

August 2024

Good morning,
It is nice to be back among friends after my "pilgrimage" to the US, I thoroughly enjoyed my visit and giving my little "Grandeess" mega kisses and cuddles.
A big thank you to Carolyn for stepping up as Secretary.
As you all be aware we will be holding our AGM today, you can breathe easy now, most of the positions have been filled. The Committee wishes to

welcome all our new members and visitors and hope you enjoy your morning with us.
We will not be conducting our exercise session today due to the AGM; I am sure Barbara will make up for it next month am sure.

Next Meeting to be held Tuesday 17th September 2024.

See you all then,
..... Larney

GUEST SPEAKERS

20 Minute: Kylie Deveney VAJ Byrne

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Pauline Bambling; Cheryl Bensted; Neil Christensen; Bev Ellem; **Jenny Hinde**; Robin Hunt; Val M Jones; Liz Keating; Annette Rowe; Pat Ward.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

Fred & Andrea Jones.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

I've learnt that honesty in little things is not a little thing.

A LITTLE HUMOUR

Five years had passed since my last eye examination. My eyes were getting fuzzier, so it was time to bite the bullet. The receptionist gave me the pre-examination form - one question being "reason for visit" Unable to resist I wrote, "Long time no see."

Did you hear about the young mermaid and the old fisherman? They met online.

Bob to Friend: "When did you get that trombone?"
Friend: "I borrowed it from my neighbour's son just recently."
Bob: I didn't know you could play the trombone."
Friend: "I can't, and now, neither can he."

After being married for quite a few years, I hate to admit, I had let myself go. Recently, a clothes saleswoman approached me and asked if she could help. I answered, tomorrow I will be 38, and this morning my wife took one look at me and decided I needed a new birthday suit.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

From Activities Officer: Pauline

Good morning everyone,
Our 3-day trip to Sunshine Coast was (hopefully) enjoyed by 45 members with the usual couple of hiccups.

10 SEPTEMBER, HIGH TEA, JUNCTION CAFÉ, GLADSTONE BOTANIC GARDENS, 9.30am Cost \$15.00

There will be a prize for the best dressed Male and Female. I believe Ken will be putting up some photos from our last event where a lot of the members were very well attired.

NOVEMBER 19 is our last meeting of the year and Athol Gibson is going to entertain us instead of a guest speaker. Those of you who go to Evenglow will have heard him entertaining you.

WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER, CHRISTMAS DINNER, EVENTS CENTRE YARALLA, 6.00PM, M & G, DINNER 6.30PM. COST \$20.00 P.P. as the club will again subsidize the members \$20 each. Again, I ask you to bring a gift for the multidraw raffle please. I think we had about 80 or more prizes last year as you are very generous members. Thank you. Dave Murray is again going to supply the music with Pat playing the keyboard.

MARCH 4TH 5TH & 6TH 2025—SISTER ACT, LYRIC THEATRE, BRISBANE. We will travel by train so no problems with buses and finding somewhere to eat. We can be waited on and socialize on our way to Brisbane. We will organize something to do on the Wednesday and hire a bus to pick us up from the hotel as we did to Mt Tambourine this year.

Pauline

AROUND THE TRAPS

GECC have a new booklet out showing the acts that have been booked for the year, here are some of their Choices.

MORNING MELODIES: Tuesday 3rd September featuring Melinda Schneider.

Tuesday 15th October – Blue Bayou

POPCOM will be held on Saturday 7th September.

CELTIC ILLUSIONS Tuesday 10th September.

CIRQUE MORHER AFRICA Wednesday 11th September

GECC will be holding “Cirque De Cure” – Gala Ball –

Saturday 5th October.

Call the Box Office for tickets/further information.

4972 2822

GLADSTONE ART GALLERY – Have two interesting exhibitions showing at the moment.

‘FROM WHENCE WE CAME’ Showing how relationships between the colonial frontier and local people was formed. Showing until 28th September.

“MAKING DO, INGENUITY IN TOUGH TIMES”

Showing how to recycle and use up “rubbish” to be once again a useful item. Kindly lent to the Gallery by local man Jimmy Harris

Call the Gallery for further details 4976 6766!

ROTARY MARKETS AT THE GARDENS –

Scheduled for Sunday 15th September.

And Sunday 20th September

BAM will be held Saturday 7th September and then again on Saturday 5th October.

GLADSTONE LIBRARY – hold many game afternoons – including Scrabble, Sewing, Mahjong, Baby & bubs and also hold Movie morning, which include morning tea.

Call the Library for further info and times 4976 6400.

TOUR INFORMATION

From Tour Officer: Barbara

Hi WA Travellers,

I hope you are getting excited and organising yourself for this tour. Pls only pack a min of clothing - enough for 3 or 4 days and then recycle. This month I'll remember to bring the medical forms and envelopes. Make sure you **print your full name** and DOB on the front of the envelope. Bring to the Sept meeting and return to me. Otherwise I'll need to collect at the airport. We have required this info at previous tours - it is confidential - only medical people are able to see it.

I will have a **Smart Traveler** Packing List also. We have a few newer members on this tour. We dress casual & comfortable. Some evening meals may be before we even go back to our rooms - in our day wear.

The itinerary will be available at the September meeting. If you are away at this time, pls email me and I'll have it sent to you. All payments are NOW DUE. Thank you for being prompt and supportive of Departure Point. Raymond is paying upfront for lots of places - We are so fortunate to have him working with us for our tours. Meal selections should be ready at the September meeting also

Time to think about 2025. Suggestions for NEXT YEAR. I need to start planning as soon as we are home from WA. Please email your ideas. I'll work with Raymond and the Management team. We'll try to make a decision by November as travel planning is required so far in advance for our larger group. Keep an eye on your emails. I'll forward any urgent info to you all.

Travel weights MAX 23 kg suitcase Hand luggage
7kg CPAP not included - free
I suggest that you try to carry only 10-25kg in your luggage

Yours in Travel barbK

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Branch Meetings are held at:

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

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