

March 2025

Good morning,
Wow it is nearly Easter already, how the year is flying past.
We hope you enjoy Judy's story; the branch is very proud of her and her family's achievements.
If you have any family news/achievements, please let me know so you can be included in the newsletter as well.
In the second half of the year we will be holding our AGM, this is when all the existing committee members

will vacate their positions as new nominations are presented.
Please consider nominating if you wish to become involved in the running of the branch, new faces are always welcome.
Today's guest speaker is going to bring us up to date in regard to mobile use in cars, drinking etc. Please ask many questions if you have any concerns.
Next Meeting to be held Tuesday 15th April 2025.
See you all then, Larney.

GUEST SPEAKERS

20 Minute: - Dominic Martin – Qld Police

MARCH CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Betty Betts; Judith Broome; **Barbara Holgate**; John Jones; Lorraine Menser; Col Perry; **Brian Petersen**; Lyn Russell; Norma Smith; **Christine Swettenham**; Kath Thomson; Nola Ward; Ken Watson.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

John & Val Jones; Colleen & Roy Marek; Col & Pat Perry; Lesley & Werner Tolsdorf; Ken & Helen Watson.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

I was the first woman to burn my bra – it took 4 days for the fire department to put it out.

A LITTLE HUMOUR



From the Feb 25 Issue of "(@ THE Coal Face)

- As I expected, someone has been adding soil to my garden. – The plot thickens.
- Do you know why you never see elephants hiding in trees? – It's because they're very good at it.
- The other day I saw a chicken crossing the road on a sheep. – The chicken was riding an eweber.
- I can cut a piece of wood in half just by looking at it. It's true. – I saw it with my own eyes.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

From Activities Officer: Pauline

Good morning, everyone,
Another adventure was had by 36 of us last week travelling down to Brisbane, to see "Sister Act"

The journey down in the train on the Tuesday was nice and relaxing and some of us, who shall remain nameless, managed to buy dresses and shoes before having dinner at various places in the city.

On Wednesday morning we set off on a Sunstate bus for the Qld Ipswich Railway Museum and of course morning tea.

We then went on to the Summer Land Camel Farm. A lot of interesting facts about camels as well as being told it is the 3rd largest in the world.

We sampled feta, salami, milk, camel pies and camel curry and finished with ice cream for lunch. It was here Raymond rang me to break the news

Sister Act had been cancelled as well as the trains, so he arranged for most of us to fly home that night. Disappointed but home safely.

Feel sorry for the thousands of people without power and so much damage by Alfred.

29th BIRTHDAY LUNCH FRIDAY 11 APRIL,
Gladstone Bowls Club, 11.30am
COST \$15pp to be paid today.

Easter Bonnet parade will be held at the April meeting as it is Easter week.

Prizes will be awarded to ladies and gents.

AROUND THE TRAPS

Judy Aitkenhead has been a long-time member of the branch, and we are delighted to share her fabulous recognition from her family and friends. The respect shown is immense:

Judy Aitkenhead shares with us a “positive warm the cockle’s story” regarding her family.

Judy is and has been involved in the sport of hockey most of her life and is known in the sport by her hockey nickname of “Fossil” which was given to her many years ago by the spectating daughter at a National Championship.

Maryborough Hockey Association holds a Carnival the 2nd weekend in February called “The Core Cup”. This year her children, their children, several of my sibling children and their partners were entered as 4 teams in the 41-team competition.

Judy arrived at the fields to watch games and to cheer only to be met by all the grandchildren, 2 of whom presented her with a shirt that had 10 on the front, 10 on the back and 3 on each sleeve of Judy’s face on a floral background and proceeded to tell Judy that the teams were called “Fossils”

Judy was humbled to feel the love and respect shown in the excitement and hugs associated with the presentation.

All 4 teams wore the same shirt design just with changed background color.

Judy also shares that the 4 teams played the finals, and all finished second, but the Fossils were awarded the Best Dressed Team Award.

Judy added that She and The Fossils were featured on Channel 7 News.

Again - Unbeknown to the family.

TOUR INFORMATION

From Tour Officer: Barbara

Hi Members,

2025 sees us visiting Melbourne for our annual tour. The voting was a confident 47 for Melbourne and 13 for Canberra. This tells me that 60 members are prepared to travel this year. What a wonderful result. We will have 50 places available. If you plan to be on this tour, your deposit is required at Departure Point so Raymond can book the flights at the best deal. \$500 per person.

We all need to be paid up Financial Members of National Seniors. Travelers wanting to travel single room - pls notify when you register. Should you want to extend your travel time in Victoria, let Raymond know so arrangements can be made. Travel Insurance will be applied to each of us - very important, looking at past events. We are planning to explore Melbourne, Torquay & Apollo Bay (along the great ocean road), Ballarat & Bendigo. Dates will be confirmed later, as bookings are still to be made.

As always, I am needing an assistant to support the members during our travels. If this appeals to you, this person will be appointed at the AGM later in the year. I will be looking at Theatre Shows during the few days we are in Melbourne. Put a few extra \$\$ away for tickets.

We have a digital brief itinerary that is available in an email from Terry. Check your emails.
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AROUND THE TRAPS

Easter in Gladstone is looking fabulous, full of fun and activities for all the family.

Phone 4972 5111 – Suite 3, Marina Ferry Terminal.

Check out the website for further details:

<http://gladstonefestival.com>

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Branch Meetings are held at:

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