

## November 2020

Good Morning,

It is so good to see life is getting back to some form of normality, the restrictions are slowly but surely being lifted, time to start planning for your 2021 trips.

We must take time out to think about our fellow human beings living in a seriously dangerous world, they all have a huge upheaval in their lives to live through, our thoughts and prayers to them all.

As this is our last meeting for 2020, your Committee takes this opportunity to wish all our members and

their families a wonderful festive season.

I, for one, am glad to see the end of 2020, it was such a trying and sorrowful time for so many people.

If you are travelling over this time, please take care, we want to see you all again in the New Year.

If you have anything you would like included in the newsletter, please let me know.

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Next Meeting to be held Tuesday. 19.1.21

.....Cheers Larney

## NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

### HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Carole Armstrong, Bev Bowley, Allan Browning, Marilyn Burkins, Rhonda Dumpleton, Judith Fraser, Cally Fulloon, Ruth Hall, Pat Howard, Andrea Jones, Kelsey Kane, Yvonne Keenan, Judy Larsen, Maureen Larsen, Betty Laver, Patricia Linder, Peter Marshall, James Purcell OAM, Lurleen Ramm, Merrian Ross, Beatrice Suter, Valerie Talbot, Nerida White, Lorraine Wright.

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

**Congratulations to Kathy & Trevor Webb on 50years.**

Bruce & Robyn Hunt, Yvonne & John Keenan, Maureen & Noel Larsen, Suzanne & Hugh Mackay, Karen & Peter Petersen, Bill & Pamela Scarborough, Norma & Geoff Smith.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

We have all got some understanding about the "speed of light" – but what is the "speed of dark".

G Meggs.

### A LITTLE HUMOUR

There is a game show where you are required to make up short poems containing a special word within one minute.

In the final show there are only two people left:

A rabbi from New York and a farmer from New Zealand.

They get the word "Timbouktou".

The rabbi is first. He starts: "I was a rabbi all my life, I loved my children and my wife, I read the bible through and through and I did it on my way to Timbouktou".

The audience is fascinated. Nobody believes that the farmer could top this.

Now he starts: "When Tim and I to Melbourne went, we met some ladies in a tent, they were three and we were two, I booked one and Tim booked two."

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### From Activities Officer: Pauline

Good morning everyone,

We are finally getting to the end of a very difficult year. The good news released on Friday regarding numbers at funerals, weddings, functions etc was a little late for us to be able to do anything for Christmas but we will definitely have a function in the New Year to make up for it.

Some of the activities I had thought of for this year and hopefully we can now do next year are as follows.

Gympie 3 days 2 nights- The Mary Valley Rattler and other places to visit in the area.

Biloela Silo- Heritage Park- Greycliffe Homestead Rockhampton Mt Archer Skywalk recently opened. (I have spoken to John, North's Coachs and they are able to drive up Mt Archer now) we may be able to see Dreamtime but I will find out from the "I" Centre if they are still operating.  
Kilburnie Homestead near Jambin.

Lyric Theatre Brisbane are sure to have shows again next year.

Imperial Station, Mary Briggs, Fingerboard Road, morning tea then drive to Agnes Water/ 1770.

Maritime Museum, which will be opened by Easter then maybe a sausage sizzle?

If anybody has some other ideas which I could check out, please let me know.

Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year to you all.  
Pauline.

As mentioned in the "Keep in Touch" email, many people are not aware that the Public Trustee website could be a winner for them. Unclaimed money such as lotto prizes, but not superannuation or share dividends, is sent to the Public Trustee if unclaimed. A simple search could be to your benefit, maybe finding extra money to spend over the festive season, Click and scroll down to "Unclaimed Money"  
Good Luck  
<https://www.pt.qld.gov.au/>

A big thank you to Roy Jones and Fay Jackson for all the work they did in making the Melbourne Cup Sweeps a huge success, 7 in total, I believe  
Congratulations to all the winners and runner ups.

A few things are happening in and around Gladstone, see below:

Calliope River Historical Village Markets  
6th December, the last one for 2020. Adults \$2- 8am-2pm.  
Remember to take a hat and water bottle, it will be a hot one.

Gladstone Regional Art Gallery - The 45th Martin Hanson start date 15.11.20 until the 30.1.21

The Naidoc exhibition runs until the 24.12.20 also at the Gladstone Art Gallery

The GRC Waste management facility will have free mulch available from 9.11.20 until 9.12.20.  
You will need a trailer, not sure about a rate notice.  
Evenglow Christmas Luncheons are being held on Wed 18th Nov and again on Weds 2nd Dec, with the easing of restrictions they now have tickets avail.  
Please see Roy or Val Jones for details  
4972 2898

## TOUR INFORMATION

### From Tour Officer: Barbara

Hi Members & Travellers,  
I am still taking suggestions for the 2021 tour.  
As our group is large – we must put a hold on accommodation at least 12 months in advance if we want the best (and we do). Please send me written suggestions including a preferred time of year that you would like to travel  
Email on [kukulies.barbara@gmail.com](mailto:kukulies.barbara@gmail.com)  
Regards, Barb

The lifting of restrictions will be wonderful for domestic travel, not sure about international travel though, we will keep an eye on the reports for further changes.

Regards Larney

### AROUND THE TRAPS

- An old-time dance will be started up again in 2021 at the Benaraby Hall on the first Friday night of each month from 8:00pm. Entry is \$5.00 per person with a nice supper Included. Raffles, chocolate waltzes and Monte Carlo waltzes are held during the dance. if you need any further Info, Roy and Val Jones can help out. Ph 4978 2898

GECC Morning Melodies - \$5 per ticket  
"Give my regards to Broadway", perfect for a sing along. Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2020  
Box Office – 4972 2822 bookings are essential

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