

March 2019

Good Morning,

I hope everybody survived the wild storm we had the other week, it was certainly unexpected, at least the area is looking a lot greener.

Terry & Myself as delegates, Pauline, Val & Roy as observers will be attending the Zone Conference to be held at Murgon in May.

If any member has a matter that they would like us to present to the Conference, could you please fill out an Issue of Concern form (available from Larney) and

they will be sent through to Murgon, who will then forward them to the other branches for discussion at the Conference.

Gladstone will be holding the Zone Conference next year so this will be a learning curve for us all.

Email: nsagladstonebranch@gmail.com

Next Meeting to be held Tuesday 16th April 2019.

See you all then,

..... Larney

TODAY'S GUEST SPEAKER

Our Guest Speaker today is Max Ricketts.

Max is actively engaged in trying to raise sponsorship to purchase a people mover to assist visitors to the Parkland Crematorium who have difficulties in walking the distance from the parking lot to the Chapel

TODAY'S 5 MINUTE SPEAKER

Trevor is presenting the "Be Connected" Computer sign on details.

MARCH CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Carole Allan, Judith Broome, Heather Brown, Judith Hiskens, Emperatriz Hughes, Cheryl Jackson, Bill Jobling, John Jones, Heather Kroesen, David Noye, Col Perry, Lawrie Price, Robyn Rawlins, Norma Smith, David Viner, Ken Watson.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

Gary & Lesley Connell, Fay & Ron Jackson, John & Val Jones, Col & Pat Perry, Ken & Helen Watson.

A special mention to Col & Joy Beendorf who would have been married 60 years this month. Sadly, Joy passed away in early March.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

You can't get anywhere unless you start.

A LITTLE HUMOUR

Did you hear about the bloke who stole a calendar?
He got twelve months.

Did you hear about the semi-colon that broke the law? He was given two consecutive sentences.

How do you stay warm in an empty room?
Stand in a corner as it's always ninety degrees.

My wife always prefers the stairs, whereas I like to take the elevator - I guess we were raised differently.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

From Activities Officer: Pauline

Thanks to the 70 members who travelled to Emu Park making it a very enjoyable day. Special thanks to Greg Hill who drove the small coach, and to those who drove themselves and took extra passengers.

Our April meeting will be a little bit different this year as it is Easter week. There won't be any guest speaker as Departure Point have very kindly engaged the two Comedians who have been coming to the Harbour Festival for years to entertain us. We will also run the Easter Bonnet Parade again and would like some more men joining the ladies this year. I will ask our guests to be the judges as we will have prizes for the Best Ladies Bonnet and Best Men of course.

TUESDAY 30TH APRIL Capricorn Caves – Cost \$80pp Depart Gladstone 7am from Phillip St bus stop, morning tea at the Rockhampton Botanic Gardens 9am-10am. Arriving at the Caves 11am. Cave Tour broken into 2 groups depending on numbers, Lunch at 12.30pm, catered by the Caves. Depart approx 1.30pm. We will have times to stop at Kershaw Gardens on the way back leaving there at about 3.30pm and Gladstone 5.00pm-5.15pm.

TUESDAY 21ST MAY This is our meeting day and once again we would like to offer a **Buffet Lunch** after the meeting at a cost to members of \$10pp and the club will subsidise \$10pp. This was very successful last year so hopefully will be again this year. There will be a sheet available to tick your name if you wish to attend.

FRIDAY 19TH JULY – FERNS HIDEAWAY – CHRISTMAS IN JULY, COST \$80pp.

I will have sheets out at the APRIL Meeting
STANTHORPE APPLE & GRAPE FESTIVAL
7-8 MARCH 2020

Raymond has done a costing and it will be approx \$800 pp

Pauline

Sixty plus happy National Seniors boarded a coach and a mini bus at 7am on the morning of Tuesday 5th March at the Mall and headed North to Emu Park. Had a rest stop at Rockhampton Information centre before continuing on to a welcoming Morning Tea of warm scones, pikelets, jam and cream, all washed down with a cuppa at the Pine Beach hotel. The threatening showers stayed away long enough for all to walk with excellently thought out layout and information presentation at the War memorial Walk. I learnt much, eg: the first time Australian soldiers fought overseas was in late 1800's, early 1900's in the New Zealand Maori conflict. Even the Testy wind did not deter the walkers. Then off to Yeppoon for another walk around the newly opened shore line pool and water park complex which surprisingly had 3 lifeguards on duty and 2 people enjoying a dip. Think the unpleasant weather conditions may have been a deterrent. It is an attractive facility for families. Lunched at Sailing Club where one had to locate one's seating card which served 2 purposes. It allowed members to meet and sit with those whom they may not have previously meet or conversed with and also assisted waiters to serve the pre ordered meals as tables were as per sitting, eg: steak, fish, etc. all the while looking out at the wind churned ocean and the islands in Keppel Bay. Tripped up to the now defunct Iwasaki Resort before heading into Rockhampton Zoo. Many made the most of being able to refresh with an ice cream before walking down to listen to an informative talk re the Zoo's Chimpanzee family and of course the chance to see and watch CAPRI, the cute wee baby, and note how attached are she and mum. Mind you we could have done without the battalions of mossies' that attacked relentlessly. Again, another great National Seniors trip enjoyed by all. Thank you to our wonderful Activities Officer, Pauline
Judy A – Publicity Officer

TOUR INFORMATION

From Tour Officer: Barbara

Hi Members,
 Today I am requesting that you return your envelope with medical forms completed inside. Name on the front please.
 I have a list of the 55 travellers. Please come to me with any **food issues** so meals can be organised for you.
 I would appreciate an email contact from every traveller please. When menus are available, I can send them to you.
 I do have many. If you have had an email from me, I have you OK thanks.
 Last chance to make suggestions for 2020 travel. I have had many emails. Thank you for your suggestions.
 Cheers Barb & Lurleen

AROUND THE TRAPS

- Morning Melodies Tuesday 2nd April - The Carpenters were one of the most successful bands, their music and voices captivating.
- Join in the fun of Gladstone Harbour Festival and enjoy all the acts performing at the Marina,
- Welcome in the boats when they arrive at the harbour completing the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race.
- Rotary Markets are being held at the Toondoon Gardens whilst renovations are being conducted at the K Mart Car Park. Next market day is 21st April 7am to Noon.
- Visit the Gladstone Regional Art Galley Museum and experience the wide variety of artefacts and collections.

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