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CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND MEETING WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER

BRUNSWICK HOTEL, 11am to meet, mingle and enjoy your included drink, and a short meeting. **12md** to be seated and ready to eat!

\$40 (subsidised by your NSA Branch) includes a drink of your choice.

Main – turkey, ham, roast veges, greens, and yes, there will be prawns!!

Dessert – alternate drops of Pavlova and Christmas pudding.

As usual, Santa will be distributing gifts to all. **Please bring a gift to the value of \$10**, wrapped in blue if you're a bloke/gentleman, pink if you're a chick/lady.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Merry Christmas, everyone!

We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Christmas lunch at the Brunswick on the 6th December. We will ask you to arrive at 11am so that you can sign in, buy raffle tickets and those who need to pay for their lunch, can do so. Tickets will be handed out for a complimentary drink. Then you can make your way down to the dining room to mingle and chat, and we will start formal proceedings at about 11.30am.

We have invited Cr. Vicki Howard, The Hon. Grace Grace, and Stephen Bates MP to join us for a drink if their busy schedules allow. Grace Grace will speak to you for a few minutes about something she is sure will be of interest to you, and lunch will follow at

about 12noon.

Dell has worked hard recently organising some amazing prizes for our raffle. Please buy as many tickets as you can afford so that you stand a good chance of going home with a lovely surprise! The raffle will be drawn at appropriate moments through lunch.

Carolina has created a new initiative for well-being. As well as sending cards if necessary, she has devised her own design for a personal text message to wish you well. So much speedier than snail mail! It is immediate and personal. Thank you, Carolina!

Thinking ahead to a great start for next year, our renowned Chefs Pat and Margaret, together with super Sommeliers Graeme and Carolina, will be organising our BBQ Brunch on Friday 19th January, 9.30 for 10am, so look out for details.

So, it's all happening at National Seniors, New Farm Branch! Stay with us and enjoy the camaraderie and all we have to offer next year as well. Take care of yourselves, stay cool and hydrated in the hot weather, and please look out for others too.

My very best wishes to you all for Christmas and the New Year.

Anne.



<- Ben Clements entertained us with guitar and song at the November meeting. Beatles, Eagles etc.,

-> The new office manager from Grace Grace's office, **Larissa**, came to visit, and brought the very popular notepads, bags and pens to the meeting. Not to



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Brunswick Hotel manager, Paul, nominated us as one of the hotel charities for this year. Sale of plant cuttings adds to the donations. A huge thanks to Paul and ALH Hotels group for their support.



NOVEMBER LOLA DAY saw us travelling to **Mudgeeraba** by train and bus... an adventure! Not surprisingly, a lot of shopping seemed to happen.

Joan, Alison, Carolina, Graeme, Trish, Jan, Teresa, Ken, Di, Carolyn, Eileen, David, Jenny, Drina.

November lunch at Italian Street Kitchen, Gasworks, on a VERY hot day!
Graeme, Carolina, Drina, Frances, Geoff, Dell, Francesca, Paul, Cadji, Elly, Ken, Jenny, Anne.



Wife said, "Take \$30 and buy a Christmas nativity scene. The rest you can spend on beer"



IT'S ALMOST TIME to switch from your regular anxiety to your fancy CHRISTMAS anxiety

DECEMBER/JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

December - Margaret Cowell Elly Desouza Di Gage Frances Jacobson
Graeme Kidd Francesca Munro Ann Seery
January - Carla Garrette Vicki Howard Dell Marshall Margaret Morrissey
William Norfolk Judith Powell Michele Raineri Paul Spottiswood Jan Wilke



NOVEMBER MEETING RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

The Bakeologists \$50 voucher (Grace Grace MP): Di Gage (twice in a row? Seriously??)
Brunswick Hotel \$30 Food & Drink Voucher: Anne Stubbington
Savour \$50 Voucher (Cr Vicki Howard): Gordon Rothe
Lucky Door Prize (NF Cinema tickets): Anna Bober
KeepCup, Tumbler: Margaret Gourdie, Danielle Ellis

WELFARE

Please notify **Carolina Kidd** of any member that you know who is ill or injured, so that we can give our support where needed. **0418 735 266**

Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year. - Victor Borge

The main reason that Santa is so jolly is because he knows where all the bad girls live.

How is Christmas exactly like your job? You do all the work and some fat guy in a suit gets all the credit.

ACTIVITIES & DATE CLAIMERS for NSA NEW FARM Branch



BBQ and BUBBLES in NEW FARM PARK
Friday 19th Jan, 9.30 for 10am.

As usual, bring a hat, water, and sunscreen.
If you are driving, perhaps bring a few fold-up chairs, if you can.



LOLA DAYS – DIFFERENT DAYS FOR DIFFERENT PEOPLE

FRIDAY 2nd FEBRUARY – Trip to Bribie Island.

Meet at Uniting Church, 52 Merthyr Rd at 8.45am. Cost \$45

WEDNESDAY 14th FEBRUARY – The Wheel at South Bank. Cost \$12

Meet at the Wheel at 10.30am. Hint: Take the CityCat as it is closer.

Please contact Diane on 0438 596 798 or Trish on 0410404528



OUT AND ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY



KING GEORGE SQUARE, BRISBANE CITY 1 DEC 2023, 6:20 PM

It's that time of year once again!

A standout event during Brisbane's annual festive celebrations is approaching—the Lord Mayor's Lighting of the Christmas Tree, proudly presented by The Lott by Golden Casket.

The festivities will include live musical performances of cherished Christmas tunes, including a special performance by **Dami Im**, as Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner illuminates the impressive 22-metre tree—

marking the beginning of the Christmas festivities in Brisbane!

The festivities kick-off from 6:20pm on Friday 1 December – get in early and plan your visit here.

The Christmas Tree will remain in King George Square, providing an opportunity for everyone to snap photos and enjoy the festive season in The City.

NEW FARM CINEMAS

ONE LIFE TUE 26 DEC

Biography. Directed by James Hawes. Starring Johnny Flynn, Marthe Keller, Anthony Hopkins, Romola Garai, Jonathan Pryce, Helena Bonham Carter, Lena Olin

Follows British humanitarian Nicholas Winton, who helped save hundreds of children from the Nazis on the eve of World War II.



TWO TICKETS TO GREECE TUE 26 DEC

An out-and-out crowd-pleaser, a breezily delightful tale of female camaraderie, stoked by laughter, tears and, of course, great scenery.

REVISIT YOUR YOUTH THIS CHRISTMAS . . .

. . . with former secretary Dani Ellis's coming-of-age novel set in a time when people went to 'the pictures,' and milk was delivered to the door in bottles in the early hours of the morning.

Tara Mahoney, a budding artist, has fallen for Joe Gordon, whose ambition is to make it in international music. Marriage at twenty-two will ruin his chances (and Tara's) for a career in the arts.

As Dara and Joe wrestle with the choice between marriage and their careers, Doug Jarratt and Tara's best friend Cass Clayton's romances with international students are crushed by institutionalised racism just as opposition to the White Australia Policy is growing. Doug, whose hopes were blighted by the return to India of the woman he loved, has to choose between his career and blowing the whistle

on the indignities he sees every day in his job on Cherbourg Aboriginal Reserve. What will they do? Available in real life from Avid Bookstore, West End, State Library of Qld Bookshop, and New Editions, Merthyr Village Shopping Centre, New Farm. Also, online at

<https://books2read.com/u/mVapMp>

Is it about Lamb House? No. Dani's US designer loved the photo so much he insisted on using it for the cover, even though Lamb House doesn't appear in the book at all.



LORD MAYOR'S CITY HALL CONCERTS recommence in February..

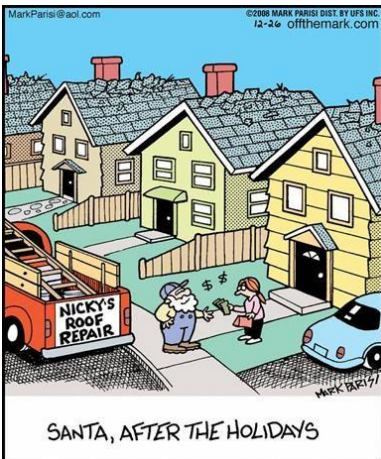
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Do remember to update any changes to details with Jenny Milner. Emergency contacts need to be current.



My kids say they want a cat for Christmas.
Normally I do a turkey but hey, if it'll make 'em happy...



And for the new year....

