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## SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

### GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023 at Brunswick Hotel, 569 Brunswick St, New Farm.**  
**Morning tea will be from 9:15am to 10:00am, meeting follows.**

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



#### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Hello everyone!**

Our next meeting is the AGM, an important part of our annual programme. I cannot believe that I have been in this role for a year, it has gone so fast. I'm told time flies when you're having fun.

However, first things first. We invited **Karen Furnivall**, the newly appointed Community Engagement Manager at National Seniors Australia to our August meeting and I thank her for coming. It turned out to be a busy meeting with **our first Trivia Quiz** taking up time and energy, stretching our memories and testing our intellect. It was good to see everyone so involved. Thank you, Karen, for joining in! All that fun certainly developed a thirst and by the end we were ready for an excellent Brunswick Hotel lunch.

Looking ahead to our AGM, **Councillor Vicki Howard** has graciously agreed to take the Chair during our formalities and we thank her very much for giving us her time.

Current members of the committee will stand down and we will see what nominations we have for 2023-2024 positions. If necessary, elections will ensue. This might be an appropriate point to say thank you to all the volunteers at New Farm Branch, on and off the committee, who have made a difference by planning and organising such an interesting and enjoyable year. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with such a great team.

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM. Take care and look out for one another.

**Anne Stubbington**

The **August Trivia event** was well attended, and beautifully organized and compared by our President Anne, and points compiled by Treasurer Greg.

Karen FURNVELL, NSA Community Engagement Officer (left) joined in as well!

Karen, Dani, Di, Anne, Jenny and Greg.



#### SOME DEFINITIONS

**COMMITTEE** - A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

**TOOTHACHE** - The pain that drives you to extraction.

**TOMORROW** - One of the greatest labour-saving devices of today.

**WRINKLES** - Something other people have, similar to my character lines.

**YAWN** - An honest opinion openly expressed.



Bev and Di



Ken, Gina, Ann S, James, David, Jann, Cathy, and John.

20 of us took over the **Toranj Persian and Afghani restaurant** in August, and had a delicious meal. Some people started with dessert first – guess who! I'm sure the restaurant owner was somewhat confused!

### PHOTOS OF THE YOUNG AND BEAUTIFUL

I thought that as we were ALL young and beautiful once upon a time, that we could have some photos in the newsletter to remind ourselves!



The 1st to give me a photo was John Donatiu, of his wedding photo with Mary, in 1958.



Anne and Peter, 1983, at the start of the Sydney to Hobart race.

Ken and Jenny, 1967



I'd love to be able to show a few every month, so have a hunt through your computer or photo albums, and find one where you look stunning!

### AUGUST MEETING RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

The Bakeologists \$50 voucher (Grace Grace MP): Beryl Watson  
 Brunswick Hotel \$30 Food & Drink Voucher: Judy Williams  
 Savour \$50 Voucher (Cr Vicki Howard): Greg Gaffney  
 Lucky Door Prize (NF Cinema tickets): Carolina Kidd

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Cadji DESOUZA Trish FERGUSON John MUNRO Gordon ROTHE  
 Cathy SIMMERS David STAPLETON Greg STEVENS Robyn TAYLOR  
 Kay THORPE





## WELFARE

Please notify **Jackie WALL** on **0492813836** of any member that you know who is ill or injured, so that we can give our support where needed.

## ACTIVITIES & DATE CLAIMERS for NSA NEW FARM Branch



### THE BRUNSWICK STREET BOOK CLUB

**Tuesday 12th SEPTEMBER at 2pm**

The book for **AUGUST** is **Circe by Madeline Miller**

If you are interested, give Dani a call on 33585908 or email her at

[danielledevalera@gmail.com](mailto:danielledevalera@gmail.com)

Members are welcome to purchase a delicious lunch in the bistro beforehand to set themselves up for the meeting. Coffee is also available.

## DINNER LUNCH



**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER at 12md, at Hotel X, 458 Brunswick St, Fortitude Valley**  
**Bisou Bisou Restaurant**, on the ground floor of Hotel X, offers a **\$25 lunch special** with a drink of your choice. [www.bisou-bisou.com.au](http://www.bisou-bisou.com.au)  
196 and 199 buses stop opposite the hotel.

Please advise Frances Munro on 0422489406 if attending or cancelling.

## LOLA DAYS – DIFFERENT DAYS FOR DIFFERENT PEOPLE

**FRIDAY 8th SEPTEMBER - Laidley**

Meet at the Uniting Church, Merthyr Road at 8:30 to leave at 9am.

Cost \$45 pay on the day.

Please contact Diane on 0438 596 798 or Trish on 0410404528



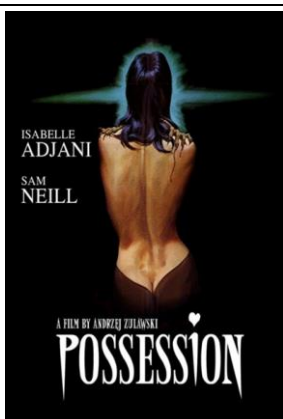
## OUT AND ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY

### NEW FARM LIBRARY

**FIRST FRIDAY BOOK CLUB Fri 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 10:00am**

In **SEPTEMBER**, read and discuss **Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow** by **Gabrielle Zevin**.

New members welcome. Bookings NOT required. Free.



### . POSSESSION from THU 7<sup>th</sup> SEP

Banned upon its original release in 1981, Andrzej Żuławski's stunningly choreographed nightmare of a marriage unraveling is an experience unlike any other. Professional spy Mark (**Sam Neill**) returns to his West Berlin home to find his wife Anna (**Isabelle Adjani**, in a role that earned her Best Actress at Cannes) insistent on a divorce. As Anna's frenzied behavior becomes ever more alarming, Mark discovers a truth far more sinister than his wildest suspicions. With its pulsating score, visceral imagery, and some of the most haunting performances ever captured on screen, Possession is cinematic delirium at its most intoxicating.



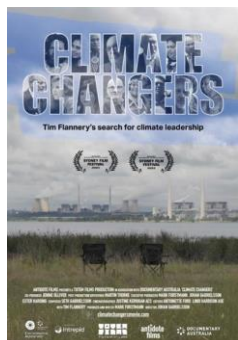
### A HAUNTING IN VENICE from THU 14th SEP

Starring Kelly Reilly, Michelle Yeoh, Jamie Dornan, Kyle Allen, Kenneth Branagh, Tina Fey  
In post-World War II Venice, Poirot, now retired and living in his own exile, reluctantly attends a seance, when one of the guests is murdered, it is up to the former detective to once again uncover the killer.

**CLIMATE CHANGERS SUN 17th SEP at 5.30pm**

Directed by Johan Gabrielsson | Starring Tim Flannery

CLIMATE CHANGERS is Tim Flannery's search for leadership on climate change. Where are the leaders who



will drive change? Are they strong enough to triumph where others have failed? Tim poses these questions as he meets leaders past and present in the hope of finding answers.

Climate change is humanity's greatest challenge as we delve into what frustrates Tim, what motivates him, and where he believes the solutions lie. This immersive journey takes Tim from his early days as a palaeontologist when he first encountered climate change, to his tireless efforts at the Copenhagen COP in 2009 which failed to deliver, to fending off deeply personal attacks from deniers and right-wing media, to the COP26 in Glasgow 2021, and onto today's ever pressing challenges of geopolitical troubles, and the fossil fuel industry's obstruction to change. Yet there are green shoots of hope.

### MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING 3 THU 7<sup>th</sup> SEP

Starring Lainie Kazan, Andrea Martin, Louis Mandylor, Elena Kampouris, Nia Vardalos, John Corbett

From writer and director Nia Vardalos, the worldwide phenomenon My Big Fat Greek Wedding is coming back to theaters with a brand-new adventure. Join the Portokalos family as they travel to a family reunion in Greece for a heartwarming and hilarious trip full of love, twists and turns. Opa!



### GIVE A SHEET® FOR THE PLANET



Do you have a cupboard full of old, worn-out household linen? You can recycle these textiles for free at one of three (two left) events being held throughout August, September and October across Brisbane.

Brisbane City Council have partnered with BlockTexx to provide Brisbane residents with an opportunity to recycle their unwanted household linen for free via Give a Sheet® for the Planet. These drive-through events

allow residents to drop-off their household linen in a quick and easy manner and are a fun way to get involved in a local recycling solution for end-of-life textiles.

Items that can be recycled include all household linens that are made from cotton, polyester and cellulosic fibres (including viscose, rayon, bamboo, linen and tencel). These valuable textiles are then recycled into new raw materials to be re-manufactured.

The 2 remaining dates are **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Sep** at Karawatha Forest Discovery Centre, Karawatha, and **Saturday 21 October** at Boondall Entertainment Centre, Boondall.



**U3A - UNIVERSITY OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> AGE** - is a worldwide self-help organisation promoting learning for personal enjoyment and wellbeing. Keeping the brain active, doing interesting things and making new friends are essential for helping older people to maximise their chances of independence, and this is what U3A does very effectively. U3A is making a

very substantial contribution to society by helping its members to remain healthy and active for longer.

U3A Brisbane is one of many similar U3A organisations in Australia. Formed in 1986, we are a totally volunteer organisation, and provide leisure and educational courses to local seniors. **We have over 3000 members and offer more than 200 educational courses each term**, all of these at low cost. Most classes are in-person, but we also offer online classes.

Our City Campus classes are held at our own premises at 97 Creek Street Brisbane, and in leased rooms nearby at 232 Adelaide St Brisbane, just a short walk from bus, train or ferry. Other City Precinct classes are held at various locations in the CBD.

The **OPEN DAY** will provide the opportunity for attendees to:

- explore the diverse range of courses on offer
- find out about the benefits of participation in U3A
- connect with our friendly tutors who are keen to share their knowledge in an inclusive and enjoyable learning environment
- discover the camaraderie that makes U3A Brisbane a thriving community of lifelong learners.



### **LORD MAYOR'S CITY HALL CONCERTS:**



#### **Tue 5th SEPTEMBER 12:00pm to 1:00pm - ConFusion.**

Led by music icon, Jose McLaughlin of Gerry and the Pacemakers fame, ConFusion delves into the genres of jazz-rock and fusion first brought to prominence by Miles Davis in the late 1960s and further developed by bands such as Return to Forever, Mahavishnu Orchestra, Weather Report and Headhunters in the 1970s.

#### **Tue 12th SEPTEMBER 12:00pm to 1:00pm - David Bailey Silent Movie.**

David Bailey is an Australian theatre organist, composer and silent film accompanist based in Brisbane with a musical style influenced heavily by the popular music of the early to mid-twentieth century. A theatre organist firstly, David's main form of musical expression has always been connected to the silent film world, but in 2007 he brought this expertise back to the cinema and pursued an interest in silent film accompaniment.

David Bailey offers a cinema experience both novel and nostalgic. 'For Heaven's Sake' will be screened with organ accompaniment.



#### **Tues19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 12:00pm to 1:00pm - Nonsemble.**

Nonsemble inhabit a space between contemporary classical and adventurous pop music, resulting in a diverse output that ranges from sprawling and evocative modern compositions to meticulously crafted chamber-pop. A septet consisting of piano, string quartet, drums and guitar

(plus the occasional blast of electronics), the group's musical backgrounds are as varied as their output: classically trained instrumentalists, seasoned rock players, and electronic tinkerers, whose musical interests range from obscure electronica and instrumental math-rock to early baroque music. This unique setup and blend of influences provides for a wide palette of sounds. Olafur Arnalds-esque lushness meets Joanna Newsom jubilation, while the shimmering brightness of minimalist composers such as Steve Reich and John Adams rubs shoulders with the intensity of Godspeed You Black Emperor or 65daysofstatic. Nonsemble have a penchant for the rhythmically complex, but theirs is a music where the heart always wins—often in spite of heavy doses of heady conceptualism.

#### **Tue 26th SEPTEMBER 12:00pm to 1:00pm – Tyrone and Lesley.**


Tyrone and Lesley are an award-winning ukulele and double bass duo who write light music for dark times. Having one foot on the theatre stage and the other on the music stage is a striking stance which has seen them headline for audiences little and large all the way from the Sydney Opera House to the United Kingdom. With many recordings released, they've brightened many rooms from Adelaide, Sydney, Melbourne, Auckland, Newcastle, to Cairns and Kenilworth and are thrilled to share their songs at City Hall.



### **FORTITUDE VALLEY HISTORY TOUR**

**Saturday, 16 September**

Wind back in time to learn about our neighbouring community Fortitude Valley named after the ship Fortitude that brought Scottish immigrants to Brisbane in 1849.

 Bus travel involved - please bring your Translink GoCard!

Our Saturday morning 'Waterfront Newstead' history tours are always an eye-opener as we learn about the rich history

of our neighbourhood and surrounds. Our spring-time tour is being held on Saturday September 16 starting at 9:30am.

We will board the CityGlider early heading to James St to learn about:


- the old Coca-Cola bottling works, • St Patrick's Church which was consecrated in 1882
- Laneways (Winn Lane and Lucky Lane) • McWhirters Building
- Holy Name Cathedral site and All Hallows

**Tours are provided by Waterfront Newstead by Mirvac** helping to connect our local community - we thank them for their continued support!

**About our History Tour Guide:**

Gerard is a local historian well versed in historical stories from and around New Farm, Teneriffe and Newstead because of his popular books about the area: Reflections on New Farm (2008) and Homes with History on the New Farm Peninsula (2015). For more than a decade, he has been the history columnist for New Farm's My Village News monthly magazine. As an editor and designer, he has assisted many people wishing to produce a book.

 Ticket Bookings are essential – limited numbers, please cancel if you cannot attend. FREE

 **Please meet at 9:30am outside Waterfront Newstead by Mirvac Sales Centre, located on the corner of Skyring Terrace and Cunningham Drive, Newstead. Opposite Gasworks shopping centre.**

Book through evenbright

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/fortitude-valley-history-tour-tickets-694529445267?aff=erelexpmlt>

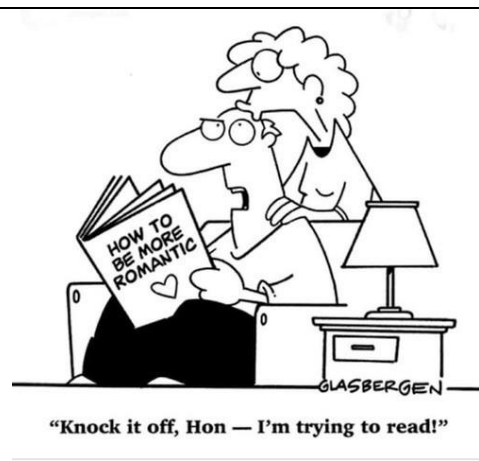
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**Do remember to update any changes to details with Jenny Milner. Emergency contacts need to be current.**

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**Don't irritate old people. The older we get, the less "Life in prison" is a deterrent.**

**I'm ready for some blessings that aren't in disguise!**