



**DONALD SIMPSON  
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**July 2017**

 *30th Anniversary*

*Donald Simpson Community Centre  
Annual General Meeting &  
30th Anniversary Members' Morning*

*25th September 2017*

**PROGRAM**

**9.30am** Annual General Meeting,  
including brief annual reports &  
Life Membership

**10.30am** Morning Tea

**11.00am 30th Anniversary Events featuring:**

Craig Zonca, ABC Brisbane Breakfast Presenter

Featured Lives of Donald Simpson Centre Members

Musical Interlude

**12.30pm** Finger food for all



*All members are invited to attend  
their Centre's Annual Meeting  
and to enjoy the post meeting entertainment.  
All free of charge.*

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## From the Chairman

I believe that members need to be kept informed of events which affect their Centre particularly with some of the misinformation and misunderstanding which I have seen in social media, some correspondence and media reports. I will attempt to do this as succinctly as possible so as not to use too much space in this newsletter but any member who requires further information or clarification should not hesitate to contact me.

Most members and many in the community are now aware that, after consultation with members in meetings held over five days, the Board notified the Redland City council that it wished to withdraw from the particular proposal for a community hub which was being discussed. As a result, we were notified that alternative sites would be considered.

A clause from the document considered by Council in considering funding to the Centre stated:

*The redistribution of funds from the Donald Simpson Community Centre to the development of a strong and connected community framework and the Cleveland Community Hub allows the Council to strengthen the entire community sector, ensuring a wider community benefit and equal distribution of resources.*

When the \$100 000 per year which the Centre will lose after June 2018 is compared with the funding to build a Community Hub of around \$4million or more, it seems fairly clear that our loss of funding is connected to the Hub decision.

When it is further considered that the financial position of the Centre was misrepresented in the material put before the Council, it seems that we were not dealt with justly.

The Council document stated:

*The Centre's Annual report from 2016 indicates the Centre currently has cash reserves of \$223,831 with a further operational account of \$100,000 with only*

*\$30,000 committed to centre developments. The Centre is in a sound financial position and will continue to be well supported by Council . The Centre has sufficient capacity to seek alternative funding arrangements in the short to medium term.*

Our Report to Council, which was available to Council when the above statement was written, states:

*The Board has been actively looking at ways to improve the centre. Projects undertaken and completed include*

*New Boardroom – with technology including data projector, computer and speakers.*

*New Membership Plastic Card for all members*

*Eftpos facilities for all trips, membership renewals, donations etc.*

*Establishment of email database of over 1600 registered recipients*

*New Herb and vegetable garden at the entrance of DSC*

*TV in the foyer promoting DSC activities, or even showing live sporting events or news from Free to air channels.*

*Airconditioning for Boardroom and Kitchen*

*A chef/Supervisor has been appointed to improve Café.*

**Projects that the Board is looking upon initiating include:**

*Digital Sign Board (outside)*

*Golf Buggy type vehicle to help with car parking*

*Curtains for Auditorium (current curtains are non-compliant with fire regulations)*

*Air-conditioning for foyer/cafe area*

*Expansion of edible plant growing and care of gardens through formation of a gardening club*

*After-hours supervisor*

*Sourcing funds from the community.*

## Grants

*We have applied for different grants in which we have been successful only for Seniors Week Subsidy from COTA QLD. (granted for 2016, refused 2017)*

*Gambling Fund application submitted and awaiting outcome (since refused)*

*Volunteer Grant application submitted and awaiting outcome (since refused)*

In any event, it is clear that a loss of \$100 000 a year would soon demolish the \$223 831 reserves mentioned in the Council report.

We did not attribute dollar amounts in our report to the  
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projects we were planning but, elsewhere in the Council document, membership figures from our March Board

papers are quoted and the costs of many of the items was known as well as the fact that we were seeking quotes to install a 90kW solar system on the roof which was never going to be cheap and the quote we have subsequently accepted is for

\$76 000. The system, as previously stated will save at least \$22 000 a year of operational expenditure but we have a way to go to satisfy Council requirements to install it.

The above sets the record straight but is not meant to do more than that. It is clear that, for the time being, those Councillors who voted to cancel our funding will not change their minds. We cannot let this deter the growth and development of the Donald Simpson Centre. I applaud the many members who have rallied to rail against the decision but the Board has to set about

finding ways to replace the funding we will lose. We do not have sufficient reserves to survive and continue to make improvements to the Centre without those funds. We will set out to survive and prosper and we ask members and the community, including those who may not realise that they may be our members in the future if their parents or older relatives and friends are not members now.

Tony Christinson

Board Chairman

## From the Manager

Its that time of year once again, where our memberships fees are due. Last year DSC membership grew by almost 10%, and we closed at just over 2300 financial members for the year. So far we have had over 1300 members already renew before the 1<sup>st</sup> week of July. I sincerely thank members for their continued support and commitment to the centre. However, as a new concept this year on, I encourage you to invite your family members, your children etc to also join the centre. Surely there is no shortage of activities for them to partake of or enjoy, but even for them access our special Cabaret evenings, functions, Café etc, opens up a lot of opportunities. The centre wants to create an atmosphere where you can even do activities or outings together as a family.

You are all aware of our Funding situation now, but the Board and Management are being proactive about this situation and aiming at various fundraising options. Our latest project is launching a SPONSORSHIP drive for local businesses to join us as Sponsors and, in return, we provide them with advertising opportunities. Our first sponsor to join was Brad Sands from Harcourt. We have LJ Hookers Cleveland, and Mackenzie Aged Care come on board too. I thank the sponsors for their support and if any of you would be interested, please get in touch with me to discuss our sponsorship package.

After a very long wait, we finally have our Digital Sign on the Bloomfield frontage of the building. If you haven't spotted it yet, have a stroll outside to check it out. The new sign is the latest feature and addition to our centre, mainly to help with the promotion of the centre.

Blame climate change or not, our summers are getting hotter and hotter. For the comfort of our members, we now have Air conditioning in our café area while you enjoy the delicious meals at our café or just catch up with friends etc.

Our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary luncheon to Crown Plaza Revolving Restaurant was a huge success, and you have probably seen pictures on our Facebook page. It probably was one of the biggest Day Trips organised taking a 100 of us in 2 large buses. It's truly an experience to join the DSC Day Trips and Away Trips. Our coordinators Lyn Finn, Noni Silman and Val Henry put in a lot of effort to make each and every trip a memorable one, and the Board is very thankful. If you haven't joined us for a trip yet, come on board for the next one and surely you wont be disappointed.

Our next celebration for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is planned on the 25<sup>th</sup> September, which kicks off with our AGM, followed by an interactive session with our members. Our guest speaker on the day would be Craig Zonca from ABC radio. Food and entertainment are all part of the program on the day and it is a free event for all.

We are preparing for SENIORS Week 2017. As usual DSC will be hosting various programs and trips during the week. Our Artists have already put on display over 30 different artworks in celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Centre, and themed the paintings "REDLANDS CITY". The Arts and Craft exhibition will be on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> August.

Lastly, our much-awaited Theatre Show has announced its dates this year. We will be once again running 4 shows on 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> August from 2pm onwards. Tickets are on sale now, and we request members to get in early. Last year 3 out 4 shows were Sold Out early. You don't want to miss "SIMPLY THE BEST" show produced and directed by Janette Sheehan and cast by the DSC Theatrical group.

More exciting times coming ahead, stay tuned.

Thomas Jithin

Manager

### **HAVE YOU NOTICED OUR DIGITAL SIGN?**

**We have finally had it erected facing Bloomfield Street. Our activities and events can now be graphically advertised but everybody needs to see them. If you haven't noticed it, have a look and tell everybody to check it out.**

“Clients for Life Through the Finest Service”

Hi,

I'm Brad Sands from Harcourts Real Estate.

I was the first sponsor to help when I heard you needed financial assistance.

My parents were members so I understand how the Donald Simpson Centre works and supports its members. I also understand how the transition to retirement is an emotional experience. Changing from a long term family home and “downsizing” is a process I have experienced with my parents and additionally there is nothing quite as sad as a home that has been neglected in its up keep because the owner could no longer afford to keep it going or were not able to keep up with the maintenance. So often it is better to make the move earlier rather than later to maximize the return on what is most people's largest asset.

At Harcourts we are committed to providing the best possible service to help people with this transition and maximizing their return. In addition we offer a full range of complimentary services such as moving / relocation to make this activity as hassle free as possible. We will also work with your legal and financial advisors and family members to ensure that all aspects of the move are managed to your satisfaction.

Further, and in recognition of the important work the DSC does in the community; if you list a property with me I will donate 10% of my commission to the centre.

Finally, now is the time to sell if you are indeed considering it; as stock is short and buyers are plentiful. So get ahead of the game and give me a call on 0450 395 014 to book in your free, no obligation, home appraisal to take charge of your future.

Yours sincerely,



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# Notices

## COMING EVENTS

- July 27 Board Meeting
- August 19 to 27 Seniors Week
- August 19, 20, 26, 27  
Donald Simpson Theatricals  
Performance: *Simply The Best*
- August 26, 27 Donald Simpson Centre Art  
and Craft Show
- August 26 Board Meeting
- September 12 Information Session: What  
do you know about dementia?
- September 18 New Members' Morning Tea
- September 25 DSCC Annual general  
Meeting and members' lunch  
including guests (Cover  
notice)
- September 28 Board Meeting
- October 21 Cabaret—Rock:  
*Sons of AnyKey* featuring  
BeeGees tribute.
- October 26 Board meeting
- October 18 Information Session: Great  
Southern Memorial Park
- November 23 Board Meeting
- December 9 Members' Christmas Party
- December 21 Volunteer Break-up
- December 22 (Friday) to January 2 Centre  
Closure

## Anyone For Tennis?

Would anyone interested in playing  
social tennis as a Donald Simpson  
activity email Tony Christinson at:

[chairman@donaldsimpsoncentre.com](mailto:chairman@donaldsimpsoncentre.com)

Or ring 0447 177 633.

If there is sufficient interest, a meeting  
will be called to initiate a social tennis  
activity at a suitable venue.

## Gardening Group

We have begun the task of creating  
productive and decorative gardens around the  
Centre and generally maintaining the tidiness  
of our surrounds.

Anyone interested in joining in should contact  
the Board Chairman on 0447 177 633 or at  
[chairman@donaldsimpsoncentre.com](mailto:chairman@donaldsimpsoncentre.com)

## Information Session

An important session planned for September  
**Tuesday 12 September:** A lengthy session  
(9am to noon) will be held featuring speakers  
from Alzheimers Australia; FSG (a large  
organisation catering for aging and mental  
health amongst other areas and Home  
Instead, a local in-home care provider. Please  
mark the date and watch our for further  
information.

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## A REQUEST FOR LEFTOVERS

One of our regular day trippers, Robyn Covill,  
uses her time at the back of the coach busily  
plying her crochet hook. Robyn crochets  
articles such as hand towels, face washers  
and lap rugs for the "Circle of Friends",  
(through Val Henry) which is a group which  
makes up parcels of necessities for those in  
need. Robyn has asked if you have any 8 ply  
wool or crochet cotton you are not likely to  
use, would you please donate it to her. You  
can ring her on 0409486269 or give it to Noni  
in bookings. Thank you

*P.S. Robyn is also a frequent and generous  
donor of prizes for our coach raffles, which is  
much appreciated.*

# Features Page

## Do not play roundabout roulette

RACQ - Posted on 19 November 2014

(but still very appropriate)



Roundabouts are probably one of the road rule topics we get asked most about by our members.

They're by no means a new thing anymore, but a lot of people seem to have a lot of doubt about how they should be using them. Roundabouts are designed to keep traffic moving better and more safely than normal intersections by having everyone travelling in the one direction (clockwise). When entering the roundabout, you have to give way to traffic already on the roundabout, which will be coming from your right.

You also have to obey any signs or road markings about what lane can take which exits from the roundabout. Indicator and lane use can be summarised as follows:

- If you're exiting less than halfway around (using the roundabout to turn left), you indicate left when entering, driving in and exiting the roundabout. If there are no signs or arrow markings, you travel in the left-hand lane.
- If you're exiting half-way around the roundabout (basically going straight ahead from your initial direction of travel), you should not indicate when entering and driving in the roundabout, but you must indicate left when exiting. If there are no signs or arrow markings you generally travel in either lane.

If you're exiting more than half-way around the roundabout (using the roundabout to turn right), you indicate right when entering and driving in the roundabout and then left when exiting. If there are no signs or arrow markings you travel in the right-hand lane.

So you must always indicate left when exiting the roundabout if at all possible and if it is a single lane roundabout you can take any exit once you're on the roundabout.

You can change lanes on multi-lane roundabouts where line markings and signs permit, but you have to give way like any other lane change manoeuvre. No two roundabouts look exactly the same in my experience, but these are the general rules that should help to make your travel on them safer.

By [Joel Tucker](#)

## SPONSORSHIPS

Readers who persevere in reading all of this newsletter will notice that, for the first time, we have sponsor advertising.

A number of businesses have been only too happy to develop an association with the Donald Simpson community Centre by taking out sponsorships in return for advertising, not only in this newsletter, but on our internal television screens, display of brochures and business cards attendance at New Member morning teas, links on our web site etc.

A special mention on our Bloomfield Street digital sign is reserved for sponsorship of events such as theatricals, art shows, cabarets etc.

This new initiative is part of our effort to remain financially progressive in response to the withdrawal of operational funding by the Redland City council.

We urge members to support our sponsors who are, in turn, supporting us.

# Retirement Affordability Index™ June 2017



**Is your cost of living rising?  
Check your retirement tribe to find out why**

[www.yourlifechoices.com.au](http://www.yourlifechoices.com.au)

The page above is the cover of a YourLifeChoices online booklet on retirement. The booklet is very comprehensive covering a wide range of topics related to government funding, the relevance of the Cost Price Index, the real costs of living in retirement, downsizing and useful resources.

It is well worth the read and can be accessed and downloaded at the link below. Press Control and left click on the link and left click on the blue link [what retirement living really costs](#).

[Retirement Affordability Index June 2017](#), 23 July 2017

(Sponsor Advertisement)



Seaton Place, the latest McKenzie Aged Care community, is now open in coastal Cleveland.

**The doors may have just opened but already the McKenzie family has been welcoming new residents and their loved ones with a tour of the new Seaton Place, in Smith Street Cleveland, just 25 kilometres from Brisbane.**



With its seaside-inspired furnishings and hues, its lush views, its light-filled lounges, library and café, as well as its own Wellness Room, Seaton Place is both comfortable and inviting. Here is a place that residents will be proud to call home and their family will enjoy visiting. There is even an onsite carpark.

The rooms and suites all boast balcony, garden or courtyard access. Spacious and with their own ensuite, the natural décor complements all manner of keepsakes so you can add your personal touch to truly make your space your own.



The local neighbourhood of Cleveland is ideal for outings with clubs, shops, the shore and even its own hospital. So residents can still pursue their favourite pastimes and find some new ones.

With the McKenzie family's excellent reputation for dedicated and professional nursing and caring staff, residents can relax and enjoy your coastal lifestyle, knowing there will never be the need to move elsewhere.



**Modern and affordable rooms now available and filling fast. Call 1300 899 222 to book a tour of Seaton Place or visit [mckenzieacg.com.au](http://mckenzieacg.com.au) to apply online.**

### The Kleptomaniac

A short story by R.J. Comerford

(R J Comerford is the father of DSCC Board member, Laraine Dillon)

(The story so far)

**My friend, Mike, had gone to Scottsville to pick up supplies and, as he put it, “to drink a drop of the best”. I was becoming impatient when he hadn’t returned after three days and removed a squeaky board to “bed it in”. To my surprise, I found piles of signs and nameplates from street signposts and businesses. An approaching car turned out to be Thompson, the Sergeant of Police who accepted my invitation to come in for a cup of tea.**

I waited for him to open the conversation, and it didn’t take him long to do so.

“This Irish partner of yours”, he asked. “Have you known him long?”

“About twelve years.” I replied. “I was with him in the Army for four years, and we’ve been together pretty well ever since.”

“Have you known him to be in any trouble?” he asked.

“What sort of trouble?” I parried.

“Serious trouble, trouble with the Police or Army authorities.”

As truthfully as possible under the circumstances,

I answered: “Beyond a couple of minor breaches of discipline in the Army, I’ve never known him to be in trouble at all.”

You’ve never known him to be in trouble for stealing, even for a joke?”

“No, Sergeant,” I answered, “I know he’s fond of a joke, especially when he’s had a few drinks, but as far as

stealing’s concerned, you could leave the keys of the Treasury with him, and the contents would be quite safe.”

He thought for a moment, then asked Mike’s age. As far as I knew he was twenty-nine. I told him so.

Thompson’s reply was caustic. “Well, he doesn’t act like it. He’s like an overgrown kid.”

He eyed the tools on the floor beside the now secure floorboards, “Been doing a bit of carpentering, I see.”

I swallowed hard before replying with a forced grin, “Yes, the old place needs a lot of patching up.” I thanked my lucky stars – or Mike’s – that he hadn’t arrived a little earlier.

I made the tea, and while it was drawing, I decided to become the questioner.

“What’s all this about, anyhow, Sergeant?”

Is Mike in trouble?”

He considered my question before replying:

“Yes, he’s in trouble all right, but how serious it is, I can’t say at the moment.”

“You see, over the past few months there’s been a series of petty thefts in the town. I say petty, because the monetary value involved has been small.

In fact, the thefts have only been of a nuisance value. Street signs have been removed, annoying the Shire council; nameplates have been taken from business premises, causing inconvenience

to the owners. Also, the sign was removed from the gate of the Caledonian Club.

Further, to add insult to the injured feelings of the local Scotch people, the statue of Robert Burns was bedecked the evening before last, with green and gold ribbons. That narrowed our field of suspects considerably, and last night we caught the culprit red-handed. And do you know what he was doing? He was trying to remove the sign from the gate of the Police Station!

“And the culprit” he paused in melodramatic fashion, “was none other than your partner, Michael Patrick O’Hare.”

I watched him sip at the pannikin of black tea that I had given him, then asked: “What is the charge, Sergeant?”

“Drunk and disorderly, and attempting to steal,” was the reply. “However, if the businessmen of the town wish to prefer to prefer charges, there will be a list as long as your arm.

“Do you think that’s likely?” I asked.

He replied to the effect that Mike’s nationality would not gain him any sympathy from the Scotch section of the population – which of course, comprised the

bulk of the townspeople – and cited the misadornment of the statue of Scotland’s ploughman poet to support his opinion.

I asked him where Mike was. Again he sipped his tea before replying: “I’m holding him in the lock-up pending his appearance this afternoon. If you care to ride in with me, you can hear the verdict at first hand.”

## Literature Page (cont)

I glanced at the battered old alarm-clock that stood on the large packing case – our kitchen cabinet – and saw that it was ten thirty. It would take all of two hours to cover the forty miles that separated us from town, so I washed and changed as quickly as possible, put out the fire and followed Thompson to the car.

In the town, I sought the advice of the sole member of the legal profession. As his accent and name conveyed that he was in the opposing camp, I expected and received, little sympathy and encouragement.

I was told that it was an “open and shut” case, and that I would be wasting my money and the valuable time of this champion of the people’s rights, in getting him to defend Mike.

I went to the nearest pub to seek solace – I couldn’t have gone to a better place.

Except for the proprietor the bar was empty. Kelly, a rotund, genial-faced person, whose snub nose and blue eyes proclaimed his nationality, asked my pleasure.

I ordered a large beer, took a hefty swig at it, then introduced myself. Kelly’s reaction was spontaneous. Extending a large paw, he gripped mine firmly, and shook it soundly.

“The devil ye say! He exclaimed. “If ye’re a friend of young Mike, ye’re a friend of mine. ’Tis a sad business indade: devilish little did that snakin’ sergeant have to do but to lay in wait for a poor Irish lad,

phwat with all av them kilt-wearin’ spalpeens around here breakin’ the law day and night and devil a one av them arrested.”

He shook his head sorrowfully. “’Tis another injustice to Ireland, begorra! But I’m tellin’ ye here and now, if it’s financial assistance ye’re needin’, for bail or bond, just be comin’ to Kelly.”

I drank my beer and ordered another. Kelly walked to the keg again, filled my glass, and refused the coin I offered, saying:

“No I’ll not be takin’ it. A friend of an Irishman is a friend of all Irishmen, especially in this little Glasgow.”

Before I could reply, a phone rang in the adjoining office. Kelly excused himself, and for a couple of minutes I heard expressions such as: “The devil ye say!”

“Is that a fact now!” and finally, “Glory be to God!”

He came back into the bar wearing a grin that threatened to engulf his ears. Banging the bar joyfully, he announced: “I’ve got some good news for ye me bhoy.

The circuit magistrate is indisposed, so they’ve appointed me old friend O’Flanagan to take his place on the Bench this afternoon. He’ll be in here

presently for a drop of the best that I keep for such occasions. I’ll be havin’ a word with him, and maybe the poor lad will be receivin’ some justice after all.” I had one more “on the house” at Kelly’s insistence, then potted around the main street till two o’clock.

When I got to the Court House, proceedings had begun, so I quietly slid into a seat at the rear of the room. Judging by the crowd, the case held more than ordinary interest for the townspeople.

*(to be continued)*

***Here’s some Banjo Paterson for those who haven’t read or heard any for a while.***

### **The Geebung Polo Club**

It was somewhere up the country, in a land of rock and scrub,  
That they formed an institution called the Geebung Polo Club.

They were long and wiry natives from the rugged mountain side,

And the horse was never saddled that the Geebungs couldn’t ride;

But their style of playing polo was irregular and rash --

They had mighty little science, but a mighty lot of dash:

And they played on mountain ponies that were muscular and strong,

Though their coats were quite unpolished, and their manes and tails were long.

And they used to train those ponies wheeling cattle in the scrub:

They were demons, were the members of the Geebung Polo Club.

It was somewhere down the country, in a city’s smoke and steam,

That a polo club existed, called ‘The Cuff and Collar Team’.

As a social institution ’twas a marvellous success, For the members were distinguished by exclusiveness and dress.

They had natty little ponies that were nice, and smooth, and sleek,

For their cultivated owners only rode ’em once a week.

So they started up the country in pursuit of sport and fame,

For they meant to show the Geebungs how they ought to play the game;

And they took their valets with them -- just to give their boots a rub

Ere they started operations on the Geebung Polo

## Literature Page (cont)

Club.

Now my readers can imagine how the contest  
ebbed and flowed,  
When the Geebung boys got going it was time to  
clear the road;  
And the game was so terrific that ere half the time  
was gone  
A spectator's leg was broken -- just from merely  
looking on.  
For they waddied one another till the plain was  
strewn with dead,  
While the score was kept so even that they neither  
got ahead.  
And the Cuff and Collar Captain, when he tumbled  
off to die,  
Was the last surviving player -- so the game was  
called a tie.

Then the Captain of the Geebung raised him  
slowly from the ground,  
Though his wounds were mostly mortal, yet he  
fiercely gazed around;  
There was no one to oppose him -- all the rest  
were in a trance,  
So he scrambled on his pony for his last expiring  
chance,  
For he meant to make an effort to get victory to his  
side;  
So he struck at goal -- and missed it -- then he  
tumbled off and died.

By the old Campaspe River, where the breezes  
shake the grass,  
There's a row of little gravestones that the  
stockmen never pass,  
For they bear a crude inscription saying, 'Stranger,  
drop a tear,  
For the Cuff and Collar players and the Geebung  
boys lie here.'  
And on misty moonlit evenings, while the dingoes  
howl around,  
You can see their shadows flitting down that  
phantom polo ground;  
You can hear the loud collisions as the flying  
players meet,  
And the rattle of the mallets, and the rush of  
ponies' feet,  
Till the terrified spectator rides like blazes to the  
pub --  
He's been haunted by the spectres of the  
Geebung Polo Club.

### A Bush Christening

On the outer Barcoo where the churches are few,  
And men of religion are scanty,  
On a road never cross'd 'cept by folk that are lost,  
One Michael Magee had a shanty.

Now this Mike was the dad of a ten year old lad,

Plump, healthy, and stoutly conditioned;  
He was strong as the best, but poor Mike had no  
rest  
For the youngster had never been christened.

And his wife used to cry, 'If the darlin' should die  
Saint Peter would not recognise him.'  
But by luck he survived till a preacher arrived,  
Who agreed straightaway to baptise him.

Now the artful young rogue, while they held their  
collogue,  
With his ear to the keyhole was listenin',  
And he muttered in fright, while his features turned  
white,  
'What the divil and all is this christenin'?'  
He was none of your dolts, he had seen them  
brand colts,

And it seemed to his small understanding,  
If the man in the frock made him one of the flock,  
It must mean something very like branding.

So away with a rush he set off for the bush,  
While the tears in his eyelids they glistened --  
'Tis outrageous,' says he, 'to brand youngsters  
like me,  
I'll be dashed if I'll stop to be christened!'

Like a young native dog he ran into a log,  
And his father with language uncivil,  
Never heeding the 'praste' cried aloud in his  
haste,  
'Come out and be christened, you divil!'

But he lay there as snug as a bug in a rug,  
And his parents in vain might reprove him,  
Till his reverence spoke (he was fond of a joke)  
'I've a notion,' says he, 'that'll move him.'

'Poke a stick up the log, give the spalpeen a prog;  
Poke him aisy -- don't hurt him or maim him,  
'Tis not long that he'll stand, I've the water at hand,  
As he rushes out this end I'll name him.

'Here he comes, and for shame! ye've forgotten  
the name --  
Is it Patsy or Michael or Dinnis?'  
Here the youngster ran out, and the priest gave a  
shout --  
'Take your chance, anyhow, wid 'Maginnis!'

As the howling young cub ran away to the scrub  
Where he knew that pursuit would be risky,  
The priest, as he fled, flung a flask at his head  
That was labelled 'MAGINNIS'S WHISKY!'

And Maginnis Magee has been made a J.P.,  
And the one thing he hates more than sin is  
To be asked by the folk, who have heard of the  
joke,  
How he came to be christened 'Maginnis!'

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Louise Denisenko is passionate and energetic about assisting you to fulfil your real estate needs.

You are in good hands if you select Louise as your agent as she is a Fully Licensed Real Estate Agent, a member of REIQ, a Justice of the Peace (Qualified) and also has a Diploma in Interior Design and Property Styling so is more than happy to give you advice on how to best present your home for sale to achieve the highest price.

With a strong background of 16 years in Corporate Finance and Foreign Exchange Louise is a true professional and she has also owned and ran a small business locally. Over the years Louise has personally bought, sold, built, designed and invested in all kinds of Real Estate which has given her a genuine interest and understanding of the industry. Louise initially started her Real Estate career with another leading brand but made the switch to LJHooker after noticing the extensive marketing capabilities and extra benefits offered to clients.

Louise has lived in the Redlands for 26 years and has two children. Emily is 18 and studying a double degree at Griffith University and Matthew who is 20 based in Sydney as Medic in the Australian Navy. Louise has been married for 23 years to husband Michael and his family were farmers in Redland Bay and there are five generations of Denisenko's here in Redland City.

Building strong relationships within the community is very important to Louise she has been the President of Meals on Wheels Victoria Point and Redland Bay (2012-2016) the Deputy Coordinator of Neighborhood Watch Point Halloran and past member of Rotary Club of Redlands Bayside. Louise is now a proud sponsor of the Donald Simpson Centre along with Victoria Point Bowls Club and supports many local school and community events.

Louise says "It's so important to select an agent that will work hard, is ethical and has good negotiation skills because buying or selling property is one of the biggest financial decisions you will ever make. It can also be a stressful or emotional time so I am here to help guide you with the process all the way".

The current property tip Louise says is "Winter is a great time to sell as there are less properties on the market so the effect of supply and demand gives sellers an advantage over buyers and sale prices are very good in the cold season."

If you would like to speak with Louise about any property query she will certainly be very happy to assist you.

**Louise Denisenko**



Licensed Real Estate Agent

REIQ Member & JP (Qualified)

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# Out With a Difference



**Tuesday, 22nd August, 2017 - Mudgeeraba Light Horse Museum and Danny's Restaurant, Coolangatta-Tweed Heads Golf Club** - A special seniors week outing - non-members at members cost. After a visit to the Mudgeeraba Light Horse Museum where we re-live the history of the Australian Light Horse unit we continue to the Coolangatta Golf Club to enjoy one of their famous buffet lunches. On the way home we will call into Yatala Pies where you can purchase one of their pies. Cost \$65.00. Bookings close 1st August, 2017

**Friday, 25th August, 2017 - Spirit of the Gold Coast whale watching** - This year we once again go out into the ocean on the MV Spirit of the Gold Coast for whale watching. The antics of these large mammals will leave you in awe. Morning tea will be served on the vessel. Lunch will be at the Southport R.S.L. Members cost \$105.00. Bookings close 4th August, 2017



**Friday, 1st September, 2017 - University of Queensland Gatton Campus Tour** - The history of U.Q. Gatton Campus dates back to 1897 when the Queensland Agricultural College opened as a combined agricultural college and experimental farm. Over the years it has been a high school, a U.S. Army General Hospital and final a campus of U.Q. The morning will start with a Devonshire tea before our bus campus tour and a visit to the museum. A light buffet lunch will conclude the day. Members cost \$59.00. Bookings close 11th August, 2017

**Wednesday, 6th September, 2017 - Maleny Botanic Gardens and Bird World** - The manicured gardens and surrounds are a must for nature and garden enthusiasts alike. The bird aviary has birds ranging from macaws to finches. We will start the day with a Devonshire tea served in gazebos with breathtaking views of the Glasshouse Mountains. From here we will go into Maleny where you can stroll around the shops and buy lunch. Members cost \$72.00. Bookings close 16th August, 2017.

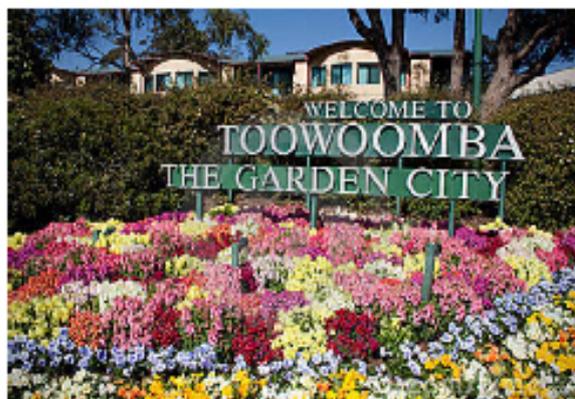


# Out With a Difference



**Wednesdays 13th September - R.S.P.C.A. Wacol** - Our tour today covers the adoption areas, wildlife and domestic animal hospitals, farm-yard and other behind the scenes areas of the campus. The tour and expert commentary will run for about 1 hour. Clean rugs, old linen and towels would be welcome. Morning tea will be at Dolley's Rocks park and lunch at Goodna R.S.L. Closed in shoes must be worn. Members cost \$55.00. Bookings close 23rd August, 2017

**Tuesday, 19th September, 2017 - Floral Spectacular - Toowoomba** - visit the beautiful floral display around Toowoomba starting with morning tea at Spring Bluff Railway Station. We will visit parks and the winning garden ( if in Toowoomba) before a buffet lunch at the City Golf Club. Afterwards we will visit "Ju Raku En" (enjoying peace and longevity in a public place) Japanese Garden. Members cost \$66.00. Bookings close 29th August, 2017.



**Saturday, 23rd September, 2017 - Springtime on the Mountain - Mt. Tamborine** - Today we do the open garden trail on Mt. Tamborine. This lovely spring outing, visiting 5 gardens is a must. You can purchase your morning tea at the Magpie Garden, the first garden we visit. We go to the Gallery Walk after the third garden where we can purchase our lunch. After lunch we visit the last two gardens. Good walking shoes are a must and no walkers can be taken. Book early as we are only taking a small bus. Members cost \$52.00. Bookings close 28th August, 2017

**Saturday, 7th October, 2017 - Qld Pops Orchestra** - featuring **Teddy Tahu Rhodes** in "Broadway and Beyond"- The super talented singing group from the QLD. Conservatorium of Music once again join with the Pops Orchestra to bring to life the cream of Broadway Musical Theatre. The very talented baritone Teddy Tahu Rhodes will be the special guest. We only have 30 tickets for this exciting performance do don't miss out. Members cost \$114.00. Bookings close 9th August, 2017



*Out With a Difference reserves the right to alter or omit any part of the itinerary or change the reservation, features and/or means of conveyance without notice. OWAD reserves the right to cancel the tour should it not reach minimum numbers and clients will be notified prior to departure should this occur.*

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## **Radley Optical on the importance of vision and preventative eye care**

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**The government considers this test so important that they have changed this to every year for people over 65.**

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A growing number of people are at risk of visual impairment. The incidences of potentially blinding eye conditions such as age-related macular degeneration (ARMD), diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma and cataract are increasing. These eye conditions, along with many others, have no symptoms in the early stages and vision is only noticeably affected once significant irreversible damage has already occurred. Like for many health conditions, early detection is the key to ensure the best prognosis and limit the impact that the eye disease/visual problem will have on a person's quality of life.

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# Away With A Difference

**Country NSW - Blue Mountains – Cherry Blossoms - Monday, 9th October - Monday 16th October, 2017** - Tour price includes return economy flights, luxury coach travel, 7 nights quality accommodation, all touring and entrance fees and meals as per itinerary. Highlights include, Norman Lindsay - National Trust Gallery and Museum; Echo Point and Three Sisters Lookout; Cowra Highlights Tour, Japanese Gardens and Cultural Centre; landra Castle Lambing Flat Museum, Kiama Blowhole and Cathedral Rocks; Nan Tien Temple, Sea Cliff Bridge and much more. Tour Cost:\$ 2745.00 per person twin share



**Christmas Cruise to New Zealand - 21st December, 2017 - 4th January 2018** - on the "Sea Princess". After three sea days, spend Christmas Day cruising the magnificent Fiordland National Park. Ports include Dunedin, Akaroa, Wellington, Napier, Tauranga and Auckland. There will plenty of time at each port for sightseeing, either by yourself or on the ship's excursions. The ship departs Hamilton Wharf at approximately 4.00 pm. Transfers from Cleveland will be arranged by Val Henry and paid separately. Tour price is based on minimum 16 paying passengers. Cruise prices starts at interior \$2899.00 per person twin share.

**Taiwan & Colours of the Lantern Festival - Tuesday 6th - March 18th, 2018** - Includes return economy flights from Brisbane to Taipei with China Airlines, luxury accommodation, meals as per itinerary and English speaking guide. Excursions include Taipei 101 Observatory (own cost), Martyrs Shrine, Yehliu Park Rock Formations, woodcarving village of Sanyl and Chung Tai Monastery. We have a Sun Moon lake cruise, see the spectacular Taiwan Lantern Festival, have a traditional foot massage, visit the Liuho Night Market, Stone Umbrella, Cave of the Eight Immortals & Stone Steps, stunning Taroko Gorge, enjoy the Taiwanese Tea Plantation Cultural experience and much more. Tour cost \$4,525 per person twin share., plus taxes. Price based on minimum 20 passengers ex Brisbane.



**The Savannahlander & Tropical North Queensland - 9th - 17th June 2018** - Tour highlights include - Spirit of Queensland; The Savannahlander; Stony Creek Falls; Kuranda; Dimbulah; Chillagoe Cave; Town Tour; Mt. Surprise; Einaseigh; Forsayth Night Tour; Cabbold Gorge Cruise; Undara; and much more.

Price includes: Spirit of Queensland Railbed - Brisbane Cairns; Economy flight Cairns to Brisbane - Coach charter while touring, Savannahlander, 7 nights accommodation, all meals and attractions per itinerary. \$2,690 per person twin share

Bookings open for all tours; Brochures available.

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Produced and directed by Janette Sheehan

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# Donald Simpson Centre



**26 – 27 August 2017**

An exhibition of some great artwork on display and for sale. Special display of 30th Anniversary celebrations of Centre, with the theme "Redlands City".

**Art Work (Painting) · Water Colors (U3A group)  
Parchment Craft · Woodwork  
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**There will be displays and items for sale on the day.**

***26th August (Saturday) - 10am to 4pm***

***27th August (Sunday) - 10am to 2.30pm***

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