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MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 6th MARCH at Brunswick Hotel, 569 Brunswick St, New Farm.
Morning tea will be from 9:15am to 10:00am, meeting follows.
SPEAKER - Chris Grice. CEO National Seniors Australia
New Farm Branch 34th ANNIVERSARY (with cake!!)



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Happy Anniversary! The New Farm Branch is 34 years old this year which we will be celebrating at our General Meeting on 6th March with a special morning tea. Our thanks must go to **Grace Grace MP** who has generously offered to cover the cost of the cake but who unfortunately cannot be with us as she will be in State Parliament. I am delighted to announce that our speaker will be **Chris Grice**, who was recently appointed **Chief Executive Officer of National Seniors Australia**. We offer him our congratulations and welcome him back to our branch. I am looking forward to his talk with interest. Then, to round off a very special morning, **Caji De Souza** will share some Member Memories.

I would like to thank Carolina Kidd for her recent work as the Well-Being member on the committee. She has brought a fresh way of managing the role and we appreciate her contribution. However, at the moment she is not enjoying the best of health and has decided to step down from the position, a decision we have reluctantly agreed to accept. We hope she feels better soon. Graeme Kidd has offered to take your calls if you know of anyone who is not well, and he will pass them on to Jenny and me.

And last but by no means least, I must acknowledge how much we enjoyed the talk given by our Guest Speaker last month, **Roly Sussex**. A gifted academic, Roly enthralled us by tracing how, over the course of time, the English language had become the Australian language, with words and phrases and a nuance all of its own. He actually has talks prepared on seven topics, so I think it might be a good idea to ask him to come back again next year. Let me know what you think.

There is still more hot weather and humidity to come, apparently, so stay as cool and hydrated as you can. Take care and look out for one another. I look forward to celebrating our branch birthday with you soon.

Anne Stubbington, President.

BRIBIE ISLAND BUS TRIP IN FEBRUARY

Frances with birthday people – Dell (80), and David, who turned 85 on the day! -->



← Driver Peter, Graeme and Carolina, Margaret, Trish, Di, David, Eileen, Ken, Jan, Dell, and Jenny.

Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity



FEBRUARY MEETING - Anne with the politicians – Cr Vicki Howard, State MP Grace Grace, and BCC Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner.

Anne with guest speaker Roly Sussex. His talk on Australian English was so informative, and entertaining!

FEBRUARY DINNER



Di, Dell, Anne, Eileen, Greg, Elly, Paul →

← Dell's scraped plate tells you how good the slow-cooked lamb shank was!

Meanwhile, Ann is envying Drina's saffron ice cream!



FEBRUARY MEETING RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

The Bakeologists \$50 voucher (Grace Grace MP): Paul
 Brunswick Hotel \$30 Food & Drink Voucher: Margaret G
 Savour \$50 Voucher (Cr Vicki Howard): Judy (an extra birthday present!)
 Lucky Door Prize (NF Cinema tickets): Delilah

After Roly Sussex's talk, this seemed appropriate!

The following are results from an OZ-words Competition where entrants were asked to take an Australian word, alter it by one letter only, and supply a witty definition. Clearly, you need to be an Aussie to understand.

- Billabonk:** to make passionate love beside a waterhole
- Bludgie:** a partner who doesn't work, but is kept as a pet
- Dodgeridoo:** a fake indigenous artefact
- Fair drinkum:** good-quality Aussie wine
- Flatypus:** a cat that has been run over by a vehicle
- Mateshit:** all your flat mate's belongings, lying strewn around the floor
- Shagman:** an unemployed male, roaming the Australian bush in search of sexual activity
- Yabble:** the unintelligible language of Australian freshwater crustaceans
- Bushwanker:** a pretentious drongo, who reckons he's above average when it comes to handling himself in the scrub
- Crackie-daks:** 'hipster' tracksuit pants.

**Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
 Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.**

FAREWELL

In the last months of 2023, we had to say "Farewell" to two couples who have been valued long-term members of our New Farm Branch.

Irene Ryan, and her husband Steve, have decided to focus on the activities in their new abode at Coorparoo. Their Village provides many varied opportunities to get involved and meet new people.

Irene was a President of our Branch in the past, and has been a member for 16 years. Her organisational skills and articulate management will always be remembered. Her Presidency produced strong leadership and a number of good management systems for our Branch at the time.



We will also miss **Carmel and Peter Casey**, who have also moved their residence and lifestyle choices, after an amazing 22 years as members of NSA New Farm Branch. Carmel was our Secretary for a number of years, and carried out the role with great calm and efficiency.

We will certainly be sad to not see these four people at our meetings and events. They have all been volunteers in many ways for a long time, even after their important Committee roles had ended. We wish them good health and happiness, and hope that they will come back to visit us whenever they wish.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

**Robyn DARLING Beverly JOHNSTON Eileen MARTIN Carolyn REDMOND
Greg RUSSELL Joan SIMPSON**



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. **PHONE 0418 735 266**

ACTIVITIES & DATE CLAIMERS for NSA NEW FARM Branch

THE BRUNSWICK STREET BOOK CLUB

Tuesday 12th MARCH at 2pm at the Brunswick Hotel.

The book for **MARCH** is THE PERSONAL LIBRARIAN by Marie Benedict, Victoria Murray

If you are interested, give Dani a call on 33585908 or email her at

danielledevalera@gmail.com

Members are welcome to purchase a delicious lunch in the bistro beforehand to set themselves up for the meeting. Coffee is also available.



LUNCH

Thursday 21st MARCH at 12md

BISOU BISOU, in Hotel X, 458 Brunswick Street, Fortitude Valley.

\$25 lunch special, or order a la carte

Please advise Frances Munro on **0422489406** if attending or cancelling.



LOLA DAYS – DIFFERENT DAYS FOR DIFFERENT PEOPLE

FRIDAY 15th MARCH – Coomera Shopping Centre

Meet at Discount Chemist, bus stop 36, at 9am.

Please contact Diane on 0438 596 798 or Trish on 0410404528 re these outings.



The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something correct, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish, and he will sit in a boat all day drinking beer.

OUT AND ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY



NEW FARM LIBRARY

FIRST FRIDAY BOOK CLUB Fri 2nd MARCH 10:00am
In MARCH, read and discuss **Paper Palace** by Miranda Cowley Haller
New members welcome. Bookings NOT required. Free.

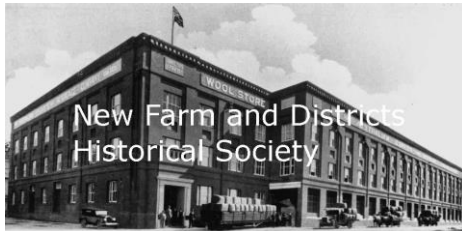


INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY MOVIE FRIDAY 8TH MARCH 10AM -12MD.

Celebrate incredible achievements of explorer, writer and cartographer Gertrude Bell with the screening of **QUEEN OF THE DESERT** with Nicloe Kidman and Robert Pattinson.

NEW FARM AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SAT 23 MARCH AT UNITING CHURCH, 52 MERTHYR RD, NEW FARM.



New Farm and Districts
Historical Society

TradeCoast Central Heritage Park is at the heart of three heritage sites at the location of Brisbane's former Eagle Farm Airport. **Bob Tucker from the Interpretive Centre** there, will



tell us about the heritage-listed convict era Women's Prison and Factory Site, the World War Two Allison Engine Testing Stands and Hangar 7, the igloo-shaped building where diligent intelligence work on Japanese aircraft cracked the secrets of the Zero fighter plane, giving the Allies ascendancy in the air over the Pacific.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, 9 March, 10am Historical Tour – **Princess Theatre Tour**. Guide: Robert Allen
Saturday, 23 March, 8.30am Walking Tour: **Heart of New Far**. Tour Guide: Gerard Benjamin

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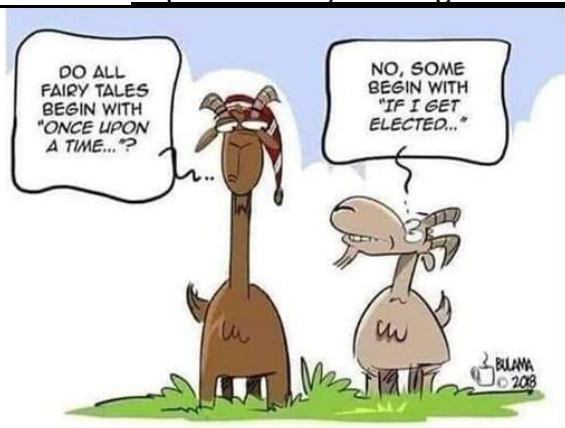
Performance dates – Friday and Saturday nights
1, 2, 15, 16, 22, 23 March 2024

Matinee – 16 March 2024

In 1955, Lux Radio Theatre broadcast a new adaptation of H.G. Wells' novel *The War Of The Worlds*. Not to be confused with the more notorious 1938 version narrated by Orson Welles, this version was inspired by the 1953 feature film and brought larger than life characters to the beloved science-fiction tale. Nash Theatre is excited to bring the



thrills, chills and rollicking pace of this classic to the stage for our annual radio play. Directed by Jason Nash <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1147773>



NEW FARM CINEMAS ^{SIX}

WICKED LITTLE LETTERS

Starring Gemma Jones, Jessie Buckley, Eileen Atkins, Olivia Colman, Anjana Vasan, Joanna Scanlan, Malachi Kirby, Lolly Adefope, Timothy Spall

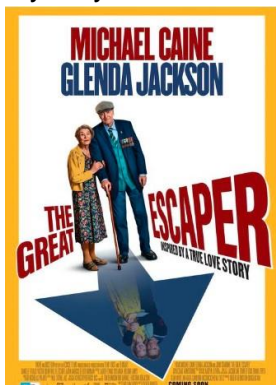
When people in Littlehampton start receiving scandalous and obscene letters, suspicion immediately falls on fiery Rose, who might lose the custody of her daughter. A group of women set out to solve the mystery.



THE GREAT ESCAPER

The biographical drama follows the remarkable true story of a war veteran who makes a dash across the channel for the D-Day celebrations.

The summer of 2014 marked the 70th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings – octogenarian Bernie Jordan (Michael Caine – who retired last year at the age of 90) made global headlines as he staged a “great escape” from his care home to join fellow war veterans on a beach in Normandy, commemorating their fallen comrades. It was a story that captured the imagination of the world. Bernie seemed to embody the defiant “can-do” spirit of a generation that was fast disappearing. Bernie’s Big Adventure only spanned a mere 48 hours, but it also marked the culmination of his 60-year marriage to Rene (played by Glenda Jackson, who died shortly after production concluded) – the story celebrates their love with a touching sincerity.



LORD MAYOR'S CITY HALL CONCERTS:

Tue 5th MARCH 12:00pm to 1:00pm - For the Love of Tony: A Tribute to Tony Bennett.

Acclaimed Australian Vocalist, Chris Lloyds, accompanied by the Jamie Rigg Band takes the audience on a musical journey celebrating the iconic songs and life of Tony Bennett. This show features timeless standards that will take the audience on an unforgettable journey of heartfelt stories and classic melodies, including 'I Left My Heart In San Francisco', 'The Shadow of Your Smile', and 'Stranger In Paradise'.



Tues 12th MARCH 12:00pm to 1:00pm - GUANACO TRIO.

Guanaco Trio, an Argentine folkloric instrumental project, weaves original compositions and traditional melodies into a virtuosic performance. Laura Urteaga (violin), Owen Henry Salomé (bandoneón), and Benjamin Aedo (guitar) present their debut album Bajo un Mismo Cielo (Under the Same Sky), released in February 2023 under Shagrada Medra.

Formed in 2020 at the Bachelor of Argentine Music program, their deep passion for Argentina's folk music has graced stages across Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Europe, receiving the 2022 Argentina Florece grant from Instituto Nacional de la Musica (INAMU), enabling them to record their debut album at Estudios ION, Buenos Aires..

Tues 19th MARCH 12:00pm to 1:00pm - Down in Hollywood: DANA GEHRMAN BAND PRESENTS A TRIBUTE TO LITTLE FEAT.

Brisbane-based guitar-slinger and singer, Dana Gehrman, delivers nostalgia with her latest album, 'Down in Hollywood'. Paying tribute to the great song writing of legendary band Little Feat, this Lord Mayor's City Hall Concert will feature songs from their 1969-1979 period including; 'Willin', 'Roll Um Easy' and 'Easy To Slip'.

Drawing inspiration from the 70's West Coast music era, Gehrman blends soul, funk, rock and blues, while showcasing unfaltering vocals. Following the success of her debut album 'Find A Way', Gehrman has shared stages with renowned artists such as Tim Rogers (You Am I) and Mick Thomas (Weddings, Parties, Anything).

Tue 26th MARCH 12:00pm to 1:00pm – RMT'S TRIBUTE MADE IN THE UK.

RMT's Tribute Made in the UK, pays homage to British music legends including Andrew Lloyd Webber, The Beatles, Elton John, The Spice Girls, Adele, Robbie Williams, Rowan Atkinson and Monty Python.

This unique variety concert combines the best of British music theatre, pop, rock, traditional music and comedy. Experience the essence of the Royal Variety Performance. So, make sure to wear your pearls, wave a Union Jack flag, and join us for an unforgettable British musical journey.

My coffee cup reminding me why I shouldn't have a donut with it. 😂



Last night I ordered a glass of wine with dinner.



The waiter asked to see my ID. I asked, "Do I look too young to drink?"

"No," he said. "I was checking to see if you qualified for the senior citizen discount."

NEW FARM BRANCH COMMITTEE AND ASSISTANTS FROM SEPTEMBER 2023

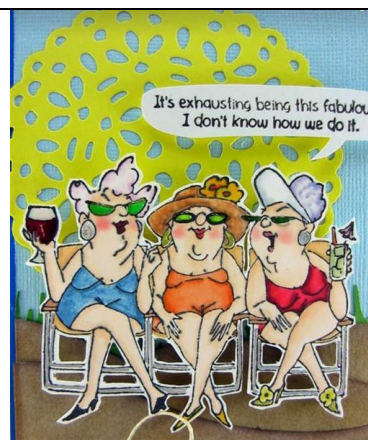
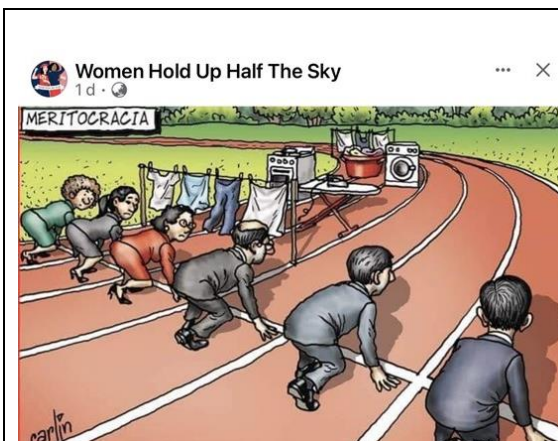
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Weird that we don't see more pants on fire..

How ironic: hippopotomonstrosesquipedaliophobia is the fear of long words. True. Check it out.



FRIENDSHIP is when people know all about you, but like you anyway.

Bagpipes sound exactly the same when you have finished learning them as when you start.

I choked on a carrot this morning, and all I could think of was, "I'll bet a doughnut wouldn't have done this to me."

