

May 2020

Good Morning,
Well the weather has certainly changed with a vengeance, I have had to dig deep to find my winter PJ's and woollies, not to mention the extra blankets. We have the Branch Tablet/I Pad available for any member who would like to borrow them for their personal use. This is a good way if you are unsure about whether you would use this sort of device or not to have a little practice.
We are very happy that Queensland seems to be

weathering this coronavirus pandemic. The Government is doing all they can to keep us safe, and little by little the restrictions will be lifted. Hopefully we will be able to meet in the not too distant future. We have invited both sides of Government to keep us informed of what is happening in the State. This month we have Glenn Butcher, next month we will hear from Ken O'Dowd.
Keep Safe, Keep Well and Keep Warm - Larney
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MAY CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Colin Carleton; Rose Carleton; Bill Elms; Daphne Green; Leah Hall; Robyn Harvey; Betty Holzheimer; Joan Lennon; Graham Lindner; Sandra Palmer; Allan Pease; Peg Pendreigh; Fay Philp; Roy Rains; Kaye Shore; Madeleine Spry; Janet Tolan; Claire Vloedmans; Maurice Ward; Dianne Webster; Terry Werder; Dick Woolcock.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

Happy 50th to David & Peg Pendreigh.

Meg & Ross Armitage; Graham & Patricia Lindner; David & Margaret Noye; Annette & Hugh Rowe.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

There's no better time to talk than now.

A LITTLE HUMOUR

A world champion tongue twister was arrested. It has been predicted he's going to get a really tough sentence.

The umpires were taking a lot of abuse from the "Hill" regarding their decisions on lbw. At the end of an over the two umpires walked to the "Hill" and sat down with the spectators.

"What are you doing here?" an umpire was asked.
"Well," he replied, it seems you get a better view from here."

Two old men were talking about their cricketing days.

"What was your highest score?"

"One hundred and eighty-six."

"Mine was two hundred and ten – not out. Now, what was your bowling average?"

"You can go first this time."

"Doctor, I feel like a cricket bat."

"How's that?"

"Doctor, I keep seeing ducks before my eyes."

"Have you seen an optician?"

"No, just ducks?"

ACTIVITIES UPDATE

From Activities Officer: Pauline

Hello again everyone,

We have survived another month but luckily no cases of COVID-19 in our area.

I had a journey down memory lane this week when I went through my Activities file and looked at all the shows we saw at the Lyric Theatre in the last 7 years.

1. Hot Shoe Shuffle (May 2013),
2. War Horse (July 2013),
3. The King and I (April 2014)
4. Dirty Dancing (June 2015),
5. Outback Spectacular Gold Coast,
6. Strictly Ballroom (October 2015),
7. Sound of Music (April 2016),
8. Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers (Sept 2017)
9. Cirque Du Soleil, Skygate, DFO (Dec 2017)
10. Aladdin (Feb 2018),
11. Priscilla (Oct 2018),
12. Muriel's Wedding (Oct 2019).

That is a lot of culture. There will not be any shows this year but hopefully next year the theatre companies will be in full swing again.

Thinking of you all,
Pauline

Footnote from Larney:

We will all be chomping at the bit to get out and about when this virus is kicked into the gutter, and I am perfectly certain that Pauline will come up trumps with something special to tempt us to do so.

A Report from Glenn Butcher

Representing Gladstone in the Queensland Government is always an honour for me, and the needs of our local community are always at the forefront of my mind.

However, this week's parliamentary sitting was a special honour; it was my first as the Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing.

To say that I am proud to now also represent the entire state of Queensland is an understatement. I have always been a champion for the regions and now I have been given the opportunity to make sure voices are heard Statewide.

Over the last 100 years, Regional Queensland has had a long history in manufacturing including rail, marine and food production. These are all strong and solid foundations on which to build.

The innovation and adaptability shown in Queensland's manufacturing sector during this pandemic has made me proud of my fitter and turner roots.

I am looking forward to the job ahead with great optimism, and I hope to catch up with you all again soon.

Glenn Butcher
Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing
Member for Gladstone

We thank Glenn for taking the time out of his busy schedule to keep us informed of what is happening in the State.

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TOUR INFORMATION

From Tour Officer: Barbara

Hi Members & Travellers,

Travel options for our tour to New Zealand are still being discussed at National travel industry levels.

We are guided by health recommendations and will be meeting with Terry and Raymond Lewis this week, where we will be made aware of our options. - The world has changed and the new normal is still very unknown. I miss the company of the National Seniors family and trust we will all be able to meet up again this year.

Regards, BarbK

Project Officer Column contd

Then we settled down, got married
And turned into someone's mum
Somebody's wife, then dear old granny
Who on earth did we become?
We didn't mind the change of pace
Because our lives were full
But to bury us before we're dead
Is like a red rag to a bull
So.... here you find me stuck inside
For 4 weeks maybe more
I finally found myself again
Then I had to close the door!
It really didn't bother me
I'd wile away the hour
I'd bake for all the family
But I've got no bloody flour!
Now Netflix is just wonderful
I like a gutsy thriller
I'm swooning over Idris
Or some random sexy killer
At least I've got a stash of booze
For when I'm being idle
there's Wine and whiskey, especially gin
If I'm feeling suicidal!
So.... let's all drink to lockdown
To recovery and health
And hope this bloody virus
Doesn't decimate our wealth
We'll all get through the crisis
And be back to join our mates.

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