GLADSTONE BRANCH NEWSLETTER

March 2024

Good Morning,

Welcome to another fun filled meeting and a big welcome to our visitors.

Please consider attending our "Get on Line" day on Friday, these sessions are always worth attending and certainly very helpful with learning the ins and outs of "those pesky new fangled gadgets"

The Harbour Festival is coming up shortly and they have many interesting days and night-time activities planned for our entertainment, not to forget the

GUEST SPEAKERS

5 Minute: Kath Thomson – 1 minute war 20 Minute: Adele Hughes – Valley Funerals

MARCH CELEBRATIONS HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Betty Betts, *Judith Broome*, Heather Brown, Bronwyn Cox, Judith Hiskens, Barbara Holgate, John Jones, Lorraine Menser, Col Perry, Robyn Rawlins, Norma Smith, Christine Swettenham, Kath Thomson, Ken A Watson, Ken L Watson, Fay Williamson.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

Fay & Ron Jackson, John & Val Jones, Colleen & Roy Marek, Pat & Col Perry, Lesley & Werner Tolsdorf, Helen & Ken L Watson.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday. *Don Marquis*



- What do you call a pet rabbit who is cranky because of the heat? A hot cross bun.
- How many country singers does it take to change a light bulb?
 Answer: Two – One to change the light bulb, and

the other to sing about how much they cherish the old one.

- The sentence, "Are you as bored as I am?" can be read backwards and still make sense.
- "How was your blind date?" a student asked her roommate. "Terrible!" the roommate answered. "He showed up in his 1932 Rolls Royce." Wow! That's a very expensive car, what's so bad about that?" He was the original owner!"
- A woman celebrating her 100th birthday was asked the secret to long life. She said, "I've not decided yet. I'm negotiating with a laxative firm, a vitamin company, and a gin distiller!"

firework displays.

Congratulations to everybody involved in putting together the immensely popular "Little Mermaid", combined school musical, I did not realise how many "Little Princesses" we have in Gladstone, but they were out in full to watch it.

Next Meeting to be held Tuesday 16th April 2024. See you all then, Larney

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Good morning everyone,

The morning tea at Flavours Marina was very well attended with 42 members enjoying a morning with plenty of food and good company.

FRIDAY 22 March -Get On Line at Yaralla 9.00 - 12 noon.

FRIDAY 19 APRIL - 28th Club Birthday Lunch, Gladstone Bowls Club, 12.00 - Cost \$10.00 p.p.

TUESDAY 7 MAY - Aquaculture Centre, Awoonga Dam. This is booked for an hour tour at 10.00 (30 people). If needed, we can have a 2nd tour at 11.00. Some people may want to drive but I will have a bus available (20) cost \$30 p.p. for those who don't want to drive. Looking at having lunch at Tannum Sands Pub - cost \$20.00. Will look at this when I see how many want to go.

JULY 23-24-25-26. Sunshine Coast tour staying at Caloundra, 3 nights.

A Noosa Cruise to the Everglades, a day to Maleny with a tour guide who will take us to places we don't normally see.

This was going to be in June but Raymond being so busy and still waiting for prices from bus companies, we have decided to do it in July.

Some of these trips depend on numbers of course to keep costing at a reasonable price. Pauline

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AROUND THE TRAPS

Harbour Festival is nearly upon us, it will run from Thursday 28th March until Monday 1st April. Fun filled days for all the family have been planned, check out Gladstoneregion.info/easter-in-gladstone

Gladstone Country Music Festival – the first ever to be held in Gladstone. Where Gladstone Showgrounds, when Sat/Sun 6th & 7th April. Bookings –

https://allevents.in/gladstone/gladstone-country-musicfestival/200025620227349

GECC – "The Robertson Brothers" are back for one show only. When!!! Tuesday 9th April at 7pm. "The Fleetwood Mac Show". When!!! Friday 12 April Anh Do "The happiest refugee. When!!! Thursday 2nd May at 7.30pm

Bookings: The Box Office 4972 2822

Gladstone Art Gallery – "Three decades of APT" Asia Pacific contemporary art. On display until 13th April "Anzac Exhibition 2024" on display until 18th May.

Gladstone Cinemas – "The Trust Fall: Julian Assange" is now showing, he has been held for over 13 yrs. An amazing story.

"The Great Escaper" World War 11 veteran sneaks out of his care home to attend the 70th Anniversary of the D-Day Landing in Normandy

There are some great movies showing at the moment – Check out Gladstone Cinema's web site for further information.

Next Rotary Markets will be held at Tondoon Botanic Gardens on Sunday 21st April. Next Calliope market to be held on Sunday 12th May.

Boyne Tannum Hookup – will be held on Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th May, Bray Park, Boyne Island. Bookings: <u>www.boynetannumhookup.com.au</u>

Committee Members

President Terry – 0418 185 380
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TOUR INFORMATION

From Tour Officer: Barbara

Hi Members,

My apologies for not being at the meeting today I am currently working on the election/results.

Preparations are well underway to complete the itinerary for our trip to Perth, and surrounds.

At the moment 36 members are registered and have paid their deposit.at Departure Point.

Raymond also has the power point presentation available for viewing if you missed it at the last meeting.

Please call to book a viewing time.4972 2288.

Raymond has advised that you can pay money on a regular basis if it suits your budget.

Regards, Barbk

AROUND THE TRAPS, continued

Are you compiling your family history and hit a brick wall? You can find help at the Gladstone Library. The staff can provide assistance next session date is Thursday 21st March 9am-12noon or the 18th April, 16th May.

The library also runs movie mornings, which are free. The next session is Wednesday 24th April "Mrs Harris goes to Paris". 10am 12.30pm, complete with morning tea. Bookings are essential call 4976 6400

Remember you can also get technical help at anytime. But please call to book a time that suits you.

Branch Contact Details

Branch Meetings are held at:

Yaralla Sports Club: Corner, O'Connell and Bell Streets, Barney Point, Gladstone.

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

Contact Terry - 0418 185 380

Contact Larney - 0400 610 277

Web: <u>https://nationalseniors.com.au/get-involved/branches/gladstone</u>