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MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 6 May, 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 David Hallesy from NSA Head Office making us aware of current scams.



We had a rare treat in our April General Meeting. Such brilliant musicians! **John Simmers and Bradley Voltz** entertained us with a world-class performance which lifted our spirits and reminded us of all the best things in life. Thank you both so much for coming to play for us. I think we will all remember the dancing notes and

the steady beat of the 'Anna Polka' for a long, long, time to come.



Homeless Connect. Thank you to those who brought in items to our last General Meeting. I took your donations down to Vicky Howard's office, but it isn't too late to make a contribution – you have until Friday May 1st to take stuff along. **Most needed items: Canned goods (tuna, baked beans, soup); Muesli bars and long-life snacks; Toothpaste and toothbrushes; Deodorant; Toilet paper; Soap and shampoo; Sanitary products; Disposable razors; Sunscreen.**

BisouBisou was the venue for our Dining Out event in April. We went for lunch and found it to be as good as ever. Good food, good service and great company!

Our **Guest Speaker** for May will be **David Hallesey** from our very own NSA Head Office. A digital expert, he will be talking about **SCAMS**. We can never get enough information in this area so his advice will be very useful for you. Scammers are improving the tricks of their trade all the time so we have to do everything we can to wise up and improve our own scam IQ. Don't miss this opportunity.

Christmas-in-July Lunch. At our last Committee Meeting we confirmed the details of our Christmas-in-July Lunch on Tuesday 21st July, at The Hamilton Hotel. I had already been to see our very good friend Paul Kratzmann, who is the manager there, and together we planned the menu for you. He offered us a very good deal which the committee approved and the menu has now been emailed out to all members. The committee also agreed to significantly subsidize the cost to members, so that means you get an even better deal - great value and a super-delicious lunch! So, get your diary out! Please sign up and pay at our June General Meeting.

Take good care of yourselves.

Anne Stubbington
President



APRIL MEETING RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

Lucky Door prize Double Pass New Farm Cinemas: Graeme Kidd
\$50 New Farm Bakeology donated by Grace Grace: Caroline Redmond
\$50 Savour Voucher by Vicki Howard: Graeme Kidd
\$25 Gift Card donated by Brunswick Hotel: Greg Gaffney

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Heather Hartfiel; Jan Hickey; Matthew Murphy; Graham Neilsen; Jackie Wall;
Danielle Welsh



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

A smaller but no less enthusiastic group attended the schools' Anzac Ceremony in Anzac Square. The hordes of children were beautifully behaved & their mainly home made wreathes were colourful. Two groups sitting near us had left home before 6:00am to travel from Gympie & Goomeri. Six of us took part in the mystery outing and had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

On **Wednesday 20 May** we will visit **Redcliffe** on what will hopefully be a lovely Autumn day. Meet at Central Station near McDonalds by 9:10 to catch the 9:22 train from platform 6 to Kippa Ring, then by bus to Redcliffe. Some of you may prefer to join the train at Bowen Hills or Fortitude Valley. Return trains leave at 14 & 44 minutes past the hour.

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

DINING OUT

We had our usual good rollup to **Bisou Bisou** and the food was to its usual standard. On Thursday

21 May the venue will be **To Be Thai, 92 Merthyr Road** at 5.30 for 6.00pm. 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 members will be discussing what they have been individually reading. The Book Club will meet at Cr Vicki Howards' Office, 5 Lamington Street, New Farm on Tuesday, 12 May, at 11am

PIZZA IN THE PARK

This old favourite will return on **Wednesday 17 June, 11:30 for 12:00 noon** Wear a hat & if possible bring a folding chair. Pizza & a glass of wine \$10. Register & pay at the May meeting.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Venue – The Hamilton Hotel

Date – **21 July 2026**

Time – 11:30 for 12:00am

Cost - \$42.00

OUT AND ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY

NEW FARM CINEMAS



THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA 2: Starring Emily Blunt, Meryl Streep, Stanley Tucci, Anne Hathaway

Almost twenty years after making their iconic turns as Miranda, Andy, Emily and Nigel—Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway, Emily Blunt and Stanley Tucci return to the fashionable streets of New York City and the sleek offices of Runway Magazine in the eagerly awaited sequel to the 2006 phenomenon

that defined a generation. The film reunites the original main cast with director David Frankel and writer Aline Brosh McKenna. **From 30 April**

THE SHEEP DETECTIVES: Starring Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Bryan Cranston, Mandeep Dhillon, Hong Chau, Molly Gordon, Conleth Hill, Nicholas Braun, Tosin Cole, Nicholas Galitzine, Chris O’Dowd, Kobna Holdbrook-Smith, Hugh Jackman, Patrick Stewart, Emma Thompson, Regina Hall

In this witty, new breed of mystery, George (Hugh Jackman) is a shepherd who reads detective novels to his beloved sheep every night, assuming they can’t possibly understand. But when a mysterious incident disrupts life on the farm, the sheep realise they must become the detectives. As they follow the clues and investigate human suspects, they prove that even sheep can be brilliant crime-solvers. **From 7 May**

LORD MAYOR'S CITY HALL CONCERT

Tue 12 May, 12:00pm – 1:00pm: Jarrod Murphy Collective Tribute to Rock’n’roll

The Jarrod Murphy Collective is your ultimate ‘Good Times Every Time’ band playing regularly all about the Brisbane surrounds. Specialising in classic hits to modern favourites, they guarantee you’ll have a blast. The JMC are excited to present this concert with a tribute to Rock n Roll. Think Elvis to Springsteen, Beatles to Creedence, Paul Kelly to Crowded House. All of your rock n roll requirements will be satisfied.

Tuesday 19 May, 12:00-1:00pm - Riverside Guitar Ensemble – The Riverside Guitar Ensemble is resident at the Queensland Conservatorium and brings together Queensland’s finest young professional guitarists with current guitar students from the Conservatorium guitar department. The ensemble is directed by Karin Schaupp and has performed extensively at festivals and concerts throughout South East Queensland and Northern NSW, and most recently they were invited to perform at the Adelaide Guitar Festival.

Tuesday 26 May, 12:00-1:00pm - Beethoven Sonatas – Tue 26 May, 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Enjoy an extraordinary musical event featuring internationally acclaimed pianist Mark Hooper. With studies at the Queensland Conservatorium, London’s Royal College of Music, and The Banff Centre in Canada, Mark has graced the world’s most prestigious stages – including London’s Wigmore Hall and Purcell Room – during his 23 years in Oxford. Mark’s artistry spans concertos by Mozart, Beethoven, Saint-Saëns, Addinsell, and Tchaikovsky, as well as all of Bach’s concertos. He has collaborated with legendary musicians such as Yehudi Menuhin and Mitsuko Uchida, and recorded five solo CDs.



What’s your favourite house in New Farm? Maybe Wynberg or Coronet Court? Too many from which to choose? Architect Emma and historian Gerard have come up with their seven

choices, and they’d love to tell you their “hows and whys” at the May meeting of the Society.

**Saturday, 23 May, 2.30pm at Merthyr Road Uniting Church Centre, 52 Merthyr Road, New Farm.
Entry Fee: Members \$5, Non-Members \$10, includes afternoon tea.**



Park Steam Day

New Farm Park had a 1933 steamroller used as play equipment until 2006. "Marion" is fully restored and returns for a free Park Steam Day. Come watch Marion move under steam and learn about her history and restoration. Sausage sizzle and drinks available.

New Farm Park
Sunday 10 May, 10-3pm



Do you remember Marion as play equipment?

Email your memories or photos to info@newfarmhistorical.org.au as we build our knowledge of Marion

I was at lunch with an old friend & pointed at two elderly ladies across the room and said "That will be us in 10 years". She said "That's a mirror".

Chemistry teacher:
"What is barium?"
Student: "It's what you do after you killum."



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