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JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER

JUNE GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 1st JUNE 2022 Morning tea will be from 9:00am to 10:00am, meeting follows. This month's speaker is Keir Tierney, NBN Community Ambassador, followed by Carolina and Graeme with Member's Memories.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Another great Meeting, Seniors. The Bush Poet was highly entertaining. The very loud buzz at Meetings shows Members are having a great time interacting. And most attendees stayed on for lunch and/or a drink - and a chat. Not sure how many were getting 5% off with their Monty's Rewards card, obtainable from https://www.montysrewards.com.au or from the Brunswick. There is the option to order at any time from your phone via

scanning the barcode on the table, or you can queue and chat to whoever is standing next to you.

Our **Member Memories** are going well and thank you Frances for your memories. This Meeting Carolina and Graeme will share some of their memories with us. Don't be shy about putting your hand up for Member Memories. The memories may be ordinary to you but they won't be for us. And your Committee has decided Member Memories should be rewarded with the usual gift we give our speakers.

Our presenter next Meeting is Keir Tierney, NBN Community Ambassador, who will talk about getting the best out of your internet and **how to avoid internet scams** – very timely. The internet is great convenience for us Seniors, but it also brings with it enormous potential for scammers. No best dressed this Meeting – scammers and their victims just look like regular people.

Di and Trish are doing a great job with events and Lola days. These events are an important part of Seniors and Members are encouraged to enjoy these events. **Christmas in July** is planned for our July meeting so mark it in your diaries – it'll be a highlight event. Your Committee recognises the rising cost of living and is reviewing all avenues to make this event affordable for all.

Sympathies to Vice President Jenny and Ken whose parked car was badly damaged in the Brunswick car park last Meeting by an errant BWS customer. Jenny and Ken were not in their car but the car was adjudged undriveable and they had to taxi home. We hope their transport will restored before next Meeting.

Cr Vicki Howard has donated more vouchers for SAVOUR Café valued at \$50 each and we thank her and our other prize donors for their continued support. Our **RAFFLE prizes now total \$125** including a \$50 BAKEOLOGY voucher from Hon. Grace Grace, a \$25 Dinner voucher from the Brunswick Hotel and the \$50 SAVOUR Café voucher from Cr Vicki. But you've got to be in to win. And thank you Denise for organising and running our raffles.

Check out our Branch website and use it to show off our Branch. Some great photos there. https://nationalseniors.com.au/get-involved/branches/new-farm

See you at the Brunswick.

Graeme



LOLA DAY at SURFERS PARADISE

9 brave souls ventured on train and light rail to Surfers Paradise on a very wet and miserable day in Brisbane, but it was apparently not so bad down the coast.

Di, Anne, Eileen, Ann.

The adult version of "head, shoulders, knees and toes" is "wallet, glasses, keys and phone."





Bush Poet Noel Stallard Irene looking very bushy. (Carolina and Matt won best dressed bushies!)



Frances didn't know she was so terrified of public speaking, until SOMEONE made her do it!



CHRISTMAS IN JULY LUNCHEON

Your Activities Co-ordinators, Di and Trish have been working very hard to organise our next function on July 6th – The Christmas in July Luncheon at The Brunswick Hotel. We have also taken steps to keep costs down for you! We are paying a subsidy out of our club funds and Vicki Howard has very generously come to the party as a sponsor, for which we are very grateful.

This brings the cost for a drink of wine or beer on arrival, a two-course meal of traditional Christmas fare, dessert and tea or coffee, down to \$35 per head. Absolutely the best value in town!

Date: 6th July 2022 **Time:** 11am for 12 noon **Venue:** The Brunswick Hotel **Cost:** Members \$35 Guests \$40

To book your place, please phone: Diane Gage 0438 596 798 or Trish 0410404528 Please pay at the next General meeting on 1st June.

Anne Stubbington, Treasurer

MAY MEETING RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

Lucky Door Prize – New Farm Cinemas 2x free admissions – Heather Bakeology gift card \$50 donated by Grace Grace – Irene Brunswick Hotel \$30 Gift Card – Val Savour Café gift card \$50 donated by Vicki Howard – Judith

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Danielle ELLIS Sue McKENZIE Anne STUBBINGTON Marion WHITE



WELFARE

Please notify **Ken Milner** on 0419227766 of any member you know who is ill or injured, so that we can give our support where needed.

ACTIVITIES & DATE CLAIMERS for NSA NEW FARM Branch

JUNE DINNER

Thursday 19th May at 6:00pm, at BAMIYAN, 693 Brunswick St, New Farm.

See the menu at http://www.bamiyanrestaurantqld.com/our-menu/
Please advise Frances Munro (0422 489 406) if attending or cancelling



THE BRUNSWICK STREET BOOK CLUB Tuesday 7th June at 2pm

Our May meeting was well-attended. There were very mixed feelings about Bruny, ranging from some enjoying it very much and others not at all which made for a lively discussion. It was interesting to hear about different and diverse opinions on various aspects of the characters, the writing, the themes and the storyline. This augurs well for future book choices and what we all make of them!

The next book for June is **The Pearl Thief by Fiona McIntosh**. Happy reading! Anne.

If you are interested, give Dani a call on 33585908 or email her at <u>danielledevalera@gmail.com</u>

(PS Best coffee in New Farm, IMHO – Frances)



LOLA DAYS - DIFFERENT DAYS FOR DIFFERENT PEOPLE

Wednesday, 8th June. Meet at 10am in foyer of City Hall for a visit to the Museum of Brisbane.





Di, Margaret, Anne, Ngaire (in mirror)

Judith

Denise, Graeme, Sue



15 Members and friends enjoyed an excellent curry or 3 at the Taj Mahal.



OUT AND ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY

NEW FARM LIBRARY

FIRST FRIDAY BOOK CLUB Fri 3rd June, 10:00am

In **June** we will be reading **The Landing** by **Susan Johnson** New members welcome. Bookings not required. Free





ELVIS

In the movie, Oscar-nominated filmmaker Baz Luhrmann ("The Great Gatsby," "Moulin Rouge!") will explore the life and music of Presley, through the prism of his



complicated relationship with his enigmatic manager, Colonel Tom Parker, played in the film by two-time Oscar winner **Tom Hanks**

("Forrest Gump," "Philadelphia"). The story will delve into their complex dynamic spanning over 20 years, from Presley's rise to fame to his unprecedented stardom, against the backdrop of the evolving cultural landscape and loss of innocence in America.



HAUTE COUTURE

Esther is at the end of her career as Head Seamstress at Dior Avenue Montaigne workshop. One day, she gets her handbag stolen in the metro by a 20 year old woman, Jade. Instead of calling the police she decides to take care of Jade. She sees in her the opportunity to pass on her skills, the craft of dressmaking, her only wealth. In the frenetic world of Haute Couture, Esther will give Jade la beauté du geste, a way to reach beyond herself.

LORD MAYOR'S CITY HALL CONCERTS:

Please note – due to Covid restrictions, these concerts have to be booked, either online through Brisbane City Council website, or for those without a computer, ring the council on 34038888. Concerts are still free!

Tue 7th June 12:00pm to 1:00pm -. DANNY WIDDICOMBE & TRICHOTOMY.

As winners of the prestigious 2021 Queensland Music Award for Best Jazz Song, Danny Widdicombe and Trichotomy have built a strong reputation for the quality of their captivating live performances and acclaimed recordings. Their cross-genre collaboration was born from the idea of merging Danny's modern-folk song writing and finger style guitar approach, with



Trichotomy's virtuosic jazz musicianship and innate musicality. The steel string guitar and earthy vocals are the perfect match for the piano, bass, drums and intimate interplay, and together it creates an engaging blend of sonic tapestries. Musically cohesive, detailed, and accessible to an array of audiences.



Tue 14th June 12:00pm to 1:00pm. NEIL DIAMOND SUPER HITS CONCERT.

Local renowned artist, Steve Cummins, presents his tribute to Neil Diamond's 1976 Thank You Australia tour. Recognised as the closest interpretation of those memorable performances of the 70s, Steve has showcased his outstanding show across venues not only in Australia, but also through New Zealand and Asia. The set list for this special one-hour performance includes the very best and is supported by two

musicians from his regular touring band. The concert will delight all Neil Diamond fans, as well as offer anyone who was lucky to be in the audiences for the 1976 tour, a unique reminiscent experience.

Tue 21st June 12:00pm to 1:00pm - MELODIES FROM MANSFIELD CAMERATA.

Celebrate the beauty of a 40-piece string orchestra as Mansfield State High School's Camerata transports you through time. Enjoy the melodies from this talented group of 40 young musicians who will entertain you with music from Vivaldi to The Beatles. Accompanied by some young vocalists.

this concert is bound to get you singing along to some of your favourite songs. The performance will also feature an original work by young modern composer, Isabella Gerometa.





Tue 28th June 12:00pm to 1:00pm - THOSE FOLK.

Charismatic, authentic and thoroughly entertaining, Lawrence Menard (USA) and Clare Quinn (AUS) are the transpacific-troubadours known as 'Those Folk'. Since meeting in Scotland in 2012, the pair have travelled extensively together and are now based on the Sunshine Coast. A partnership forged in the fires of folk music, their songwriting explores love, hope, belonging, and the human condition. Breathtaking vocal harmonies are featured alongside rich instrumental work performed on the guitar, piano, accordion, mandolin and banjo. Inspired by iconic duos such as Simon and Garfunkel, 'Those Folk' make not just folk music, but music for all sorts of folk.

War is God's way of teaching Americans geography - Ambrose Bierce

I'm at that age where my mind still thinks I'm 29, my humour suggests I'm 12, while my body mostly keeps asking if I'm sure I'm not dead yet.

I went to the toy store and asked the assistant where the Schwarznegger dolls are and he replied, "Aisle B, back."

NEW FARM BRANCH COMMITTEE AND ASSISTANTS FROM SEPTEMBER 2021

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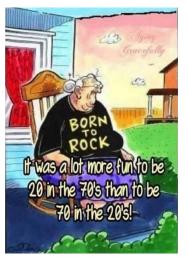
Do remember to update any changes to details with Jenny Milner. Emergency contacts need to be current.

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FAMOUS TOPICS IN ART HISTORY:



HERCULES ATTEMPTING TO GIVE HIS CAT A PILL





Women sometimes make fools of men, but most guys are the do-it-yourself type.