

January 2026

Good morning,
Welcome back everyone, we hope you enjoyed your Christmas festivities and did not eat toooo much. I have already broken a New Year resolution, so that is it, no more will I make.
The Committee had their first meeting in January and are busy planning events for 2026.
We welcome all newcomers and hope you enjoy your time spent with us.
Sadly, some of our members will look back at 2025

with tears in their eyes and sorrow in their heart, me included, it is just a case of 1 foot forward, one day at a time, 1 more day of remembering the good times. We are all friends here, ready and willing to help if needed.
Next Meeting to be held Tuesday 17th February 2026 back at Yaralla.
See you all then,
..... Larney

GUEST SPEAKERS

20 Minute: Bronwyn Chisholm – Commonwealth Bank – Scammers.

JANUARY CELEBRATIONS HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Judy Aitkenhead; Pamala Brown; Aileen Dirr; Judy Finlay; Andree' Grayson; Gloria Holmes; Fay Jackson; Kath Linder; Leslie Lofthouse; Lorraine McCamley; Sylvia O'Sullivan; **Patricia Patchett**; Pat Perry; Barbara Smith; Arthur Timms; Kathy Wakefield; Helen Watson; **Janette Wessling**; Tom Wigley.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

Val & Roy Jones; Franz & Kathi Linder; Rita & Ken Murray; Roslyn & Adrian Newberry; Allan & Carol Pease.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Discovery" consists of seeing what everyone else has seen, but thinking what no-one else has thought.

Albert Szent-Gyordyi (1893-1986) Hungarian Scientist.

A LITTLE HUMOUR



Some Christmas Cracker jokes or are they really Cracker Christmas jokes – you decide.

What is a French burglar's favourite Christmas film?
Louvre, actually.

Why is (former) Prince Andrew not writing any Christmas books?

He hasn't got any titles.

What do Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor and a snowman have in common?

They're both out in the cold.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Good morning everyone welcome to the new year.

SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY, EDINBURGH TATTOO, BRISBANE.

I have your train tickets here today for you to collect. I am going to Brisbane on Saturday but will meet you at Roma Street on Sunday when you arrive and will have taxis organized for everyone. These are at your cost. I will have all the Tattoo tickets with me.

MJ THE MUSICAL,
LYRIC THEATRE BRISBANE,
MAY 26.

There are flyers here today and as usual we can book for a group of 40 etc.

These trips must have 35 - 40 members to make them affordable to members.

Pls add names to sheets today if interested.

Next meeting we will have a cost. Please do not put names down if you aren't sure of going.

We will have our birthday lunch in April as usual. Details at March meeting.

Pauline

AROUND THE TRAPS

Our Exercise Officer Extraordinaire – Barbara Holgate has provided the following Tongue Twisters for your amusement:

“Wily The Wily Wagtail”

Wily Wily Wagtail whistling

Pussy Cat her fur a ‘bristling’

Wily Wily Wagtail whistling

Will he wag his tail? – It’s missing!

“Mega Muddle”

Woggle toggle paddle dabble

Double trouble froth and bubble

Woggle toggle paddle dabble.

Twists my tongue in mega muddle.

AROUND THE TRAPS

Aussie Aussie Aussies

Kick off the year by taking part and enjoying all the fun at the **GRC “Australia Day Family Fun Day”**

Monday 26th January between 10am-1pm at the beautiful Millennium Esplanade

Activities include Tug of War, Sack Races, free face painting and a free sausage sizzle.

Contact communityevents@gladstone.qld.gov.au for more details.

Phone 4972 2822

Toondoon Rotary Market – next market day is Sunday 15th February.

Bam and Calliope markets do not start up again until March.

TOUR INFORMATION

From Tour Officer: Barbara

Hi Members,

Welcome to 2026. I am already doing the groundwork for our annual tour. I have had very few responses with suggestions for destinations. Any tour has to be suitable for 35-40 people. We are aware that international travel has become more expensive. Travel insurance is also a factor for any event. Today we are to select a venue for 2026.

I am requesting that you consider the previous options. Canberra has been on the list and has been a close second a number of times. It's 14 years since the club has been to this destination. Please consider this as an option. I will outline suggested activities when I report to the meeting. Travel date suggested is late September, early October. We avoid school holidays as rates are too high.

Please collect a proposed itinerary if you are interested in this option - this is subject to changes, activities available. Costing will not be available until a lot of work has been done at the office.

Yours in Travel BarbK

AROUND THE TRAPS, continued

GECC Morning Melodies 2026:

- “Bloom” sings Eva Cassidy – Tuesday Feb 24th
- “The Beggars” sing “The Seekers” – Tuesday April 21st

2026 Combined Schools Musical

2-15th March 2026

**Disney & Cameron Mackintosh's,
‘MARY POPPINS’**

Contact the Box Office for details 4972 2822

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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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