

April 2025

Welcome to you all,
Well, once again the Harbour Festival is upon us, this Festival is put together every year by many locals who volunteer their time to ensure that the festival runs smoothly and successfully.
My favourite is the Raft Race, I have thrown many a bag of flour at the contestants with relish, got my sons each time, love it.
Gladstone is at their busy time of year, and on top of it all we have an Election to deal with, early voting is

available, and I have listed the dates for you below.
As previously stated, we will be running our AGM later in the year and would like to see some more new faces to join in the fun. Please see me for further details if you are interested.
We would love to see some of our members be our 5 Minute speaker, we know you had a life before retiring, so step up and spill the beans.
Next Meeting to be held Tuesday 20th May 2025.
... Larney

GUEST SPEAKERS

5 Minute: Bruce Hunt - Rotary

20 Minute: Mark Greenaway – Shelter Collective

APRIL CELEBRATIONS HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Geraldine Apthorpe; Kay Brown; Carolyn Glitzner; Florence Hall; Lorraine Howkins; Adele Hughes; Bruce Hunt; Jan Moller; Carol Pease; David Pendreigh; Gwendolyn Pusztay; Pamela Scarborough; Beverley Smith; Wilma Thurling; Angela Trudgett.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

Arthur & Rhonda Dumpleton; Julie & Peter Marshall; Jan & Graham Moller; Fay & Nev Poole; Barbara & Robert Smith; Brian & Beverley Smith; Rodney & Debra Soper; Christine & Nick Swettenham; Pauline & Brian Walters.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Nothing worse could happen to you than to be completely understood.... **Carl Jung**

A LITTLE HUMOUR



Biologists have crossed a watermelon with a cauliflower. Now, people who eat the new variety get a sense of sadness known as meloncauli.

What did Snow White say when her photos didn't arrive?
Someday my prints will come.

What's red and smells like blue paint?... Red paint.

What do you call a Magician who loses his magic?... Ian.

What happened when the French cheese factory exploded?... Da Brie was everywhere.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

From Activities Officer: Pauline

Good morning everyone,

81 members attended our 29th birthday lunch at the Gladstone Bowls Club last Friday. Certificates and pins were presented to those who have been members for 25 years.

PORT OF GLADSTONE HARBOUR TOUR.

The Curtis Endeavour II is now starting the coffee cruise every Sunday from April to October. The cost for seniors is \$40.00. I have a sheet out for expressions of interest for Sunday 30 May. They don't do group bookings so no problem as to numbers.

EASTER BONNET PARADE today.

I went to Evenglow for only the 2nd time and scored a job. They had a parade with 9 lovely creations so hopefully we can match them.

Once again, any suggestions of places you would like to visit, and we can see if it is possible.
At the moment coaches are very expensive.

A quote for a day trip to Bundy ranges from \$2800 to \$3000.

Happy Easter

Pauline



AROUND THE TRAPS

It's on again =, The Harbour Festival fires up on Thursday 17th April-Sun20th April.

FIREWORKS: Thurs/Sat/Sun nights 7.55pm onwards

RAFT RACE: Friday 18th April 9am Yacht club ramp

MARKETS: 18th & 19th April 8am-4pm CQU carpark

CARNIVAL RIDES: Thurs 17th 6pm-10pm

Fri 18th 10am-10.30pm

Sat 19th " "

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GLADSTONE ORCHID & FOLIAGE DISPLAY

Fri 19th April & Sat 19th April

Bill Robertson Toyota Showroom

9am-4pm. EPTOS available

ROTARY TONDOON MARKETS – next market will be held on Sunday 20th April.

ART GALLERY – ANZAC EXHIBITION 2025

Will be held at the Gallery until 3rd May.

Display includes items of loan from the private collection of Jimmy Harris.

CELEBRATE AUSTRALIA 2025 – Colourful & engaging painting & drawings will be held until 10th May.

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Holiday movies for the grandees include Minecraft, Flow & Dog Show are now showing.

GECC SHOWS FOR MAY INCLUDE

Qld Farmers Flood Benefit – proceeds to flood-stricken To help Qld Cows & Sheep.

TOUR INFORMATION

From Tour Officer: Barbara

Hi Members,

Our annual tour for 2025 is to Melbourne (4 nights), Apollo Bay (1 night), Ballarat (3 nights). We leave Gladstone on October Saturday 11 with Virgin airlines, Return Sunday 19 in the afternoon to Gladstone. A few people have made some alternative travel arrangements with Departure Point. This is fine. If you have family and friends in this part of Australia, here is your opportunity to have some time with them. Raymond will do the bookings for return home travel to your liking.

To date we have 34 travelers. I'd really like to have 40 as the budget is planned for that many. The first air bookings have been made - using our \$500 deposits to offset the costs. Remember we have beautiful buffet breakfast every day and evening meals of your choice most evenings. Meals plans will be available later in the year. Should the budget allow, we may have some lunches provided. Accommodation is always very comfortable and suitable for us. Coach travel is used at times for our daily outings.

On the free day - some travelers have requested an "OP Shop" tour. If this appeals to you, please let me know and I'll investigate re costs, travel, time frame.

Some health issues have been shared with me. Thank you. Small personal issues can be agreed to so please discuss, and I'll find a solution. Nervous travelers are well supported.

Regards, Barbk

Early voting is once again available:

Tues 22nd - Thurs, 24th April 8.30am – 5.30pm

Sat 26th April 9-4pm.

Mon 29th – 1st May 8.30am – 5.30pm

Fri 2nd May 8.30am – 6pm

Where:

Old Chemist Warehouse Building, Goondoon Street, Opposite the Car Wash, Corner. Bramston St.

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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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