

October 2020

Good Morning,
Wow, we finally did it, meeting up again, after such a large break.
We can now meet, but unfortunately, we do have restrictions in place.
At this stage we cannot provide Morning Tea or hold Raffles, again this rotten virus must be obeyed.
I enjoy not winning raffles and hope that they can be reintroduced sooner rather than later.
We will be holding our AGM today, you can breathe

easy, most positions have been filled, with just a couple of minor positions vacant, which we can hopefully fill in the coming months.
We are all looking forward to 2021, I have purchased a new planner ready for all the activities that Pauline can organise.
For any news you would like to share please let me know .Email: nsagladstonebranch@gmail.com
Next Meeting to be held Tuesday 17th November
..... Larney

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Keith Bailey; Marion Barr; Dot Bebandorf; Geoff Bonney; Kathy Doble; Dulcie Dunstan; Helen Evans; Barbara Gaukroge; Valma Griffiths; Noel Harvey; Greg Hill; Jean Jobling; Joan Mackay; Hugh Mackay; Elizabeth Newstead; Peter Petersen; Rodney Soper; Robyn Tidd; LesleyTolsdorf; Greg Wakefield; Carlene Woolcock; Shirley Zeimer.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

Geraldine & Stephen Apthorpe; Sharon & David Barrett; Colin & Roselyn Carelton; Francis & Kathy Doble; Jennifer & John Hinde; Terry & Judy Werder.

OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

David Barrett, Gayle Black, Voila Christensen, Trevor Davies, Graham Howard, Marilyn Irwin, Barb Kukulies, Julies Marshall, Maxwell McAuley, Richard Philp, Fay Poole, Mary-Ann Smith, Colleen Wilson, Gayle Young,

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

Alex & Carole Allan, Judy & Gary Larsen, Julianne & Alan Pead, Fay & Richard Philp, Joan & Don Sutton.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part; just as the important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well.

Pierre de Coubertin – founder of the Modern Olympics.

A LITTLE HUMOUR

Q: What kind of garden best suits a baker?

A: A flour garden.

Q: Why did the pony get sent to his stable?

A: Because he wouldn't stop horsing around.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

From Activities Officer: Pauline

Good morning everyone

It was great to see so many members at the September meeting and good to catch up after our horrible year.

We still don't have many changes since the last meeting. I have been asked about our Christmas dinner but as we usually have 150 members in attendance this wouldn't be possible as the numbers inside the venues are still limited.

Hopefully, next year things may have eased, and we will organize a "New Year" LUNCH OR DINNER.

I enjoyed a lovely afternoon on Sunday celebrating Voila Christensen's 90th birthday.

Her daughter made the birthday cake, and it was decorated with lots of sewing items such as bobbins, cotton reels etc all made out of marzipan.

It is good seeing our older members still attending craft classes and other activities.

Until next month

Pauline

A LITTLE HUMOUR - continued

A climber fell off a cliff, and as he tumbled down, he caught hold of a small branch wedged in the rock.

"HELP! IS THERE ANYBODY UP THERE?" He shouted.

A majestic voice boomed through the gorge: "I will help you my son, but you must have faith in me."

"Yes, yes, I trust you!" cried the man.

"Let go of the branch," boomed the voice.

After a long pause, the man shouted up again, "IS THERE ANYONE ELSE UP THERE I COULD TALK TO?" Amen

Publicity Officer Column

What a wonderful milestone Elvie reached on 13th October 2020. On Thursday NSA Gladstone Branch, arranged for plaque to be placed on their Centenarians Totem pole situated in Tondoon Botanical Gardens, also a tree to be planted in her honour. The family asked that the morning tea ceremony, normally held, be cancelled due to the Covid 19 virus. The Mayor, Matt Burnett, visited Elvie at New Auckland Place, where she now resides, and presented her with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and congratulatory card.

Elvie was raised in Calliope by her parents Annie and Dave Aldous along with four brothers. One brother Eric is still living in Gladstone.

She had a happy contented childhood, and later trained as a nurse, which she gave up to marry Cyril (Sardy) Brown.

They had known each other since schooldays.

Elvie's father built them a house on Taragoola Road and in the 1960's they moved to Sunny Hills, a farm which belonged to Elvie's Grandparents, Tom and Lucy Wright, there they tended the farm and milked cows, and stayed until retirement.

Elvie & Cyril had five daughters, a total of six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Elvie was widowed in 1998 but stayed on the farm for a while, before moving into Calliope, then eventually to New Auckland Place.

NSA Gladstone commenced this ceremony in 2000, at the present time over 30 plaques are in place on the Totem Pole.

Centenarians usually receive a Celebratory Card from The Queen, Prime Minister, Governor General, Qld Premier, Ministers' and local dignitaries.

NSA Gladstone Branch are proud to be involved in the celebrations of our long-lived residents and learning about their history.

The Totem Pole is a unique way to celebrate the special people who reside in our area.

TOUR INFORMATION

Good Morning everybody

Did you know that you can now attend a voting booth and cast your vote before the 31st October.

Visit between 9am-6pm Mon to Fri

Gladstone – the old Nissen yard Toolooa St and at the Boyne Community Rooms under the Library.

..... Barb



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Third Tuesday of the month at 9am for 9:45am.

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