



BULLETIN MARCH 2026

Dear Members

March already! The year is flying by. Keep well, keep healthy and keep enjoying our Centre.

UPCOMING EVENTS for March/April

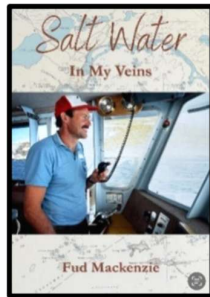
Quiz is on the 16th of March.

The Easter Raffle will run during March

Easter Weekend- After 5 and Evening Wear Extravaganza

The Mother's Day Raffle will run during April

Wednesday Lunch



Wednesday Lunch- the cut-off for lunch is Friday the week before. Please note bookings and cancellations need to go on the booking sheet **OR** through the office.

If you are sick or it's an emergency, please call and let us know if you can't make it on the day. The first week back we had 5 people cancel between Monday and Wednesday and 2 no shows. "No shows" and cancellations after the cut off, dip into our profits when the meal has already been catered for.

Fud McKenzie spoke of how and why the book came to be. He would write stories of happenings in his life, then decided that they needed to be put into a book so his grandchildren could read of his life. It is now out there for us all to enjoy. There is a copy in the centre library for us all to enjoy. please return it to the centre library.



One of our new members Colin Turner singing country songs to entertain us.

Lunchtime entertainment for March is:

4 March – Brenda Barr on her piano accordion,
18th March -

Please try to be early (11.30am) on these days so as not to disrupt the entertainment.

Jai Periera and his adorable son.



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Calendars

So far, we have raised \$5170. Have you brought your copy yet? Remember we are raising funds for Cancer Council. Price has been reduced to \$20 so grab a copy – even just as a memento of your time at the centre.



Mates4Mates enjoyed a night out at the Chinese Restaurant with money given to them for helping with the calendar

Donations



You were all amazing last year with donating towards our Mother's Day Raffle and our prize table for Biggest Morning Tea for cancer. Do you have something new you received, but it's not your cup of tea?

*Can we ask that you do the same again this coming year?
Please drop them off at the office. Thank you.*



Suggested Functions for 2026

- 2nd May - Vet Car Drive- Stonehenge with morning tea – might be 3rd May (Sunday) TBA
- 21st May - Biggest Morning Tea for Cancer –Theme: Denim and Lace
- 25th July - High Tea with Red Cross Clothing parade
- 5th Sept - Australiana Father's Day, Old Time Dance, raffle, DJ Gerry Henderson
- October - Agricultural Show
- ?? Wildflower trip- locally

If you are willing to assist prepare for any of these events, please let the office know. Many hands make light work.

Membership is now due for 2026

As discussed at the AGM, the Annual Membership Fee is now \$35.

Cash, Card or Bank Transfer is available.

If choosing to pay by bank transfer the details are:

NAB: Esperance Seniors Citizens Centre

BSB: 086 554

ACCOUNT NO: 42053 1975

EMAIL: seniorcitz@outlook.com

PLEASE put your FULL NAME in the comment section and email or tell the office, so we know who has paid and we can update your records accordingly.

Membership is now \$35 for the year.

Each class that you attend, will now be \$2-\$3. Your group may take an extra \$1 which goes towards that little something extra that your group may do. \$2 goes to the centre to help pay for consumables like power, water, etc.

Interested persons may attend 3 sessions to see if it is something they would be interested in joining but must then become a member or not attend any further.

From the Office

- **Office hours are: 9am-1pm Monday to Friday, (except Wednesdays 9.30 – 12.30)**
- If you want to pay cash and the office is closed, please **put your money in one of the membership envelopes and put the envelope in the spotted box on the table in the foyer.** Receipts & parking passes will be put in your envelope and put in the blue tray under the notice board for collection. **Please don't pin envelopes of money to the office door.**
- If you didn't fill out a **new membership form** last year **OR** any of your details have changed, please fill one out when renewing your membership. They can be left in the spotted box in the foyer.
- **Please don't park on the lawn near the library,** it's a safety concern with all the people and families sitting and walking through there. There is the new carpark in front of the library or more parking up the back behind the Community Health building is you're able to walk a bit.
- **Exercise Classes: Anyone joining in with the exercise groups in the centre, needs to be wearing enclosed non-slip shoes.** If you choose not to wear shoes, we have a **disclaimer form** that you must fill out **before** you join in the class. There are special socks that have been approved – they have non-slip bumps on the bottom of them.

Our new website is up and running

Have you checked it out yet? www.esperanceseniors.com



A screenshot of the Esperance Senior Citizens Centre website. The header includes the logo and navigation links: Home, Activities, Events, Newsletters, Membership, Gallery, Room Hire, Contact. The main content area has a blue background with the text: "Welcome to the Esperance Senior Citizens Centre. We're a friendly, community-focused space where seniors can come together to connect, socialise, and enjoy a wide range of activities. Whether you're here for a weekly lunch, a game of cards, or one of our special events, you'll always find a warm welcome and good company. The Centre is run by volunteers who care deeply about creating a place where everyone feels valued, supported, and part of something special. New members are always welcome!" Below this is a "Join Now" button and a photo of a group of people in winter gear standing in front of the centre. The "Our Mission" section states: "The mission of the Esperance Senior Citizens Centre is to provide a safe, friendly, inclusive venue where senior members of the community can gather to enjoy physical and mental activities. We strive for excellence." The "Our Executive Team" section mentions: "The Esperance Senior Citizens Centre is led by a dedicated team of volunteers who are passionate about supporting and enriching the lives of local seniors." A "Let's Chat" button is visible in the bottom right corner.

From the monthly committee meeting

- We are taking cans for cash – bin is in the outdoor gas cage – please ensure they cans/bottles are rinsed so we don't get an ant problem.
- 2 more fire extinguishers are being purchased – one will go in the art room, the other will go in with the fire hose.
- Do you have a craft skill you would like to share? We're looking at having a craft day once a month.
- Helpers needed Easter Sunday for the After 5 and evening wear extravaganza – can you help?
- PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK THAT ALL DOORS AND WINDOWS ARE LOCKED before leaving. It appears to be that even though a door has been previously locked, people are letting themselves out and leaving the door unlocked. Please refrain from doing this unless somebody is aware and can relock the door up again after you. The kitchen door is the appropriate exit on such occasions.

CUPBOARDS AND DRAWERS, OH MY!



David thank you so much for putting them together. Mike turned up in time to help install them. Thank you, Mike.

Makes for a very happy office lady who like a little packrat hoarder, carefully squirreled things away 😊

Our massive thanks to Horizon Power for making this happen with their Community Grant Scheme.

There are more grants available if any groups have a wish list. Come and see Isabel or Cheryl in the office or see your delegate.



Upcoming performances:

Morning Melodies- Friday 13th March. Civic Centre 11.00 am -12 noon. Wear your choir shirt.

BINGO

How many of you would be interested in playing bingo- not for money just for fun? We have purchased the equipment and if we get enough interest, we will go through the weekly activity schedule and pick a day that suits. May start in March. Look at the Facebook page for date.



Have you seen the friendship tree?

Hopefully you had a chance to put your mark on it.



Somebody turned 80 from the Paint by Numbers group, so what better excuse to have bubbles and cheese and biscuits.

Please continue to clean chairs and tables after every use.

Please turn off lights, fans and the aircon after your groups has finished.

Please remember to refill the urns, kettles and water bottles – don't leave it for someone else

Please don't come to the Centre if you are feeling unwell.

Submissions for inclusion into the monthly Senior Citizens Bulletin are most welcome. Please see Isabel in the office with your information clearly written or typed

