

THE NEWSLETTER

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OPEN DAY



SATURDAY 7TH JUNE - 8.00 AM TO 2.00 PM

Come along and experience some of the many activities occurring each week at the Donald Simpson Community Centre. Talk to our eager and happy members/volunteers about what the Centre has to offer, whether it be computer classes or language classes, card games, mah jong (Western or Eastern), or day and overnight trips.

Our kitchen will be selling light refreshments, and a sausage sizzle will be operating to tantalize your taste buds. Many activities will be giving demonstrations and/or having displays.

Demonstrations by the table tennis players, line dancers, gentle exercise group, ballroom dancing, pilates, theatricals, and indoor bowls will take place during the day. Take this opportunity to try one of these activities. It may be for you.

There will be displays of parchment craft, leatherwork, Matilda's Quilts and woodcarving. One of these popular activities may appeal to you. The enthusiasm and friendliness of all involved is infectious. You will want to join in. Give it a go.

Plant and handicraft stalls, a cake stall and car boot sales are planned. If you are interested in having a car boot sale, contact Linda on 3821 1089 B/H.

If you have any suggestions, or can help out on the day, let us know. Be a Donald Simpson Centre volunteer for a day.

Book a day trip or an away trip. Day trips will have no extra charge for non-members on this day. Take a trip and become a member.

Don't miss this great day. See what is

happening in our community.



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TUESDAY MORNING ART

Welcome, welcome, welcome - to a creative 2014 - to a returning fellow artist, and especially to the many new talents who have joined us this year. We have already seen the beginnings of some promising, inspirational artwork in the making for our upcoming exhibition in October, and are looking forward to the coming months of creativity.

New members are always welcome, be they beginners or experienced. Although we do not have a designated teacher, we do have many talented artists willing to share their knowledge and expertise in their particular medium, whether it is oil, watercolour, acrylic, pastel or pencil. So, if you have the desire to create pictures in the company of like minded people, do join us. Bring your own supplies and share in a creative Tuesday morning in good company from 8.30 am to 11.45 am.



Our cheerful, airconditioned art room

AUCTION BRIDGE ON A MONDAY

Play starts at 12.30 pm each Monday afternoon and finishes at 5.00 pm. We do cater for those who wish to leave earlier.

After one hour, the winners move to the next table and change partners. Thus we are able to mix with other players.

New players are always very welcome and given lots of help.

For more details, phone Betty on 3286 1887 or the Centre on 3821 1089



MATILDA'S QUILTERS

At the beginning of this year, Heather and I took over Nola's role at Matilda's. We have been accepted very well, and numbers continue to grow.

At the end of last year, members decided to make a donation to a charity instead of receiving a small Christmas gift. As a result, Robyn from the local QAS was presented with a cheque to help them set up the new Ambulance centre. A donation of two DVD players has been made to Yarrabee Nursing Home for their entertainment.

Lots of ladies have also been making library and toiletries bags for the Capalaba Community Centre. A donation of handicrafts has also been made to the Kiosk at the Redlands Hospital for them to sell to raise funds for their charity. The generosity of the ladies is evident by the amount of charity donations that have been made already this year.

Each Monday, 45 or more ladies attend the DSC to sew and chat. It is rewarding to sit and listen as the room buzzes with the chatter of these contented ladies. Mid-morning there are lots of "Ooohs" and "Aaahs" as we have our "Show & Tell" where works of art are put on display for everyone to admire.

At our monthly workshop, skills of those willing to share are passed on to those who wish to learn.

Next year, Matilda's will be 20 years old, and we are planning a celebration. If you are a past member, or have any memorabilia of the early years, please give me a call on 0423009767.

Marie and Heather - Convenors



Yarrabee Nursing Home donation

THEATRICALS

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Theatricals will perform their "Summer Holiday" show again this year on:

Sunday June 15th - 2.00 pm

Saturday June 21st - 2.00 pm

Sunday June 22nd - 2.00 pm

This up beat show with fabulous songs such as Connie Francis' "Vocation" and George Williamson's stunning rendition of "Some Enchanted Evening" has been acclaimed as their best ever, and their ABBA bracket (complete with outrageous costumes) is sure to get you singing along.

Written and directed again by Janette Sheehan, and featuring the wonderful Lesleigh Merson on keyboard, this show is a winner, so if you missed out last time, or even if you didn't, grab some friends and come along. Tickets are still only \$10 and light refreshments are included.

Contact Janette on 3206 3531 for more information.

BALLROOM DANCING

Dances are held on Tuesday afternoons (1.00 pm to 4.00 pm) and the second Saturday of the month from 7.30 pm to 11.00 pm, excluding January and October, with our Winter Ball on Saturday, June 14th, 2014. Tickets for our Ball are popular and have to be pre paid. Our music this year will be provided by "White Heather". Please book early.

New dancers need to have some knowledge of sequence dancing. Both couples and singles are welcome. It is great exercise and lots of fun. Cost to members is only \$6.00.

Our Valentines Dance was a great success, with everyone getting into the spirit of the occasion.

Interested in Dancing ????? Maybe we will see you on a Tuesday. Doreen and Elaine

I got this powdered water - now I don't know what to add.

Steven Wright

If a synchronized swimmer drowns, do all the rest have to drown too?

Steven Wright

PILATES

SUPPORTING FUNCTIONAL FITNESS & WELL BEING

Tuesdays - 5. 30pm to 6.30 pm

\$11.00 to DSC members

Mats available

A big congratulations to all the Pilates participants on an awesome start to 2014. Your ongoing dedication and commitment to your functional fitness, strength and wellbeing is outstanding. Pilates will strengthen and tone your entire body, correct and improve posture and spine alignment. Your body will move with newfound strength and flexibility. Your joints feel more fluid and mobile and you become fitter, flexible and feel fabulous.

Pilates is for everybody and everybody will benefit from a regular Pilates practice. Please call to discuss any concerns.

Faye Keogh - 0427 067 887 - registered and qualified Personal Trainer and Pilates Instructor.

Presentation on Identity Theft and Credit Card Fraud /Usage

This presentation will be given by a Volunteer in Policing and will canvass the issue of Identity Theft and the practice of credit card fraud and wise usage of credit cards.

TIME: 9.30am for 10.00am - TUESDAY 22nd APRIL,2014

Morning tea will be provided by Bendigo Community Bank, Victoria Point.

VENUE: Donald Simpson Community Centre

All seniors are welcome. How does someone steal your identity? Can you guard against this?

Has someone you don't know used your credit card though it's in your wallet?

What are safe credit card practices?

As we become more dependent on cards and internet use, these are important questions.

This is the first of three presentations.

The next two, in June and July, will cover

Home Security and Personal Safety and Protecting Yourself Online and Scams.

LEATHERWORK GROUP

We meet each Monday from 8.30 to 11.30 am and are a happy group of men and women who enjoy the challenge of leather.

We no longer have a teacher, but we each have particular skills which we are eager to pass on to others. Between us we can master most leather work skills with a fair degree of professionalism.

New members are welcome and we have starters tools and materials available.

Ian Knight - Co-ordinator



Plenty of room for more leather workers

THURSDAY CANASTA

Every Thursday from 12 noon sharp, until around 4.00 pm, a very pleasant group of people come together to play Canasta. If you have ever played any kind of this game, (or none at all), come along and we will teach you our particular types of Canasta known as "Hand and Foot" and Pony".

We look forward to seeing you,
The Convenors, Marti and Rudi

AUCTION SOLO

Unfortunately we have to cancel our Thursday afternoon solo afternoons due to lack of interest. Many thanks to those who have supported our group over the years..
Margaret Clark

I woke up one morning, and all of my stuff had been stolen and replaced by exact duplicates.
Steven Wright

FRIDAY CRAFT

After the Christmas break, our ladies have settled back to Friday Craft with lots of chatter and laughter. We invite anyone who is thinking of joining us, to drop in on Fridays between 8.30 am and 11.30 am to have a chat and a look around.

One of our convenors has been a volunteer for over 25 years. Judy Coombs came to the Centre to run a fabric painting class, and joined up with the Friday craft group. Judy lived in Geelong, Victoria before moving to Queensland in 1985.

THE FRIDAY HANDICRAFT GROUP WILL AGAIN BE HOSTING "THE BIG MORNING TEA" AT THE CENTRE. IT WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, MAY 2ND FROM 9.00 AM TO 11.30 AM. ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO CANCER RESEARCH. COST OF MORNING TEA, \$10.00. LUCKY DOOR PRIZE

SO YOU THINK YOU CAN SING AND DANCE?

Theatricals are looking for ladies who can sing and dance, one or the other or both, for our show to be held in November/December this year. If you think this sounds like your cup of tea, come along on Tuesday mornings from 10.00 am to 12 noon and check us out, or ring Janette on 3206 3531 for more information. Don't be shy, you only live once, and this crazy bunch may be a perfect fit for you.



MEMBERSHIP

The Annual subscription for membership to the Donald Simpson Community Centre is \$16.50, and is due at the end of June each year. A pro rata system is in place for new members joining between January and June. Those joining in January and February pay \$24.75 for 18 months, i.e \$8.25 for the current year and \$16.50 for the following 12 months. If you join in March and April it is \$5.50 for the current year, and \$16.50 for the next year, making the total \$22.00. It is \$16.50 when you join in May or June. Your membership renewal will be due the following June. We do not send out reminders. However there will be a reminder insert in your newsletter.

All activities charge non-members extra, so it is worth your while to join. These charges vary from \$5.00 to \$15.00

DEPOSITS, REFUNDS & TRANSFERS

For many years it has been the policy of the Donald Simpson Community Centre to refund monies for cancellations only if the cancellation is before the closing date of the balance due or, if the ticket is re-sold, after the event itself. The reason for the first is because we have to pay for events beforehand, sometimes months ahead. If we cannot sell your ticket, which has been paid for, you unfortunately lose your money. The second reason is that it makes our accounting simpler when trip monies are kept together.

If you have cancelled before the due date, you may transfer your money to another trip, or get a refund after the event. There is a \$6.00 administration cost if you require a cheque as there is quite a lot of paperwork.

If a trip is cancelled by us because of lack of numbers or some unforeseen event, a full refund is paid.

We do require deposits when booking as this helps us determine numbers interested in taking the trip. Trips may be paid off in small amounts if necessary.

Sponges grow in the ocean. That just kills me. I wonder how much deeper the ocean would be if that didn't happen.

Steven Wright

INDOOR BOWLS

Our bowlers have returned with lots of enthusiasm this year, and are ready to roll. However, a number of our regulars are not very well, so our best wishes go out to them.

New players are always welcome, so come along on a Thursday afternoon or Friday morning and have a try out. We have plenty of experienced bowlers who will help you learn the game. We have lots of fun and you will find our group friendly and welcoming.

For more information, contact Gail Moore on 3286 4844 or ring the Centre on 3821 1089.

TABLE TENNIS

Hello, my name is Vicki, I run the table tennis on a Tuesday and Friday nights, 6.30 pm - 9.00 pm. You can contact me on 0409 599388.

We have a lovely group of people who really enjoy their game. We would also like to welcome any new comers to our group. We are lucky to have Gordon, who runs our Friday afternoon group from 12.30 pm - 4.00 pm. He has quite a large group of keen players each week, and there is always a new player or two coming for a game. I have known some players from both groups for 16 years, so that shows how much we enjoy our table tennis days.

Gordon has just started coaching on a Wednesday night. You are very welcome to come along.

Looking forward to seeing you ,
Vicki, Convenor



This is a photo of the Friday afternoon group, eager to begin play!!!

Out With a Difference

APRIL

Wednesday 16th - "Back to the Tivoli" a musical variety show, at Twin Towns Services Showroom. Book early for this popular show. Coach only option available.

Tuesday 22nd - "The King and I" featuring Lisa McCune and Teddy Tahu Rhodes. Lyric Theatre, QPAC, 1.30 pm. **WAITLISTED**

Wednesday 30th - Visit Cedar Creek Estate and Winery at Mt Tamborine and you will see one of the Gold Coast Hinterland's most charming wineries. With it's "Wild Duck Lake", Glow Worm Caves, rainforest and vineyard, this venue is breathtaking. A tour of the glow worm caves is included. Lunch is at the winery.

MAY

Thursday 8th - Mothers Day Treat at Birches Restaurant. Enjoy a pleasant day out at this very popular venue, now under new management.

Saturday 10th - Patricia Routledge, best known as "Hyacinth" stars alongside renowned pianist Piers Lane in the inspiring story of one of Britain's best loved pianists, Dame Myra Hess. Direct from the UK, this humorous, passionate and highly entertaining account will delight all. Concert Hall, QPAC .

Monday 12th - Club Package Day, Southport RSL. Free vouchers included. Minimum 40 passengers needed.

Saturday 17th - Queensland Pops Orchestra - 30th Anniversary Concert - conducted by Patrick Pickett and features Mirusia and Gregory Moore.

Tuesday 20th - "The King and I", starring Lisa McCune and Teddy Tahu Rhodes. Lyric Theatre, QPAC, 1.30 pm. **WAITLISTED**

Saturday 24th - Noosa Ferry Cruise along the old ferry route from Tewantin, past Noosaville to Noosa Sound. Enjoy the friendly commentary as you cruise along. Lunch is at the Royal Mail Hotel, Tewantin.

Wednesday May 28th - At Coolana Olive Grove start the day with a catered for

morning tea of locally made cakes before learning about olive production. You will be able to taste test products before buying. Lunch is at the Tarampa Hotel.

JUNE

Friday 6th - Celebrate Queensland Day with a mystery tour around South East Queensland. Morning tea and lunch at an old style hotel will be provided.

Saturday 7th - The Ten Tenors on Broadway - "the vocal wonder from down under" present show tunes from Broadway at the Lyric Theatre, QPAC, 2.00 pm.

Thursday 12th - Visit two of Brisbane's oldest churches. Our first stop is All Hallows Convent, where you will have a guided tour. Morning tea and a light luncheon will be served here. Afterwards, it is a short walk to St. John's Anglican Cathedral for another guided tour. Here we will see the elegant sandstone columns and arches as we learn the history of this magnificent church.

Wednesday 18th - "Back to the Tivoli" - a musical variety show, presented by Wayne Cornell. Coach only option available if you want a day out to wander around Tweed Heads.

Wednesday 25th - Visit the Jellurgal Cultural Centre and learn about the Yugambeh Aboriginal people. Morning tea and a DVD presentation are included. In a change of pace, take a ride on the new Gold Coast Light Rail. Lunch will be at the Southport Workers Club.

Saturday 28th - Disney on Ice presents "Treasure Trove" its 50th animated feature, with Rapunzel, Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty and other favourites. Bring the grandchildren along. This will be an 11.00 am show at the Brisbane Entertainment Centre.

Sunday 29th - Spend a day at the Sunday Markets, Bulcock Street, Caloundra, said to be on a par with the Eumundi Markets. Take a stroll along the beach if you get tired of shopping. Morning tea will be at Nudgee Beach.

Out With a Difference

JULY

Friday 4th - Spend a day with some gentle Clydesdales and sweet Shetland Ponies at Strathgordon. Have your photo taken with these fascinating animals. Learn about the history of these heavy horses. There will also be several working demonstrations. Please, wear a hat as you will be outside for some of the time. Lunch will be at the Woodford Hotel. Enjoy a day in the country.

Wednesday 9th - Traditional Christmas Luncheon at Bungunyah Manor, Mt. Tamborine. The traditional winter Christmas festivities at this venue are very popular, so don't miss out.

Saturday 12th - The Glenn Miller Orchestra - 77th anniversary. Re-live the golden era of swing with 38 musicians, singers, and dancers.

Wednesday 16th - Sample fine cheeses and yoghurt at Maleny Cheeses while learning the art of cheese making. Lunch is at Tranquil Waters in an amazing mountain setting.

Thursday 24th - Celebrate Christmas in July at Caloundra RSL. Entertainment today is by the Heartbeat Duo who play to suit most tastes. Minimum 40 passengers needed for this trip to proceed.

Sunday 27th - (tentative) Phar Lap - "The Spirit of the Horse" - an Australian Outback Spectacular. Suitable for all ages and a "must" for overseas visitors, our visit will be the last chance to see this production with the Donald Simpson Centre.

AUGUST

Wednesday 19th - (tentative) Seniors Special Community Event. Take a guided tour around Mulgowie before lunch at the local hotel. One price for all.

Wednesday 20th - Seniors Special Community Event. "Back to the Tivoli" - a musical variety show, presented by Wayne Cornell. Coach only option available if you want a day out in Tweed Heads. One price for all.

Friday 22nd - Seniors Special Community

Event. Tweed River Art Gallery for a special visit to the Margaret Olley exhibition. One price for all

Thursday 28th - Two Grands - Four Hands. Twin Towns. Coach Only available.

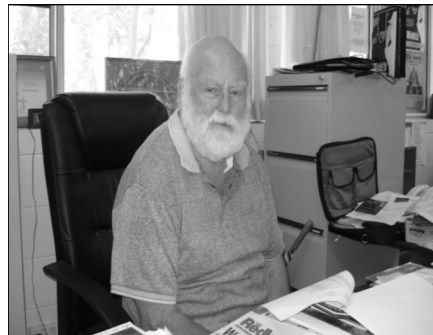
OCTOBER

Sunday 5th - "Spamalot" - brings the 1975 film "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" to the stage in an hilarious musical. Limited seats available, so book early. Concert Hall, QPAC, 1.00 pm.

Saturday 11th - "Best of British" Queensland Pops Orchestra, conducted by Patrick Pickett. Features music and composers of Great Britain. Limited seats available for this show.

VALE GRAHAME SINCLAIR ROSE

It was with regret that we learnt of the passing of Grahame Rose on Saturday, 15th March 2014 after a long illness



Grahame was born in Auckland N.Z. As he grew older, travel became his passion. He eventually settled in PNG where he lived for 17 years before coming to Australia.

Grahame came to the Donald Simpson Centre in 1994 at the instigation of Mayor Eddie Santagiuliana. Thus "Out with A Difference" came into being. OWAD would not be the standard it is today if it were not for his ideas and hard work.. We still use systems that he put in place over the years.

Grahame served on the Management Committee for 14 years, and as Treasurer during his 15th year.

His input during his 17 years as a volunteer at the Donald Simpson Community Centre will long be remembered.

FM HEARING LOOPS

The Donald Simpson Centre now has FM Hearing Loops in the auditorium, the smaller meeting rooms off the central hallway, and at reception. Some will know what an FM Hearing Loop is, others will need to read on.

These are listening devices to enable those who have some hearing impairment to listen to anything presented over a microphone within range of the system. There are two ways in which to use the system. Wearers of hearing aids with a telecoil or T-Switch need to use this switch to obtain reception. Those with no T-Switch or whose hearing aid doesn't receive a signal, or who do not have a hearing aid, are able to use a headset plugged in to a receiver. Those who wish to use the loops are advised to bring their own headset for comfort. Any set of headphones with a 3 millimetre plug is suitable. There are headsets available for those who do not have their own. Sadly, these systems do not work for everyone, and you may need to consult your hearing aid supplier to see if adjustments can be made.

Anyone attending events in the auditorium or smaller meetings rooms should speak with Centre staff if they require a neck loop or headphones, remembering that these can be used only for PA presentations. The FM loops were provided by the Redland City Council. The neck loops will be maintained in a charged and hygienically clean condition by volunteers. Please thank our volunteers, as this equipment needs to be kept charged and cleaned after every use.

Because the auditorium can cater for large audiences, and there may be need for more than the available 32 neck loops, the Management Committee has applied for funding to install an Induction Loop under the floor. This will allow anyone with a hearing aid equipped with a T-Switch to listen by simply using their switch with no neck loop or headset. It is believed that though this is a much more expensive device, it will provide greater and easier access to those with hearing loss. We won't know whether we will be funded for this until later this year.

Tony Christinson, Chairman
Management Committee
Donald Simpson Community Centre

GERMAN LESSONS

Welcome back to German lessons. Classes are held on Tuesdays from 9.30 am - 11.30 am and caters for beginners and intermediate learners. Wir hoffen 1hr seid gut in das Neue Jahr geruscht und es ist schön dass 1hr alle wieder zu dem Deutsch Unterricht gekommen seid. Wir wunsche euch alle viel spass.

Unfortunately, John Soltau, who has provided wonderful lessons in previous years, is unable to continue. Our group members would like to take the opportunity to thank John for all his work and patience.

Our group was able to convince Rose Link to facilitate our class and, therefore, continue.

The lessons try to take an eclectic language approach to build speaking, listening and writing, as well as German language conventions. We also try to include some of the cultural, historical, travel and news aspects of Germany. Group member Nancy, has already treated the class to a yummy Pflaumenkuchen, which was enjoyed by all.

We have a lot of fun in our lessons! If you are thinking about learning a language, or furthering your German skills, come along and see if our German lessons are for you.

Contact the Donald Simpson Centre on 3821 1089 for more information

WOODCARVING

Since joining the Wood Carving Club some 13 years ago, this clock is one of several I have carved. Family members see it and ask "please make me one". I am not in any way a skilled carpenter, purely an amateur



enjoying working with wood. I have learned a lot from colleagues at the club who offer their expertise and advice. We all enjoy each others' company, and

look forward to our Tuesday mornings get together for a couple of hours. I highly recommend anyone who is interested in wood art, but not sure how to go about it to come along and join our club you too could make something as a keepsake for your family, just like me. Malcolm Nelson

MEMBER PROFILE:

BARRY MARTIN

Barry was born in Semaphore, South Australia 1940, and married and lived there for more than 50 years. He graduated from the University of South Australia with a B. Tech (Electrical) Diploma Communication Theory and B. Economics. It was here that he became interested in big bore rifle target shooting competing in Victoria, and Western Australia. An interest he still has today. Judo was also a favoured activity at University, after he had won the junior heavy weight title for under 16's while at High School.



He joined Telstra Engineering and was promoted to Engineer Class 5. His experience ranges from maintenance, installation, long term equipment planning, design, costing and economic evaluation, through computers and network design for some 600 PC's and Servers used by the engineering group. Barry spent several years commuting from Adelaide to Melbourne to work on the intelligent network planning project, design and installation. Career highlights included being selected to attend the 1976 International Teletraffic Congress, the only one ever held in Australia. He won the laureate for the "overall best" in the higher management 4 week course at Melbourne University, and providing and writing "first off" technical presentations and dimensioning for all states.

Barry married Patricia in 1962 and they have four sons and two grandchildren. After taking a redundancy package in 1994, they moved to Queensland in January 1995, where the

family all eventually settled, and have lived here happily ever since.

Barry has been a volunteer at the Donald Simpson Community Centre since 1996. It was his enthusiasm that got the DSC Computer Club up and away and it has never looked back. It's objective was "to help members understand and use their computers" and many members can thank Barry for their present expertise.

Originally the computer class format included two sessions,

one for learners and one for experienced operators. In those days Barry would load his computer and monitor into the car and bring them along to each session. The computer activity has expanded over the years, and courses in almost any aspect of computing are available. Both the Computer workshop and the Computer Fixit are extremely popular.

The Computer Group has always had plenty of support from other qualified members, and many have joined as teachers and assistants, and technical experts, which should ensure the continued success of the group for many years to come.

Barry has produced flyers for "Out With A Difference" trips since 1998, as well as designing flyers and tickets for other activities. He also designed the membership database and reporting system now used, replacing Tracker. He services and updates the website at donaldsimpsoncentre.com. A welcome, and busy, volunteer.

STEVEN WRIGHT

Stephen Wright is an American comedian, actor and writer. He is famous for seeing things differently from the rest of us, and is the undisputed world champion of weird one-liners. Here are some that will make you think.

How do you tell when you are out of invisible ink? ***If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.*** I intend to live forever...so far, so good. ***Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?*** Borrow money from pessimists, they don't expect it back. ***I installed a skylight in my apartment... the people who live above me are furious.*** If you saw a heat wave, would you wave back? ***99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name.***

TAI CHI

Tai Chi for Arthritis will help people by:

1. Improving their muscular strength, therefore supporting and protecting joints.
2. Improving their flexibility. This will help the individual move more easily, improve circulation and free up still joints.
3. Improving balance. By focusing on weight transfer, this will help reduce the risks of falls.

Tai Chi is also an exercise involving the body, mind and spirit. This will lead to improving ones overall health and fitness, leaving one feeling calm and relaxed.

Our next starting dates are :

Monday, May 5th, 10.30 am

Thursday, May 8th, 6.30 pm

Contact Shane Coop on 3841 5574/0418 878 545 for more information.



Imperial Tai Chi Academy practicing Tai Chi in the park

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Unfortunately, there are still a number of our members who do not realise that the Donald Simpson Centre is manned almost completely by volunteers. This includes the Management Committee, (Directors) kitchen staff, booking office staff, tour and travel co-ordinators, computer guys, library staff, and most convenors. No volunteer receives any remuneration whatsoever, and do not even ask for petrol money. If all the volunteers left the building, there would only be three people left.

Our volunteers often have to cope with complaints and unpleasantness, which is a pity as they are here working for you. An occasional thank you, or some acknowledgment, would be appreciated., rather than nasty words and implied threats.

SENIORS WEEK

16th – 24th AUGUST 2014

This year Seniors Week runs from Saturday 16th to Sunday 24th August. The usual array of events will be advertised in the *Redland Times* Seniors Week supplement on Friday 8th August. It is hoped that there will be some new events this year. Petanque or boche in the Donald Simpson Park is a possibility.

Members are reminded that the enjoyment of events during Seniors Week is a matter for them. It is always pleasing to organisers of events if there is good participation, and the participants enjoy the event. If there are events or activities that you would like to run during the week, talk to one of the seniors' organisations about it.

If there are events that you've always considered trying at the Donald Simpson Community Centre, Seniors Week would be an ideal time to do it. You may become a regular.

Some of the events that have been popular in recent years are: the Seniors Walk on Sunday 17th; the U3A breakfast with celebrity guest (this year on Monday 25th to accommodate the guest); The Cleveland State High School Decemsextet (great younger generation musicians); the Bay Islands Bloomers Morning Tea concert on Macleay Island, and the Redlands Bands concert on the final Sunday. These are only some of the events and activities; the final list will be in the Redland Times on Friday August 8th. Come along and have fun.

BAYSIDE LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP

We welcome another year of friendship with opportunity to share experiences. We meet from 10.00 am to 12 noon on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month.

An interesting programme has been organised, so come along, join with us over a friendly cup of tea and a chat.

For more information, contact Iris on 0421 271 989 or Daphne on 3206 8032.

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory. Steven Wright

KEYBOARD MUSIC CLUB

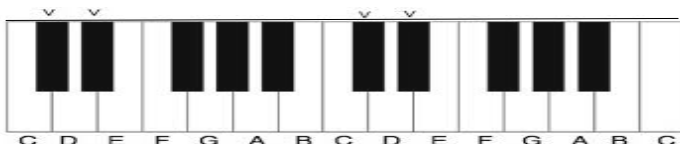
This activity of the Donald Simpson Centre has been in operation for 23 years. We normally meet every 3rd Sunday afternoon at 1.30 pm in the main auditorium, and commence our program at 1.45 pm. Occasionally we have to change to the 2nd or 4th Sunday of the month because of another activity needing the auditorium for an event which cannot be held on alternative date. If this occurs, our alternative date would be advertised in the newspaper.

Our meetings are open to all members of the Donald Simpson Centre, and friends who are music lovers, musicians and vocalists, although we encourage non performers who enjoy listening, to attend, join in and meet the performers at afternoon tea break. The cost is similar to other activities held at the Centre, that is \$4.00 plus 50 cents for a cup of tea or coffee.

If you have never attended, please give it a try. We recently had two newcomers visiting our meeting, and they were obviously impressed, as they became members the following Monday. We take the opportunity at afternoon tea to mention all the other activities held in the Centre.

We prefer live musicians accompanying singers and solo musicians. We do not encourage karaoke or CD's. We have several very capable pianists to accompany, but please bring your music and discuss your music with the accompanist. There may be problems with the key etc., and it is better to sort these details out beforehand.

John Ellis, Convenor Keyboard Music Club.



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SMOKE ALARMS

It is recommended that you replace the battery in your smoke alarm at least once a year. Pick a date such as your birthday, or April Fool's Day. When the battery is low, it will “beep” at you and let you know.

Some other recommendations are:

Once a month, check the battery by pressing the test button. Use a broom handle if necessary.

Keep them clean. Vacuum over and around regularly.

Never paint over smoke alarms.

Do not disable the alarm if it is set off. Open a window, wave a towel around and turn on the range fan.

Smoke alarms have a limited life span and wear out in time. They should be replaced prior to the expiry date on the manufacturer's warranty. Queensland Fire and Rescue Service recommend that all smoke alarms be replaced after 10 years.

For further information, go to :

<https://www.fire.qld.gov.au/communitysafety/smokealarms/default.asp>

BOOKINGS FOR AWAY TRAVEL

On all “Away with a Difference” tours we allow the latest possible date for final payments, however I do need names and deposits at the earliest so I know how numbers are going. This will assist in avoiding trip cancellations. On some recent tours, indications after cancellation showed I would have had the numbers to go if bookings had come in before the due date. Cruise companies will not allocate cabins without a firm booking and deposit, and many other suppliers are now wanting early deposits to secure accommodation, meals etc. They won't risk losing other business when groups might cancel at a later date due to lack of numbers. The Centre is a not-for-profit organization, so paying non-refundable deposits on tours is not an option. Trade Travel are our booking agents only, pre-paying deposits without confirmed bookings is not their responsibility, and as a full-time volunteer putting tours together for our members, nor is it mine.

For your information: Download our tour brochures at www.donaldsonsimpsoncentre

Away With A Difference

With tour leader, Val Henry

It doesn't seem quite the same saying "Happy New Year" when we are into our second quarter. 2013 certainly ended differently for me than I had planned. However, after a very quiet Christmas, I headed south with our group to once again enjoy the Australian Open Tennis Tournament in Melbourne. In spite of 2 days of 44 degree heat, then an overnight drop to 23 degrees we all survived. City and Mornington Peninsula (Sorrento, Portsea etc) sightseeing rekindled memories for some of our folk.

"The Lion King" - What can I say? The performance was just magnificent, add to that, sightseeing of Sydney beaches and city and a Seafood Buffet Cruise on the harbour, and we had 50 very happy travellers on our 3 day trip.

We did not reach our numbers for the South Burnett tour In March, however joining with a northside group enabled the trip to proceed. A great trip although the drought affected countryside was confronting for we city folk.

2nd-21st May, 2014. Grand New Zealand (20 days) Coach touring on both islands, Bay of Islands & Milford Sound cruises, Trans Alpine rail and lots more. As we didn't have the numbers for our own coach tour, the small group who booked will be joining a public departure with Grand Pacific Tours..

14th -16th July, 2014 "Christmas in July" 3 days touring to Stanthorpe and the Granite Belt. 2 nights accommodation at same motel, all meals and attractions, lots to see and do. Brochures available now, please book early to avoid disappointment. **Bookings and deposits by mid April as Motel requires deposit to hold rooms.** If insufficient numbers, unfortunately tour will have to be cancelled.

Vietnam - Cambodia - September, 2014. Lack of early bookings contributed to the cancellation of our Vietnam-Cambodia tour. Operators providing different components of our tours, i.e accommodation, cruises, etc are requesting nonrefundable deposits, sometimes more than six months before our departure dates as demand especially for overseas destinations is exceeding supply.

21th-28th October, 2014 Norfolk Island We again visit this special destination. Staying at Governor's Lodge, we will take part in lots of island activities and attractions. Specialty dinners, Island Culture, Farm & Industry tours, Wonderland by Night and lots more.

Brochures available, **\$500 deposit required when booking, final payment in August.**

23rd-27th December, 2014. A Holiday Coast Christmas - Beaches to the Hinterland. Spend a few leisurely days exploring around the Coffs Harbour area. Good accommodation, sumptuous Christmas Lunch and plenty to see and do. Very reasonably priced for a 5 day Christmas getaway. **Bookings with \$100 deposit required by 13th July, then subject to availability**



Planning is well underway for our 2015 Touring Program, and brochures will be released as early as possible. Just to tempt you the following is a taste of what's to come.

January 2015 - Australian Open Tennis in Melbourne. Two packages—(1) 4 sessions at the Tennis, or (2) free days to visit Galleries, shops, family & friends etc.

April/May 2015 - Approx. 18 days touring Spain & Portugal followed by a 12 day Mediterranean Cruise from Barcelona to Venice. Awaiting final flight details. This will be our own group tour, so expressions of interest would be appreciated. Shipping company will not give us an allocation of cabins in anticipation of sales, so cabins on the cruise will be only be allocated to passengers when deposits are paid. Brochures available very soon.

July 2015 - Cook Islands (10 days) incorporating the "Te Maeva Nui Festival." "the major or most important celebrations" the granting of self rule in 1965. Great trip!!

September 2015 - Tulips in Tasmania (14 days)