

## June 2020

Good Morning Everybody,  
The easing of restrictions has made life a little more bearable for us all. We have been so lucky, here in Gladstone, we have not had to cope with all the pressures put upon people in the big cities.  
On a brighter note, some of our members have been spotted leaving town & escaping the confines of home, and can you blame them.  
A lot of members have been contacted by Head Office, mainly checking upon the mental health and

well-being of members. It is lovely to know, that in the big scheme of things, we are being remembered - nice touch.

We are still in limbo re branch meetings. It seems we will have to be patient and await Head Office to advise us when the restrictions, for the bigger branches, will be lifted.

Sorry we cannot get together just yet, but you can keep in touch via Facebook. Fay Poole is the contact. Let's be pro-active, stay safe, see you, Larney

## JUNE CELEBRATIONS

### HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Teresa Briggs; Margaret Connolly; Gudi Harm; Cheryl Heard; Larney Irvine; Franz Linder; Thelma O'Brien; Wayne Price; Elaine Prowse; Merle Rains; Anya Rotondo; Ann Russell; John Shore; Debra Soper; Margaret Stolberg; Jess Warren.

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

#### Happy 50<sup>th</sup> to Christine & Alan Armour.

Bronnie & Terry Burgess; George & Joan Mackay; Alice & Keith Thompson; Ken & Margaret Watson; Gayle & Peter Young.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Turn your face to the sun and the shadow falls behind you." – Jan Goldstein

### A LITTLE HUMOUR

Retirement is the pits; you never get a day off,

What did the princess say to her knight in shining armour, when a dragon appeared?  
Don't just stand there, slay something.

The best way to get a man to do something is to suggest he's too old for it.

How is a skunk different from other furry animals?  
The skunk uses cheaper deodorant.

The town Mayor was trying to be nonchalant before an important speech he was about to give.  
"Are you nervous" he was asked  
"No – not really" he said with a forced yawn "piece of tea, piece of tea."

Strong Wind! by Gail Force, and finally,

Zing: Is what you do with a zong.

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### From Activities Officer: Pauline

Good morning everyone,

It is a little better this month with regards to our isolation being lifted and we are able to go out and sit and have a coffee, lunch or dinner if we are able to get a booking.

I was at Flavours Marina yesterday for a 70<sup>th</sup> birthday lunch and Janelle is booked for dinner for the next 2 weeks. It is good to see things moving again.

I cannot even try to organize any events at the moment as we don't know when theatres, tourist spots and even transport will get back to normal.

I have contacted Noel Bowley, Maritime Museum who informed me they have started the huge job of transferring all the exhibits from the current Museum to the new site at East Shores - the old nightclub. It was fondly known as "Club MUD". Unfortunately, it won't be open until next year, and then we could visit and have lunch as we did on a prior visit.

Luckily, we fitted in quite a lot of activities last year.

- Feb. Lunch Harvey Rd Tavern,
- March Emu Park, Yeppoon, Botanic Gardens Rocky
- April Capricorn Caves,
- May Birthday lunch at Yaralla,
- July Fern's Hideaway,
- Sept Spring High Tea at Gladstone Botanic Gardens,
- Then of course our Christmas Dinner in Nov.

Thinking of you all,  
Pauline

## Congratulations must go to:

One of our members, **Mr. Bruce Hunt**, has been recognised by the Commonwealth and listed in the Queen's Birthday Australian honours list.

He has been appointed to the Order of Australia - the highest recognition for outstanding achievement and service to his community.

This award has been awarded for his service to the community of Gladstone over many years - a tireless and dedicated worker.

Thank You Bruce, for all your good work,

We are also pleased to announce that our branch has also some members who volunteer at the Gladstone Hospital. These lovely people spend time with patients helping out in whatever way they can.

The Maritime Museum of Gladstone is on the move into bigger and better premises. This is a volunteer organisation and entails a lot of hard work on their part, so many exhibits to sort out and displays to plan. Good luck to everybody helping out.

I met a lovely bunch of kids the other day; they knocked on my door and asked if their Mum or Dad could do some shopping for me, an Old Lady, apparently, they then offered to wash my car, at no charge. That brought a tear to my eye to see the youngsters of today being so selfless, their parents must be so proud of them, I know I would be.

### Condolences:

Must go to the family of Vera Lynn, the Forces Sweetheart. She brought so much joy into the lives of the men and women caught up in the war effort, a sweet sounding voice, made to stir your heart. A bright spot at the end of the day, to relax enjoy, and Revamp their patriotism.

## TOUR INFORMATION

Hi Members & Travellers,

We are still awaiting a firm decision on whether or not the scheduled tour to New Zealand will go ahead.

The decision all depends upon whether the Governments can come up with a safe travel plan.

If you have been thinking about joining in, please advise Raymond at Departure Point, 4972 2288. We would love to see more members come forth.

Raymond has put a lot of time and effort into planning this tour, so hopefully he can pull it off, fingers crossed.

### Morning Melodies:

I have been in contact with GECC, regarding the possible date that the melodies might be returning to our theatre.

GECC are set to reopen in July, possible show in August, with limited access.

Unfortunately, no date can be advised at this stage, Patience is a virtue, it seems.

### Blue Care:

Have now resumed their Garage Sales, with isolation rules & limited access, next sale date is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July  
Come and find a bargain

All food limits seem to have been lifted in the supermarkets, but that does not mean you have to restock your toilet roll stash, lol.

## Committee Members

President..... Terry – 0418 185 380

Vice President.....

Secretary ..... Larney – 0400 610 277

Treasurer ..... Ria – 0427 737 909

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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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