

January 2025

Good morning,
Welcome back and a great big HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all.
The Committee met for the first time this year on Monday and certainly hit the ground running, plotting and planning is well underway.
Raymond from Departure Point could not make it today to present the details on the proposed 2025 trip, hopefully he will be available for the February meeting.

I am busy searching through my notes for guest speakers to entertain us this year, and seem to have found a few, hopefully you will enjoy what they have to say and do.
Please let me know if you wish to be one of our 5-minute speakers, it is good fun listening to what we all "get up to" in our spare time.
Next Meeting to be held Tuesday 18th February 2025. See you all then,
..... Larney

GUEST SPEAKERS

20 Minute: Dawn Bird – Gladstone Library Tech Help.

JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Judy Aitkenheard; Pam Brown; Aileen Dirr; Judy Finlay; Andree Grayson; Gloria Holmes; Fay Jackson; Kathi Linder; Leslie Lofthouse; Lorraine McCamley; Patricia Patchett; Pat Perry; Barbara Smith; Arthur Timms; Kathy Wakefield; Helen Watson; Janette Wessling; Tom Wigley.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

Val & Roy Jones; Kathi & Franz Linder; Allan & Carol Pease.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

It takes very little extra effort to be considered outstanding.

A LITTLE HUMOUR



- The vicar's Christmas sermon described the plight of the poor, strongly suggesting that the rich had a charitable duty to share their wealth. Asked how the sermon went, he said it was a partial success. "I convinced the poor!"
- A husband and wife who work for a circus go to an adoption agency, but the social workers have doubts relating to suitability.
The couple show proof of their 15-metre motor home, which is clean and equipped with a nursery. They have arranged for a full-time tutor and a nanny who is an expert in paediatric care, welfare, and diet.
The social workers are satisfied, then ask the couple what age child they are hoping to adopt.
The husband says, "It doesn't really matter, as long as the kid fits in the cannon."

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

From Activities Officer: Pauline

Good morning, Everyone,

Welcome to 2025.

The 1st activity for this year is at very short notice.
HARVEY ROAD TAVERN. — Thursday 23 January.
Lunch 11.30 at own cost.

SISTER ACT — Lyric Theatre Brisbane 4-5-6 March.
Departure Point needs final numbers which means deposits definitely have to be paid by Thursday of this week. Then final payments are due 7 February.

We have 46 names down if all deposits are paid.
Thanks to all who have paid by the due date 20 December 2024.

Your Event Specialist, Pauline



AROUND THE TRAPS

At the Gladstone Art Gallery:

- Rio Tinto Martin Hanson awards on view until 25th Jan.
- Meet Me at the café – a 12-poster display of iconic Gladstone cafes by Paulette Flint ends 15th Feb.
- Anzac Exhibition opens 22nd Feb – 3rd May, memorabilia of Anzac artefacts etc.

Tondoon Rotary Markets:

Dates for 2025.	16 th Feb
	16 th Mar
	20 th April

Gladstone Cinemas – Have a huge selection of both Kids and Adult Movies showing at the moment. Check out their website for further details or call 4972 0015.

<https://gladstonecinemas.com.au/home/>

GECC –

Morning Melodies

Tues 11th Feb – “007 Shaken not stirred” The music of bond.

“Melinda sings “Great Women of Country”

Tues 8th April

MAMMA MIA

The 2025 Community Musical Mamma Mia commences on Thursdays 6th March and runs until Sun 16th March.

A great show put on by our local talented actors.

A Girls Guide to World War will be held on Wed 2nd April.

Box Office 4972 2822

TOUR INFORMATION

From Tour Officer: Barbara

Hi Members

Due to the fact that costs for our tours are NOT available, we will not be voting for our travel destination today. I have taken the South Island of New Zealand option off the list as the prices are far too high for our club to travel as a large group. Members wishing to do an International Tour are most welcome to go to Departure Point and travel with an established tour company.

Raymond is working on our choices of Canberra/Floriade with outlying trips and site-seeing OR Melbourne and surrounds.

He will attend the February meeting and outline the proposals. We will vote on the day so pre-voting can be sent to myself by sms 0412 049 390 if you are not able to attend the meeting AND planning to travel in 2025. We will be limited to 50 members with a min of 40. A deposit of \$500 will be required and paid to Departure Point to be on the list. All travellers will be covered by travel insurance and MUST agree with regulations of the coach driver's company during our tour. This procedure became an issue with the WA tour when we had health issues amongst our members.

Both destinations offer a wonderful travel experience. Canberra will be during October. Melbourne will be out of school holidays - dates to be set.

Yours in Travel BarbK

AROUND THE TRAPS, continued

GLADSTONE HARBOUR FESTIVAL 2025

Runs between 28th – 31st March.

Activities include:

- Seafood Festival: – 30th March
- Raft Regatta: – 29th March
- Harbour Cruise Brunch: 30th March
- Sprint car Harbour City Classic: – 30th March

Just to name a few.

More details available at the Gladstone Festival and Events Office 4972 5111

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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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