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## NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

### GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday 1st NOVEMBER 2023 at Brunswick Hotel, 569 Brunswick St, New Farm.**  
Morning tea will be from 9:15am to 10:00am, meeting follows.  
**ENTERTAINER – Ben CLEMENTS**



### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Hello everyone!**

First, I would like to thank Beryl for giving the vote of thanks to our guest speaker, Clare Blake, last month. Clare was delighted with the response she received from you all and said she enjoyed giving her talk to such an interested audience. We are looking into setting up a visit to the Qld Berghofer Medical Research Institute sometime next year.

We seem to have a bit of a musical theme coming up now which I personally find very welcome in this crazy world of chaos, catastrophe and confusion. To start with, the Brisbane Music Festival starts on 23rd October. It will be.... music that dances, breathes, uplift, haunts and stimulates ... to quote pianist and Artistic Director Alex

Raineri. Alex's parents are life members of our New Farm Branch. Included in the programme are works by Schumann, Beethoven, Joni Mitchell, Nigel Westlake, Mahler and many more, played by a whole host of gifted and passionate musicians. I have tickets and I can't wait to go.

Also, the guest at our next General Meeting will be Ben Clements. He is a local musician who is much in demand so I am looking forward to a good time. Make sure you come along.

Family and friends are always important for us to care about, to share the good times with, and to be there when we need them. Please consider as well, the people that we don't know but who might be depending on us. As a community group we are contributing to the Brunswick Pantry every month but I would also ask all of us to put in a few extra items whenever you can. Take good care of yourselves and each other. Enjoy every day.

**Anne Stubbington**

**October's speaker, Clare Blake, from QIMR Berghofer**, gave a great talk on the world class research being conducted at the institute, covering Cancer, Population Health, Mental Health, and Infection and Inflammation. If you are interested in knowing about the research, there is an **e-magazine subscription page here** - <https://www.qimrberghofer.edu.au/news/lifelab/subscribe-to-lifelab/>

Clare also left hard-copies of past magazines for us.

One of the current research projects is on **the Genetics of Glaucoma**. You can be part of the study! For this study they are looking to recruit both men and women who have been diagnosed with glaucoma by an ophthalmologist or optometrist, have been prescribed a glaucoma medication, or have family history of glaucoma. (I've already signed up for this! F.) <https://www.qimrberghofer.edu.au/genetics-of-glaucoma/>

**Next year** we will be organizing a tour of the research facilities. We did this maybe 10 years ago, and it was fascinating!

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND MEETING WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER



**BRUNSWICK HOTEL**, 11am to meet, mingle and enjoy your included drink, and a short meeting. 12md to be seated and ready to eat!

**PLEASE PAY AT NOVEMBER MEETING.**

**\$40** (subsidised by your NSA Branch) includes a drink of your choice.

Main – turkey, ham, roast veges, greens, and yes, there will be prawns!!

Dessert – alternate drops of Pavlova and Christmas pudding.



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ken ANDERSON   Graeme MCKENZIE   Jenny MILNER   Margaret PACEY  
Wendy SCHANDL   Jan STEVENSON   Beryl WATSON



## OCTOBER MEETING RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

The Bakeologists \$50 voucher (Grace Grace MP): Di Gage  
Brunswick Hotel \$30 Food & Drink Voucher: Molly-Jean Hunt  
Savour \$50 Voucher (Cr Vicki Howard): Paul Cummings  
Lucky Door Prize (NF Cinema tickets): Daniel (visitor)  
3x double passes to Brisbane Music Festival (donated by Michelle Raineri):  
Sue McKezie, Anne Stubbington, Janet Hayward

## 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.    **0418 735 266**

## ACTIVITIES & DATE CLAIMERS for NSA NEW FARM Branch



### THE BRUNSWICK STREET BOOK CLUB

Tuesday 14th NOVEMBER at 2pm at the Brunswick Hotel.  
The book for NOVEMBER is **The Course of Love** by Alain de Botton  
If you are interested, give Dani a call on 33585908 or email her at  
[danielledevalera@gmail.com](mailto:danielledevalera@gmail.com)

Members are welcome to purchase a delicious lunch in the bistro beforehand to set themselves up for the meeting. Coffee is also available.

## LUNCH



Thursday 16th NOVEMBER at 11.30am, at ITALIAN STREET KITCHEN  
Gasworks Plaza, Skyring Terrace, Newstead. 2 hour parking under shopping centre.

<https://italianstreetkitchen.com/au/>

Lunch Menu - Includes one house beverage.

1 Course \$25 | 2 Course \$29 | 3 Course \$35

Please advise Frances Munro on 0422489406 if attending or cancelling your booking.

## LOLA DAYS – DIFFERENT DAYS FOR DIFFERENT PEOPLE

TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER – Melbourne Cup Day at New Farm Cinemas \$10



FRIDAY 13th NOVEMBER – Mudgerabah by train

Meet at South Brisbane station ticket office at 9.50am.

Please contact Diane on 0438 596 798 or Trish on 0410404528



## OUT AND ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY

### NEW FARM LIBRARY

FIRST FRIDAY BOOK CLUB Fri 3rd NOVEMBER 10:00am  
In NOVEMBER, read and discuss **Demon Copperhead** by Barbara Kingsolver.  
New members welcome. Bookings NOT required. Free.



The Washington Post competition for alternate meanings for common words – some of the winners...

**Coffee**, n. The person upon whom one coughs.

**Flabbergasted**, adj. Appalled by discovering how much weight one has gained.

**Abdicate**, v. To give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.

**Esplanade**, v. To attempt an explanation while drunk.

**Willy-nilly**, adj. Impotent



James, Jan and David

October's dinner at **Leonardo Pizzeria** in Brunswick St was a big hit! The food was excellent, and got a big thumb's up from Drina, who lived in Sicily for some years. My pizza was great, both in taste and size – I've had it for 2 lunches as well! I still want to try what Drina had, though – Pasta al Forno. Yum!

Ken, Jenny and Drina->

Ken had a birthday – 85! Well done!

But... what is Jenny doing in the photo? Naughty Jenny!



Joan, Margaret, Graeme, Sue and Elly



# NEW FARM CINEMAS SIX



## JEWISH INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

<https://www.jiff.com.au/films/> 21 films from 16<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> November

**CALLAS - PARIS – 1958 SAT & SUN 25 & 26 NOV**, encore on **2 DEC** which is Maria Callas' birthday.

A night to remember. Maria Callas, the quintessential diva and the face of the opera in the 20th century, made her Paris debut with this legendary performance at the sumptuous Paris Opéra on December 19th, 1958, for one night only.

It was a major social event, attended by “Le Tout Paris” (including French President Coty, Jean Cocteau, the Duke & Duchess of Windsor, Charlie Chaplin, Brigitte Bardot, and many more). Callas appeared on the famous stage wearing her most elegant couture and a million dollars' worth of jewelry. She opened with her signature role, Norma's “Casta diva”, followed by the haunting “Miserere” scene from Verdi's *Il Trovatore*, before she lightened the mood with the mischievous “Una voce poco fa” from *Il Barbiere di Siviglia*. The climax of the evening came in the second half: a fully staged performance of *Tosca*, Act II.

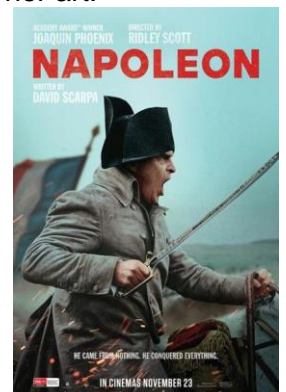
The repertoire in this performance shows Callas at her best, both in recital and as an operatic actress. Visual elements were as important as the vocal dimensions in her art.

Available for the first time entirely in colour and in 4K Ultra HD - meticulously restored from the recently discovered original 16mm reels and a newly discovered sound source – this is an opportunity to experience this historical performance as never before.

### **NAPOLEON** From THU 23 NOV

Directed by Ridley Scott | Starring Tahar Rahim, Vanessa Kirby, Ben Miles, Ian McNeice, Joaquin Phoenix, Ludivine Sagnier

The film is an original and personal look at Napoleon Bonaparte's origins and his swift, ruthless climb to emperor, viewed through the prism of his addictive and often volatile relationship with his wife and one true love, Josephine.







**The following are the performance dates for A MURDER IS ANNOUNCED:**

**Friday** 10 November 2023 - 6:30pm - 10:30pm (Preview)

**Saturday** 11 November 2023 - 6:30pm - 10:30pm (Opening Night)

**Friday** 17 November 2023 - 6:30pm - 10:30pm

**Saturday** 18 November 2023 - 1:30pm - 5:00pm (Matinee)

**Saturday** 18 November 2023 - 6:30pm - 10:30pm

**Friday** 24 November 2023 - 6:30pm - 10:30pm

**Saturday** 25 November 2023 - 6:30pm - 10:30pm

**Friday** 1 December 2023 - 6:30pm - 10:30pm

**Saturday** 2 December 2023 - 6:30pm - 10:30pm

**BOOK AT [www.trybooking.com/973472](http://www.trybooking.com/973472)**



*The Artistic Director of the Brisbane Music Festival is Alex Raineri, a local to the New Farm area. Alex has won many awards including an APRA award for his contribution to the music industry.*

Tickets \$25 (limited capacity)  
please pre-purchase @ [www.brismusicfestival.com](http://www.brismusicfestival.com)

**Venue: Fourth Wall Arts - 540 Queen Street, Brisbane**

17 Classical Music concerts October 23-29

Check website for details

Featuring some of Australia's leading performers including...  
Karin Schaupp (guitar), Stefan Cassomenos (piano)  
Lisa Moore (from the USA, piano) and others

Music including Rachmaninoff, Schumann, Bernstein, Beethoven and much more



**There are quite a few day time concerts for those who prefer to 'not go out at night'...**

**DECEMBER PROGRAMME**

Mon 4th 7.30pm Festival Gala #3

Tues 5th 7.30pm Schubert's Last Sonata  
9.00pm Lights Down Low #2

Wed 6th 7.30pm Angelus

Thur 7th 7.30pm Mahler 4

Fri 7th 7.30pm Declassified

Sat 9th 10.30am Poulenc Tribute #2

1.00pm Hellish Cellist

2.30pm Notes for Tomorrow

4.00pm The Firebird

6.30pm Courtney Cleary in Recital

8.00pm Both Sides Now

Sun 10th 10.30pm Romance by the Book

1.00pm Concord

2.30pm Ten of Swords

4.00pm Jingle Fingers

8.00pm Exit Music

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

**Tue 7th NOVEMBER 12:00pm to 1:00pm LONTANO**

**THIS CONCERT IS IN ITHACA AUDITORIUM WITH LIMITED SEATING.**

Lontano (Italian for 'distant' or 'far away') features Anthony Dettori (The Sunburys) and Roz Pappalardo (Women in Docs, The Soldier's Wife), who live 1000 miles apart but share Italian heritage and a passion for spacious, earthy, alt-country storytelling. Through their remarkable collection of engaging duets, Lontano explore the impact of distance and celebrate the emotional gravity that tugs at the space between people.

Most powerfully, the artists' remote collaborative process gives birth to nuanced narratives, neither fact nor fiction, but viscerally personal, rich with meaning and connection. The result is a compelling abstract of the human journey, seeking wisdom and mutual understanding, and finding that solidarity can be more powerful than the differences in our circumstances or philosophy.

For people who enjoy: Gillian Welch and David Rawlings, Johnny Cash and June Carter, Bob Dylan and Joan Baez, Tom Petty and Stevie Nicks, Bobby Gillespie and Jehnnny Beth, Feist and Jeff Tweedy.



**Tue 14th NOVEMBER 12:00pm to 1:00pm - BEST OF THE BRITISH**

Best Of the British will feature the dulcet tones of Mathew Leigh and Georgia Burnett (just back from a national tour) as they take you on a musical romp through some of the musical hits of British Contemporary Music. These acclaimed performers will be accompanied by the virtuosic Matt Rofe tickling the ivories as they entertain you with repertoire including songs sung by Julie Andrews, Adele, The Beatles and Elton John. A show not to be missed as we celebrate a tribute to the 'Best of the British'.

**Tues 21st NOVEMBER 12:00pm to 1:00pm NADIA SUNDE'S BLUE BAYOU**

Hitch your wagon to a star and join us for this heart-warming concert event. Blue Bayou celebrates the influence of country music on the pop charts of the 1960s and 70s.

Performed by award-winning singer and entertainer Nadia Sunde, and joined by the superb Paul Henderson on banjo and guitar and the brilliance of Marcus Church on acoustic guitar, this show is guaranteed to delight with down-home warmth and masterful storytelling.

Nadia and her band will take the audience on a musical journey that pays tribute to the great country-pop artists of the era and includes songs by Glen Campbell, Bobby Gentry, Anne Murray, Linda Ronstadt, Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson and more!

**Tue 28th NOVEMBER 12:00pm to 1:00pm - BEYOND THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD**

Step into a world of musical brilliance and relive the magic of one of music's greatest icons with 'Beyond the Yellow Brick Road', a sensational Elton John tribute show starring the incomparable Kim Hoffman. Get ready to be transported on an extraordinary journey through the captivating melodies and timeless hits of Sir Elton John himself.

Kim Hoffman's electrifying stage presence and uncanny vocal resemblance to Elton John will leave you awe-struck. From the iconic piano-driven ballads to the energetic rock anthems, he captures the essence of Elton John's legendary sound with every note. Brace yourself for an unforgettable performance featuring chart-toppers like 'Rocket Man', 'Tiny Dancer', 'Candle in the Wind', and many more.

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"Okay, I'm coming out now. Close your eyes!"



## LOLA DAYS 2024

Different Days for different people.

Diane Gage 0438596798 Trish Ferguson 0410404528

Bring Go Card and WATER.

- February 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday** ..... Trip to Bribie Island .....  
Meet Uniting Church, 52 Merthyr Road at 8:45am. Cost \$45.
- February 14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday** ..... The Wheel South Bank .....  
Meet at the Wheel at 10:30 am. Hint: Take the City Cat as it is closer. Cost \$12.
- March 15<sup>th</sup> Friday** ... Coomera Shopping Centre .....Meet discount chemist, Bus Stop 36 at 9am.
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday** ..... MacArthur Museum .....Meet Discount Chemist, Bus Stop 36 at 9:45am and afterwards Lord Mayors Concert at City Hall.
- May 24<sup>th</sup> Friday** ..... DFO (Sky Gate) .....Meet at bus stop 23 Adelaide Street at 8:50 am.
- June 26<sup>th</sup> Wednesday** ..... Eumundi Markets .....Meet Uniting Church, Merthyr Road at 8:45am.
- July 24<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**, Christmas Morning Tea in July .....  
Room of Roses, first floor Brisbane Arcade at 10:00am.
- August 9<sup>th</sup> Friday** .....Trip to Coochiemudlo ...Meet Uniting Church, Merthyr Rd at 8:45am.
- August 21<sup>st</sup> Wednesday** ..... Great Circle Line ...Lunch, Indooroopilly ..... Meet bus Stop 23 Adelaide St at 8:30am.
- September 13<sup>th</sup> Friday** .....Eat Street Markets ..... Sydney Street City Cat 3:18pm, New Farm Park at 3:25pm, Teneriffe 3:39pm. Or meet at North Shore Hamilton stop at 4pm.
- September 25<sup>th</sup> Wednesday** ...Brookside Shopping Centre .....Meet bus stop 43 Adelaide St at 9:20am.
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday** .....Hinze Dam ..... Meeting Uniting Church at 8:45am.
- November 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday** ..... Melbourne Cup. .... Meet Cinema 6 New Farm at 1:15 pm.
- November 29<sup>th</sup> Friday** ..... Logan Hyperdome ..... Christmas Shopping .....  
Meet Cultural Centre Bus Stop platform 2 at 9:45am.
- December 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday** .....NF National Seniors, Christmas Dinner .....Brunswick Hotel.
- December** ..... Lord Mayors Christmas Event.