

August 2019

Good Morning,

It is lovely to feel some warmer morning, but for some reason not sure if it will last.

Well the big day has arrived – our AGM is being conducted today and all positions will be declared.

We have some members continuing in their role, but it would be lovely to have some fresh “Blood” on the Committee.

The Committee are always trying to make your day with the group interesting. If anybody has any ideas in regards to speakers, please give me details.

It was lovely of Geoff to do an impromptu speech at the last meeting, due to the guest speaker letting us down so badly.

It would be lovely if anybody else would like to speak about their travels abroad or local as well. Please come and have a chat with me.

Email: nsagladstonebranch@gmail.com

..... Larney

TODAY'S GUEST SPEAKER

Darryl Branthwaite

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Pauline Bambling; Cheryl Bensted; Gary Connell; Inday Dunnett; Bev Ellem; Noela French; Jennifer Hinde; Robin Hunt; Val Jones; Liz Keating; Ian Learmonth; Beth Long; Suzanne Mackay; Fay McPherson; Janice Milic; Margaret Priddey; Keith Prowse; Christine Pugh; Annette Rowe; Ailsa Stitt; Edna Stokes; Anne Storey; Patricia Ward; Margaret Watson.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

Fred and Andrea Jones; Mary Ann and John Smith..

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

If we don't stand for something, we'll fall for everything.

A LITTLE HUMOUR

A man buys a parrot and brings him home for company, but he starts insulting him and gets really nasty, so the man put the parrot in the freezer to teach him a lesson. The parrot squawks for a few minutes, then suddenly is quiet. The man opens the freezer, the parrot walks out, looks up at him and says, "I apologize for offending you, and I humbly ask your forgiveness."

The man, replies, "Well, thank you. I forgive you."

The parrot then says, "If you don't mind my asking, what did the chicken do?"

I called the incontinence hotline ... They asked, "Can you HOLD, please".

Instead of "the John", I call my bathroom, "the Jim". That way it sounds better when I tell people I go to "the Jim" first thing in the morning!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

From Activities Officer: Pauline

Good morning everyone,
TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER—GLADSTONE
BOTANIC GARDENS- A SPRING MORNING TEA.
9.30AM COST \$15.00

An opportunity to dress in your pretty spring outfits.

MURIEL'S WEDDING – LYRIC THEATRE,
BRISBANE. 8-9-10 OCTOBER.

As we haven't enough members to go by coach we are trying something different.

We are now going by train where members can use their pension passes or Senior discount.

The new format is departing on the Tilt Train on 8th October. Our accommodation is at the Park Regis, Nth Quay.

The costing of this is \$400.00 (single \$575.00) for those who have passes, about another \$70.00 if passes have been used or Senior fare, bed and breakfast at the Park Regis, and theatre ticket.

Other meals at own cost. There is a restaurant at the hotel and I will have details today about the meals available. I am sure anyone who doesn't want to walk would have no trouble in getting a maxi taxi to the theatre. With a lot to look at South Bank and many food areas we could go over there in the morning, if you have finished shopping in the Queen Street Mall. I know that this is a new concept but those whom I have spoken to are quite looking forward to the train travel. I need definite numbers today as the unused tickets being held by Departure Point need to be returned to the Theatre. Monies will also have to be finalized by 6th September. Thank you.

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GLADSTONE GADABOUTS

From Publicity Officer: Judy

On a 9 degrees morning in my kitchen on Friday 19th July, 62 rugged up young ones boarded a 7:30am bus or a small carrier driven by Trevor Heard and headed for Fern's Hideaway north of Yeppoon. Stopped off at Rockhampton Botanical Gardens for our obligatory scones, jam & cream washed down with a favourite warm beverage, then off to FERN'S.

Friendly welcoming faces greeted us.

All chose their preferred seat at the tables then many went walk-about viewing the peaceful surrounds. When getting to the creek I was disappointed with myself for forgetting to ask at reception for a paddle to enable Lurleen and I to canoe on the creek. Had to be satisfied with a 4 in group photo instead.

Lunch of turkey, ham and 5 veg followed by apple crumble & ice cream or plum pudding & custard was yummy, washed down with as many cuppas or wines as one wished. (Wines had to be paid for)

All the time we were entertained by John the singer guitarist and his Bongo drummer John. Many joined in singing, and or dancing. Well done to those ladies and one gentleman who dressed Christmassy and paraded for our Christmas in July outing. Congrats Norma Smith, Judy Finlay and our Christmas Elf, Leah Hall, who were judged Best Dressed. Oh! And not to forget the one & only Trevor Heard who flew the male flag. We were farewelled by John & his wife who seemed sad to see us go.

Both were overwhelmed by how "Happy a crowd" we were and shared how much they enjoyed having us visit.

Travelled home via Farnborough along the beach front and through Yeppoon who were preparing for their triathlon being held on the Saturday.

Thank You Pauline Bambling for another great Nat.Snrs' days' outing.

Judy A.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES Continued

CHRISTMAS DINNER
28 NOVEMBER, YARALLA CLUB.

APPLE AND GRAPE FESTIVAL STANTHORPE –
6, 7, 8, 9 MARCH 2020.

I do not have any further information on deposits as Raymond has had a family matter and been out of the office.

Hopefully they get some much-needed rain or the festival may not go ahead, as they, like a lot of other areas, are very very short of water. I will have more news next meeting.

PAULINE

TOUR INFORMATION

From Tour Officer: Barbara

Hi Members

We now have 50 "expressions of interest" in the 2020 tour to the South Island of New Zealand. Should the numbers continue to grow - we may consider 2 tour groups.

The travel dates are not set, airlines have not confirmed any costings. We have identified suitable coach travel & some of the accommodation venues. Thank you for your continued support to our wonderful travel experiences with Gladstone National Seniors.

Barb K

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

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