

February 2019

Good Morning,
Wow what a year our Activities Officer and Tour Officer have planned for us.
We have a large variety of trips to choose from and also into the bargain we have to select some for 2020. A big shout out to Roy & Val Jones who were nominated in the Volunteer of the Year Australia Day awards, they missed out unfortunately, but what a lovely thing to happen to them, Well done to you both

I invite any member who would like to promote an event/club/volunteer role that they are involved in, to please send through details as soon as possible so they can be included in the newsletters.
We now have a branch email address, if you wish to send any information please use this email address.

Email: nsagladstonebranch@gmail.com

TODAY'S GUEST SPEAKER

Bruce Hunt – We raised a substantial amount to assist in the Rotary drought appeal. Bruce is going to outline how the money was distributed and used. to assist the farmers

TODAY'S 5 MINUTE SPEAKER

Trevor Heard has been invited to speak about the new Gladstone Branch Website.

FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Meg Armitage, Ross Armitage, Lyn Band, Marcia Bonney, Leonard Dennis, Arthur Dumbleton, Terry Freyling, Trevor Heard, Heather Hertz, Robyn Knopke, Graham Martin, Olive Mellor, Jean Muller, Bill Scarborough, Joan Sutton, Wesley Walker.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

Bev & Noel Bowley, Graham & Pat Howard, Maurie & Pat Ward, Colleen & Kevin Wilson, Dick & Carlene Woolcock.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Purpose is what gives life meaning.

A LITTLE HUMOUR

A new wife was trying to fathom the mysteries of the game that occupies much of her husband's time.

"What is a handicapped golfer?" she asked.

"One who plays with his boss," he replied.

Women are cunning golfers:

They shout "fore", hit a 7, and score a 3.

"What do you think of my game?" the enthusiastic golfer asked his friend.

"It's OK, I guess," replied the friend, "but I still prefer golf."

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

From Activities Officer: Pauline

Thanks to the 67 members who attended the Harvey Road Tavern on the 4th for lunch. This is the largest crowd to attend since we started it in 2015

TUESDAY 5TH MARCH – EMU PARK YEPPOON ROCKHAMPTON

Depart Phillip Street bus stop 7.00am-return 5.30pm. There are 71 members going at present. I have the menu for our lunch at the Sailing Club Yeppoon, so please see me today to make your choice.

TUESDAY 30TH APRIL – CAPRICORN CAVES

Cost to be approx \$80pp depending on numbers.

Depart Gladstone 7.00am, morning tea at Rocky Botanic Gardens 9.00am, arrive at the caves 11.00am. Cave Tour etc – then 12.30pm lunch catered for by the Caves. Depart approximately 1.30pm. I am looking at maybe stopping at the Kershaw Gardens on our way back.

Arrive back 5.00pm – 5.30pm

Now that Stonestreets won't have coaches in Gladstone anymore I have been able to hire Norths Coaches from Rockhampton for much the same price with John probably the driver.

I have booked ferns Hideaway for +Christmas in July+ on Friday 19th July. Information and sheets at the **MAY** meeting.

Expressions of interest – Stanthorpe Apple & Grape Festival 7-8 March 2020. Accom. is available at Warwick only. We need to book now if we can muster enough interest. We would need at least 40 people to make the trip viable. It would be for 4 days and 3 nights. I'll have a sheet available **today** for submissions of interest.

Pauline

AROUND THE TRAPS

- An old time dance will be held at the Benaraby Hall on the first Friday night of each month from 8:00pm. Entry is \$5.00 per person with a nice supper included. Raffles, chocolate waltzes and Monte Carlo waltzes are held during the dance. If you need any further info, Roy and Val Jones can help out.
- Rotary Markets K Mart 17th March 7am - 12 noon
- Calliope Historical Village 3rd March .
- Now until March at the Gladstone Inclusion Centre local artist Jennifer Ryan will be holding an exhibition titled "My Rhupus Life: The exhibition is about living with and thriving inside an auto-immune world. The exhibition is open to the public 9am-4pm.
- Next Morning Melodies Tuesday April 2nd – The Carpenters Show. .
- Anything Goes - 2019 Community Musical starts Thursday 21st Feb 7pm - 9pm GECC. Tickets cost \$14.90 to \$29.90.

Just to name a few you might like to enjoy.

We now have a new website which can be viewed at:

<https://www.nationalseniors.com.au>

Click on the "About" menu button

Select "Branches"

Scroll down and click on the "Gladstone" button.

Enjoy! - Trevor Heard.

WE HAVE A FACEBOOK PAGE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

One of our members Fay Poole is monitoring our facebook page. This is a closed group so you will have to apply for membership. Please go to the "Gladstone National Seniors" Group and apply to join, Fay will do the necessary. The page carries photos also branch activities just to name a few. Give it a go, it could be fun.

Larney

TOUR INFORMATION

From Tour Officer: Barbara

Hi Members & Travellers,

Thank you – most of you have been into Departure Point & confirmed travel arrangements & payments. I shall have a medical form for each of you to complete and return to Lurleen next meeting. These will be held in a sealed envelope for emergency purposes: only for medical officers if required. Please remember to print your name onto the front of the envelope. This will be returned to you at the end of our tour.

I am taking suggestions for our 2020 tour. As our group is large – we must put holds on accommodation 12 months in advance if we want the best (and we do). Please give me written suggestions including suggested time of year that you would prefer. Email on kukulies.barbara@gmail.com or text me on 0412 049 390.

Regards, Barb and Lurleen

FOR YOUR INFORMATION I have been able to find some more information re Glasses for Seniors program

Members with a Qld pension card, Qld health care card or DVA card (held for more than 6 months) are eligible for new glasses every 2 years for a cost of \$30 admin. fee. The eye check is bulk billed. Two local businesses have this service – Judith Cooper in Tank St 4972 3308 and Gladstone Optical in Gladstone Square (Valley Shopping Centre) 4972 9917 or Boyne Plaza 4973 7546.

Phone for an appointment

Hope you find this information useful.

Barb

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Branch Contact Details

Branch Meetings are held at:

Yaralla Sports Club, Cnr O'Connell and Bell Streets, Barney Point, Gladstone.

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

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