

February 2025

Good Morning

Welcome back to another fun filled morning of gossip, gossip and more gossip. We hope you enjoy the morning spent with friends. Today we will be voting on the proposed 2025 tour, which is exciting, where will we be off to, I wonder?

The committee is still looking for donation suggestions, we have some money in the bank that we feel could be passed on to help others in need, please pass onto a committee member your

recommendations.

The next big thing to hit Gladstone will be the Harbour Festival, this year looks to be as spectacular as ever, check out the websites for further details and start planning.

Next Meeting to be held Tuesday 18th March 2025.

See you all then,

..... Larney

GUEST SPEAKERS

20 Minute: - Raymond Lewis – Departure Point

FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Beverley Anderson; Meg Armitage; Lyn Band; Arthur Dumpleton; Terry Freyling; Alison Harrington; Trevor Heard; Heather Hurtz; Robyn Knopke; Colleen Marek; Graham Martin; Branka Medlock; Kris Peterson; Barbara Smith; Joan Sutton; Carolyn Vickery; Wesley Walker.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

Bev & Noel Bowley, Graham & Pat Howard, Maurice & Pat Ward.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

If you keep doing what you've always done, you'll keep getting what you've always gotten.

A LITTLE HUMOUR



Our honeymoon included a visit to London - my wife's hometown. After the plane landed, Tanya headed for the British passport-holders line, while I waited in the foreigners' queue.

"State the purpose of your trip," the customs officer asked. "Pleasure," I replied. "I'm on my honeymoon."

The officer looked first to one side of me, then the other.

"Interesting," he said as he stamped my passport. "Most men bring their wives with them."

Things Mothers have said:

- Look at the dirt on the back of your neck.
- If you fall out of that tree and break your leg, don't come running to me for sympathy.
- Who do you think you are?

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

From Activities Officer: Pauline

Good morning, Everyone,
It was very good to see 33 members enjoying our lunch at the Harvey Road Tavern on Monday 3rd. Thank you for attending.

SISTER ACT at the LYRIC THEATRE BRISBANE - 4th, 5th and 6th March 2025.

We started with 52 names which now is down to 40. Your itineraries are here today to be collected.

BIRTHDAY LUNCH

Our birthday lunch will be held on Friday 11th April at Gladstone Bowls Club, Ferris Street. As our meeting is during Easter week, we have chosen to have our birthday lunch the week before.

The cost is \$30.00 but the club will only charge members \$15.00 p.p. Sheets are out today and monies can be paid today or at the March meeting. We will have an Easter bonnet parade again this year so the clever ones can start now on their creations.

Prizes for both ladies and gents.

GET ONLINE DAY

We will be holding our "Get Online Day" on Wednesday 26th Feb 2025.

This will be held at the Gladstone Library, beginning at 9.30am.

Dawn Bird their Tech Help will be conducting the day.

So, if you would like to find out more about the latest phones, tablets etc or even to find out more about My Gov, this day is for you.

Please put your name onto the list and include items you would like to find out about.

Pauline

AROUND THE TRAPS

We have recently found out about the perils of lung fungus.

This can be caused by using fertilizers, mulch, compost etc without wearing a MASK, unfortunately if you have a fur baby and allow him to snuggle next to you in bed, on the pillow especially, it could be harmful as well.

Please be aware of this possibility.

Activities coming up soon:

Gladstone Art Gallery:

"Ocean Lines" A series of abstract acrylic paintings depicting ocean landscapes of the Gladstone region.

8th Feb until 29th March.

"Works on paper" Celebrate the diversity of paper as a medium and its limitless potential to create works beyond a flat surface.

8th Feb until 22nd March.

GECC

Mama Mia: The 2025 Community Musical commences 6th March concluding 16th March.

All the popular "Abba" songs are included

Agro Up Late: Get ready to stroll down memory lane and hear the naughty and funny stories behind this special puppet.

Booking at the Box Office – 4972 2822.

Gladstone Harbour Festival: All the fun begins Thursday 17th – Sunday 20th April.

Activities include:

Live entertainment on the Marina stage, The magnificent raft race, Fireworks etc. There will be plenty on offer to keep even the smallest of festival goers entertained during this period.

For further details visit:

Gladstonefestival.com or

Gladstone.qld.gov.au

TOUR INFORMATION

From Tour Officer: Barbara

Hi Members,

Welcome to 2025 from BarbK. I missed the January meeting as I was travelling in QLD and NSW.

Today Raymond Lewis from Departure Point Travel will be presenting 2 travel options for our 2025 NS Gladstone Tour.

Our choices are as follows:

Canberra in early October, or,

Melbourne with trips out and about in Victoria.

I ask that you consider these 2 locations with the various suggested activities. Only vote if you are able and willing to travel. This is a secret vote so should your circumstances change - get sick, win lotto, need to babysit grandies - the tour will go on.

Some members are willing to travel regardless of the location as every tour has been really special. When voting after morning tea, put an obvious "C" for Canberra OR "M" for Melbourne. You may vote "CM", so I know you're a traveler and are happy to join either tour. The tour with the highest number of votes will be our selected tour. I will announce the outcome of the voting today.

We plan to take 45 people (Max 50 - Min 40).

Raymond will confirm the deposit required to have a position on the tour. All payments are to be made direct to Departure Point in Goondoon St, Monday-Friday, in the mornings.

Once a decision has been made, planning will be underway with myself and Raymond. Any extra suggestions from members are always welcome and considered.

Raymond's outline today may vary as opportunities are sometimes cancelled, new venues are offered to agents and costs can escalate too much.

I trust this year of travel will be rewarding, memorable and as good as ever.

Yours in travel BarbK

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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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