenary Uniting Church Hall	\$8
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch	11.30am	Monier Hotel	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Mahjong	9-12noon	Monier Hotel	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Steady Steps	9.15am	Centenary Uniting Church Hall	\$8
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Mahjong	9-12noon	Monier Hotel	
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Steady Steps	9.15am	Centenary Uniting Church Hall	\$8
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee & Conversation	10.00am	Mt Ommaney Food Court	
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting	1.00pm	Mt Ommaney Library	

### **FEBRUARY 2024**

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mahjong	9-12noon	Mt. Ommaney Library	\$8
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Steady Steps	9.15am	Centenary Uniting Church Hall	\$8
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting	10.00am	Westside HQ	\$6
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Mahjong	9-12noon	Mt Ommaney Library	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Steady Steps	9.15am	Centenary Uniting Church Hall	\$8
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Mahjong	9-12noon	Monier Hotel	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch	11.30am	Monier Hotel	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Steady Steps	9.15am	Centenary Uniting Church Hall	\$8
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mahjong	9-12noon	Monier Hotel	
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Steady Steps	9.15am	Centenary Uniting Church Hall	\$8
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee & Conversation	10.00am	Mt Ommaney Food Court	
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting	1.00pm	My Ommaney Library	
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Evening Dinner	6.00pm	Thai Sensation Curragundi Rd J'Lee	
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Mahjong	9-12noon	Monier Hotel	

