

NSA News: Aged care reform underway.....

The government is consulting on a draft Aged Care Act. Here's your last change to give some feedback. The long awaited draft of a new federal Aged Care Act has arrived for public consultation. NSA is directly involved on your behalf in scrutinising the draft legislation to be sure it lives up to the hopes and expectations we all have for a better care system.. The draft legislation is an important milestone in the reform of aged care, that started in earnest with the Royal Commission into Aged care Quality and Safety 2016-2021. Among its many recommendations, the royal commission called for a root and branch overhaul of the Aged Care Act.

The commission argued greater quality and safety in aged care could only be achieved if the guiding legislation shifted away from a focus on aged care providers to a rights-based approach with older people at the centre of the law and its operations. The new act is not the only thing happening in aged care, but it does bring together many of these reforms. There is a change underway in remuneration and training of the aged care workforce, changes to the standards expected in age care, work in progress on how to make aged care funding sustainable and able to support quality care, and much more. NSA is advocating on your behalf directly with the government on the raft of aged care changes. But we are also working closely with 10 other key stakeholders representing the interests of diverse older people. This grouping is leveraging our vast coverage of member groups and networks of older people. We are collaborating on analysing the draft Aged Care Act and advocating for the best final version of the legislation to go before the Australian Parliament in the coming months. This joint approach can have a powerful impact on governments. When disperse groups come together in agreement on what is important, governments tend to listen more closely.

To ensure this collaboration venture is getting the issues right on the new legislation, we have prepared a Joint Issue Paper which you can read in our Connect Newsletter. The paper identifies aspects of the draft legislation that either do not go far enough or are missing altogether. National Seniors would like to hear any comments you have on what the Joint Issue Paper has to say.

If you have any thoughts on the new Act, please let us know by e-mailing

policy@nationalseniors.com.au

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Cricket Woes...

"Why are you looking so downhearted? "The doctor said I can't play cricket." "When did he see you play?"

Captain: 'It's a pity you didn't take up the game sooner.' Boy; "You mean I'd be better at it now?' Captain: No, you would have given up the game by now!

Out for a duck the angry batsman marched into pavilion and said, 'I've never played so badly before.'" Captain appeared surprised : " You mean you played the game before?"

Player: "That was the best innings I've ever played !" Captain: " Well, you mustn't let that discourage you!"

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Branch Diary
Guest speakers

19th Feb. Aust. Super (General Information)

18th Mar. The History of Chocolate (+Aust. Hearing)

15th April Riding for the Disabled

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 Modbury National Seniors meet every third Monday of the month (4th 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 like-minded 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 given preference when there is a limit on numbers e.g. Christmas Lunch, Bus Trips etc.

	Single	Joint
1year membership	\$49.50	\$80
2 year	\$88	\$143
3 year	\$120	\$180
5 year	\$220	\$325

Enrolment forms can be found on activities Table or from Treasurer. M/fees can be paid by phone. No Credit card surcharge applies!
Riddle: Turn me on my side and I am everything. Cut me in half and I am nothing. What am i?
Interesting facts and figures: There is enough carbon in your body to make 9,000 pencils
Grandma's Wit and Wisdom: You can learn many things from children. How much patience you have, for instance.
Please wear your Name badges to meetings and Outings!
Newsletter Editor needed for 2025 !!!

Forthcoming events for 2024

Monday 26th Feb. Lunch at Highlander Hotel, Gilles Plains, 12 noon, 2 course Seniors lunch \$16 Will have a raffle!
Tuesday 9th April, Convention Centre Visit, Nth Terrace Adelaide, 10.30am, meet at the Main East entrance on Nth Terrace, report to Reception desk inside the Atrium. Tour approx..45 min.
 Lunch at the Strathmore Hotel 11.30 –, lunch specials \$16, Main Menu also available,

Feb. Birthdays: Robyn Neate(4), Ashley Todd(4), Edith D’Arcy(5), Joyce Wright(10), Robert Megaw(13), Mervyn Fenwick(25),

Wedding Anniversaries: Marcia & Eric Schubert (19),

Congratulations and best wishes to all!!!!!!

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Joke: A pigmy went to his first cricket match and was describing it to his witchdoctor on his return. "It was a beautiful sunny Sunday,' he said. 'A big crowd of people had gathered around this big field of grass. In the middle there was a thin strip of mowed grass with 3 sticks at either end. A man in a long overcoat came out with 2 men in sweaters. They tossed something silvery in the air . They went out and in came 11men in sweaters and white pants. One of them was padded and had great big gloves. Then out came 2 men with pads on their legs and small gloves holding big sticks. They took position at both ends of the strip and another man came running towards them and threw a red ball at the man holding the stick. And at that very minute it started to pour . Those white guys sure know how to make it rain!

