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MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 4 March, at Brunswick Hotel, 569 Brunswick St, New Farm.

Morning Tea will be at 9:15 to 10:00 after which our guest speaker is Claire Moore, former Senator & Chair of the Board of Trustees at Newstead House



Hello, everyone. It has been a busy start of the year for your New Farm Branch Committee. Planning and organising events takes time, effort and co-operation. Of course, the committee changes from year to year as people come and go and I can honestly say, that in my nine years of being on the NFBC, it has been a

consistently good experience and a privilege to work with all the team members. And I must say, that having our meetings in the comfort and convenience of Vicki Howards office is a huge bonus. We are always made to feel welcome and supported. Our current team is quite small and I would just like to take the opportunity of thanking them for their hard work and their willingness to take on extra tasks. My thanks also to our volunteers who also make a huge contribution to the success of the New Farm Branch.

Speaking of volunteers, thank you Cathy for organizing the February Dining Out event. We had a very enjoyable evening at the NEW FARM CURRY HOUSE in Brunswick Street. The service was good and the food was delicious. I had the Lamb Rogan Josh and it was one of the best I have ever tasted!

Brad Holmes' music was great to dance to at our last meeting as this photo will attest! At our next Branch Meeting in March, we will be celebrating our 36th Anniversary. There will be cake! NSA representatives from Head Office will join us, and Former Senator and Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Newstead House Trust, Claire Moore, will be our guest speaker, so don't miss out on what promises to be a very enjoyable and interesting morning.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Take care and look after yourselves.

Stay cool and hydrated.

And stay young!

Anne Stubbington, President



FEBRUARY MEETING RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

Lucky Door prize Double Pass New Farm Cinemas: David Sharman
\$50 New Farm Bakeology donated by Grace Grace: Helen Mura
\$50 Savour Voucher by Vicki Howard: David Sharman
\$25 Gift Card donated by Brunswick Hotel: James Ball

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Bruna Burello-Day; Robin Darling; Eileen Martin; Dawn McNeil; Carolyn Redmond; Greg Russell; Joan Simpson



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

14 of us enjoyed a relaxing train ride to Landsborough on 25 February and explored the village. The Museum was interesting with indigenous and early white settler displays. Some ae at the old country pub while others enjoyed what the Thai café had to offer.

On 25 March we will travel by bus to Fairfield Gardens Shopping Centre. The 196 bus which travels there leaves New Farm at 10:05. For those of us who are wishing to catch it at Anzac Square, it arrives there at approximately 10:25.

DINING OUT

On Thursday 19 March, 5.30 for 6.00pm we will meet at **New Farm Bowls Club 969 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 'Intermezzo' by Sally Rooney. The Book Club will meet at Cr Vicki Howards' Office, 5 Lamington Street, New Farm on Tuesday, 10 March, at 11am. The Book for April will be 'Cold Mountain' by Andrew Frazier.

OUT AND ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY

NEW FARM CINEMAS



MIDWINTER BREAK: Directed by Polly Findlay

Starring Ciaran Hinds, Lesley Manville, Julie Lambertson

MIDWINTER BREAK is a compelling story about lost faith, commitment, and the enduring power of love, as a longtime couple takes a life-changing trip to Amsterdam. **From Mar 05.**

FLOODLANDS: A deeply moving story of love and loss set in the northern NSW town of Lismore, Australia's most flooded postcode and site of the nation's most costly climate disaster. Focusing on several residents, director Jordan Giusti filmed over three years as a series of catastrophic floods tested community resilience. **From Feb 26.**

LORD MAYOR'S CITY HALL CONCERT

Tue 10 Mar, 12:00pm: Rocus Big Band: Under the baton of Paul Radford, Rocus Big Band was born in the 1960's as a result of Dutch immigrant, Rocus van Yperan who had great aspirations to become a drummer.

Tue 17 Mar, 12:00pm Australian Army Band, Brisbane. Experience the full 20-piece Australian Army Band Brisbane big band in action, featuring an array of dynamic vocalists as they perform a lively mix of classic favourites and contemporary hits. This is a concert not to be missed.

Tue 24 Mar 12:00pm: Play it Again Sam. Step into a world of cinematic emotion as two captivating Brisbane voices bring the silver screen to life in Play It Again, Sam: A Human Journey. Inspired by the iconic line from Casablanca, this uplifting concert celebrates the unforgettable melodies that have shaped generations of movie lovers.

Tues 31 Mar 12:00pm: From Handel to Hollywood: Timeless Baroque music from the silver screen, brought to life in superb performances by Arioso Chamber Ensemble. This concert features Baroque music which features in film scores, including Master and Commander, Pride and Prejudice, The English Patient, Farinelli, Shine, Tous les matins du Monde, and Boogie Nights.



**NEW FARM and DISTRICTS
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Jan Power, her Markets & her legacy will be the very interesting topic at our meeting on March 28. Through words and pictures her daughter Astrid will remind us of the difference she made to life in Brisbane. Her Farmers Market has been a fixture at New Farm Powerhouse for more than 25 years. **Saturday, 28 March, 2.30pm at Merthyr Road Uniting Church Centre, 52 Merthyr Road, New Farm. Entry Fee: Members \$5, Non-Members \$10, includes afternoon tea.**



The movers and shakers amongst us!





Left: LOLA Day Train excursion to Landsborough.

Below: Curry House diners with special guests.



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