

# What's On!

Take a look at what's on this month and join in the fun!

## TAYLORS BEACH SOCIAL CALENDAR

Day Trips from just \$10 plus expenses, Special Events and Taylors Beach Activities

For bookings call **1300 363 654** or email [taylorsb@novacare.org.au](mailto:taylorsb@novacare.org.au)

### AUGUST 2025

				<b>Friday 1 August</b>
				Scenic Drive and Lunch: Casa Nova Italian – Honeysuckle
<b>Monday 4 August</b>	<b>Tuesday 5 August</b>	<b>Wednesday 6 August</b>	<b>Thursday 7 August</b>	<b>Friday 8 August</b>
Exercises 1pm – 1:45pm <b>Or</b> Drop-in Day (Morning Tea and chat) 10:00 am – 12:30pm	Exercises 10:30am – 11:15am <b>Or</b> The Lunch Bunch Pickups from 11:30am	Men's Group <b>Or</b> Coffee Club Pickups from 9.30am	Exercises 10:30am – 11:15am <b>And/Or</b> Paint Your Pot + light Lunch 11:30 – 1pm	Scenic Drive and Lunch: Pedan's Hotel Cessnock
<b>Monday 11 August</b>	<b>Tuesday 12 August</b>	<b>Wednesday 13 August</b>	<b>Thursday 14 August</b>	<b>Friday 15 August</b>
Exercises 1pm – 1:45pm <b>Or</b> Centre Activities - Bingo + Daffodil art and craft 10:00 am – 12:30pm	Exercises 10:30am – 11:15am <b>Or</b> The Lunch Bunch Pickups from 11:30am	Men's Group <b>Or</b> Coffee Club Pickups from 9.30am	Exercises 10:30am – 11:15am <b>Or</b> Scenic Drive and Lunch (mystery Venue)	Scenic Drive and Lunch: Windsor Castle Hotel – East Maitland
<b>Monday 18 August</b>	<b>Tuesday 19 August</b>	<b>Wednesday 20 August</b>	<b>Thursday 21 August</b>	<b>Friday 22 August</b>
Exercises 1pm – 1:45pm <b>Or</b> Drop-in Day (Morning Tea and chat) 10:00 am – 12:30pm	Exercises 10:30am – 11:15am <b>Or</b> The Lunch Bunch Pickups from 11:30am	Men's Group <b>Or</b> Coffee Club Pickups from 9.30am	Exercises 10:30am – 11:15am <b>And/Or</b> World Daffodil Day + Lunch 11:30 – 1pm'	Scenic Drive and Lunch: Beresfield Bowling Club
<b>Monday 25 August</b>	<b>Tuesday 26 August</b>	<b>Wednesday 27 August</b>	<b>Thursday 28 August</b>	<b>Friday 29 August</b>
Exercises 1pm – 1:45pm <b>Or</b> Centre Activities – Card Games 10:00 am – 12:30pm	Exercises 10:30am – 11:15am <b>Or</b> The Lunch Bunch Pickups from 11:30am	Men's Group <b>Or</b> Coffee Club Pickups from 9.30am	Exercises 10:30am – 11:15am <b>Or</b> Scenic Drive and Lunch (mystery Venue)	Scenic Drive and Lunch: South Leagues Club, Merewether

**NovaCare Taylors Beach Social Centre: 6 Commerce Close, Taylors Beach**

**Opening hours: 8.30am – 4.00pm, Monday to Friday.**

**If you need to call outside of these hours please call Head Office on 1300 363 654.**

## A New Aged Care Law is Coming – What You Need to Know

We want to let you know that the new Aged Care Act will begin on 1 November 2025. This is part of the Australian Government's plan to make aged care services better for older people across the country.

The new law is designed to protect your rights and make sure your care is safe, high quality, and focused on your individual needs. According to the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, the new law will:

- Clearly explain your rights when using aged care services.
- Create a simpler, fairer system to access care.
- Make assessments more respectful and culturally safe.
- Help us deliver better care and services.
- Improve how the whole system is monitored and managed.
- Make providers like us more accountable for the care we give.
- Strengthen the role of the aged care regulator.

### What's Changing?

Some of the key changes you should know about include:

- A new **Statement of Rights** to explain what you can expect when using Government-funded aged care.
- **Stronger Quality Standards** to make sure your care is safe, high-quality, and tailored to your needs. You'll be more involved in planning your care.
- **More protection when speaking up** – if you report poor care or raise a concern, you'll be protected from unfair treatment.
- **The right to have someone support you** during care conversations or decisions will be formally recognised.
- A new **independent Complaints Commissioner** will make sure complaints are handled clearly and quickly.
- A new **Support at Home Program** replacing the current Home Care Package Program — we'll share more about that in an upcoming newsletter article.
- A **new funding model** will be introduced for Support at Home. Some people may be asked to contribute money toward non-clinical care, based on their financial means. There will also be hardship measures, and a rule to make sure those who were in the system before 12 September 2024 are "no worse off".

### What Do You Need to Do?

You don't need to do anything at this stage. As your aged care provider, we're here to guide you through these changes. We will continue to share information with you, and our staff will be there to explain what it means for you and answer any questions.

If you'd like to read more, you can visit the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing website for trusted, easy-to-understand information: [www.health.gov.au/aged-care-reforms](http://www.health.gov.au/aged-care-reforms)

Resources for older people, their families and carers:

[New Aged Care Act resources for older people, their families and carers](#) | [Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing](#)

Please reach out to our team at any time if you want to talk about these changes - **we're here to help**.