

## February 2026

Good Morning,

A bunch of us are off to Brisbane this weekend to watch the "Edinburgh Tattoo" at Suncorp Stadium, I have seen some footage on the TV.

Soo exciting, I cannot wait.

Take care, look after yourselves and hopefully we will see you all next month.

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Next Meeting to be held Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at Yaralla.

See you all then,  
..... Larney

## GUEST SPEAKERS

20 Minute: Mr John Moynihan – QLD SES – John is going to outline the workings of the roles in the SES.

## FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

### HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Joy Anderson; Meg Armitage; Lyn Band; Arthur Dumbleton; **Terry Freyling**; Alison Harrington; Trevor Heard; Heather Hurtz; Robyn Knopke; **Colleen Marek**; Graham Martin; Julieanne Matzkov; Branka Medlock; Marcia Moulton; Kris Petersen; Bill Scarborough; Barbara Smith; Joan Sutton, Carolyn Vickery; Wesley Walker.

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

Graham & Pat Howard; Maurie & Pat Ward.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Meetings provide the opportunity to ensure information gets through – where alternatives are covered and all present have the chance to put forward their views.

### A LITTLE HUMOUR



The golfer sliced a ball into a field of free-range chickens, striking one of the hens and killing it instantly. He was understandably upset and sought out the farmer.

"I'm sorry," he said, "my terrible tee-shot hit one of your hens and killed it. Can I replace the hen?"

"I don't know about that," replied the farmer, mulling it over. "How many eggs do you lay a day?"

I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes... then she hugged me.

Every family has a weird relative. If you don't know who it is, it's probably you.

Talk is cheap – because supply exceeds demand.

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### From Activities Officer: Pauline

Good morning, everyone,

### HARVEY ROAD TAVERN –

#### LUNCH 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH AT 11:30 AM

Choose off the menu at own cost. This is just a get together for the beginning of the year,

Please tick your name on the sheet today so we can give numbers to the tavern.

### GLADSTONE BRANCH NATIONAL SENIORS, 30<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY, TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL:

Details to follow – Please keep the date free.

### THE MICHAEL JACKSON MUSICAL:

#### LYRIC THEATRE, BRISBANE – 12,13,14 MAY.

On Wednesday we will be visiting Government House. This is a free excursion, and I have been told by people who have been there, it is very interesting. We will then go to Mt Coot-tha for lunch. We will be going to the show that night.

Travel will be by train as buses are very costly these days. A bus will be hired for our day trip only.

We need 30 + members to be able to do this trip.

A deposit of \$100.00 needs to be paid to Departure Point by Friday.

Pauline

## NEXT YEARS HOLIDAY CONSIDERATIONS

### 2027 – Yes, next year:

I am requesting suggestions that are suitable for a large group of Seniors to enjoy for a week. We have visited every State, even travelled overseas to Norfolk Island, and on our short trips to Brisbane, we have enjoyed many highlights.

- **What was the best NS Tour you have done??**
- **Why did you enjoy it??**
- **Where would you like to go next??**

Please give me some feedback so I can keep up the excitement and pleasure of NS Travel with Departure Point Gladstone.

Regards, Barbk



Holidays are GREAT,  
But there's not many places like HOME.

Many Thanks go to Ken for the photo

## TOUR INFORMATION

From Tour Officer: Barbara

Hi Members,

We are up and going to Canberra in 2026. Early arrangements are to fly virgin (much more economical).

Dates: Leave Gladstone Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October, travel home 13<sup>th</sup> October. We plan to stay at Kurrajong Hotel for 8 nights.

Activities during our stay will include: tour of Canberra to overview the city, Institute of Sport, War Memorial, Cockington Green, Old Parliament House, High Court of Australia, Press Club, National Museum of Australia, Best of Parliament House (includes lunch and Question Time), Arboretum and Bonsai House, Blackwell Alpaca and Llama Farm, Chocolate Factory, Glassworks – scattered over the days. One day we will have a day trip to Goulburn and see some history and of course, lunch.

Friday should be your FREE day to explore Floriade or catch with family/friends etc. We are awaiting confirmation, costs and availability. I hope to give you a figure next month.

In the meantime, to be part of this tour will require a \$500 deposit to lock in flights and accommodation. Start saving as deposits will start in April. Everyone will have travel insurance – look what happened to me last year.

For more information about any of these places – Google Canberra and read all about where you are going and what you are about to enjoy.

Raymond will have a more comprehensive flyer by April.

Regards, Barbk

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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.

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