

# Dee River Oldies Newsletter



December 2022, January, February 2023

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## News from Dee River Oldies

Friday, 25 November, 2022 the Dee River Oldies members enjoyed their Christmas lunch at the Grand Hotel, Mount Morgan. There was a good turn out of members who enjoyed catching up.

There were plenty of winners of the raffles and lucky door prizes on the day.

We have our final meeting for the year on 13 December, 2022 to tidy up the paperwork for the year. It has been another big year. We had a bus trip earlier in the year to Cockscomb retreat at Cawarral, then on to the Pine Beach Hotel, Emu Park for lunch. We kept our 'Christmas in July' lunch local this year at the Grand Hotel, Mount Morgan.

August saw our 'Damper in the Hall Day'. This is held yearly and is always a good day. Our morning teas are always well supported. With a guest speaker one month and someone playing music and singing the next.

New members aged over 50 year are welcome to come along and join the group. There is no cost to become a member. Our first morning tea for the year on Wednesday 18 January will be looking at what we can plan for 2023. Come along and enjoy a cuppa. There will be a raffle and lucky door prizes on the day. The cost for morning tea is \$5. Starts at 10 am.

Have a fantastic Christmas break.

Stay happy and healthy. Regards The Steering Committee



## The Steering Committee

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Meetings:

Saint Mary's Church Hall- behind the Anglican Church.

Every 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 2 pm.

( But not in December and January)

## Christmas Turkey Story

*Sarah new young bride calls her mother in tears. She sobs,*



*'Richard doesn't appreciate what I do for him.' 'Now, now,' her mother comforted, 'I am sure it was all just a misunderstanding.'*  
*'No, mother, you don't understand. I bought a frozen turkey roll and he yelled and screamed at me about the price.' 'Well, the nerve of that lousy cheapskate,' says her mum. 'Those turkey rolls are only a few dollars.'*  
*'No, mother it wasn't the price of the turkey. It was the aeroplane ticket.' "Aeroplane ticket...." What did you need an airplane ticket for?' 'Well mother, when I went to fix it, I looked at the directions on the package and it said: "Prepare from a frozen state," so I flew to Alaska.'*

Dee River Oldies is a sub group of the  
Rockhampton  
60 & Better Program Inc.

*"Santa Claus had the right idea. Visit people only once a year."*

Monthly meetings start at 2 pm and are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month and morning teas are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month both held at Saint Mary's Church Hall behind the Anglican Church. (With December and January the exception).



#### Meetings commence at 2 pm.

13 December, 2022 (This is a week earlier)

There is no meeting in January 2023

21 February, 2023

21 March, 2023

#### Morning Teas commence at 10 am.

The cost is \$5.

There is no Morning Tea in December

18 January, 2023

22 February, 2023 with guest speaker

#### Proposed Bus Trip

March, 2023 (Date to be confirmed )

*The Steering Committee want to wish our members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

## Senior Shopper

Senior Shopper is a free phone-shopping service that helps Seniors Card, Seniors Card +go and Seniors Business Discount Card holders get the best price on a range of goods and services.

Call Senior Shopper on **1300 366 265** to get discounts on electrical goods, travel, motor vehicles, computers, mowers, power tools, furniture, white goods, lawn bowls gear, fishing tackle, pools, cameras and more.

### How to use Senior Shopper

1. Shop around, decide which item you want to buy, and then contact Senior Shopper with the make, model and the best price you have found. (For travel, an itinerary and budget is required). Have your Seniors Card ready.
2. A Senior Shopper consultant will call you back, usually within 24 hours, to advise you of the best price available at the time.

If you choose to buy the goods or services on offer, simply place your order with Senior Shopper on **1300 366 265**. The preferred supplier will contact you to organise payment (by credit card, cash or cheque) and delivery.

Seventy-five-year-old Marvin goes to the local mall and tries to find a gift for his wife for Women's Day. Upon passing a lingerie store, Marvin realizes that his wife has never bought any lingerie in her life. He gets the idea to buy his wife something sexy to make her feel good and young. Marvin goes into the store and tells the clerk to wrap up the most expensive, sheerest negligee she has. Marvin takes the gift and excitedly runs home to his wife. Upon finding her in the kitchen he tells her to take the gift upstairs and unwrap it. He'll wait in the kitchen. His wife thanks him and goes up to the bedroom. Once the package is opened she realizes that this is something she's never had before. She also sees that it is so sheer it leaves nothing to the imagination. She thinks for a moment and then decides that she'll really surprise Marvin and go downstairs without any clothes on at all. So she leaves the negligee on the bed and starts down the stairs stark naked. She calls out: "Marvin, come out to the hallway and look." Marvin walks out to the staircase, looks up at his wife, and exclaims: "All that money and they didn't even iron it?!"



### *A story with moral.*

Once, there was a farmer who regularly sold butter to a baker. One day, the baker decided to weigh the butter to see if he was getting the exact amount that he asked for. He found out that he wasn't, so he took the farmer to court. The judge asked the farmer if he uses any measure to weigh the butter. The farmer replied, 'Your Honor, I'm primitive. I don't have a proper measure, but I do have a scale.' The judge replied, "Then how do you weigh the butter?" The farmer replied; "Your Honor, long before the baker started buying butter from me, I have been buying a pound loaf of bread from him. Every day, when the baker brings the bread, I put it on the scale and give him the same weight in butter. If anyone is to be blamed, it's the baker.'



"For Christmas this year, try giving less. Start with less attitude. There's more than enough of that in the world as it is – and people will usually just give it back anyway."



25 April 1923  
Fire At Mount Morgan.  
Block Of Twelve Buildings  
Destroyed In Main Street.

Frontage of 155 Yards Swept Away.

***Our Mount Morgan correspondent telephoned Inst night as follows:***

A serious outbreak of fire occurred in Morgan-street at twenty minutes past eleven o'clock to-night. The fire, which originated in the business premises of Mr. Farris, photographer, adjoining the Imperial Hotel, quickly spread along the street. The Imperial Hotel, the School of Arts, and the premises of Messrs. E. J. Chick (tobacconist), J. Howard (fruiterer), and R. Scott (tobacconist), together with two vacant shops, are all blazing freely, and there seems to be very little chance of preventing the blaze from spreading further down the street. The main street in Mount Morgan, from the shop adjoining the School of Arts to the shop adjoining the Calliungal Shire Council's office, embracing twelve buildings, which include the School of Arts and the Imperial Hotel, were totally destroyed by fire to-night. The loss will represent many thousands of pounds, but at this hour it is quite impossible to form any accurate idea of the extent of the damage, nor, of course, is it possible to get any information regarding the fire insurances.

About twenty minutes past eleven o'clock Constable P. Donovan, who was on duty in Morgan-street in front of the School of Arts, smelt something smoldering, just as if rag were burning. He at once went to the back of the School of Arts and found that a feed room at the rear of the shop next to the School of Arts, occupied by the local office of the Rockhampton Co-operative butter Company was on fire.

Almost immediately the flames burst into the back of the shop occupied by Mr. M. Farris, photographer. In an incredibly brief period the place was an inferno, in twenty-five minutes the School of Arts and the two shops in question were a mass of flames, and within another fifteen minutes the huge two-storied wooden building that was the School of Arts was a mass of burning embers. The rapidity with which the fire consumed this building was almost incredible. A slight wind sprang up and drove the flames in the opposite direction.

The Imperial Hotel billiard-room had now caught alight. Had the great efforts of Constable Blandford to secure sufficient fire extinguishers at this stage been successful, the Imperial Hotel might have been saved. This enormous two-storied wooden

hotel, which was erected many years ago, was soon alight from end to end. On the eastern side the flames soon licked up the shop occupied by Mr. E. J. Chick (tobacconist) and the Paramount Cafe (occupied by Messrs. Hall Brothers). Then followed Mr. J. Hoad's refreshment rooms. Then there was a slight lull owing to a brick wall. However, notwithstanding the valiant efforts of a huge body of willing workers, armed with buckets, the adjoining building, occupied by Mr. J. McKnight as an auction sale-room and not to be confounded with his office was destroyed, and it looked as if the Grand Hotel, which was the next building but one, would also go.

All the contents of the Grand Hotel were carried, or thrown out, and as the fire approached the next shop, occupied by Mr. R. Scott, tobacconist, part of the building was pulled down. This prevented the fire from extending to the Grand Hotel. The latter is a brick building, and all the woodwork facing the fire was torn down just as the flames licked up Mr. Scott's shop. The bucket brigade did good work here, and the Grand Hotel was saved.

**Chicken Cordon Bleu.** Prep: 15 min. Bake: 40 min.

#### Ingredients

- 4 boneless skinless chicken breast halves
- 2 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 4 thin slices fully cooked ham
- 4 thin slices Swiss cheese
- 8 bacon strips
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 cup 2% milk
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup dry bread crumbs
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese



#### Directions

Preheat oven to 350°. Flatten chicken breasts to 1/8-in. thickness; spread butter on the insides. Sprinkle with thyme. Top with a slice of ham and cheese; roll up tightly. Wrap each with 2 slices of bacon and secure with toothpicks.

In a small bowl, beat eggs and milk. Place flour in another bowl. Combine the bread crumbs, garlic powder, oregano and cheese. Dip each chicken breast into egg mixture; dip into flour to coat. Dip each again into egg mixture, then coat with crumbs.

Place on a greased baking sheet. Bake, uncovered for 40-45 minutes or until chicken juices run clear. 3

**Words that Don't Exist but Should...**

1. **AQUADEXTROUS** (ak wa deks'trus)adj. Possessing the ability to turn the bathtub faucet on and off with your toes.
2. **CARPETUATION** (kar pet' u a shun)n. The act, when vacuuming, of running over a string or a piece of lint at least a dozen times, reaching over and picking it up, examining it, then putting it back down to give the vacuum one more chance.
3. **DISCONFECT** (dis kon fekt') v. To sterilize the piece of candy you dropped on the floor by blowing on it, assuming this will somehow 'remove' all the germs.
4. **UNDUST** (un dust')n. The small line of debris that refuses to be swept onto the dust pan and keeps backing a person across the room until he finally decides to give up and sweep it under the rug.
5. **LACTOMANGULATION** (lak' to man gyu lay' shun)n. The act of manhandling the "open here" spout on a milk container so badly that one has to resort to the 'illegal' side.
6. **PEPPIER** (peph ee ay')n. The waiter at a fancy restaurant whose sole purpose seems to be walking around asking diners if they want ground pepper.
7. **PHONESIA** (fo nee' zhuh)n. The affliction of dialing a phone number and forgetting whom you were calling just as they answer.
8. **LATTEBLOW** (la tay' blow)v. Unintentional expulsion of milk through the nose during a laugh.



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**From the Australian Bureau of Statistics...**

**3** Australians die each year testing if a **9V** battery works on their tongue.

**58** Australians are injured each year by using sharp knives instead of screwdrivers.

**31** Australians have died since **1996** by watering their Christmas tree while the fairy lights were plugged in.

**19** Australians have died in the last **3** years by eating Christmas decorations they believed were chocolate.

Hospitals reported **4** broken arms last year after cracker pulling incidents.

**101** Australians since **1997** have had to have broken parts of plastic toys pulled out of the soles of their feet.

**18** Australians had serious burns in **1998** trying on a new jumper with a lit cigarette in their mouth.

A massive **543** Australians were admitted to casualty in the last two years after opening bottles of beer with their teeth or eye socket.

...and finally:

**8** Australians cracked their skull in **1997** after falling asleep (passing out) while throwing up into the toilet.

**Have you registered for My Aged Care?**

The first step to access government-funded aged care services is to get assessed. You can apply for an assessment online at [myagedcare.com.au](http://myagedcare.com.au) or you can call My Aged Care on **1800 200 422**.

The online application is quick and easy but if you would prefer, our friendly and knowledgeable contact centre staff will talk with you about your needs and circumstances and make the application for you.

All our staff are trained to talk to people in a range of situations and are ready to answer your questions to help find the best options for you.

Registering will alleviate unwanted delays when you need assistance in the future.