

March 2020

Good Morning Everyone

What a lovely time I have been having recently with a visit to the Pilbeam Theatre to see the Musical "Mamma Mia" and also attending the musical "The Wizard of Oz", we have some very talented students in town who put on an excellent show.

Some activities you might want to visit:

2020 Celebrate Australia – Primary School Art

Exhibition – runs until the 18th April

Year of the Nurse & Midwife – runs until the 25th April

.Both on at the Art Gallery

Morning melodies Tuesday 31st March – "Bloom Sings" at GECC

The Moscow Ballet will be performing "Sleeping Beauty" on Wednesday 25th March. GECC

If any member would like to promote an activity, please send through details asap so they can be included in the newsletters.

Email: nsagladstonebranch@gmail.com

Next Meeting to be held Tuesday 21st April 2020.

See you all then,

..... Larney

TODAY'S GUEST SPEAKER

Terry is our guest speaker today. He will be regaling us with details of his recent visit to the USA

TODAY'S 5 MINUTE SPEAKER

None today.

MARCH CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Bill Jobling; John Jones; Heather Kroesen; David Noye; Teena Paul; Col Perry; Lawrie Price; Robyn Rawlins; Norma Smith; David Viner; Ken L Watson; Ken A Watson.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations Lesley and Werner Tolsdorf on reaching **50years.**; John & Val Jones; Colleen & Roy Marek; Joan & Barry Nankivell; Pat & Col Perry; Ken & Helen Watson.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Make your wishes come true and your truth be wise.

A LITTLE HUMOUR

Happy St Patricks Day

Q: Where do leprechauns buy their groceries?

A: Rainbow Foods!

Q: How can you tell if a leprechaun likes your jokes?

A: He's Dublin over with laughter!

Q: Why shouldn't you iron a four-leaf clover?

A: You might end up pressing your luck!

Q: What do you get when you cross a four-leaf clover with poison ivy?

A: A rash of good luck on St. Patrick's Day.

Q: When is an Irish Potato not an Irish Potato?

A: When it's a FRENCH fry!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

From Activities Officer: Pauline

Good morning everyone,

The weather was kind to the 45 members who travelled to Stanthorpe for the Apple and Grape Festival. Thank you for always being on time as usual.

We had 47 members at Harvey Road Tavern for lunch in February. Thank you to the members who contacted me when they couldn't attend at the last moment.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY today so there should be lots of green in the room. Prize for best female and male.

TUESDAY 21st APRIL- BUFFET LUNCH SERVED IN THE MEETING ROOM.

This is our 24th birthday.

Cost of lunch \$23.00 p.p. but the club is subsidizing the members, therefore it will be \$10.00 p.p. payable today if possible. I will need numbers today please.

SHREK THE MUSICAL - LYRIC THEATRE, BRISBANE. 26-27-28 MAY 2020

Costing available today. This could be another doubtful show as so many things are being cancelled due to the coronavirus. I will keep you all up to date. 26 members on the list. This will be a train trip again.

I have been in touch with the RACQ Capricorn Rescue in Rockhampton and am waiting to hear back from them, if and when, we could visit them.

Pauline

Apple & Grape Harvest Festival Coach Trip **6-9th March 2020**

With the inclement weather about, the over forty Gladstone National Seniors who went on the Apple and Grape Festival Coach Tour were fortunate to not have it deter them at all. It was lovely to see the countryside everywhere so green and lush. It was raining when we left from the Big W Bus stop at 5.45am on Friday 6th March. The first day was mostly travel but we took in breakfast at Gin Gin, lunch at Nanango RSL and the Black Forest Hill Cuckoo Clock Centre at Cabarlah. After a long drive we arrived at the Coachman Inn Warwick, where we were accommodated for the next three nights.

On the second day we departed Warwick and headed for the Queen Mary Falls. From here we did an overland track to bring us back to the outskirts of Stanthorpe to visit Kents Saddlery, the family business of Lyle and Helen Kent. This was one of the highlights of our tour as the Kents were generous hosts telling us about their factory where they make custom made saddles and leather, vinyl and canvas products.

About lunch time we travelled into the Stanthorpe CBD which had come to life with the Apple and Grape Festival spilling out over the streets and parklands. The area was crammed with entertainment, music, food and general market stalls and there was much to see (& eat). The grand parade was at 2pm and was one of the longest parades one would see in a country area. The seniors spent much time here lapping up the attraction, which were many. We finished off the night with an evening meal at the Stanthorpe RSL.

Next day we visited the Sutton Juice Factory & Cidery at Stanthorpe and we were treated to the largest piece of scrumptious apple pie, which got the better of many people. Our next feature was the Law Dogs Australia & Truffles Discovery Centre, which had to be the highlight of our trip. The dogs displayed a wide range of their capabilities, which included preparations to work with security corporations and to find different objects by their smell, such as drugs, fruit etc. etc. We had a lovely lunch at Jam Works

TOUR INFORMATION

From Tour Officer: Barbara

Our trip to New Zealand is still happening. I will be reviewing travel advice as the situation changes.

No problem at the moment.

Please take your passport into Departure Point if you have not already done so.

Next month we will vote on 2021 tour destinations.

If you have not already done so, please SMS me your suggestions

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Barb K

and bought some of their many connoisseur foods. We visited Girraween National Park, and some went on the 1.6 km circuit while others choose to have an easy stroll around the immediate area. Our last visit for the day was to Bellandean Estate Wines for a wine tasting.

We left the Coachman's Inn, for home. It was raining when we reached Toowoomba, but we were able to inspect the Cobb & Co Museum, an institution of the Australian transport era. Homeward bound we travelled to the Kingaroy RSL Club for lunch. Our last stop was at Gin Gin for an early dinner before arriving back at the Big W bus stop at Kin Kora. This was a very constructive trip that was full of adventure and amusement and, with good company, it was declared very successful.

Many thanks must go to Pauline (Activities Officer for GNS), Raymond (Departure Point) and John (our Bus Driver) for all the work and effect they put in, and we were rewarded with four marvelous days.

Betty Laver

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