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Was life better 50 years ago? That's debatable

CLARENCE Valley libraries are teaming up with Grafton U3A and debating students from Clarence Valley Anglican School to host a debate: that life was better 50 years ago.

The Great Debate: Millennials v Centennials will be a fun and light-hearted debate between young and older people, with the younger people speaking in the affirmative; that life was better 50 years ago. Each team has been preparing its arguments in preparation for the debate to be held Thursday, April 12, at Sir Earle Page Library and Education Centre in Grafton.

Fifty years ago there was no internet, no mobile phones, or even colour television in Australia. Words such as 'Google', 'cyber safety', 'upcycle', didn't exist and 'wireless' had a completely different meaning.

Fifty years ago, debaters would not have been able to 'Google' information to prepare for a debate. These social and other life changes will all make for an interesting and lively session for this upcoming debate.

Clarence regional librarian, Kathryn Breward, said she was excited about the library being involved in this partnership with Grafton U3A and the Clarence Valley Anglican School and to provide an opportunity for intergenerational interaction and discussion.

"It will be fascinating to hear how life was or wasn't better than 50 years ago, debated by different generations," she said.

To book your spot for the debate or for further information, contact the library on 6641 0100.

The Great Debate: Millennials v Centennials is a Seniors Festival event.



Caption: From left, Brian Carter, Adrian Van Ash, Kevin Dixon, Dorothy Hillis, Jessica Marsh, Jasper Littlewood-Brennan, Khalehla Mupudzi and Eden Annesley.

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