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JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 3 June, at Brunswick Hotel, 569 Brunswick St, New Farm.

Morning Tea will be at 9:15 to 10:00 after which our general meeting will include Dr Drina Oldroyd sharing local New Farm connections with Dante Alighieri.



My month as stand in for Anne while she enjoys the wonders of London has flown by. Thirty-seven members plus 3 visitors were in attendance at our May meeting. Two of those visitors, Christine Stoner and Beverley Bowman have joined us as members and we welcome them. Our guest speaker, **David Hallesy**, Community Engagement Coordinator/Digital Skills Mentor, National Seniors Australia was both informative and entertaining. Among much useful information he gave us, he recommended that we use DuckDuckGo as our regular search engine as it is one of the few that

does not sell on our information to companies interested in whatever we are searching for. A recent example for me was looking at a retirement villages website which was then followed by an inundation of information on just about every such business in the Greater Brisbane area. He also helped some members to download the relevant app to their phone. Unfortunately, I forgot to take his photo.



I have recently resent the information and menu for our **Christmas in July** event and would suggest that you choose your menu items before arriving at the sign-in table at our June meeting when the payment will be due.

I've had good reports on **Di Gage's** progress since her return to her own home and believe that she has held court over coffee at the Village. We hope to see you at a meeting in the very near future Di. It was also a lovely surprise to welcome back **Jenny & Ken Milner** at the dinner at To Be Thai after an absence of a couple of months. They both looked well rested.



Our guest speaker for the June meeting will be our member, **Dr Drina Oldroyd**. Her topic will be **Dante Alighieri's connection to New Farm**. Sounds fascinating.

It's popped into my head this morning that in my first job as a stenographer at 16 we finished all mail with E&OE, which was Errors & Omissions Excepted! Please can that apply here.

Take care and enjoy the cooler weather.

Dell Marshall, Vice President

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MAY MEETING RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

Lucky Door prize Double Pass New Farm Cinemas: John Donatu
\$50 New Farm Bakeology donated by Grace Grace: Cathy Simmers
\$50 Savour Voucher by Vicki Howard: Elenor Leveritt
\$25 Gift Card donated by Brunswick Hotel: Paul Cummings

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Meg Eggesfield; Danielle Ellis; Greg King; Angela Knell; Bull Leveritt; Sue Mackenzie;
Theresa Petracci; David Sharman; Anne Stubbington;



WELFARE

Theresa Petracci is recovering well from back surgery and will hopefully rejoin us soon. Di Gage continues to make progress at home.

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

Eight of us thoroughly enjoyed our jaunt to **Redcliffe** on what was a lovely Autumn day after so much rain. The running strikes had no effect on us at all and the train journey enlightened us to the spread of housing estates in all directions. We had a lovely stroll on the jetty and along the waterfront after the very welcome coffee when we arrived. Most of us either had a scallop pie for lunch or brought some home for dinner. One greedy one then followed it with a delicious vanilla slice for dessert. Not a green thing in sight! We ventured home in various ways, some of us catching the bus to



Sandgate railway station. We agreed that Sandgate should be a future destination.

On **Friday June 12** we will meet at the entrance to **King George bus station at 10:00**. From there we will catch the **Metro to UQ Lakes**. We will then cross to West End on the Citycat, then the Glider to **West End central** where there is plenty to see and many good places to eat. I'm fascinated by Harris Farms and can spend time wandering through there and no doubt buying something. We did this last year with Di and Trish and I'd especially recommend it to those who haven't been there before.

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

DINING OUT

To Be Thai was a good choice for our May dining out. A sizeable crowd of us enjoyed a mixed variety of dishes. Because we are having Pizzas in the Park on 17 June it was decided not to have a dining out event for that month.

For any queries about this phone **Cathy Simmers on 0414 336 838** so a **booking can be made.**



BRUNSWICK ST BOOK CLUB

This month the Brunswick Street Book Club members will be discussing All the Broken Places by John Boyne, the sequel to The Boy in Striped Pyjamas. The Book Club will meet at Cr Vicki Howards' Office, 5 Lamington Street, New Farm on Tuesday, 9 June, at 11am

PIZZA IN THE PARK

This is coming up on **Wednesday 17 June, 11:30 for 12:00 noon** Wear a hat and if possible, bring a folding chair. Pizza and a glass of wine - \$10. Our June meeting will be your last chance to add your name and pay for this.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

This popular occasion on **21 July, 11:30 for 12:00** will be held at **The Hamilton Hotel** where we will catch up with our old friend Paul. The menu has been forwarded to you separately and we would appreciate your arriving at this desk at the June meeting having already decided your choice. **Cost \$42**

OUT AND ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY

NEW FARM CINEMAS



THE CHRISTOPHERS: Directed by Steven Soderbergh

Starring James Corden, Jessica Gunning, Michaela Coel, Ferdy Roberts, Ian McKellen

The estranged children of a once-famous artist hire a forger to complete his unfinished works so they can be "discovered" and sold after his death.

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THE SOUND OF FALLING; Directed by Mascha Schilinski

Starring Hanna Heckt, Lena Urzendowsky, Susanne Wuest, Lea Drinda, Laeni Geiseler, Greta Krämer, Florian Geißelmann, Luise Heyer, Luzia Oppermann, Filip Schnack, Konstantin Lindhorst, Claudia Geisler-Bading

Four intergenerational stories anchored by one German farmhouse evoke impressions of girlhood across the 20th century in this Cannes Jury Prize winner. **JUNE 4**

LORD MAYOR'S CITY HALL CONCERT

A Tribute to the Great Ladies of Jazz - Tue 9 June, 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Simone Waddell brings the celebrated songs of jazz's greatest female vocalists vividly to life in Great Ladies of Jazz. Widely regarded as one of Australia's leading contemporary jazz artists, Simone is praised for her "world-class voice," magnetic stage presence, and expressive storytelling.

This elegant concert honours legendary voices including Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday, Nina Simone, Sarah Vaughan, Dinah Washington, Etta James, Norah Jones, and Diana Krall

Paradiso Strings: British Legends - Tue 16 June, 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Let our program of British Rock and Pop Legends take you on a journey through the fantastic landscape of British music of the last 60 years. We celebrate iconic tracks by The Beatles, Pink Floyd, Queen, Phil Collins, Radiohead and Arctic Monkeys, right through to current artists such as Ed Sheeran and Adele. Paradiso Strings perform on classical instruments, bringing you the music as you've never heard it before, while fully capturing the power and emotion of these much-loved works.

All that Glitters is Golden - Tue 23 June, 12:00pm - 1:00pm- a dazzling musical mixtape from the award-winning creators of Christmas Actually and There's Something About Music.

Superstar vocalists Luke Kennedy (The Voice Australia, Swing On This) and Irena Lysiuk (Your Song, Are You Lonesome Tonight) join piano virtuoso Damian Sim for a sparkling celebration of award-winning golden hits. Relive unforgettable soundtracks and iconic moments from stage and screen, including My Fair Lady, West Side Story, A Star Is Born.

Danny Widdicombe and the Wandrin' Stars - Tue 30 June, 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Danny Widdicombe and The Wandrin' Stars unveil One Note at a Time, a rich collection of old-time country songs delivered with heart, grit, and understated virtuosity. One Note at a Time is the follow up to their single Blue Eyes Cryin' in the Rain, which pays homage to the great Willie Nelson.

A multi award-winning singer-songwriter, Danny brings together an all-star ensemble featuring Michel Rose on pedal steel, Luke 'Fiddleboy' Moller on fiddle, Brendan St Ledger on piano, Bos Borley on bass, and Doug Gallacher.



NEW FARM & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Learn how to research and write your family history at this month's New Farm and Districts Historical Society presentation, featuring experts from State Library, Oral History Queensland, the Genealogical Society of Queensland, and storyteller Sam Regi.

**Saturday, 27 June, 2.30pm at Merthyr Road Uniting Church Centre, 52 Merthyr Road, New Farm.
Entry Fee: Members \$5, Non-Members \$10, includes afternoon tea.**



Walking on the jetty at Redcliffe



Spending time working out what to eat

A police officer in a small town stopped a motorist who was speeding down the main street. "But officer" the man began, "I can explain". "Just be quiet," snapped the officer. "I'm going to let you cool your heels in a cell until the chief gets back..." "But officer, I just wanted to say..." "And I said to keep quiet! You're going to jail!" A few hours later the officer looked in on his prisoner and said, "Lucky for you that the chief is at his daughter's wedding. He'll be in a good mood when he gets back." "Don't count on it," answered the fellow in the cell. "I'm the groom."

It has been scientifically proven that older women who gain weight live much longer than the men who point it out to them.

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