

October 2021

Good Morning fellow members,
I hope that you are all geared up and getting ready for the silly season. It is hard to believe that it only a few weeks away, the year has flown past so quickly. The Senior Citizen Centre are holding a Seniors Expo, celebrating Seniors Month at their centre on Wednesday 20th beginning at 10am, so go along and check it out, we will be there with a stall advertising all our exploits, come along and say hello. Roy & Fay will be running the Melbourne sweep today, \$2 per G

horse. I seriously think mine is still running from last year.
Terry will be putting up the links to open up a My Gov account, also showing how to access your vac. Details etc'
"Get Online" Friday 22nd, we will need names please for catering numbers. Please see Pauline & Robyn.
Email: nsagladstonebranch@gmail.com
Next Meeting to be held Tuesday 16 November 2021.
Cheers Larney

20 MINUTE SPEAKER

The 20-minute speaker today is Yvette Luckock.

Yvette is from EAPSS - Elder Abuse Prevention Support Service.

Yvette will be explaining about the service her department offers to the elderly.

OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

David Barrett; Voila Christensen; Trevor Davies; John Feddersen; Graham Howard; Barb Kukulies; Julie Marshall; Max McAuley; Fay Poole; Mary-Ann Smith; Gayle Young.

ANNIVERSARIES

Alex & Carole Allan; Judy & Gary Larsen; Joan & Don Sutton.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

You don't really know someone until you travel with them.

A LITTLE HUMOUR 😊

A gracious older lady was mailing an old family Bible to her brother who didn't live in Queensland. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.

While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humour, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign.

"Energy efficient vehicle... Runs on oats and grass.
Caution: Do not step on exhaust."

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

From Activities Officer: Pauline

Good morning everyone

I have had some enquiries about the refunds for West Side Story. Raymond has been out of the office caring for a very close family member who very sadly has now passed away. Her funeral is today so he will be back in the office in a few days and will get all these refunds completed.

We are taking names and money for the Christmas Dinner today. Cost is \$25 per person with the club subsidizing the remaining cost of \$20.

Dave Murray will be supplying the music again this year. Once again we are asking members if they would contribute to our multidraw raffle which usually is a highlight with all the wonderful prizes donated by you. Only new items please with a minimum value of \$10.00. It is not compulsory to bring a gift so don't worry if you have forgotten.

I think everyone enjoyed their day trip to Mt. Morgan. Thank-you Judy for your report.

The Ukulele group will be entertaining us at the November meeting instead of having a guest speaker. Some of our members are a part of the group.

Pauline

Around the Traps

Mt Morgan-Biloela Trek.

Weather again looked very threatening, as 47 happy early morning risers, boarded a much appreciated 2 door coach, for a day tripping around Mt. Morgan and Biloela. Great to have many smiling new faces join the regular trippers.

We Morning *Teaed* on the platform of the historic Mt Morgan Railway station on yummy homemade sandwiches, tarts, slices, scones-jam-cream washed down with a very welcomed cuppa, while being serenaded by the lilting, easy to listen to voice of a local senior lady (she is having chemo treatment at present and sings to herself at home up to 4 hours a day as a therapy). Some danced and sang along, some including Gr..Wa....., tickled the ivories of the piano which was in the Women's toilet.

I was fascinated to learn about the "rack" railway system used to assist engines haul wagons up the range. It amazes and astounds me in appreciation of our early settler's ingenuity and just how hard they laboured.

Our around Mt Morgan Tour guide, John, shared much of the town's history, 1857 onwards, as we drove around. Many nationalities lived and worked on the horse and wagon, railway construction and transportation, gold mining. Over every little hill was a valley of abodes, one of which is known as the Irish suburb with its streets suitably named. I have to admit to feeling a little depressed when looking at the condition of many houses and yards and the effect of the drought on the township. All off the bus at the Swinging Bridge to experience the walk to the other side. Wow! what a view we had from a Lookout of the huge, high mullock heaps created by 100yrs of Open Cut mining.

Lunched at RSL Biloela after travelling through much agricultural land. Coach driver pointed out acres of wheat, lucerne, hay, sorghum, and a weedy looking plant which is a wonderful cattle food, full of protein, and is drought resistant. The meat works just on the outskirts of town is a major employer, as is a Piggery which generates its own electricity from its own produced methane.

TOUR INFORMATION

From Tour Officer: Barbara

Hi members & Travellers,

We are looking for suggestions for the 2022 Tour. The possibility of the Covid 19 virus still being around might limit where we can travel too.

Please bear this in mind when making a suggestion, it might mean that we once again have to travel around Queensland, but hey that's not a bad idea. Anyway, let me know.

Email on kukulies.barbara@gmail.com
Regards, Barb

Around the Traps, continued,

Whilst in Biloela we visited the 18th century built Greycliffe Homestead and museum which had me reminiscing about holidaying with my grandparents, grandad built their abode. The stove and hot water system, the hanging safe, the separator - a job I hated doing - the butter churn, kero lamps and fridges, along with many other household items brought back memories. Many of these items were also in our Beach cottage.

All in all, a great day out with a happy, chatty group of young-at-hearts. (Hope Colin is still drawing smiles, (woof woof).

Thank you, Pauline.
See you all on next adventure.
Judy A

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