

# **Blokes Lounge Inc.**

## **Helpful Information**

### **Who we are**

We are a group of men, mostly retired or semi-retired, who like to have the company of other men of a similar age. We like to share conversation and use our individual experience and background to help each other when required. Yes, we take matters seriously when we must but prefer to look at life on the lighter side.

### **What we do**

We meet every two weeks, alternating between a lunch only gathering, and a general meeting receiving reports from the President and any other activity coordinator reports that the committee feels it needs to discuss. Plus, we generally have a guest speaker, either from outside of the Blokes Lounge Inc. or else a Member talking about their experiences.

We are a place where blokes can use their skills, knowledge, and abilities to help each other. A place where you can bring a problem and get it solved and if it is not solved you at least won't feel so bad about having it. You can have new phone numbers and e-mail addresses that will have a friendly person on the other end. You can arrange to do anything without having to go through the Blokes Lounge Inc. Just call one of your new friends that share your interests.

The Blokes Lounge Inc. is not an institution with tight rules; it is a name for a group of Blokes who determine the way ahead and is constantly evolving because of the ideas of members. You don't get fined for not attending a meeting, you don't get reprimanded for calling someone a twit, but you do get picked on for catching the biggest fish, you do get picked on for chatting up young ladies on a beach walk, or if you hit a really good golf shot you may be asked to do it again because we were not all looking. You can do as many activities or as little as you want, and you do get the backing of everyone if you come up with a good idea.

We are not a volunteer group who go out to do good things as part of our reason for existing. At first this may sound a bit shocking and selfish. It is. We are here for men to get together with men and decide among themselves what they want to do. If you are a volunteer, there are many places for you to volunteer. But if you are someone who just wants to talk, have breakfast, lunch, BBQ or coffee, fish, play golf or cards, darts, beach walk or go bike riding, we are the place for you.

If you have something you want to tell the meeting or a story to tell, the President will allot you time in a meeting and the members will listen to you without interruption. They will listen and applaud your honesty and I can tell you from experience it makes you feel that people really care, and you really are part of the Blokes Lounge Inc. because there are few places where this can happen, they will even buy you a beer or a coffee afterwards. The only thing we ask is that you do not raise matters such as politics, religion or other social causes that may offend other members.

# Blokes Lounge Inc.

We meet each fortnight on Tuesdays at 11.30am in the upstairs area of Mermaid Waters Lonestar Tavern, on the corner of Markeri Street and Sunshine Boulevard. There is a good selection of lunches at one set price. Most members continue talking after a meeting over a **lunch** and beer/coffee. Some of the "outside activities" are finalised here.

We also have a **BBQ** each fortnight on a Wednesday at Cascade Gardens, Broadbeach. Details are available on the website. Just turn up and bring your own food and drink and enjoy a couple of hours of good company.

There are just so many activities that you can get involved in, as detailed on the website.

*President*

<https://www.blokeslounge.org.au>

## **Need more information?**

**Call a visitor host: Paul Santon, 0472 740 608 or Barry Woodberry, 0435 565 410.**

## **Objectives**

The object of the Blokes Lounge Inc. is to provide a safe, friendly, and welcoming environment where older males from all walks of life can:

- socialise
- make friends
- share their stories and experiences
- undertake activities to boost their physical and mental wellbeing

## **Values**

We value and respect all people, regardless of race, spiritual belief, ability, or sexual orientation.

We respect the opinions of others and value free and vibrant discussion but will not tolerate preaching of religious or political ideals or being targeted by pressure groups, campaigners of any sort or by group marketing.