

NATIONAL SENIORS EVENING BRANCH

PRESIDENT'S REPORT AGM 2013-1014

The change late last year for our general meeting venue to the 'Benjamin on Franklin' Hotel has proved to be successful with a pleasant meeting room, friendly staff and a variety of reasonably priced meals.

Early in 2014 we provided members with a new name tag enclosed in a plastic sleeve where in addition, a medical and emergency contact card is also contained. We also requested members take responsibility for their own name tag and bring it with them to meetings. This has meant less work for our hardworking meet-n-greet committee member Bev Braithwaite whose friendly face is the first to be seen at general meetings.

We have had a variety of interesting speakers during the year at general meetings including visits to Antarctica and outback stations, information on the electrification of the Adelaide rail line and construction of the bridge across the Onkaparinga river and the wild life of wildlife and how some animals breed despite their unusual 'apparatus'. Extra activities have included ten pin bowling, croquet, visits to the Arts Theatre, lunches and dinners.

Our Christmas dinner last year was well supported with the Feathers Hotel proving again to be a popular venue.

The Strollers group has also been strongly supported with walks to the north, south, east and west of Adelaide city to cater for members living in all suburbs. Thanks go to Hilary Amos and her band of helpers for organising the strollers walks program. I am delighted to advise that Hilary has agreed to continue as the Strollers co-ordinator during next year.

I would like to record a special thanks to outgoing committee members Hilary Amos, Roger Blackeby and Robyn Carnachan for their valued contribution to the work of the committee, especially to Hilary who has held down the job of Secretary as well as Treasurer, her contribution has been outstanding.

I would also like to record thanks to all the other committee members for their work in seeking out and contacting speakers, for organising interesting extra activities, to Michael for doing the minutes and to Bev or her work in organising the name tags and taking the general meeting fees.

Also my thanks to all the members of the Adelaide Evening Branch for your support to me during this year in my role as President.

Our challenge next year is to devise strategies to attract more members to our Branch from existing and potential National Seniors members to enable to branch to continue to be active and vibrant.

Jan Forrest OAM
12th August, 2014.