

August 2026

Good Morning,

We are having a busy time sorting out next year's travel arrangements. You will be voting on them Tuesday. Larney will be back for the AGM so hopefully I have not made too much of a mess of her system. Larney is enjoying her time with the family.

Next Meeting to be held Tuesday 15th September which is the AGM 2026.

See you all then,
.....Cheryl

GUEST SPEAKERS

5 Minute: Trevor Davies – Jewellery making

20 Minute: Gladstone Genealogical Society

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Pauline Bambling; Cheryl Bensted; Neil Christensen; Bev Ellem; Jennifer Hinde; Robin Hunt; Val M Jones; Liz Keating; Annette Rowe; Edna Stokes; Pat Ward.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

Geoff (Fred) & Andrea Jones; Patricia & Ronald Van Bergen; Nola & Ray Ward.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Nothing beats persistence based on commitment.

A LITTLE HUMOUR

Remember how airlines used to ask you to be at the airport one hour before departure?

Now, to avoid delays, they want you to drive to your destination.

A Kindergarten Teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. While observing one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like". Instantly and without looking up from her work, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

A Teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because its throat was very small. The little girl then stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human, it was physically impossible.

The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah." The teacher then asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?" The little girl replied, "Then you can ask him."

Finally, What's brown and sticky? – a stick.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

From Activities Officer: Pauline

Good morning everyone,

34 members enjoyed 3 days away early August in Maryborough and Gympie. We had perfect weather and our ride on the Rattler was relaxing seeing the lovely countryside.

HARVEY ROAD TAVERN -15TH SEPTEMBER. We are having lunch there after our AGM, so time depends on what time the meeting finishes. Meals at your own expense.

Christmas dinner Thursday 19 November, 6.00 pm Rocky Glen hotel. cost has changed to \$25.00 pp.

Monies can be paid today with final payments in October. Once again, your kind donations for the multi-draw raffle this year are really appreciated. The hotel is closing the bistro for us as climbing the stairs to the upstairs function area can be difficult for some members.

Athol Gilson will provide entertainment.

SOME MEMORIES: of the shows we have seen at the Lyric Theatre plus some other trips.

- **2012** Feb: - Mary Poppins, July: - Cirque Du Soleil
- **2013** May: - Hot Shoe Shuffle, July: - War Horse
- **2014** May: - The King and I, October: - Lion King
- **2015** June: - Dirty Dancing, Sept - Strictly Ballroom and Outback Spectacular at the Gold Coast.
- **2016** April: - Sound of Music
- **2017** Sept: - Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers, Dec: - Cirque Du Soleil,
- **2018** Feb: - Aladdin, Oct: - Priscilla
- **2019** Oct: - Muriel's Wedding
- **2020** March: - Stanthorpe, Apple and Grape
- **2021** COVID
- **2022** May: - 9 to 5
- **2023** Jun: - Moulin Rouge
- **2024** Jan: - Chicago, Nov: - Wicked
- **2025** Sister Act was cancelled, Nov: Pretty Woman.

The prices of accommodation and coaches have risen so much it is hard to arrange trips as cheaply as we could in 2012.

Pauline

AROUND THE TRAPS

Hello from **Noel and Robyn Harvey**

Hi Trevor, Robyn and I back after my 4 months in Prince Charles Hospital. We won't be at seniors this month but will try for later ones. Naturally I can't drive till end of October. Kelly drove us back on Tuesday 11th. Was a total blockage of the left artery. 1 heart attack at Beecher and 6 more in transit to hospital. First 4 weeks no memory as unconscious 4 to 6 weeks, still crook & twice close to curtains. Then recovery & finally released on 11th. I know I am lucky to have survived & steady for a while. We have home help for 12 weeks. Please thank the others at seniors for their wishes. I was bundled into ambulance with no money, devices or clothes, so I had no way to contact anyone. Kelly has been terrific and found 2nd hand clothes, but for 6 weeks I had a purple hospital dress. Welcome to print my summary. Hard on Robyn doing support, but she survived and we still love each other.

What's on at the Gladstone Entertainment Centre **Kate Ceberano:**

Join us when Kate Ceberano returns for her Australian Made Tour 2026 – 12th September.

The Librarian:

A bookish circus adventure for kids aged 5-12 years and their adults – 19th September.

Guy Sebastian:

Following his sold out 2026 National Arena "100 Times Around the Sun Tour", Guy has announced he'll hit the roads once again with his band for the 100 X Around Australia Tour – A major regional run across NSW, SA, QLD, WA, and VIC. – 2nd October.

The Bubble Spectacular

Starring Dr. Hubbles! Catch it – before it floats away! It's unbubb-levable! – 3rd October

What's New Pusycat:

The hits of Tom Jones, Burt Bacharach, Petula Clark, Aretha Franklin, Dusty Springfield, Carole King and the Fab Four performed by Australia's favourite cabaret duo: 6th October.

See you all there – it's looks interesting to say the least.

TOUR INFORMATION

From Tour Officer: Barbara

Hi Members,

Thank you for your support & consideration of the complexities of my role as Tour Officer.

We all have our personalities & I ask for your respect & some kindness when I am speaking.

Tour Offers for 2027 is for the DESTINATION only.

Once members have chosen, the most popular - the details will be "nuttet" out and a more detailed plan will be offered for your consideration. Only then will members be asked to pay a deposit. It is NOT Fair to ask Departure Point to prepare multiple tour options. Again, thank you, and voting will be at the meeting Tues Aug 17, 2026. Should you be unavailable that day, I request that you consider giving a written & signed vote to another member, so we have a paper trail.

You can send a txt to Carolyn - a digital trail.

The first 3 options for 2027 will be Sept/Oct 2027. Costs will be \$4000 - \$5000 per person for approx. 8 days.

All my tours will include travel insurance which is VERY important for all of us.

TASMANIA - last visit 2018. For this tour we plan to visit new places. To Arrive in Hobart. Revisit Port Arthur (gets better every time) Travel up the centre of the island to include Sheffield & Cradle Mountain, up to Launceston, Cataract Gorge, over to Davenport, and the Northwest area which is reported to have the cleanest air in the world. I have requested an Arthur River experience. Fly home from Launceston.

KANGAROO ISLAND & 3 DAY MURRAY RIVER - last visit Adelaide & Murray River 2019. Fly to Adelaide, overnight then to Kangaroo Island Tour. This will be 3 days. This is a taste of the place & if your wish to revisit - more detailed tours are available Back to Adelaide and do the lower Murray River for 3 days (different to our last tour - we travelled further north). My memory was very relaxing, buffet meals were great, views enjoyable of the Murray River. More options can be added if found.

NORTHERN NSW COASTAL & POSSIBLY SOME INLAND COACH TOURING - our club visited Yamba years ago. The north coast is very well populated with lots of interesting communities. Suggestions include the Jacaranda festival in Grafton at the beginning of November, the picturesque coast road, and travel all the way to Port Macquarie. No air fares at this stage so cost to members should be much reduced. I still have the challenge of high room costs.

Voting will be your choice - I plan to give you a wonderful travel experience with a group of people you know, enjoy your company & happy, great memories. Please give it your thoughts and feedback to me is appreciated.

You will be voting for 2027 - please only vote if you are prepared & physically able to travel. This includes managing your luggage, being on time, being a friend to one and all.

Yours in Travel BarbK

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