

May 2021

Good Morning,

We welcome our new Committee member Carolyn Vickery who has signed on as our new Vice President. It was wonderful to have Chris Grice, NSA General Manager here to help celebrate our 25th Anniversary, and also being the bearer of gifts.

The Committee hope that you all enjoyed your celebratory lunch after the last meeting, thanks must go to Liz and her staff for making it so enjoyable - they certainly look after us.

I hope all the Mothers enjoyed their special day and received lots of gifts, I got breakfast in bed from my 4yr Grandee, literally, he spilt it all over me, bless, a tad excited, I think.

We are always looking for Guest Speaker to address our meeting, please see Larney if you have someone in mind.

Email: nsagladstonebranch@gmail.com

Next Meeting to be held Tuesday 15 June 2021.

Cheers Larney

MAY CELEBRATIONS HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Colin Carleton; Rose Carleton; Bazza Evetts; Daphne Green; Leah Hall; Robyn Harvey; Betty Holzheimer; Joan Lennon; Graham Linder; Rita Murray; 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.

ANNIVERSARIES

Meg & Ross Armitage; Graham & Patricia Linder; David & Margaret Noye; David & Peg Pendreigh; Annette & Hugh Rowe.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.

A LITTLE HUMOUR 😊

Sweater, n: A garment worn by a child when its mother is feeling chilly – Author Unknown.

Aspire to inspire before you expire.

Frustration is trying to find your glasses without your glasses.

The irony of life is that, by the time you are old enough to know your way around, you are not going anywhere.

Did you hear about the two baked beans that hitchhiked around Australia?

They ended up in Cairns.

After travelling to Australia, I was asked by immigration, if I had a criminal record. I replied that I did not realise it was still a requirement.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

From Activities Officer: Pauline

Good morning everyone,

Our trip to Gympie was very enjoyable even if a bit wet when we went to Tin Can Bay.

Thanks to all who came and as always for being on time, especially when we had to depart our accommodation at 6.00am to feed the dolphins.

MARITIME MUSEUM AND MORNING TEA
afterwards at Auckland House Tuesday 25 May - 9am. Cost \$15.00. We can meet from 9.00am at the museum.

I have organised coffee and cake at Auckland House so we can relax and enjoy our lovely harbour when we have finished in the museum.

PORT OF GLADSTONE HARBOUR TOUR.
(Coffee cruise) Sunday 20 June. Check-in time is 9.30am Curtis Ferry Service Terminal, 215 Alf O'Rourke Drive. Cost is \$24 pp. Sheet out this morning.

WEST SIDE STORY, Lyric Theatre, Brisbane. 3rd - 4th and 5th August.

We will travel by Tilt Train, and cost will be approximately \$315 depending on each member's Qld rail vouchers, pension discount or senior discount.

We have 27 members indicating they would like to go at present. As usual payment to be made to Departure Point. I have flyers today with all the details.

Pauline

Around the Traps

Publicity Officer: Judy Aitkenhead

Many smiles and "Good Morning" greetings was shared among approx. 52 happy Branch members. All looking forward to our first 3 day trip in quite a while. Seated and off for coffee and nourishment stop in Gin Gin before traveling on and arriving at the Gold Mining Museum. Heavy dark clouds threatened to spoil our venturing around the very extensive displays of Gympie's history and the part finding GOLD in the district played in the very early establishment of the State of Queensland. Enjoyed our lunch and one member tried his luck at panning for gold, managing to find 3 specks which he was able to bring home in a supplied small vial.

Received our room keys and I for one then went on an Orientation Course which included carrying port up 2 flights of steps to our room. Found a shorter route to a meet up with a drink, chat and dinner in Restaurant. Mr. Col Wessling, Past long serving President of Gympie, a vivacious present President of Gympie and ex Gladstoneites Val & Keith Buchanan were introduced to us.

Slept like a log but sure didn't appreciate the out of bed at 5.30am, coffee and onto bus heading down to view the Dolphins at Tin Can Bay. Fortunate that the showers worked in our favour most of the time. Very blessed that all 5 dolphins decided we were worth coming in to visit. Each of us was afforded the opportunity to feed one fish to a dolphin while posing for that important piccy. Then brekky of Bacon and Eggs was enjoyed and just as well. Why? because some of us chose to walk up to the Carlo Sand Blow and at the top of the seemingly 150 steps straight up. I had to pause and suck in the oxygen. Well worth the venture though and the satisfying walk back DOWNHILL only to be hit with a downpour. Yes, most of us had an umbrella. Walked around the shops of Rainbow Beach, some made purchases (I was fascinated with a shop named KING KONG), some visited beach. All aboard again for a scenic trip all around the back – eastern side — of Gympie to the WoodWorks museum. I never realised Gympie was so big.

Lunched then off on guided tour of all that was to be

TOUR INFORMATION

From Tour Officer: Barbara

Thank you to all members who have contacted Departure Point re our planned trip to Townsville.

I will have more details about it today.

Barb

Around the Traps, continued,

viewed. Somehow the guides got left behind as everyone went their own way at their own pace.

I was very interested in the workings of the saw mill and just how one steam engine drives the belts for the whole milling process. Also, I was surprised to learn that 2 of the engines, one at the mill and one at the Blacksmith's were manufactured in New York.

Never expected to learn that New York had a large manufacturing industry. Many stopped off in town and had a stroll up and down Gympie's main street.

Highlight of the trip was boarding The Gympie Rattler at the Gympie Historic Railway Station and chuffing off towards Amamoor whilst seated in an early type carriage. The Locomotive is a beautifully engineered machine kept in pristine condition.

Lunched at the station, onto bus and home after another wonderful National Seniors trip.

Thank you one and all for your cheerful friendliness. See you all the next time.

Thanks to Pauline and Departure Point.

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Branch Meetings are held at:

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Third Tuesday of the month at 9am for 9:45am.

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