

April 2024

Good morning,
Thank you to Sandi who is one of our members and luckily for us she consented to be our 5-minute speaker today. If any other member would like to be a speaker, please come and see me sometime.
The Harbour Festival was a huge success, lots of visitors enjoying the entertainment and taking part in the raft race hi-jinks, we had some rain but that didn't seem to dampen their spirits, just their clothes. The "Clowns" were a hit with the crowds, lots of photos

taken during the festival.
Our next big event is "The Hookup" in May – more visitors to our city which helps the businesses in the area.
Please stay alert in your dealings with businesses as the scammers are out in force at the moment – even ones that look legit can be dodgy.
Next meeting to be held Tuesday 21st May 2024.
See you all then, Larney.

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GUEST SPEAKERS

5 Minute: Sandi – Info/Benefits about Bowen Therapy.

20 Minute: Jan Koivunen – Gladstone Genealogical Society.

APRIL CELEBRATIONS HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Geraldine Apthorpe; Kay Brown; Florence Hall; Lorraine Howkins; Bruce Hunt; Carol Pease; David Pendreigh; Gwendolyn Pusztay; Pamela Scarborough; Fae Steedman; Wilma Thurling; Angela Trudgett.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

Arthur & Rhonda Dumpleton; Julie & Peter Marshall; Fay & Nev Poole; Rodney & Debra Soper; Christine & Nick Swettenham.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Our fate lives within us; you only have to be brave enough to see it." - *Merida, Brave*.

A LITTLE HUMOUR



I told my boss that three companies were after me and I needed a raise. My Boss asked, "What Companies?"
Gas, Water and Electricity.

I was distraught this afternoon when my wife told me my 6-year-old son wasn't mine. She then said I needed to pay more attention at school pick up.

They say with age comes Wisdom – Therefore I don't have any wrinkles, just Wise Cracks.

Women have said that men never help with the housework- so who are Mr Min, Mr Muscle, Mr Sheen, and Mr Handy Andy, then.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

From Activities Officer: Pauline

Good morning everyone, at last we are having some lovely weather so hopefully the awful summer heat has gone for a few months.

FRIDAY 19 APRIL 2024 – GLADSTONE BOWLS CLUB, 12 NOON FOR OUR 28TH BIRTHDAY LUNCH, COST \$10.00

There are 83 members going as of today. A number of people who have been members for 25 years will be presented with a certificate and badge from NSA head office.

Those who can't be present will receive theirs at the next monthly meeting.

TUESDAY 7 MAY – AQUACULTURE CENTRE, AWOONGA DAM.

Can all the people driving themselves be there by 9:30am please.

We are now going in the Seafarers Bus which seats 20. We have 18 so far so 2 seats are available. The cost is now \$15.00 pp, payable today if possible.

This bus will leave from the inside of the Phillip Street shopping centre near Flight centre/Telstra end, leaving at 9:00am.

I have booked the Tannum Pub for lunch, and they have assured me we can order our meals when we get there.

Can you let me know today if you don't wish to go there for lunch so I can give them numbers.

JULY 23-26TH SUNSHINE COAST staying at Caloundra 3 nights.

A Noosa cruise to the Everglades, a day to Maleny etc with a tour guide who will take us to places we don't normally see. I am still waiting to get information from Raymond and may have something by today as of course I am writing this in the weekend.

I will be away in May, so over to Robyn for the next meeting. **Pauline**

AROUND THE TRAPS

There are a lot of interesting happening around Gladstone this month.

Anh Do – GECC Thurs 2nd May. Box Office 4972 2633

Anzac Exhibition – Gladstone Art Gallery, runs until 18th May. A collection of stories from veterans.

Boyne Tannum “Hookup” – Friday 3rd May, to Sunday 5th May.

Gladstone Careers Expo – at GECC, Tuesday 14th May. For more info, contact the Box Office 4972 2633

1770 Festival, Friday 24th May to Sunday 26th May. At the SES Grounds, Captain Cook Drive, 1770.

Intercity Images 2024 – An exhibition of entries for the annual photographic exchange with Saiki City, Japan. At the Gladstone Art Gallery runs until 8th June.

Books, Bubbles and Brie – The Gladstone Library will have a variety of fiction and non-fiction books for all ages. Have a chat with local authors. Bookings essential. Ph: 4976 6400

Calliope Markets – Sunday 12th May

Gladstone Library free movie – Wednesday 24th April, from 10:00am to 12:30pm, with morning tea provided. “Mrs Harris goes to Paris”. Bookings essential 45976 6400

Remember you can get technical help at the library, ANYTIME. Contact the library for details, 4976 6400

TOUR INFORMATION

From Tour Officer: Barbara

Hi Members,

Thankyou to the 39 persons booked into our WA tour. I would like to have a few more to include with this experience. If you are new to the club and would like to join this annual tour event, please let me know.

We always have a wonderful time at a much discounted rate compared to other tour operators.

Most meals are included, events and tours are included and sharing with singles is available if required.

I have a digital version of the tour outline if you need me to send it to you. Raymond Lewis from Departure Point is our travel agent. He requested that we have a min. of 40 travellers for this tour. He does an excellent job of planning, booking and sourcing various attractions and experiences for us. My role is to support the club members, assist in the planning, assist the travellers, and answer questions that you may have. Please come to me should you have any questions or concerns.

We travel annually to various destinations. This is our first WA adventure. My sister lived in Perth for a few years, and I did visit her and do some local travelling. Perth is a beautiful city, and the experience is bucket-list worthy.

Booking is on-hand for our various places, accommodation is being held, airline bookings are in place. Our travel date are 25th September 2024 and home Saturday 5th October 2024 on flights in and out of Gladstone.

This tour is available to National Seniors financial members.

Regards, Barbk

AROUND THE TRAPS, continued

If any member that wishes to advertise any event/fund-raiser that is coming up, please let me know so details can be included in our newsletter. Please send me an email - Larney

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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.

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