GLADSTONE BRANCH NEWSLETTER



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Good morning.

Wow, I cannot believe we have completed another vear of branch meetings, we must be doing something right as you all return month after month.

A big Thank you to all our members who serve on the Committee, it could not have been done without you.

Thank you to our lovely Meet & Greets, for being friendly and helpful, especially to our visitors, who can be a little nervous.

The Committee wishes you all have a Fun filled Christmas, and greet 2026 with love in your heart. Time to start thinking about those New Year "get ready to be broken" resolutions.

Please stay safe if travelling we would love to see you all again next year.

Next Meeting to be held Tuesday 20th January 2026. See you all then,

..... Larney

ENTERTAINMENT

With Atholl Gilson:

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Carol Armstrong; Bev Bowley; Allan Browning; Ray Cannon; Nance Davies; Rhonda Dumpleton; Colleen Ford; Pat Howard; Judi Irwin; Andrea Jones; Maureen Larsen; Betty Laver; Dorothy Leech; Peter Marshall; Lurleen Ramm; Jo Ryan; Margaret Scoullar; Val Talbot; Ray Ward; Nerida White.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

Robin & Bruce Hunt; Maureen & Noel Larsen; Bill & Pam Scarborough.

DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Margaret Cook; John Hinde; Julie Knight; Noel Larsen; Terry Marsh; Rae Matthews; Nev Poole; Les Smith; Don Sutton; Barry Thomson.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

Allan & Sybil Browning; Christine & Len Dennis; Noel & Robyn Harvey; Marie-Ann & Graham Martin; Barbara & Les Smith.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

We judge ourselves by what we are capable of doing, while others judge us by what we have already done.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

From Activities Officer: Pauline

Good morning, everyone,

20 members travelled to Brisbane last Tuesday to see Pretty Woman.

It was a great show enjoyed by all.

We booked a tour through Brisbane City Hall which was very interesting. We certainly learnt a lot about the building of it, the beautiful marble used and painstaking sculptures. It was originally the tallest building in the city. Some of us also climbed the stairs to the clock tower.

Lovely weather and no cyclones this time to cut our tour short.

There is a flyer here today for those going to the Tattoo next February.

Thanks to everyone who has come on our trips this year.

As this is our last meeting for 2025, I wish you all a merry Christmas and happy New Year. Cheers.

Pauline

A LITTLE HUMOUR ⁽³⁾



A recruit wanted leave to see his wife and newborn baby.

The old sergeant-major looked at the soldier and told him he had one glass eve. and if he could tell him which one it was, he could have his leave.

"It's the right one sir,"

"Correct," barked the boss, "But how did you know?" "There's more sympathy in it, sir."

AROUND THE TRAPS

Check out the tree of lights 222 Alf Orourke Dr Callemondah. They are turned on at 6pm

Gladstone Regional Lights Trail – http://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au best lights Gladstone News http://gladstonenews.com.au

The last morning melodies for 2025 will be at GECC "Home for Christmas" Award winning entertainer Darren Coggan who will get you in the Christmas Spirit with his selection of Christmas Carols.

Kenny Rogers & Friends will be entertaining us at GECC – one show only Thursday 27th November. Ph Box Office 4972 2822

GLADSTONE ART GALLERY

Martin Hanson – 8th November – 24th January 2026. Check out all the gorgeous exhibits on display, both local and interstate.

Remembrance Day 2025: Beyond the Battlefield. Our soldiers make incredible sacrifices on the frontlines and experience unimaginable hardships, there is also a team of men, women and animals contributing in powerful ways to support them.

This exhibition shines a light on the vital contributions of these support groups.

2025 Santos GLNG Mayor's Carols proudly supported by 4CC.

Friday 5th December

Program: Merry Markets 4pm-8.30pm

Food Vendors 4pm-8.30pm Main Stage Entertainment

5.30pm-8.30pm

Fireworks Approx. 8.20pm

TOUR INFORMATION

From Tour Officer: Barbara

Hi Members

Thank you to everyone who sent beautiful messages after my darling Noel passed away very suddenly. He had pancreatic cancer, and we did not know. Neither did his doctor.

Thank you to Lurleen and Carolyn for taking the members on the tour. Thanks also to Raymond for his excellent organisation of the days and events. The bus driver was amazing according to many of the travellers. Our National Seniors annual trips are always very special. The musical "Annie" was enjoyed by all. The Brisbane season starts on December 27th if you want to go.

I will now need to start planning for 2026. Please email or send messages to me or our President Carolyn, with suggestions. International Tours are too expensive. Ideally, I need 40 members to express interest. At the January Management meeting, I shall discuss options, suggestions and ideas presented by membership. Hopefully I'll present to the January meeting 2026. Our club continues to grow with membership, new friendships and happy occasions and events.

Yours in Travel. BarbK

AROUND THE TRAPS, continued

The date for the last Calliope River Historical Village Market is Sunday 14th.December

Check them out if you have any last-minute shopping to do.

They have a huge variety of stalls on display.

Committee Members

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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

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