

## November 2024

Good morning,

Welcome to our last meeting for 2024, this year has certainly had lots of ups and downs, but luckily, we have all survived.

Our branch is still Australia's largest branch with more visitors signing up to become members, well done to all our members for being so accommodating and friendly.

A big thankyou to all the members who support our raffles and help behind the scenes, we look forward to

working together again next year.

A big thankyou to 5-minute speakers, we will once again be asking for your contribution in 2025, so please consider it.

If you would like to suggest any organisation to speak at our meetings, please let us know.

A Merry Christmas and New Year to all and your families.

Next Meeting to be held Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025. See you all then,..... Larney

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## GUEST SPEAKERS

Athol Gilson will be entertaining us today

## NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

### HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Carol Armstrong; Bev Bowley; Allan Browning; Nance Davies; Rhonda Dumpleton; Pat Howard; Judi Irwin; Andrea Jones; Maureen Larsen; Betty Laver; Dot Leech; Peter Marshall; Lurleen Ramm; Jo Ryan; Margaret Scoullar; Val Talbot; Ray Ward; Nerida White; Lorraine Wright.

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

Robyn & Bruce Hunt; Maureen & Noel Larsen; Bill & Pam Scarborough.

## DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

### HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Noel Bowley; Margaret Cook; John Hinde; Ron Jackson; Julie Knight; Terry Marsh; Rae Matthews; Nev Poole; **Les K Smith**; Don Sutton; Barry Thomson; Noel Tysoe; Judy Werder.

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

Allan & Sybil Browning; Christine & Leonard Dennis; Noel & Robyn Harvey; **Marie-Ann & Graham Martin**; Lyn & John Russell; Les & Barbara Smith; Barry & Kath Thomson; Greg & Kathy Wakefield.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

I've learned that every great achievement was once considered to be impossible.

## A LITTLE HUMOUR



Did you hear about Frank, the poor fortune teller?

He's not making much of a prophet. **Ha, Ha, ha, ha, ha**

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### From Activities Officer

Good morning everyone,

Here we are again, another busy year coming to an end with 109 members wishing to celebrate our end of year Christmas Dinner which as usual is held at Yaralla in our meeting room.

CHRISTMAS DINNER Wednesday 20 November  
6.00pm Meet and Greet.

6.30pm Terry will welcome everyone before dinner at 6.45pm

Music will be supplied by Dave Murry and Pat with our raffle draws, competitions and lucky door prizes etc. and dancing of course.

A long-standing tradition for our multi-draw raffle is if everyone can bring a gift (value \$15.00) this enables us to subsidize the dinner meals.

Departure Point also donate a percentage of all the money we spend through their business back to us which also goes towards our dinner.

We encourage all members to book through them for train tickets, airfares and travel and mention you are an NSA member, and they keep a record and donate quite a large amount back to the club.

SISTER ACT, LYRIC THEATRE, BRISBANE,  
04 MARCH - 06 MARCH 2025.

We have flyers today for everyone who have their names down. Just a reminder when you are going into Departure Point to pay your deposit, please remember to take your pension card or seniors card as they do not keep this information on file, and it is needed to work out your train travel discounts.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Pauline Bambling

## AROUND THE TRAPS

The Phillip Street Precinct are holding the following events.

“Salos Connect” have team members who are able to offer assistance if you need help.

Bookings are essential – 4883 8900

90’s Rewind Dance Fitness Event – join in for an unforgettable night of dancing to your favourite 90’s music.

Bookings are essential. Contact Carla 0437 998 005 for more details. When: Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Calliope Historical markets – the last one for 2024 will be held on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Rotary Markets – Tondoon Gardens, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec

Gladstone Art Gallery – 49<sup>th</sup> Martin Hanson awards are open for viewing until 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Paulette Flint will be holding an Official Opening at the Gladstone Library on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 10:30am.

“Stories behind the Cafes of Gladstone”

An exhibition of 12 posters created by Paulette which relates to documents and artefacts from Cafes between 1900-1970. RSVP’s to 4976 6766

Gladstone Library hold a quick Tec help morning on Mondays and Fridays, no bookings necessary. You can also book a one-on-one session with Dawn.

Bookings are essential, Phone 49766400.

Dawn also visits Calliope, Boyne Island, Miriam Vale and Angas Waters libraries.

GPC will be holding the Mayor’s Carols Night at the Marina stage area, 4.00pm – 8:30pm Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Markets – Stalls – Live Entertainment

## TOUR INFORMATION

**From Tour Officer: Barbara**

Hi Members,

Tour Report Nov 2024

Firstly, thank you to the members who travelled to WA with me. We saw a beautiful city and magnificent weather on day 1 & 2. We had lots of adventures with the changing weather, the COVID experiences and other viral coughs. Thanks to driver Pete, we travelled safely, had so much of the landscape described to us and were very well fed by the various restaurants.

Our next year's tour is in planning mode. I have considered all the suggestions and have offered the following for your consideration. These are suggestions - your input to me is highly appreciated.

**Melbourne** (excluding peak events & school holidays in Vic) This may include time at Ballarat. I'll speak more during my report.

**South Island New Zealand** - late Oct, early Nov. 2019 tour was Dunedin to Christchurch, 10 nights. Itinerary will need to change as at this stage the flight Brisbane to Dunedin no longer operates. Flight paths often change internationally.

**Canberra - Floriade** (Suggest week 1 from Sept 13, 2025) 7-8 days. I am planning a free day for personal choice of activity, shopping or resting. Canberra would be our base with daily trips & events.

I thank the members for the continued support for our tours - Departure Point always provides a rewarding experience.

Yours in Travel BarbK

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## Branch Contact Details

Branch Meetings are held at:

**Yaralla Sports Club:** Corner, O’Connell and Bell Streets, Barney Point, Gladstone.

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

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