

**April 2026**

Good morning,

A big warm welcome to Chris Grice, CEO National Seniors, is visiting us today to help celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Chris will also present our 25yr members with a special certificate and badge in honour of their special milestone.

The management committee decided at the last management meeting to hold our AGM in September

this year due to my unavailability as I will be once again in the USA, spoiling my "Little Yankees".

We are always looking for "new blood" to join the fun. So, if you feel the need, please advise and we can hopefully offer you a position - the opportunity of a lifetime.

Next meeting to be held Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

See you all then.

.....: Larney

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**GUEST SPEAKERS**

Chris Grice - NSA CEO will be our guest speaker for our birthday celebrations.

**APRIL CELEBRATIONS****HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**

Geraldine Apthorpe; Kay Brown; Carolyn Glitzner; Florence Hall; Lorraine Howkins; Adele Hughes; Bruce Hunt; Jan Moller; **Carol Pease**; David Pendreigh; Gwendolyn Puszta; Pamela Scarborough; Beverley Smith; Wilma Thurling; **Angela Trudgett**.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES**

Arthur & Rhonda Dumpleton; Julie & Peter Marshall; Jan & Graham Moller; **Fay & Nev Poole**; Brian & Beverley Smith; Barbara & Robert Smith; Rodney & Debra Soper; Nick & Christine Swettenham; Pauline & Brian Walters.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

Today is a wonderful day to have a wonderful day.

**A LITTLE HUMOUR** 😊

I used to know a couple who grew fruit trees together. They lived to a ripe old age.

I called the incontinence clinic recently. They asked if I could hold.

At my age, the only pole dancing I do is while holding on to the safety rail in the shower.

I'm so old, I remember when the Dead Sea was middle aged.

An old woman was sitting at a bar when an older gentleman sat down beside her. Then, he asks, "Do I come here often?"

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES****From Activities Officer: Pauline**

CEO of National Seniors Association, Mr Chris Grice, will be helping us celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations today. We will be cutting the celebratory cake, which will be followed by a luncheon at Harvey Road Tavern.

The cost and selection of the luncheon is at member's own expense.

Chris will also present badges and certificates to all our 25yr members, congratulations on such a great achievement.

- Marylin Berrie
- Maureen and Noel Larsen
- Don and Joan Sutton

Raymond is looking at a possible trip on "The Mary Rattler" in Gympie during the Month of May.

Names are being taken today – please see me for further details.

Details and cost will be advised asap.

If you have any activity suggestions that you think the branch would enjoy, please let me know. I am always open to suggestions

**Pauline**

## AROUND THE TRAPS

### ANZAC Day

For all our members who are taking part in the Anzac Day parade dawn service on Saturday, assembly is at 05:15 at the valley car park and then will proceed to Anzac Park for the dawn service from 05:30

The mid-morning service will meet at Anzac Park at 10:30.

The Boyne-Tannum service will meet 05:30 at the Cenotaph - Stirling Park.

**Boyne-Tannum Hook UP** - commences Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May and continues until Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. See their Web Site for details.

enquiries@boynetannumhookup.com.au

**Gladstone Art Gallery** - have an Anzac Exhibition - commenced 21<sup>st</sup> March – ending 30<sup>th</sup> May. The exhibition includes Samuel Streeters next of kin memorial plaque and memorial scroll. 4976 6766

**Gladstone Cinemas** - have lots of new movies - including, "The Drama", "You, Me and Tuscany", "Fuze", "Goat", and "Micheal Jackson".

Lots of variety for all the family.

Bookings – 4972 2822

**GECC** – have the following upcoming shows:

- Wedding Singer - 24<sup>th</sup> April
- Beatlemania - 30<sup>th</sup> April
- Luke Kidgell - 5<sup>th</sup> May
- George Carroll - 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Ring the Box Office for more details: 4972 2822

“**Luminous**” will be taking place on 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July.

Details available closer to the date.

**Next Calliope Market** – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

## TOUR INFORMATION

### From Tour Officer: Barbara

Hi Members,

29 members have paid deposits for our Canberra Trip.

After much discussion with Raymond and our management team, I'll be requesting permission to open this trip to the public to increase our number of travellers. In the past, all travellers were required to join National Seniors. I'm sure that this trip will introduce prospective members to be part of our club.

As always, this Canberra, Floriade and Goulburn trip is a package deal. Included are return airfares from Gladstone to Canberra, private coach touring, accommodation for 8 nights with breakfasts, 7 evening meals, 6 lunches, all prepaid activities/attractions and travel insurance.

I have documentation for anyone still considering going. Cost: \$4387pp twin share – add \$900 for singles. \$500 deposit required.

We have booked airfares and payment will be paid by Departure Point on 24<sup>th</sup> April. (Airlines will only hold for 2 weeks from booking) Raymond can add to numbers up to 24<sup>th</sup> April. After that date we expect costs will be higher. Please spread the word and encourage signups immediately.

Travel Dates – 5 October to 13 October: Paid up travellers can start paying off their trip. Thank You for your support.

**Regards, Barbk**

### AROUND THE TRAPS, continued

**Gladstone Library** - offers Tech Help in various libraries throughout our area.

Contact 4976 6400 to make a booking.

## Committee Members

President .....Carolyn – 0419 712 720

Vice President ..... Nick - 0419 772 141

Secretary ..... Larney – 0400 610 277

Treasurer ..... Ria – 0427 737 909

Act/Officer ..... Pauline – 0448 778 710

T/Officer ..... Barb – 0412 049 390

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## 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 Carolyn - 0419 712 720

Contact Larney - 0400 610 277

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