

January 2024

Good morning,
Welcome back, it is good to see you all looking fit and healthy, hopefully you enjoy the activities that have been planned for your enjoyment.
The Committee are hopeful that we will be able to organise the "Get On Line" day in March, unfortunately, the last one was cancelled at the last minute due to school commitments.
Yaralla, as you can see are conducting huge renovations and changes.
The Coffee/lunchroom has a limited selection of food

available now as the kitchen has been gutted – no hot food is available. This will be the case for approximately 3-4 months.
Thank goodness the weather seems to have settled down, just have to survive the heat now, our thoughts go out to everyone who has been affected, it was a dreadful time for everyone concerned.

Next meeting to be held 20th February 2024. See you all then,.....Larney

GUEST SPEAKERS

5 Minute: BarbK - Quilting
20 Minute: Melissa and Jaclyn – Community and Lifestyle GRC, Philip St

JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Judy Aitkenhead; Patricia Brooks; Pamala Brown; Judy Finlay; Dell Fitzgerald; Leslie Gann; Andree Grayson; Gloria Holmes; Fay Jackson; Kathi Linder; Ken Murray; Patricia Patchett; Pat Perry; Margaret Pope; Barbara Smith; Arthur Timms; Kathy Wakefield; **Helen Watson**; Janette Wessling; Tom Wigley.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

Barry & Bronwyn Evetts; Roy & Val Jones; Kathi & Franz Linder; Carol & Allan Pease.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

In the long run, spoon feeding teaches us nothing but the shape of the spoon.

E. M. Forster

A LITTLE HUMOUR



Last year's Christmas joke:
I have a talent where I can see inside wrapped Christmas presents. – It's a gift.

Wife calls husband who is driving from Brisbane to the Sunshine Coast. "Harry, be careful, I've just heard that a madman is driving the wrong way on the Bruce." Harry replies, "Yea I know, but there isn't just one, there are hundreds!"

What is it called when you teach people the benefits of eating dried grapes? – Raisin awareness.

Taking my dog named SHARK to the beach was probably not a good idea.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

From Activities Officer: Pauline

Good morning everyone and welcome back to a new year.

CHICAGO, LYRIC THEATRE, BRISBANE

20 Members are travelling to Brisbane on Tuesday 30th January and returning on Thursday 1st February.

We are returning on the Spirit of Queensland which leaves Roma Street at 3:30pm (Tilt train 5:00pm) getting us home at 10:30pm (Tilt train 11:45pm)

The businesses at Mt Tambourine are operating again and are looking forward to seeing tourists after their terrible damage at Christmas.

FLAVOURS MARINA, TUESDAY 27th February, 10:30am for MORNING TEA – COST \$15.00

Kara was very good about us cancelling on the morning of our quoin Island trip that we thought it would be good to have another morning there.

AQUACULTURE GLADSTONE, AWOONGA DAM.

This is the new \$12 million multi-species fish hatchery. One-hour tours can be organised, so will check it out for maybe March.

April 16th will be our 28th birthday month and we will have our lunch, if it can be arranged, at Yaralla as usual.

Pauline

AROUND THE TRAPS

A few things you might like to check out happening around Gladstone.

GECC will be holding an Australia Day and Citizenship ceremony on Friday 25th February.

There will be an Australia Day open day between 10:00am to 1:00pm on Saturday 26th January, open to everybody at the Millennium Esplanade, Tannum Sands.

The next morning melodies will be held on Tuesday 20th February. Darren Coggan will be remembering all the hits of Cat Stevens.

Coming up later in the year will be "Spellbound" a night of Magic and Grand Illusion.

"The Robertson Brothers" and "Creedance Clearwater Revival" "Anh Do" and the "Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow" will also be visiting our fair city – a very interesting year is planned.

Gladstone Cinemas have an interesting range of movies for all the family to enjoy.

"Wonka" the early years was very entertaining.

Other films include "Wish", "Kids Migration" and "2D Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom" just to name a few.

Gladstone Art Gallery has some interesting exhibitions closing soon.

"Marty Hanson" closes on 27th January.

"Moments in Time" opens on the 20th February – this is an interesting look at Gladstone History.

"Celebrating Australia 2024" is a colourful display of who or what makes Australia Great through the eyes of our local primary school children.

TOUR INFORMATION

From Tour Officer: Barbara

Hello Members,

Our 2024 Tour to Perth and surrounds in WA.

Suggested timeline is Spring for flowers and kind weather.

Raymond from Departure Point will be back at work Monday 15th January to continue working to coordinate this Tour for us all.

We have invited him to speak at our February meeting to outline to proposed itinerary.

I am requesting that any members wanting to take advantage of the Indian Pacific Rail adventure either going over or coming home, please let me know your wishes so that we can book you in. the added cost is around \$2500.00. if this is on your bucket list – take advantage of it.

Welcome back to another great year with National Seniors Gladstone Branch.

Yours in travel BarbK

AROUND THE TRAPS, continued

The Rotary markets at Tondoon Gardens will be held on Sunday 18th February 7:00am – 1:00pm

Calliope markets will be held on Sunday 10th March, 8:00am – 12noon.

"Oue Priceless Past" is now on display at the Gladstone Library.

Please note:, Centrelink and Medicare are now located near Spotlight at the Night Owl Centre. You will need to make an appointment.

Committee Members

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Branch Meetings are held at:

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Third Tuesday of the month at 9am for 9:45am.

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