

### APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER

#### GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 1 April, at Brunswick Hotel, 569 Brunswick St, New Farm.

Morning Tea will be at 9:15 to 10:00 after which Bradley Voltz & John Simmers will entertain us.



Hello everyone,

Now we are 36! Needless to say, we celebrated our anniversary in style with cake, with guests from NSA Head Office and a brilliant speaker. We welcomed **Anna Townend** and **Anne Robertson** who joined with Jenny Milner to cut the cake and say a few words. Jenny is a significant member of some 15 years. She has made an enormous contribution as a previous



President and Vice-President, a Membership Secretary, a back-up Treasurer, and all-round guiding hand for committee procedure and operations. Anna and Anne are both always ready to help and support us here at New Farm Branch, so we are really pleased they could share the day with us.

Our guest speaker was very popular local identity and also a member, **Clare Moore**, who has served in public life for the past twenty-five years. Clare was elected and re-elected as a Queensland Senator from 2001 until 2019. Since then, her focus has been on the \$6.6 million renovation of Brisbane's oldest surviving residence, Newstead House. Today, this jewel in the crown has become a stunning museum, run by a Board of Trustees chaired by Clare. When I asked her to be our guest, I left it to her to choose the topic, and it was no surprise when she spoke about Newstead House. I am so pleased she did; she gave us some fascinating details and insights. Thank you, Clare.



At our next meeting we will be entertained by Bradley & John who form an accordion/double bass duo. Bradley Voltz and John Simmers are friends who collaborate on musical projects from time to time between embarking on motorcycle adventures. They will be playing a combination of traditional accordion music and jazz standards.

#### It's not the same without you, Diane....

A key member of our team, Diane Gage, has been missing in action for the last couple of months after a serious injury and severe pain has kept her in hospital. Normally helping others and full of energy, with a smile that lights up the room, this has been a very difficult, life-changing experience for our friend. After surgery, she has now been moved to a residential transition care programme where we hope she will regain her familiar joie de vivre and her energy. We miss you, Diane, and we are sending you our very best wishes for a full recovery.

Anne Stubbington  
President

### MARCH MEETING RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

**Lucky Door prize Double Pass New Farm Cinemas:** Richard Eggesfield  
**\$50 New Farm Bakeology donated by Grace Grace:** Bill Leveritt  
**\$50 Savour Voucher by Vicki Howard:** Dell Marshall  
**\$25 Gift Card donated by Brunswick Hotel:** David Sharman

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Robert Collins; John Day; Gabrielle Forsyth; Helen Mura; Una O'Sullivan



### WELFARE

Please notify Kay Thorpe about any member that you know of who is ill or injured, so that we can give our support where needed. PHONE **0402 031 694**

### LOLA DAYS – Different Days for Different People

**On THURSDAY 23 APRIL we will attend the SCHOOL'S ANZAC DAY CEREMONY, 10:00 – 11:15am at ANZAC SQUARE.** We came across this by accident last year and were very impressed with the whole thing. Those who wish to have a coffee first at the usual place near the bus stop could meet at approx. 9:15. If you are coming later we will hopefully be towards the front on the right-hand side as we were last year. Of course we won't have Diane with us to talk our way to the front but we will hope for the best.

Just a few days later on **MONDAY 27 APRIL** we have a **MYSTERY OUTING** which is restricted to members only. Meet at Roma Street Bus Station, platform 1 at 10:00am. Entrance is from Roma St itself, not from the railway station entrance. If you have caught the 196 or 199 you can go into King George Square bus station, platform 1 & catch a Metro one stop to Roma St platform 1. Some one will meet you at Roma Street to guide you the rest of the way. There will be a short walk to your final destination.

**Any queries about either of these days contact Dell Marshall 0432 283 314.**

### DINING OUT

A delightful evening was enjoyed at the New Farm Bowls Club on Thursday, 19 March, for our monthly dinner. Although the menu was somewhat limited, the atmosphere more than made up for it, with lively conversation, warm camaraderie, and plenty of laughter shared by all.

On Thursday 16 April at 12.00 Noon we will revisit an Old favourite, **Bisou Bisou, 458 Brunswick Street New Farm**

If you wish to join us please phone **Cathy Simmers on 0414 336 838** so a booking can be made.



### BRUNSWICK ST BOOK CLUB

This month the Brunswick Street Book Club is reading *Cold Mountain* by Charles Frazier. The Book Club will meet at Cr Vicki Howards' Office, 5 Lamington Street, New Farm on Tuesday, 14 April, at 11am. In May we will have a general discussion on what each of us has been reading.

## OUT AND ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY

### NEW FARM CINEMAS



**FATHER MOTHER SISTER BROTHER:** Directed by Jim Jarmusch  
Starring Tom Waits, Adam Driver, Indya Moore, Vicky Krieps, Luka Sabbat, Françoise Lebrun, Mayim Bialik, Cate Blanchett, Charlotte Rampling  
Estranged siblings reunite after years apart, forced to confront unresolved tensions and reevaluate their strained relationships with their emotionally distant parents. **From 2 April.**

**SENTIMENTAL VALUE:** Directed by Joachim Trier  
Starring Elle Fanning, Renate Reinsve, Stellan Skarsgård

Sisters Nora (Renate Reinsve) and Agnes (Inga lbsdottter Lilleaas) reunite with their estranged father, the charismatic Gustav (Stellan Skarsgård), a once renowned director. When Nora turns down a role in what he hopes will be his comeback film, she soon discovers he has given her part to an eager young Hollywood star (Elle Fanning). Suddenly, the two sisters must navigate their complicated relationship with their father and deal with an American star dropped right into the middle of their complex family dynamics. **From 7 April.**

### LORD MAYOR'S CITY HALL CONCERT

**Tue 7 Apr, 12:00pm – 1:00pm AMORE QUI VIVE**

The show features internationally acclaimed Tenor Rosario La Spina, Pianist Leanne Warne, Emerging Tenor Anthony Van Stam and talented supporting instrumentalists. Join us for a captivating performance of timeless opera classics and popular songs. Experience the art of expressive singing and masterful piano accompaniment and be transported to a world of beauty in song.

**Tue 14 Apr, 12:00pm – 1:00pm – BLARNEY STONE**

Blarney Stone is a spirited Irish band of four talented and experienced musicians, each bringing their own flair to a rich tapestry of Celtic sound. With instruments including Fiddle, Banjo, Mandolin, Bodhran, Concertina, Tin Whistle, Guitar, and Irish Octave Mandolin, their performances are a vibrant celebration of Irish and Scottish musical heritage, as well as familiar Australian folk classics. From lively reels and energetic jigs to heartfelt ballads, their repertoire is packed with traditional tunes that evoke nostalgia and warmth.

**Tue 21 Apr, 12:00pm – 1:00pm – LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS**

Back by popular demand, the Queensland Conservatorium Wind Orchestra returns to Brisbane City Hall in 2026 to present a concert based on Royal Albert Hall's spectacular annual Last Night of the Proms event. Following up on their entertaining performance to an appreciative capacity audience in 2025, the Wind Orchestra will join with over 1000 revellers to recreate this exuberant annual British concert tradition.

Wave your flags to Elgar's famous Pomp and Circumstance, sing along with patriotic favourites and be treated to performances of musical theatre masterworks, rock anthems and light classics from Vaughan Williams to Robbie Williams.

**Tue 28 Apr, 12:00pm – 1:00pm – I LEFT MY HEART IN HIGHGATE HILL (PART 2)**

The Sean Sennett Seven make their return to Brisbane City Hall with their celebrated production I Left My Heart in Highgate Hill. The contemporary song cycle showcases some of Brisbane's finest voices, including core vocalists Rachael Dixon, Charlotte Emily and Megan Cooper, alongside a stellar five-piece band and special guests.

Featuring a mix of original songs and select covers, I Left My Heart in Highgate Hill has previously played to sold-out audiences at the Brisbane Festival and Woodford Folk Festival. The show captures the soul of the city through stories of love, place and belonging.

**Tue 5 May, 12:00pm – 1:00pm – QUE SERA**

A Tribute to the icons and hits of the 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s and 60s. Having sung for two Popes, the Queen, a King, a King to be, and concerts around the world, recording, television and stage star Jackie Love still calls Australia home.

Join Australia's queen of hearts, celebrating the great music icons and hits of the 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s and 60s. Remember the days of great melodies and meaningful lyrics? Who can resist joining in to sing along to the best of Vera Lyn, Edith Piaf, Doris Day and Patsy Cline – La Vie En Rose, Always, Crazy, You're My World and Sweet Georgia Brown.



**Reminders**

This coming Saturday, 28 March, daughter of Jan Power, Astrid Bridges, speaks about her mother's legacy and the farmer's markets around Brisbane.

The April meeting falls on Anzac Day this year. In honour of this important commemorative Occasion, we will focus on some stories of New Farm residents and their experiences and sacrifices during war time.

**Saturday, 25 April, 2.30pm at Merthyr Road Uniting Church Centre, 52 Merthyr Road, New Farm.  
Entry Fee: Members \$5, Non-Members \$10, includes afternoon tea.**

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