

# National Seniors

Australia

*Central Coast - Wyong Branch*

**SENIORS INSIGHT**

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**Annual General Meeting Tuesday, August 22, 2017**

## **President-Annual Report-2016/17**

Over the past year this Branch has achieved a most significant milestone in celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday and we did it in grand style. We were honoured to have our CEO, Dagmar Parsons from National Seniors Head Office, visit the Branch and contribute in a most productive manner to the occasion. She spoke of the developments that are being pursued at National Level and gave us an understanding of the organisation. Dagmar presented Certificates of Service to five Foundation Members of our Group, later helped with the cutting of the cake and a most enjoyable afternoon tea. Thanks to all our members who contributed to this successful event.

Your Committee has been a pleasure to work with and I look back on the year with pride regarding our achievements. Our Secretary, Robyn Watson, has shown a high level of energy with her contributions to the Minutes of Meetings, submissions of Grants for Computer Equipment which were successful, and her general administration skills, including the Monthly Insight Bulletin have been much appreciated.

Dawn Smith, our Treasurer, has settled into her role and, over recent months with the assistance of her partner Bill, has established a financial reporting system which should benefit our organisation going forward. I am pleased to report that we are in a financially sound position as we continually monitor our expenses.

Thanks to Helen Leslie's efforts, we have experienced an excellent Speaker Program which has attracted reasonable attendances at our monthly meetings. I have been extremely pleased with the Events Program which features in a separate Annual Report. The support from Mira Britton, Sheila Perry and Fay Cribbin has been brilliant.

Welfare has been an important feature of our Monthly Meetings with Pat Taylor keeping us informed of our members who have been unable to attend meetings. Pat has also contributed to reports on our website regarding social functions.

Our Publicity officer, David Allen, has assisted with our Recruitment program by contacting the media and local newspapers regarding our programs.

Membership has been well handled by Jean Brown who maintains our data base and liaises with National and other Committee Members. We appear to be maintaining the status quo of around 75 members of our Branch.

Throughout the year, the Committee has been ably supported by Alan Hirst, our Vice President, who has always been willing to contribute whenever required. Graeme Watson Public Officer, Brian Wilson Assistant Treasurer and Pam Pearce Assistant Secretary and also afternoon tea lady, have made significant contributions to our Branch.

Our Website continues to attract favourable comments from external parties and has proven to be an asset for our computer literate members. Thank you Dennis Roe for your support in maintaining the system.

We must respect that all of our Committee members are volunteers who give a lot of their time to ensure the success of the Branch and for this we are most grateful.

In conclusion, I appreciate the camaraderie of our group by their attendance at General Meetings and social functions. We will strive to maintain our objectives of fun and friendship as we progress into another year of growth.

May I wish you all good health for the coming year.

**Kevin Leslie**

**President, National Seniors – Wyong Branch**

## *First Monday Lunches*

- **Sept 4, 2017** Ourimbah RSL Club, 6-20 Pacific Highway Ourimbah. 11:30am - 2pm
- **October 3, 2017 Tuesday owing to public holiday on 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Wyong Rugby Leagues Club  
40 Lake Haven Drive, Kanwal  
11:30am - 2pm
- **No FML for November as we have Melbourne Cup Day on November 7**

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## GUEST SPEAKERS

- **August 22, 2017: Glen Christie**  
NRMA Older Driver Education Program
- **September 26, 2017:**  
Member Interview by Helen Leslie
- **October 24, 2017:**  
Peter Smith, Environmental & Communication Manager, Wallarah 2 Coal Project
- **November 28, 2017:**  
Graham Keating – Official Town Crier for City of Sydney - twice World Champion
- **January 23, 2018:**  
Lendlease Bouygues, Joint Venture for North Connex, re 9km under- ground tunnel connecting M1 and M2



## SOCIAL OUTINGS

If you wish to cancel any of your committed social outings, Please email Mira Britton, [mira\\_britton@optusnet.com.au](mailto:mira_britton@optusnet.com.au) and make sure that you receive confirmation of your cancellation. If you do not have access to email, ring Kevin Leslie (phone No. on last page)

- **Sept 18 (Mon):** BBQ McKenzie Park, Lake Street, Budgewoi. 11am. Members and visitors \$5. Bring own nibbles, table and chair if desired. Sausages, salad and sweets provided as well as trivia.



- **Oct 16, 2017 (Mon):** 6.5 hour cruise, MV Lady Kendell II, Starship Cruises, navigating 4 islands around Brisbane Waters. Broken Bay, Pittwater, Lower Hawkesbury. Morning tea, buffet lunch, dessert and afternoon tea. Licensed bar. Departs Gosford Wharf 9:30am and stops at Woy Woy for pick up at 10am. All this for \$69pp. Final payment will be required by September General Meeting.



- **Nov 7, 2017 (Tues):** Melbourne Cup Day: A return to Wyong Race Club, 71/75 Howarth Street, Wyong. Bubbly on arrival, entertainment and buffet with best dressed and lucky door prizes. Last year, the seafood buffet was first class. Cost TBA. Place names at Social Table.



- **November: Christmas Party** function details TBA

- **December 4 (Mon): Christmas BBQ**  
McKenzie Park, Lake Street, Budgewoi.  
11am. Members free, Visitors welcome \$5  
Bring own nibbles, table and chair if desired but there are tables there. Christmas hamper prizes and trivia.



**Wednesday, August 23: Hampstead, Seniors Morning Tea,** Event Cinemas, Tuggerah. 10am morning tea, movie 10:30am. Starring Diane Keaton, Brendan Gleeson, James Norton. A heart-warming romantic comedy set around the beautiful Hampstead Heath in London, a quiet piece of countryside in a vast metropolis. Living in a lovely old apartment on the edge of the Heath, American widow Emily Walters feels like she is drifting aimlessly through life. Then she meets Donald, who has lived harmoniously on the Heath for 17 years in a ramshackle hut. When property developers attempt to destroy his home, Emily steps up to defend Donald in the escalating battle.



The next Laycock Theatre's Morning Melodies will be on **Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> September including morning tea 10am, \$18. "String Fever"**, wife and husband team Jacqui and Brenton Edgecombe. Their musical rollercoaster will take you from Bluegrass, to the Beatles, to the Blue Danube, plus a dazzling tribute to Elton John. See Robyn if you would like to book which will include online booking fee.



**N.S.A. INFORMATION  
Office Bearers 2016 - 2017**

<b>Public Officer</b>	<b>Graeme W</b>	<b>4958 6470</b>
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<b>Publicity Officer</b>	<b>David A</b>	<b>4359 1441</b>
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Just a reminder that new and existing members are able to join or renew membership of National Seniors by returning your application/renewal forms and your payment by cheque (payable to NSA, Central Coast - Wyong) or cash to the Branch Treasurer at a General Meeting. You may also pay by internet:

BSB: 112 879 A/c No: 044189087 Name of A/c: National Seniors - Wyong, Reference: Your name and reason. A receipt will issue in due course.



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Our next monthly meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 26, 2017**  
2:15pm Canton Beach Sports Club, Hibbard Street, Toukley

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