



# DONALD SIMPSON COMMUNITY CENTRE

October 2017

## State Government Provides Emergency Funding to Centre

As a direct result of the petition presented by Kim Richards, Candidate for Redland, Minister for Communities, Coralee O'Rourke has presented the Donald Simpson Centre with a one-off grant of \$25 000.

Board Chairman, Tony Christinson, said, in accepting the grant, that the Board and members of the Centre were extremely grateful for this assistance.

"An untied grant such as this, used as operational funding, should enable us to balance our books in 2017-18 with some carry-over into the following year when the full force of the Redland Council's \$100 000 removal of funding really hits us," Mr Christinson said.

Current Member for Redland, Matt McEachan, has told the Centre that the LNP will match the grant if they win office at the next election.

"These are on-off grants for which we are extremely thankful," said Mr Christinson, "but we need annual funding such as we were receiving and such as other community groups continue to receive."

"I have said before that this Centre was planned and built by the Shire Council, as it was then, and the community specifically as a hedge against social isolation in the community."

"The Centre was funded with Council, state and federal funds and entrusted to the Council as a community service; the Council, in turn, opted to co-opt volunteers to manage and run the Centre."

"The present Council, in backing away from this trust has jeopardised the future of the Centre as it now exists if the Board is not able to secure ongoing operational funds. This will be a great loss to the Redlands community."

Much of this information is on our Blog accessible on our website.

## Successful 2017 AGM

The 2017 Annual General Meeting was well attended enabling the business to be completed with little fuss. Apart from the usual Chairman's, Manager's and Financial reports, important business included the appointment of three new Life Members, 2 rule changes and the election of the Centre Board for 2017-18.

### Life Members

Three Life Members were appointed this year. They were **Lyn Finn, Val Henry and Noni Silman**. All three have been Board Members, have volunteered at the Centre over a long period of time and are well-known to our members for their untiring and dedicated work on our Out With a Difference and Away With a Difference trips. Congratulations to all three.



### Rule Changes

Rule changes were introduced to change the requirement to advertise the AGM in local print media to the broader requirement to advertise by digital means and a second change to limit proxies held by an individual at a DSCC meeting to two.

### Other Business

The Chairman's and Manager's reports are reproduced in this newsletter for the information of members. A full Audited Financial Report will be posted on our website but a condensed version of our financial position is included with the other reports.

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## Chairman's Report to AGM

As I mentioned in beginning last year's report, so much flashes by when considering a year just passed. The last year at the Donald Simpson Centre has proved no exception. We've seen growth in membership and activities, changes in the gardens around the Centre and many more physical changes including our digital sign facing onto Bloomfield Street. We have also added two part-time Caretaker/cleaners to our staff to ensure the safety of members who attend the Centre in those after-hours activities and functions which were previously unsupervised.

In last year's report, I spoke with some optimism of the Community Hub development. Unfortunately, since then, after considerable consultation with members, the Centre Board notified the Redlands Council of its wish to withdraw from further consideration of the project as it had developed whilst stating our willingness to consider alternative proposals. Until recently, we were not involved in any further hub discussions but a proposal has now been suggested for discussion about a reduced hub concept involving only a few original local organisations. These discussions are continuing and members will be kept informed of their progress.

It is also my duty to record that, as most of you will know by now, that the Redlands Council has advised the Centre that they will change their funding support by reducing our annual benefit from around \$100 000 to \$50 000 in financial year 2017-2018 and to zero thereafter. This is a severe blow to a Centre with annual receipts of under \$400 000 a year. It has already meant that we have had to increase our activity fee by \$1 to \$5 and increase the costs for some of our events.

We have plans to install a 74kW/hr solar system on our roof which is at present going through various stages of approval some of which are significantly adding to the cost. When installed, this system has the ability to save us tens of thousands of dollars in energy costs. Developments such as this have been in our plans for quite some time but were initially delayed by the Hub proposal and our need to spend members' funds

judiciously while retaining a buffer of funds against any development which could close the Centre for a period of time with little or no activity.

This, of course, explains the funds which some have claimed we were reluctant to spend but will now cause us to seek various other ways to raise funds for the Centre's survival. We are actively seeking public support from grants and sponsorships, conscious that grants can only apply to capital expenditure and not to ongoing expenses and are difficult to obtain and that sponsorships are difficult to achieve in a small area such as Redland City. While, as you will see from our financial papers, I was able to sign, on behalf of the Board, that we have sufficient funds to pay all of our debts, our situation may be quite different at our next AGM.

While these developments are of concern to our members, the Board and the general community, the daily activities at the Centre have been well-attended and the general atmosphere at the Centre has remained a pleasure to experience. Our membership has continued to thrive, we have seen people of a range of ages and abilities attending the Centre and we show every sign of growth in support from the ever-growing group of elders of our community and success in inviting some younger members to participate in the Centre's daily life.

Our Hub Café continues to develop in offerings and custom thanks to our hardworking staff. It's my pleasure to thank all of our volunteers, kitchen staff, conveners, tour organisers, reception staff, general office volunteers, gardeners and other miscellaneous volunteers for their untiring and Centre-sustaining efforts throughout the year and for all the years before.

Once again, I have to record my thanks and admiration for the work of our employees, Thomas, Vanessa, Ann, Paul and Trevor for their special contributions to the Centre. We could not do without their efficiency and dedication. Our members are our reason for being here and I thank you for your cheerfulness as you pass through the Centre and participate in your chosen activities. Your support in upholding the special nature of this Centre is welcome and much appreciated. I hope we can live up to your expectations in keeping this as a social meeting place for the Redlands Community. This brings me to my colleagues on the Board. We have faced some trying times and tough decisions and I thank each and every one of you for your contribution to such a cohesive and friendly group with which to work.

Other reports will further round out the Centre's past year so it remains for me to say thanks for bearing with me for a further year; it has been a pleasure to be here and I hope we can continue to grow physically and economically but also in a spirit of which we can continue to be proud but not complacent.

Tony Christinson Board Chairman

# Centre News

## **Manager's Report to AGM**

Greetings and Welcome to the members, volunteers, and the Board of the Donald Simpson Centre. Welcome to the 30<sup>th</sup> AGM of Donald Simpson Community Centre. As I had mentioned last year, we have successfully had a series of events to mark our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. The centre continues to grow as this financial year our membership tally was around 2320 members, which included people from outside the Redlands to enjoy one of the many activities Donald Simpson Centre provides. I take this opportunity to highlight our past year as briefly as possible.

### **Centre Improvements**

Along with the Board, I am proud that we have brought in quite a few additions/changes to our Centre for the members. Our improvements include:

- Air-conditioning in the Café Foyer Area
- Bus Shelter on entrance at DSC
- Building of additional storage areas
- State of the Art Board Room facility
- Digital Sign & Magnetic Sign Board to advertise DSC activities
- New Café tables and chairs
- New front garden at entrance & herb garden
- New Website & Social Media presence

Mentioned above are a just few among the many works that have happened around the Centre, all of which have been timely planned and approved by the Board, for the benefit of our members and to keep the Centre thriving.

### **Community Events & Support**

The Centre supports not just the regular activities, but plays an active role in the community. This year the Centre, with the assistance of our convenors, raised over \$3800 for the Cancer Council and distributed over 800 blankets through our annual Ernie Harrison Blanket Drive. The Centre is also home for organisations such as Cleveland Senior Citizens, certain U3A activities, Genealogy Society, Redland Orchid Society.

DSC is proud to take on board 6 intellectually disabled individuals from Redlands Respite Centre

who come to our Woodcarving to develop their skills, interact with people and learn from our seniors. This project is now ongoing after completing a successful trial period. All 6 individuals are members of DSC too whose age range is from 18yrs to 30 years.

### **Trips**

During the last financial year, we had 2660 people attend our Day trips, and 148 people attend our overseas trips. It goes without saying how much these social outings mean to our members but it wouldn't be possible without the tireless works of our Day Trip Coordinator Mrs Lyn Finn and Away With A Difference Coordinator Val Henry. On behalf of the Board and Management, I thank Lyn and Val for their outstanding work in assisting the Centre to put on these trips for our members.

### **Activities**

We have been continuously growing with our activities and introducing new activities as per demand or request by members. Our project of focussing on wellness of our members and seniors is going well and we now have one or more wellness activities between Monday to Saturday scheduled. We are starting to become popular during after hours, as on Tuesdays and Fridays we are open until 9.30pm. This year our new project is to introduce more forum or discussion group type activities. We have a retired psychologist joining us on board to help facilitate a group, mainly to make sure people have some sort of support group during a time of need for them. Apart from those, all activities are running well, with some running on full capacity. Many of our members and activities do a lot of charity work for other local and international organisations. All these are coordinated within their activities by a group of people for a common cause. It's so big that I won't

be able to mention it all here but I thank all members for their initiative. I also thank my convenors for their ongoing dedication and commitment to the centre.

### **Seniors Week**

This year, once again our Seniors Week has been a busy time. Our four Theatrical Shows "Simply the Best" have been yet another successful production. Special thanks to Janette Sheehan and all the Theatricals crew who have put together a great show. This is one of the biggest fundraisers for the

# Centre News (cont)

centre, and we had over 750 people attend over the four shows.

The Arts & Craft show has also displayed a wonderful exhibition by Art work, Matilda's Quilters, Handicrafts, Parchmentcraft, Leatherwork, Woodwork and Jewellery. Donald Simpson Centre is not short of talent between theatricals and crafts group and I thank everyone involved in putting together a great weekend.

## Members Café

This is now the most popular and busiest area of the Centre. Our café now is able to provide a variety of delicacies and our monthly Chef's Special has been hugely popular. We had one of the busiest times with all our Christmas Bookings last year too. Our Café also caters now for various functions, which include New Members Morning Tea, Cabarets, Expos, and other special events. None of these would have been possible without the 40 plus volunteers, who work in the kitchen during the week, and many of whom now extend their support for evening and weekend functions. I extend my sincere gratitude and thanks to all my volunteers. A special mention and thanks to our chef Ann Mason, who had a busy year coordinating all this and the staff, but still manages to serve our members with a smile.

## Promotion

Over the past two years and in various newsletters I have highlighted the point of branding Donald Simpson Centre. Some of the successful initiatives are the Digital Sign outside our building, Social Media presence across major platforms, Email Campaigns to more than 1650 members, participation in various events, expos, etc. Special thanks to Redland City Bulletin, who have done several features on our activities, cabarets and promotions which also help with the promotion of the centre.

## 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

We launched this at the last AGM, and today we are concluding our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary program with special guest Craig Zonca from ABC radio who has graciously accepted our invitation for today's event for all our members. Other programs included:

- Trip to Crowne Plaza Four Winds Revolving Restaurant, which was attended by 100 people.
- 48 paintings, specially done by DSC Arts group of the centre, with the theme Redlands City
- Musical entertainment – Rock and Roll Cabaret night attended by over 120 people
- Launched special 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Souvenir pens
- Lunch for our Volunteers
- Afternoon Tea for our Convenors

## Over 90's Club

To celebrate the longevity of our members, Donald Simpson Centre has set up an honorary group named the Over 90's. We hold two meetings (March and October) a year, and anyone over 90 is welcome to join the club. We had 17 attend our first meeting, where we hosted lunch and entertainment for members. Looking forward to our next meeting in October.

## Redland City Council

I take this opportunity to thank Mayor, Councillors for their visits to the Centre, & Redland City Council facilities team, for their ongoing assistance in the maintenance of the building and other assistances as required

## Volunteers

No good deeds go unnoticed at DSC, by management and Board. For all the tireless efforts of our kitchen volunteers, and the men who help set up rooms, sometimes as early as 6.30am, I take this opportunity to thank each and every one of them. As a special thank you, the Board and Management hosted a Thank You luncheon for them on 3rd July 2017.

## Board & Management

DSC Board has had a busy year, and I thank each and every Board member for their active participation and the role they play to plan the future growth of the centre. I also thank the executive team (Chairman Tony Christinson, Vice President John White, Secretary Chris Sheehan, & Treasurer Paul Barnes) with whom I met frequently to discuss about the various challenges we have faced in the past year and at all times taking productive recommendations or suggestions to the Board.

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I specially also thank our Chairman Tony Christinson, who personally has taken a keen interest in bringing music to the place and introduced Cabaret nights, which is another successful fundraising event for the centre.

DSC secretary Vanessa Wintour, admin support Noni Silman, all my reception volunteers, and travel booking office volunteers together combine to be a great force for DSC in terms of delivering great customer service, and acting swiftly upon members queries etc. I thank my team for their efforts through which we are able to make Donald Simpson Centre a second home for our members.

To conclude, as proof of how much the Centre has been loved and grown over the years, today we are here celebrating its 30 years of existence. Surely, Donald Simpson Centre has positioned itself as a prominent Centre in Redlands community that is yet to play a role in the life of many in the future.

Kind Regards

Thomas Jithin

## 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 via the Centre or at [chairman@donaldsimpsoncentre.com](mailto:chairman@donaldsimpsoncentre.com)

A meeting will be held at the Centre on Tuesday 16 October at 10.00am to create an activity group to manage gardens and maintenance.

**RSVP to Centre Reception (321 1089) or Tony Christinson on 0447 177 633 by Monday 15 October.**

## Finances

The Audited Financial report is far too long for a newsletter. The full report will be posted on our website with appropriate explanation.

Some brief excerpts are included here.

In a year in which we received \$96 979 from the Redland City Council, our annual net operating surplus was \$70 994.14. Part of this is due to reduced electricity costs of around \$25,860 and credit for \$21,628.71 because of previous years of overcharging .

Our Balance Sheet showed Total accumulated Funds of \$346 945.42 which allowed the Board to declare that the centre is in a position to pay all its debts and is financially sound for the beginning of the 2017-18 financial year.

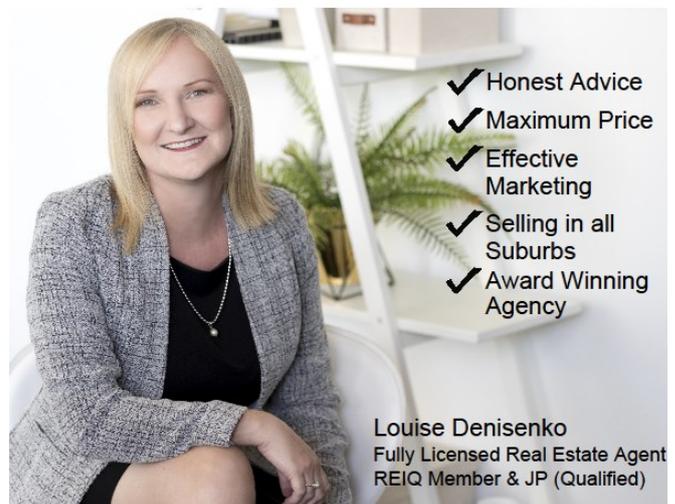
## Anyone For Tennis?

**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.**



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# Features Page

## Government releases aged care funding report



[Ben Hocking](#)

The Federal Minister for Aged Care, Ken Wyatt, released a report into the alternative approaches to aged care funding yesterday, two months after it was originally delivered.

The report, prepared by the Australian Health Services Research Institute at the University of Wollongong, outlines five suggestions for improving the Aged Care Funding Instrument (ACFI), which it states is “no longer fit for purpose”.

The report states that the current model doesn't adequately categorise residents based on their care needs, with one third of all residents classified to just one ACFI payment class, with 63 classes rarely claimed.

One of the suggested options includes adopting the four funding levels currently in place for home care packages, but with pricing reflecting the higher cost of residential care. Another option suggests implementing an activity-based funding system similar to that used in hospitals.

A further option includes refining the current ACFI system, with ongoing monitoring to avoid cost blow-outs.

Mr Wyatt said the Government currently contributes \$17.5 billion a year towards aged care, and that this figure was set to grow to just under \$21 billion by 2020.

“It's important that we review the way we fund aged care to ensure we create an aged care system that is affordable, sustainable, flexible and responsive to consumers,” Mr Wyatt said.

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## HEALTHY MOUTH EQUALS A HEALTHY MIND

**Redland Bay Smiles** is proud to be partnering with the Donald Simpson Community Centre to offer our knowledge, advice and service to senior members of the Redland Bay community.

Did you know that most people only think about their teeth when they cause pain or embarrassment? But at Redland Bay Smiles, that's not how we feel about teeth. To us, teeth are for life. They are also a signpost for your health.

While traditionally, dental care for retirees may have consisted of a removal of all teeth and dentures, our aim in the Dental Profession has now drastically altered. We now focus on maintaining functional and beautiful teeth for life.

Oral health is more than healthy teeth. Oral diseases and disorders can affect general health, wellbeing, and quality of life. Researchers have identified a strong link between those hospitalised for Cardiac Arrest (heart attack) and Periodontitis (Gum Disease).

We are also currently researching a common bacteria that causes gum disease, which has been found in the brain tissue of Alzheimer's and Dementia patients.

More and more we are realising that a healthy mouth equals a healthy mind and body.

We also recognise that tooth loss without replacement by removable or fixed prosthodontics reduces the quality of life to the same extent as cancer or renal diseases. Keeping our teeth and gums healthy is key!

So when it comes to aging and teeth, the message is clear. Have a plan! A plan to keep your teeth. A plan to see a dentist regularly. A plan to maintain gum and tooth health.

**Make the most of our current GAP FREE CHECK UP AND CLEAN (OR \$149 for those without Health Insurance).**

We look forwards to meeting you at **Redland Bay Smiles**. Give us a call on 3829 2434 to discuss your needs.

## Features (continued)

### Government releases aged care funding report (*cont. from p6*)

“In 2015–16, more than 1.3 million older people received some form of aged care and with more Australians living longer and healthier lives, those numbers will increase.

“To meet the level of demand for aged care services now and into the future the Australian Government needs to make sure its funding gives the best possible value for money.”

A separate review of the current Aged Care Funding Instrument is also being undertaken by Applied Aged Care Solutions.

“That review will focus on options to improve the current tool to make it less subjective, including the feasibility of external assessment,” Minister Wyatt said.

“These two separate but important pieces of work will help inform the Government’s deliberations over the future direction for funding reform.

“The aged care sector will continue to play a key role in this reform and there will be further consultation with the sector before any decisions are made on funding options.”

### Aged care: changes to home care put consumers in charge



[Debbie McTaggart](#)

Older Australians who rely on help around the home now have more choice in how their home care packages are delivered. How will these changes benefit consumers?

Announced as part of the 2015/16 Federal Budget, the first stage of the Increasing Choice in Home Care measure was implemented on 27 February 2017.

From this date, individual consumers now have control of the budget or their home care packages, rather than approved providers, which was the previous provision.

The change means that consumers can choose a provider to ensure they receive the services they require, delivered by a means that suits them best. Consumers can now simply advise the Government how they wish the funds to be distributed.

The move not only gives the consumer control of their own home care budget, it also means that if they receive poor service, they can easily switch providers. Also, should the consumer move, either within their own state or interstate, the home care package can simply be transferred.

The change is expected to benefit more than 100,000 customers over the next year and the outlined changes mean:

- funding for home care packages is fully portable
- when changing providers, any unspent funds – less account fees – will be directed to their new provider
- process for becoming a new provider will be more streamlined

To find out more about these changes, future changes and how you may be affected, visit [agedcare.health.gov.au](http://agedcare.health.gov.au)

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## COMING EVENTS

October 18	Important Conversations from Great Southern Memorial Park
October 21	Cabaret: The return of Sons of AnyKey
October 25	Over 90s Lunch
October 26	Board meeting
November 7	Melbourne Cup Function
November 23	Board Meeting
December 9	Members’ Christmas Party
December 21	Centre Closure
January 2	Centre Re-opening

## Notices



***Don't miss this information session presented by Janine Hone from the great Southern Memorial Park. It is designed to help you better understand the operations and offerings of the Great Southern Memorial Park, the crematorium on the outskirts of Redland City. It's time to remove the mystery.***

## **I M P O R T A N T C O N V E R S A T I O N S**

**At the Donald Simpson Community Centre**

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**Wednesday 18 October 2017**

**Time 9.30 – 11.00am**



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from the 50s to around 2010*

From 7.00 pm till 7.40 pm will be a Bee Gees Tribute set –  
including favourite Bee Gee songs: *Spicks & Specks, 1941 Mining  
Disaster, I Started a Joke, I've Got to Get a Message to You*  
...and the Disco Years condensed in a medley comprising of  
*Jive Talking, The Nights on Broadway & How Deep Is Your Love*

**BEE GEES**

**Tickets \$15 available from Donald Simpson Centre**

**Includes light meal at around 6.30pm. CASH BAR**

*Tickets will be available at door unless sold out (it is advised that you purchase tickets early)*

**For further information, contact Tony Christinson on 0447 177 633  
or the Donald Simpson Centre on 3821 1089**

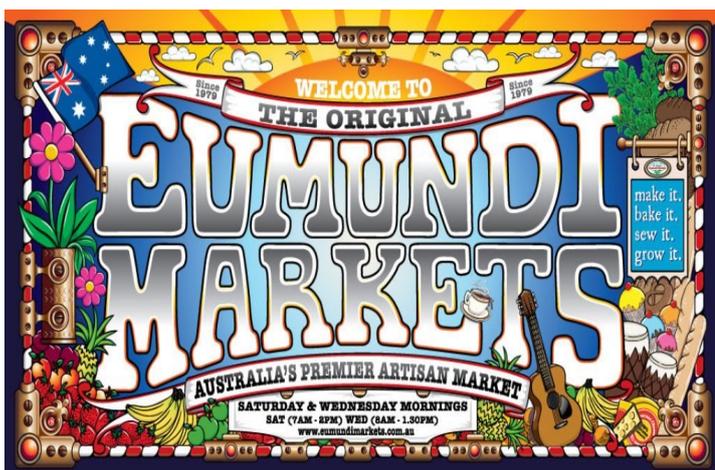
# Out With a Difference

**Saturday, 4th November, 2017 - Christmas in the Country - Art & Craft Show.** Peace Lutheran School in the Gatton shire are holding their annual fund raiser once again. There is a variety of craft items on sale is amazing and there are new items every year. Don't miss this opportunity to select Christmas decorations, soft toys, dolls, woodcraft, fresh produce and much, much, more. A food court operates in the area where you may buy your lunch or bring your own and have it in the park. Morning tea will be in Marburg. Members cost \$41.00. Bookings close 20th October, 2017.



**Sunday, 12th November, 2017—The Brisbane Pops Orchestra and the Schonell Theatre** present another enjoyable performance "Showtime", featuring Gregory Moore, a classically influenced singer who has performed with Simon Gallaher and the Qld Pops. Enjoy a pleasant Sunday afternoon of easy listening music. Book early as we only have a small coach. Members cost \$56.00. Bookings close 23rd October, 2017.

**Wednesday, 15th November, 2017 - Treescape to Seascape - Lunch at Ocean Shores Resort.** After morning tea at Currumbin rock pools, we travel over the range to Murwillumbah through small country villages before crossing the freeway and on through coastal towns until we reach Ocean Shores Country Club where we will enjoy views of the range and ocean while we have our lunch. Members cost \$67.00. Bookings close 25th October, 2017.



**Saturday, 25th November, 2018 - Eumundi Markets and Yandina Ginger Factory** - It's time to start the Christmas Shopping and what better place than the Eumundi Markets. This is the place to find something unique for someone special. Lunch will be at own cost at one of the numerous outlets around the town. We will stop at the Ginger Factory on the way home where ginger in many forms is available. Members cost \$43.00. Bookings close 10th November, 2017.

# Out With a Difference



**Wednesday, 29th November, 2017 - Christmas Luncheon - Birches Restaurant, Mt Mee.** Mt. Mee is part of the scenic D'Aguilar Range where Birches Restaurant has been established for many years and is a popular venue for our members. Morning tea will be at Bullocky's Rest and we will also stop at May's Cottage Dayboro for a short visit. Enjoy a festive luncheon with your family and friends. Members cost \$76.00. Booking close 8th November, 2017.

**Friday 8th December 2017 - Toowoomba Christmas Tree Festival - Middle Ridge Uniting Church - "Music of the Nativity"** is the theme of this years Christmas Tree Festival. Trees of all shapes and sizes are decorated by parishioners. There will be an empty tree where visitors are invited to place non-perishable food items which are distributed by a local charity. Entry into the exhibition is a gold coin donation which is distributed to two worthy causes. Members cost \$58.00 Bookings close 17th November, 2017.



**Monday, 11th December 2017 - Christmas Lights, Ferryman Cruise - Ferryman Cruises** will take you on a 1-½ hour cruise through the Pacific Harbour canals to see the decorated houses from the water. We will have an early dinner at Bribie Bowls Club before boarding the boat at 7.00 pm. Expect to arrive back in Cleveland about 10.30 pm. Members cost \$73.00. Bookings close 20th November, 2017.

**Wednesday, 23rd December, 2017 - Spirit of Christmas, Concert Hall, QPAC.** The Queensland Symphony with the QPAC choir, Brisbane Chorale and the Birralees Voices bring the beautiful Christmas carols to life. Special guests will also feature, with everyone showing the true spirit of Christmas. The sound of the magnificent pipe organ and the sight of the children on stage should not be missed. Members cost \$86.00. Special Children's price \$76.00. Bookings close 23rd October, 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.*

*Check [www.donaldsimpsoncentre.com](http://www.donaldsimpsoncentre.com) /trips calendar for further details*

# Away With A Difference

**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 Sanyi 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



**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; Forsyth 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

**Spectacular Canada & Alaska - 24 days/23 nights - August 4th - 27th** - Tour highlights include Butchart Gardens, Jasper, Banff and we travel on the "Going to the Sun" Road in Glacier National Park in Montana. Visit a silver mine in Idaho then on to Washington State where we spend a night in Spokane. We then journey on to take in the sights of Seattle. After an overnight here we travel back to Vancouver via the Capilano Suspension Bridge where we board the "Star Princess" for our cruise to Alaska. Ports of call include Juneau, Skagway, and Anchorage. We fly back from Anchorage to Vancouver to connect with our flight to Brisbane.



*Going to the Sun Road*

Cost \$13,480.00 per person twin share. Includes

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**[Download full itineraries and prices from our website.](#)**

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## DONALD SIMPSON COMMUNITY CENTRE

### 2017-18 BOARD MEMBERS

*Board Members elected at the Annual General Meeting on Monday 25 September are listed below. In brackets after each name is the number of years to finish their current terms.*

**Chairman:** Tony Christinson (1 Year)

**Deputy Chairman:** Glen Morgan (2 years)

**Secretary:** Chris Sheehan (1 year)

**Treasurer:** Paul Barnes (2 years)

Jenny Chesher (1 year)

Laraine Dillon (1 year)

David Ferguson (1 year)

John Frith (2 years)

Marcell Gorman (2 years)

Peter Mann (1 year)

Noni Silman (1 year)

Frances Taylor (2 years)

The Board meets at 2.00pm on the 4th Thursday of each month except December.

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**1st Nov, Wed 2017**

**10am to 11am**

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