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JULY 2026 NEWSLETTER

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 1 July, at Brunswick Hotel, 569 Brunswick St, New Farm.

Morning Tea will be at 9:15 to 10:00. Following our General Meeting our Guest Speaker will be Nutritionist Anthony Power.



Hello, Everyone,

Special thanks to Dell, the committee and volunteers for the excellent job they did in my absence. Great team-work.

At our last General meeting, I had the pleasure of introducing Dr. Drina Oldroyd as our guest speaker. Drina made it clear that she was not presenting an academic lecture, instead, she created a fascinating connection between Dante Alighieri, the 'Shakespeare of Italy', and the significant presence of Italian people

living in New Farm. One particularly interesting historical connection was with Sir Sammuel Griffith, an eminent thinker, lawyer and politician of his day who translated The Divine Comedy for fun in his spare time. Drina also brought with her, a bottle of wine from the Alighieri estate. The Serego Alighieri's Possessioni have belonged to descendants of the Poet Dante since 1353. We really appreciated your very interesting talk, Drina!

Thanks to our brilliant Special-Events organisers, Pat & Margaret Pacey, we all enjoyed a fabulous Pizza in the Park lunch in June. A wonderful array of pizzas were delivered just as we were supping our first glass of wine. Bon Appetit! Good food and wine brought forty of us closer together in good company, interesting conversation, conviviality, and good humour. A goodly day indeed!



Being the optimist that I am, I'm sure that many of you are mulling over what particular job you would like to take on next year to make our Branch even better! As the saying goes, many hands make light work and this is particularly true when it comes to the different roles available – check the list on the back of this Newsletter. What would you like to do? If there are enough members to have one job each, then nothing is too onerous. It is when jobs pile up on one person that things get difficult. So, please start thinking about your contribution to the success of our Branch and be prepared to put your hand up at our AGM to take on a bit of responsibility.

Take good care of yourselves.

Anne Stubbington

President

JUNE MEETING RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

Lucky Door prize Double Pass New Farm Cinemas: Francesca Munro
\$50 New Farm Bakeology donated by Grace Grace: Greg Gaffney
\$50 Savour Voucher by Vicki Howard: Jenny Forrester
\$25 Gift Card donated by Brunswick Hotel: Francesca Munro

JULY BIRTHDAYS

John Donatu; Cheryl Franici; Greg Gaffney



WELFARE

Please notify Kay Thorpe about any member that you know of who is ill or injured, so that we can give our support where needed. PHONE **0402 031 694**

LOLA DAYS – Different Days for Different People

Our West End destination in June was enjoyed by all who took part. On **Tuesday 7 July** we will catch a train to **Cleveland** and have a wander & lunch at nearby Raby Bay where there is a variety of restaurants to choose from overlooking the water. I'll be catching the train from **Roma Street at 9:52am** & will sit 3 carriages from the front. Other pickups are **Bowen Hills 9:43; Fortitude Valley 9:45; Central 9:49 & South Brisbane 9:57**. Return trains leave Cleveland at 9 minutes & 39 minutes past the hour. Phone me when you get on the train if you have any difficulties.



Any queries about either of these days contact Dell Marshall 0432 283 314.

DINING OUT

Because Christmas in July and our usual dining out fall on following days, it has been decided there will be no dining out this month. We'll return to our usual arrangement in August.

For any queries about this phone **Cathy Simmers on 0414 336 838 so a booking can be made.**

BRUNSWICK ST BOOK CLUB

This month the Brunswick Street Book Club members are meeting for coffee & Cake at the usual time of 11:00 at Ground Alchemy, which is diagonally opposite Vicki Howard's office.

PIZZA IN THE PARK



This was a great success thanks mainly to Pat & Margaret Pacey, with around 40 people attending. Thanks to Vicki Howard for the chocolates with which we rounded off the meal.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY



This popular occasion on **21 July, 11:30 for 12:00** will be held at **The Hamilton Hotel** where we unfortunately won't be catching up with our old friend Paul. It is still possible to add your name to the list and pay \$42 at the July meeting. If you are driving there is plenty of parking. Alternatives are the Citycat, getting off at Brett's Wharf which is opposite the hotel, or catching the 300 bus at the City Hall at 11:10 arriving at 11:35.

OUT AND ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY

NEW FARM CINEMAS



The Odyssey: Directed by Christopher Nolan

Starring Tom Holland, Lupita Nyong'o, Robert Pattinson, Zendaya , Matt Damon, Charlize Theron, Anne Hathaway

In a visionary reimagining of Homer's timeless epic, Academy Award-winning auteur Christopher Nolan brings a masterful fusion of myth and spectacle in THE ODYSSEY. Starring Matt Damon as the indomitable Odysseus, this highly anticipated adaptation chronicles the hero's treacherous journey home after the Trojan War.

July 18

Silent Friend: Directed by Ildikó Enyedi

Starring: Léa Seydoux, Luna Wedler, Tony Leung Chiu-Wai, Enzo Brumm

The breathtaking drama SILENT FRIEND, a beautifully crafted story that unfolds beneath a majestic ginkgo tree in the botanical garden of a medieval German university town.

A silent witness to generations of change, the ancient tree connects three individuals across time through their encounters with the natural world.

2020: a neuroscientist from Hong Kong (portrayed by the excellent Tony Leung, In the Mood for Love) explores the mind of babies and with the assistance of an academic (Léa Seydoux) begins an unexpected, mind-altering experiment with the ancient tree.

1972: a young student is profoundly changed by the simple act of observing and connecting with a geranium.

1908: through the lens of photography, the university's first female student discovers sacred patterns of the universe hidden within the humblest of plants.

As each search for meaning in their own moment in time, they are transformed by nature's enduring mystery and beauty. Both intimate and expansive, SILENT FRIEND is a mesmerising exploration of connection, curiosity and the unseen forces that shape our lives. **July 2**

LORD MAYOR'S CITY HALL CONCERT

Tue 7 July, 12:00pm - 1:00pm CHRISTOPHER WRENCH

Internationally acclaimed Brisbane organist, Christopher Wrench playing the iconic Father Henry Willis Organ. As one of Australia's most respected organists, Christopher Wrench has performed at numerous festivals and annual international tours all over the world. Christopher is currently Director of Music at Christ Church St Lucia, Chapel Music Director at St John's College (University of Queensland), and a member of the Brisbane City Council 'Willis Organ Advisory Committee'.

Tue 14 July, 12:00pm - 1:00pm The Best of Josh Groban featuring The Two Tenors

Experience the soaring music of Josh Groban, featuring The Two Tenors. Following the success of Groban's recent sell-out Australian tour, this elegant concert celebrates the songs that have captivated audiences worldwide. Former The Ten Tenors performer Roger Davy joins acclaimed musical theatre artist Mathew Leigh, accompanied by maestro of the keys Matt Rofe. Together they perform favourites including You Raise Me Up, To Where You Are, Anthem and Bridge Over Troubled Water and more.

Tue 21 July, 12:00pm - 1:00pm Hopelessly Devoted to Olivia

Sharon Lee will take you on a dazzling journey celebrating the timeless music of Olivia Newton-John backed by The Fabulous Four, this high energy live production relives Olivia's biggest hits including Banks Of The Ohio, Let Me Be There, You're The One That I Want, Physical and Xanadu with stunning vocals, dazzling costumes, sweet harmonies and captivating stage presence.

Tue 28 July, 12:00pm - 1:00pm The Spirit of the Isles: Queensland Conservatorium Brass Band conducted by Howard Taylor - Tue 28 July, 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Under the accomplished baton of conductor Howard Taylor, the Queensland Conservatorium of Music's brass band return for another blockbuster concert! Always a highlight of the year, the band is accompanied by some very special guests, presenting a program full of Celtic fire and British majesty.

Tue 4 Aug, 12:00pm - 1:00pm Dance & Romance

Enjoy the spectacular display of Dance and Organ combined to produce a magical performance delighting in choreography displaying beauty and romance. Benjamin Sheen, Director of Music at Jesus College, Cambridge, is an established concert artist on both sides of the Atlantic. Hailed as a "brilliant organist" by the New York Times, he is the 2013 winner of the Pierre S. du Pont First Prize in the inaugural Longwood Gardens Organ Competition, and that same year received Second Prize and the Jon Laukvik prize at the St. Alban's International Organ Competition.

NEW FARM & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

New Farm State School – Past-Present-Future

New Farm State School celebrates its 125th birthday this year. To mark this important milestone, several volunteers under the able guidance of Connie Hamer & Gerard Benjamin have spent the last 6 months working with Year 6 students to record their association with the school.

Saturday, 25 July, 2.30pm at Merthyr Road Uniting Church Centre, 52 Merthyr Road, New Farm.

Entry Fee: Members \$5, Non-Members \$10, includes afternoon tea.

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