

## November 2023

Good morning,

We are coming to the end of another fabulous year, one that has been filled with a vast array of activities and bus trips.

We started the year with lesser numbers than the year before, but thankfully, they have continued to climb again, now averaging around 85.

We welcomed visitors from different places in Qld, and sometimes further afield.

We are looking forward to finishing our year off with a Christmas Bon Bon or two, this is always a delightful evening, and Dave will certainly get the dancers onto the floor whether the Males want to or not.

We look forward to 2024, the Committee wishes all our members and their families a very Happy Christmas and may 2024 bring a year full of happiness and health.

Next Meeting to be held Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024. See you all then, Larney.

## GUEST SPEAKERS

5 Minute: Judy Aitkenhead (Hockey)

20 Minute: The Gukes will be entertaining us.

## NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

### HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Carol Armstrong; Bev Bowley; Allan Browning; Nance Davies; **Rhonda Dumpleton**; Judith Fraser; Pat Howard; Judi Irwin; Andrea Jones; Judy Larsen; Betty Laver; Dorothy Leech; Peter Marshall; Lurleen Ramm; **Jo Ryan**; Valerie Talbot; Nerida White; Lorraine Wright.

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

Robin & Bruce Hunt; Suzanne & Hugh Mackay; Bill & Pam Scarborough; Kathy & Trevor Webb.

## DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

### HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Noel Bowley; Margaret Cook; **Cynthia Davies**; Lynette Elms; **John Hinde**; Alida Isbell; Ron Jackson; Terry Marsh; Rae Matthews; **Nev Poole**; Hugh Rowe; Les Smith; Don Sutton; **Barry Thomson**; Noel Tysoe; Judy Werder.

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

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

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

As knowledge increases, wonder deepens.

- Charles Morgan

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### From Activities Officer: Pauline

Good morning everyone,

This year seems to have flown by and Christmas approaching very quickly.

CHRISTMAS DINNER 23 NOVEMBER,  
YARALLA EVENTS CENTRE, 6:00PM ARRIVAL  
FOR DINNER AT 6:45PM.

There are 100 members attending again this year and Raymond Lewis has accepted our invitation in appreciation for all the work he does for us planning our yearly adventures.

If you can bring a gift for our Multi draw raffle that would be very appreciated.

Dave Murray is supplying the music again this year, supported by Pat as usual.

CHICAGO MUSICAL, LYRIC THEATRE  
SOUTHBANK, BRISBANE, 30 JANUARY – 1  
FEBRUARY 2024.

We will travel on the Tilt Train and stay at IBIS  
STYLES HOTEL, Elizabeth Street, BRISBANE.

VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM  
DEPARTURE POINT, - DEPOSITS NEED TO BE  
PAID ASAP TO CONFIRM YOUR BOOKING.

The Lyric theatre kindly keep a number of seats for us but as the show is very popular, Raymond needs to send back what we don't need.

On Wednesday, when we are going to Mt Tamborine as we have (23) going the company doing the trip will possibly take us in a bus by ourselves instead of the hop-on-off bus. January 16, 2024, is our first meeting next year and I will have our tickets etc, then.

Pauline

## AROUND THE TRAPS

Calliope Rotary Club – Christmas Carols, Calliope Rodeo grounds. Gold coin entry, free sausage sizzle. Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 4-9pm

Mayors Santos GLNG – Christmas Carols – Fri. 1<sup>st</sup> Dec, 5-8pm, Gladstone Marina Stage.

BAM – Tannum Sands next community event is scheduled for Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec, 2pm – 7pm.

GECC Morning Melodies – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10am, Karen Knowles, PH 49722822

Calliope Historical Village markets – Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> Dec, 7:30am – 12 noon.

Rotary markets – Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> Dec, 7am – 12 noon. Tondoon gardens

GRC NYE Fireworks at Marina Parklands – Fireworks at 8pm and midnight – no bookings necessary.

Gladstone Art Gallery – 48<sup>th</sup> Rio Tinto and QAL, Martin Hanson Memorial Art Award will be on display until the 27<sup>th</sup> of January 2024.

Festival Summer, 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 24 for all 11-17 yr. olds, Bookings essential. PH 49722822

AUSTRALIA DAY Celebrations, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at East Shores – a family day is planned.

### Looking ahead to 2024 +

- Harbour Festival – 28-3-24
- Boyne Hook-Up – 3-5-24
- Under The Trees Music Festival – 9-8-24
- Symphony Under the Stars – 16-8-24
- Port To Park Fun Run – 18-8-24

**Just to name a few.**

## TOUR INFORMATION

### From Tour Officer: Barbara

Hi WA Travellers,

We have a small number of confirmed members wishing to go to Perth and surrounds next year in Spring.

Thankyou for your prompt responses.

Raymond will start the planning and programming early next year. He plans to come to an early in the year meeting to outline his suggestions. Should anyone have any great ideas, please share them with me. Make sure I write it down – you know – I may remember that!!!

For new members – this is our annual tour for 2024. Fly Brisbane to Perth for about 8 days. We will visit surrounding tourist spots. The deposit to Departure Point of \$500.00 per person confirms your place. Your deposit is fully refundable until airline bookings are made in 2024.

You will be advised.

When the time comes, I will require an assistant to support the group, help with travelling and airport movements, share, and provide a bit of fun. If you would like a tour role in any way – please come forward and talk to Terry or myself.

Email me on [kukulies.barbara@gmail.com](mailto:kukulies.barbara@gmail.com) or, text me on 0412 049 390. Regards, Barb

### A LITTLE HUMOUR



- Did you hear about the guy that goes into an antique shop and asks if they had anything new.
- How many country singers does it take to change a light bulb?  
"Two", One to change it and the other to sing about how much they will miss the old one.

## Committee Members

President..... Terry – 0418 185 380  
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T/Officer ..... Barb – 0412 049 390  
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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.

Contact Terry - 0418 185 380

Contact Larney - 0400 610 277

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