

Centenary Seniors Branch Christmas Edition Newsletter December 2024

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR

Merry Christmas everyone – do you feel that Christmases are very close together of late? I really hope you have a wonderful day today. Anne and I have put quite some effort into making this day very special, as far as the club goes, it could well be the last. Join in, let your hair down, and hopefully you'll go home with a prize that you didn't know you couldn't survive without.

It has been a tricky year but I would like to give special thanks to all those members that have served in committee positions – the pay is not great, and the rewards are few, but you have contributed in a major way to keeping the club running effectively. Since the AGM, special thanks to Ann Tupicoff, Steve Haycock and in particular to Anne Munro who puts in much more than 100%.

One of our first day trips this year was to see the goats at "Naughty Little Kids" perhaps that was a sign of what was to come. We have had some magical trips this year at greatly reduced prices, thank you Transit Care. The Jacaranda Cruise, in October, was exceptional. The Charleville holiday, by Allan Foster, simply grand and Xmas in July was lots of fun – if there is a future, I think we should ask for a few less "on & off" the bus: it has to do with knees and also having to count every time.

We have enjoyed some wonderful speakers and entertainers this past year, Doctor Gomes and his Heart Care Buses being an absolute standout, Terry Scott is always enjoyed by most of us, and the presentation of "25 year pins" by Sarah Hutton just goes to prove how long the members have been attending, and/or have been members.

I take this opportunity to thank you, the members, for your support throughout the year, I've said it before, the committee, however limited in numbers, is here for you – you have to tell us what you want and then you have to participate: at this point in our lives we are in it for fun and enjoyment.

Merry Christmas, everyone, keep safe, healthy and happy.

Bev Hocker - President



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Birth flowers are Narcissus and Holly
Birthstone is Blue Topaz



MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO

Barbara Allan, Steven Haycock, Patricia Healey, Jennifer Luttrell (80), Doreen Nichols (90), Jacqueline Swann, Noela Webb (90) and Cheryl Williams.

You are either
Sagittarius (The Archer) those born
between November 22 and December 21



or Capricorn (The Goat) those born
between December 22 and January 19



Some Famous people born in December:

Taylor Swift, Beethoven, Frank Sinatra, Walt Disney, Maggie Smith, Nostradamus, Howard Hughes, Judi Dench, Nero, Versace, Anthony Hopkins, Kim Basinger, Emily Dickinson and Jane Fonda.

Best wishes are extended to all our valued members celebrating birthdays we hope you have a wonderful day.

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

Include a variety of customs, religious practices, rituals and folklore associated with the celebration of Christmas. Some popular customs and traditions:

- Exchanging gifts
- Decorating Christmas trees
- Attending church
- Sharing meals with family and friends
- Waiting for Santa Claus to arrive



Christmas traditions from around the world

- Hanging Advent calendars in Germany
- Decorating fir trees in Europe
- Colombia - Noche de las Velitas (Day of Little Candles) on Dec 8. People light candles and lanterns, making wishes and spending time with family and friends.
- Ethiopia celebrates Christmas on January 7
- Giving poinsettias in Mexico
- Guatemala - La Quema del Diablo on Dec 7. The event marks the beginning of the Christmas Season and is associated with the Feast of The Immaculate Conception.
- Midnight mass in Rome
- Québec - Réveillon de Noël celebrated on Christmas Eve. A festive meal that brings families together to enjoy a lavish feast after attending midnight mass.



POPULAR CHRISTMAS FOODS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Canada, US & UK

Roast Turkey with all the fixings.



Panettone Milan, Italy



Germany - Christollen (Stollen)



Christmas Pudding - UK



Latin American Countries including Mexico - Tamales



Sauerbraten - Germany Marinated roast meat & Gravy



CHRISTMAS JOKES AND GAMES

The four stages of life

**You believe in Santa Clause
You don't believe in Santa Clause
You dress up like Santa Clause
You look like Santa Clause**



Christmas Jokes



- What happened to the man who stole an Advent calendar? He got 25 days.
- Who hides in a bakery at Christmas? A mince spy.
- What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations? Tinselitis.
- What's the best Christmas present? A broken drum - you just can't beat it.
- What do angry mice send each other at Christmas? Cross mouse cards.
- Who beats his chest and swings from Christmas cake to Christmas cake? Tarpizan.

LuffGolf.com

**Why did Santa go to the podiatrist?
He had mistletoes.**

**Why don't Santas elves like to share?
They are elfish**

**What do you give your parents for Christmas?
A list of everything you want**

**How does Santa avoid getting sick before Christmas?
He uses Santa-tizer**

**What do you get when you cross a Snowman with a vampire?
Frostbite**

CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

Y Y I C A S S A N T A V P E A C E R
O R J F H G R E E T I N G S Q E H E
I O O L N R U W N K H O W H L L H I
B M L C H E I P S G C H I M N E Y N
E G L A E F R S N G T Q K O L B I D
L F Y R T A G I T K I B R E E R B E
L S T D T B L S F M X V R L W A D E
S N Y S B O O O U N A T I V I T Y R
C H E E R B M E R R Y S O E P E W X
K H Y A C A N D L E S J N S G T C D
A A C Z K G Y I W D E C E M B E R Z

BELLS	CANDLES	CARDS	CAROLING
CELEBRATE	CHEER	CHIMNEY	CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER	ELVES	GIVING	GREETINGS
JOLLY	MERRY	NATIVITY	PEACE
REINDEER	SANTA	STAR	TREE

Did you know?

There are about one trillion web pages on the internet.

Did you know?

Freddo Frogs were invented in 1930 by Victorian confectionery company MacRobertson's.

Did you know?

More wine is drunk per head in Vatican City than any other country on Earth.

Did you know?

Tim Tams were named when Ross Arnott of Arnott's Biscuits saw Tim Tam win the 1958 Kentucky Derby.

Did you know?

The world wastes about 1 billion metric tons of food each year.

Did you know?

Barbie is just the doll's nickname. Her full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts.

Easy Rum Balls

1 pkt mixed fruit (depending on size of cherries cut cherries, might need to cut them smaller)

1 extra pk cherries cut into quarters

Soak in rum for at least 2 hours

450g or 2 plain sponges from supermarket crumbled to fine sand.

Add 1 tin condensed milk

Sift in 3-tab cocoa

Add 1 cup desiccated coconut – will need extra for coating

Add soaked mixed fruit.

Mix well

Will be a wettish mix. Will firm up in refrigerator.



Roll into balls with palm of hand and roll in extra coconut.

Store in fridge for a long as possible to firm up.

Deconstructed Pavlova Board



CALENDAR DECEMBER 2024

Monday 2nd	Steady Steps	9.15am	Centenary Uniting Church Hall	\$8
Tuesday 3rd	CLUB XMAS PARTY	11.00am	Westside HQ Corinda	Free
Wednesday 4th	LORD MAYOR XMAS	9 – 11.30	City Hall	Free
Thursday 5th	Mahjong	9-12noon	Mt Ommaney Library	
Friday 6th	LORD MAYOR XMAS	9 – 11.30	City Hall	Free
Monday 9th	Steady Steps	9.15am	Centenary Uniting Church Hall	\$8
Thursday 12th	Mahjong	9-12noon	Mt Ommaney Library	
Monday 16 th	Steady Steps	9.15am	Centenary Uniting Church Hall	\$8
Thursday 19th	Lunch	11.30am	Monier Hotel	
Thursday 19th	Mahjong	9-12noon	Monier Hotel	
Wednesday 25 th	MERRY XMAS	All day		
Tuesday 31st	HAPPY NEW YEAR'S EVE	All day		
Wednesday 1 st	HAPPY NEW YEAR	Midnight		

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