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MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 7 May, at Brunswick Hotel, 569 Brunswick St, New Farm.
Morning tea will be 9:15 to 10:00am, meeting to follow.
Today's guest speaker is Gerard Benjamin on New Farm History.



Hello Everyone,
We braved the wet weather to come to our April General Meeting but we were the lucky ones, weren't we? I just hope our fellow Queenslanders in the south-west are beginning to recover from the catastrophic floods. It will be a long haul for them, and for folk in Thargomindah in particular. They are not on the front page anymore but they still need a great deal of help and support, and while the Federal and State governments are providing grants and emergency funding, there will be much more needed from charity organisations. If you want to make a donation, take a look online, do a bit of research, then see what you can afford and support the organisation that looks the most reliable. Or, if you prefer, go out there and spend some tourist dollars. Winton, for example, is waiting for you with open arms. Perhaps contact our February speaker, Richard Kinnon!

John Crook proved to be an excellent speaker. He made difficult and complex ideas manageable and understandable. No mean feat! And as a true professional, he went to the trouble of creating slides just for his presentation to us. He has also made them available to me, so if anyone wants me to send them, please ask. I was particularly interested in his mention of Geoffrey Hinton, the 'Godfather of AI', and the development of the 'deep learning neural pathway' system which really enabled AI to take off. Fascinating. My thanks to Grahan Kidd for giving the vote of thanks.

At our next meeting we will put out the red carpet for Gerard Benjamin who will talk about our familiar and much-loved New Farm. And when you sign in to our meeting, please give Diane & Trish your menu choices for our Christmas- in- June lunch, and pay for your booking. If you haven't done so already, think of asking your doctor about a 'flu' shot. It sounds as though a record number of influenza cases are expected this winter. Look after yourselves. Look out for each other and seize the day!
Anne Stubbington,
PRESIDENT.



Graeme thanks John for his informative address.

APRIL MEETING RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

Lucky Door prize Double Pass New Farm Cinemas: Ann Sargeant
\$50 New Farm Bakeology donated by Grace Grace: Paul Spottiswood
\$50 Savour Voucher by Vicki Howard: Harry Forsyth
\$20 Gift Voucher Blue Bear Coffee House, Stephen Bates: Joan Simpson
\$25 Gift Card donated by Brunswick Hotel: Margaret Cowell

CHRISTMAS IN JUNE

A three Course 'Christmas in June' Lunch on Wednesday 4 th June 2025.

There will be complimentary crusty bread rolls and butter on each table, and a coffeestand available after the meal.

MENU

CHOICE OF ENTREES Spice Pumpkin Soup OR Tiger Prawns with cocktail sauce.

CHOICE OF MAINS: Roast Turkey & Honey Glazed Ham with Carrots,
Green Beans and a Medley of Roasted Vegetables.
Lemon & Dill baked Salmon with Baked Butter Blanc,
Saffron & Prosciutto Potato Salad, toasted Almonds
& Broccolini.

CHOICE OF DESSERTS: Christmas Pudding with Brandy Custard & Ice Cream.
Mini Pavlovas with Seasonal Fruits, Bery Compote
and Whipped Cream.

Please let Di or Trish know of your choices at the May General Meeting, before you pay the Treasurer.

COST: \$50 each. This cost is subsidised by your NSA New Farm Group.

Our thanks to Di and Trish for organising this event, and Paul and Rohan for looking after us so well. Hoping to seeing you there in June.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Merrilyn Finemore; Splint Fox; Rob Greer; Heather Hartfiel; Jan Hickey; Matthew Murphy;
Graham Neilsen; Jackie Wall



WELFARE

Please notify Gay Forsyth of any member that you know of who is ill or injured,
so that we can give our support where needed. **PHONE 0438 588 858**

DINING OUT

Thursday 15 May, 6:00pm

NEW FARM BOWLS CLUB, BRUNSWICK STREET.

Please advise Anne Stubbington on 0427 749 272 if attending or cancelling.

Our April dinner was a terrific success. Delicious food and good company. Twenty-two of us were made very welcome at the New Farm Village Seafood Restaurant. Great job, Aiden!.



Left: Bob and Dell
perusing the menu.
Right: Merrilyn, Paul and
Cathy posing with the
waiter, Aiden.





Hard to believe Bob and Dell did justice to this!



LOLA DAYS – Different Days for Different People

The bus trip to Canungra had to be cancelled because of the unavailability of transport, so a group of us intended visiting the Anzac Memorial Museum in the City. After coffee we found that Anzac Square was filled with hundreds of school children celebrating Anzac Day. Needless to say, with our fearless leader Di in charge we settled on the edge of a fishpond right down the front. The music of the Army Band was wonderful, the children, both primary & secondary, State & Private school students, were beautifully behaved, proudly laying their wreaths & shaking the hand of the Governor. A really lovely morning which we will definitely be attending in 2026.



Di made herself known to every dignitary except the Governor though not through lack of trying! The emcee was great and very personable. We had a rather long chat with him but not one of us can remember his name. There's a scratchie for anyone who can tell us who he is!

NATIONAL SENIORS AUSTRALIA NEW FARM BOOK CLUB

Tuesday 13 May, 11:00am at the Brunswick Hotel.

The chosen book is Miss Benson's Beetle by Rachel Joyce. Everyone welcome.

OUT AND ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY

MONSIEUR AZNAVOUR: Just as Marion Cotillard was to 'La Vie en Rose', Golden Globe-nominated actor Tahar Rahim is to MONSIEUR AZNAVOUR, transforming into the iconic singer-songwriter for this lavishly entertaining rise-to-stardom biography of the man who beat all odds to not only become one of France's best-loved entertainers, but personified French culture to the English-speaking world. **From 8 May.**

THE SALT PATH: The Salt Path is the profound true story of husband and wife, Raynor (Gillian Anderson) and Moth Winn (Jason Isaacs)'s 630-mile trek along the beautiful but rugged Cornish, Devon and Dorset coastline. After being forcibly removed from their home, they make the desperate decision to walk in the hope that, in nature, they will find solace and a sense of acceptance.

With depleted resources, only a tent and some essentials between them, every step along the path is a testament to their growing strength and determination. The Salt Path is a journey that is exhilarating, challenging, and liberating in equal measure. A portrayal of home, how it can be lost and rediscovered in the most unexpected ways. **From 15 May.**

LORD MAYOR'S CITY HALL CONCERT

Tuesday 13 May – A TRIBUTE TO ELVIS. Experience the magic of Elvis Presley as Brisbane's own Tristan James takes the City Hall stage. Described as 'a must-see for any Elvis Presley fan', Tristan brings enjoyment, fun, and uniqueness to every performance. At the same age as Elvis was during his prime, Tristan captures the energy and spirit of the King like no other. Joined by the Australian Elvis Band Live on stage, expect Tristan to deliver chart-topping hits like 'In the Ghetto', 'Suspicious Minds', 'Can't Help Falling in Love', 'Hound Dog', 'Viva Las Vegas', and many more. With his unmatched charisma and dynamic stage presence.

Tuesday 20 May – BRITISH & AMERICAN BAND MASTERWORKS: Come one and come all as the Queensland Conservatorium Wind Orchestra presents a program featuring the most celebrated and admired works of the wind band repertoire. From the British pageantry and tradition of Holst and Vaughan Williams to the exuberance of American circus music, military marches and Broadway medleys, this concert will uplift the spirits and have you tapping your toes, snapping your fingers and whistling along.

Join conductor Peter Morris and the students of the Queensland Conservatorium of Music, Griffith University in the beautiful Brisbane City hall as we Strike up the Band!

Tuesday 27 May – THE BEEHIVE'S TRIBUTE: After solo careers in television, musical theatre, and corporate events, Gold Coast girls The Beehives have teamed up to relive an unforgettable era of style and music. The Beehives are guest performers on Princess and Holland America Cruise Lines, favorites at VIVA Surfers Paradise, and perform Dinner and Club Shows from coast to coast.

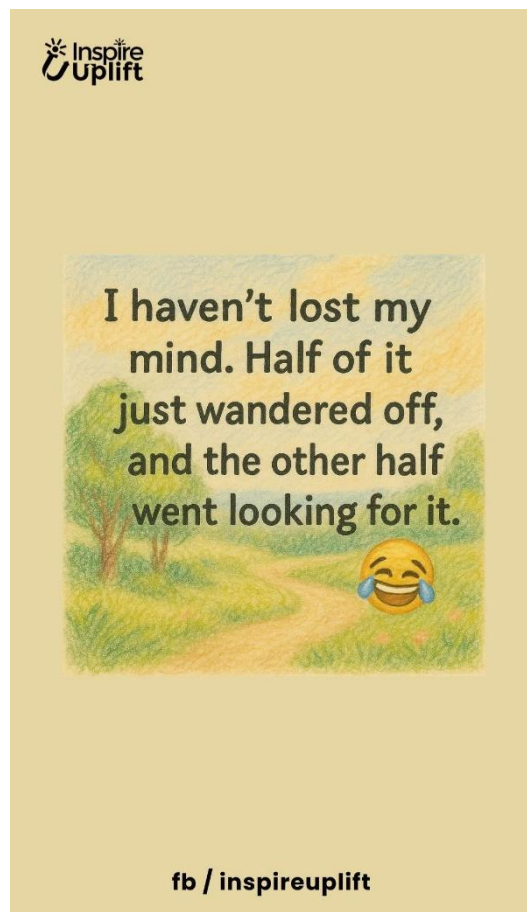
The Beehives sing and dance their way through the hit parade of the 60s and 70s, celebrating the girl groups who dominated the airwaves. Revisit the music of The Shirelles, The Ronettes, The Crystals, Martha and The Vandellas, and the number one girls on the Motown label, The Supremes. Join in the dance crazes with 'Let's Twist Again', 'Land Of A Thousand Dances' and 'Shake Your Tailfeather'.

Tuesday 3 June – DETAILS OF TUESDAY CONCERTS FOR JUNE – DECEMBER NOT YET AVAILABLE.

NEW FARM & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On Saturday 24 May, the guest speaker at the New Farm and Districts Historical Society's public meeting will be His Grace, Archbishop Mark Coleridge, who resides in the historic home Wynberg in Brunswick Street. His Grace has lived there for more than 13 years. What passers-by does he see? How has New Farm changed in that time? What is it like living in a heritage listed home? Find out at the May meeting starting at 2.30pm at the Merthyr Road Uniting Church Centre, 52 Merthyr Road, New Farm.

Coincidentally, Gerard Benjamin will be leading a historical walk that includes this iconic residence on 17 May, a week before the Archbishop's presentation. Further information about these events and the Society itself can be found on its website www.newfarmhistorical.org.au.



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