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## FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

### GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024 at Brunswick Hotel, 569 Brunswick St, New Farm.  
Morning tea will be from 9:15am to 10:00am, meeting follows.

**SPEAKER - Roly Sussex: Australian English – what it is and where it is going.**

### HON GRACE GRACE MP - Member for McConnel

Grace Grace will be with us for morning tea at our next General Meeting on 7th February. She will bring **information packs on Seniors rebates** for you to take home and also be available to answer your questions on the topic and offer any further information.



### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year! Good times, good friends and good health! We try to cover these three important aspects of life, and more, in our meetings. This is what I like particularly about National Seniors Australia, that we have a purpose. And in respect of purpose, no-one represented that better than **Ian Henschke, Chief Advocate for National Seniors Australia** for seven years, who resigned in November 2023. As a former South Australian television and radio journalist he had a significant public profile and the skills to generate a high level of publicity on our behalf, to which the government had to pay attention. He achieved many significant outcomes for older Australians. We thank him and wish him well in his own retirement.

Another 'changing of the guard' event has occurred in the leadership of National Seniors Australia itself. **Chris Grice**, well-known to members of New Farm Branch, has stepped up from Chief Operating Officer to Chief Executive Officer. Chris is a very experienced manager with strong leadership credentials. We congratulate him and look forward to welcoming Chris to our March General Meeting to celebrate our branch anniversary and his new position.

Our meetings and celebrations wouldn't be the same without the support of **Paul Kratzmann**, the wonderful venue manager of The Brunswick Hotel. He goes out of his way to support us and as a result of his recent fund-raising for the NSA New Farm Branch we received a cheque from AHL to the value of \$940. An astonishing gift and one for which we are very grateful. We will endeavour to make sure the money benefits as many members as possible. Thank you, Paul! The Brunswick also offers us the opportunity to give back to the local community. Please bring something, however small, to put in the Brunswick pantry for those doing it tough, such as tinned foods, soups, baked beans, and those little containers of fruit in syrup. These would all make a difference.

At our last committee meeting it felt as though we were falling over ourselves to talk about all the planning we wanted to put in place for the year. Suffice to say, we have booked some interesting speakers and many events to take us out and about. Especially interesting will be the Diamond Days being organised by Diane and Trish – watch out for more details as they come to hand. And of course, starting every meeting will be a yoga session with Di, or ballet at the barre with Jenny. Meet old friends and make new ones at morning tea or stay to lunch after the meeting. And there you have it. Plenty of purpose, good times, good friends, and activities all contributing to good physical and good mental health. Looking forward to seeing you at our February meeting.

**Anne Stubbington**

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Kevin CALDER-POTTS Ngairie CAULFIELD Bernadette DRIESSEN  
Margaret GOUDIE Frances JOHNSON Olwyn JONES Carolina KIDD  
David MacLAUGHLIN Mary MANDERSON Bob MARTIN Claire MOORE  
Ann SARGEANT Geoffrey STERLING Robyn STEVENS Judy WILLIAMS





At the **Queensland Australia Day Awards** held on Thursday 18th January 2024 in Brisbane City Hall, **Diane Gage** was the recipient of the Achievement Award for Community Service. Diane does an enormous amount for the local community and we congratulate her on receiving this well-deserved honour. She is pictured here receiving the award from Lord Mayor Adrien Schrinner. **We are very proud of you, Diane!**



**Christmas at the Brunswick Hotel**  
Committee- Graeme, Carolina, Di, Jenny, Greg, Dell, Anne.



**Anne with the wonderful staff –**  
Gracie, Robson, Ajay, Nirijan, Talea, Chris, and Paul



**Santa cuddling the ladies...**



**AT MY AGE, A TRAIL OF CLOTHES LEADING TO THE BEDROOM MEANS I DROPPED THEM ON THE WAY FROM THE DRYER.**

**Some of my friends exercise every day, meanwhile I'm watching a show I don't really like because the remote fell on the floor**

**HOW SOON AFTER WAKING UP IS IT OK TO TAKE A NAP?**

**(Asking for a friend.)**



Cr Vikki Howard with granddaughter



**WELFARE**

Please notify Carolina Kidd of any member that you know who is ill or injured, so that we can give our support where needed. **PHONE 0418 735 266**

**ACTIVITIES & DATE CLAIMERS for NSA NEW FARM Branch**



**THE BRUNSWICK STREET BOOK CLUB**

**Tuesday 13th FEBRUARY at 12md at the Brunswick Hotel.**

The book for **FEBRUARY** is **ALL OUR SHIMMERING SKIES** by **Trent Dalton**

The Brunswick Street book club has vacancies in 2024..

If you enjoy chatting about books in a friendly environment, contact Dani on 0466 013 199  
Members are welcome to purchase a delicious lunch in the bistro to set themselves up for the meeting. Coffee is also available.

**DINNER**

**Thursday 15th FEBRUARY at 6pm,  
TORANJ Persian Restaurant, 693 Brunswick St, New Farm.**



Please advise Frances Munro on **0422489406** if attending or cancelling.



**LOLA DAYS – DIFFERENT DAYS FOR DIFFERENT PEOPLE**

**FRIDAY 2nd February – Trip to Bribie Island**

Meet at Uniting Church, 52 Merthyr Rd at 8.45am. Cost \$45

**FRIDAY 14th February – The Wheel at South Bank**

Meet at the Wheel at 10.30am. Hint: Take the City cat as it is closer. Cost \$12

**Please contact Diane on 0438 596 798 or Trish on 0410404528 re these outings.**



**NEW FARM LIBRARY**

**FIRST FRIDAY BOOK CLUB Fri 2nd FEBRUARY 10:00am**

In **FEBRUARY**, read and discuss **The Jam Queens** by **Josephine MOON**

New members welcome. Bookings NOT required. Free.



**Flashlight: A metal tube used to store dead batteries.**

**The shin bone is a device for finding furniture in a dark room**

**A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.**

**People call me self-centred - but that's enough about them.**



### **MAY DECEMBER - opening 1<sup>st</sup> February**

Master director Todd Haynes (*Carol*, *Safe*, *Far From Heaven*) returns with a stranger than fiction drama starring Julianne Moore, Natalie Portman and Charles Melton.

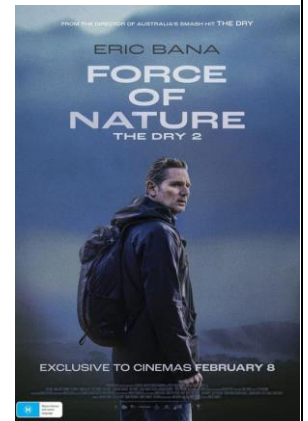
Twenty years after their notorious tabloid romance gripped the nation, a married couple buckles under the pressure when an actress arrives to do research for a film about their past.

### **FORCE OF NATURE (The Dry part 2)**

Starring Anna Torv, Jacqueline McKenzie, Sisi Stringer, Jeremy Lindsay Taylor, Robin McLeavy, Deborra-lee Furness, Lucy Ansell, Tony Briggs, Kenneth Radley, Eric

Bana, Richard Roxburgh.

Five women take part in a corporate hiking retreat and only four come out on the other side, Federal Agents Aaron Falk and Carmen Cooper head deep into the Victorian mountain ranges to investigate in the hopes of finding their whistle-blowing informant, Alice Russell, alive.



**Preview** – 23 February 2024

**Opening Night** – 24 February 2024

**Performance dates** – Friday and Saturday nights  
1, 2, 15, 16, 22, 23 March 2024

**Matinee** – 16 March 2024

In 1955, Lux Radio Theatre broadcast a new adaptation of H.G. Wells' novel *The War Of The Worlds*. Not to be confused with the more notorious 1938 version narrated by Orson Welles, this version was inspired by the 1953 feature film and brought larger

than life characters to the beloved science-fiction tale. Nash Theatre is excited to bring the thrills, chills and rollicking pace of this classic to the stage for our annual radio play. Directed by Jason Nash

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### **LORD MAYOR'S CITY HALL CONCERTS:**

**Tue 6th FEBRUARY 12:00pm to 1:00pm - Beyond the Sea - Tenori.**

Join these Aussie larrikins on a musical journey around the world featuring songs from Spain, Cuba, France, Italy, Norway, England, Australia, and many more!

Tenori showcases the talents of three of Australia's powerhouse singers: David Kidd, Stewart Morris and Andrew Pryor. Together they harmonize beautifully, creating a unique blend of opera, musical theatre, jazz, and pop.

**Tues 13th FEBRUARY 12:00pm to 1:00pm - Murder at the Opera.**

Do you love a good detective or murder mystery? Enjoy a quirky murder mystery featuring 30 opera works by Puccini, Bizet, Verdi, Leoncavallo and more. Delve into the intrigue of classic operas as you experience this captivating tale.

This light-hearted blend of classic opera hits, mystery, and murder features Brisbane opera artists: D'Arne Sleeman, Louise Dorsman, Bernard Wheaton and pianist Mark Connors.

**Tues 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 12:00pm to 1:00pm - Passioni Vocali.**

Experience Passioni Vocali with Raffaele Pierno Neapolitan Tenor and Pianist Leanne Warne. Raffaele Pierno has performed across Europe, Italy and Australasia and for dignitaries and charities such as the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Rotary International.

He collaborated with orchestras including The Queensland Pops Orchestra (2016). Pianist Leanne Warne has also performed abroad in England, Ireland, Wales, and New Zealand with recent highlights including Opera in the Gardens, Mount Coo-tha, May 2022.

Passioni Vocali showcases some iconic opera masterpieces such as Brindisi from *La Traviata* and *Nessun Dorma* alongside popular songs such as *That's Amore* and *Chopin Nocturne in C# Minor*. Join Raffaele and Leanne for this thrilling experience, celebrating the power of the tenor voice and the enchantment of the piano.

**Tue 27th FEBRUARY 12:00pm to 1:00pm – Bobby Alu and FoloI Iulia.**

Bobby Alu delivers intimate performances suitable for the whole family. With his signature baritone ukulele and use of percussion, Bobby seamlessly blends Polynesian folk, reggae, soul and tropical pop. Complemented by engaging story-telling, Bobby's featured guest performer, his mother FoloI Iulia, captivates audiences with graceful Samoan dance.

**\*Going to bed early \*Not leaving the house \*Taking a nap –  
My childhood punishments are now my adult goals.**

**100 years ago, everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today, everyone has a car, and only the rich have horses. Oh, how the stables have turned!**

**NEW FARM BRANCH COMMITTEE AND ASSISTANTS FROM SEPTEMBER 2023**

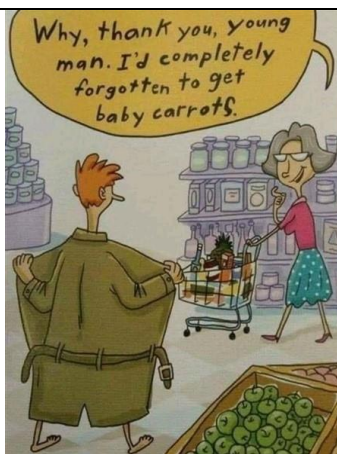
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One day you're young, the next day you're sitting at the edge of your bed like this...





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