

Greensborough Gossip

Greensborough Branch Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

The March Branch meeting was, for me, disappointing. It seemed that a series of events conspired against us. Unfortunately when members of the Committee arrived at approx 5.15 pm we were told that the RSL had scheduled our Branch meeting to commence at 6.30 pm and the doors would not be open until 6.15 pm.

In the eight years of holding evening meetings at the RSL the doors have been opened at 5.45 pm to allow members to order their dinner prior to the commencement of the meeting. We have always had two staff members allocated at that time, one to attend the bar and another to take meal orders.

However, at the March meeting there was only one staff member on duty who had to re-set the function room, by herself, following a seminar held during the day. She took drink orders, but there was no-one to take dinner orders until a further staff member arrived.

A very large number of members were eventually able to order dinner but this delay prevented the meeting commencing on time. To add to the delay the computer, which registers the orders, wasn't working efficiently.

Also, the microphone we normally use at meetings wasn't available and the volume of the cordless mike that we had to use was too low. Our speaker, Grace Johnson, had a sore throat which made it difficult for her to be heard. This was unfortunate as many of our members were looking forward to hearing about the topic. The sequence of events made for a disappointing meeting. My last comment on the above is the following quote:

*"Things don't go wrong, they simply happen."
Jacob Ghitis*

Activities:

Reminder to members: If you wish to participate in any activity, please register your name with Peter and Lorraine Oaten at the Activities Desk.

Tea/Coffee Cups:

Could all members who drink coffee/tea take their empty cups to the designated areas (the bar or table).

Committee Absences:

Both Marlene and I will be absent from the May meeting. Peter Oaten will preside over the May meeting and will be supported by the remainder of the Committee.

Ken Pickett (and Faye) will also be missing from the May meeting.

Regards.

Bob Goodyear, President

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Next Branch Meeting

Tuesday 15 May 2012
9.30 for 10.00 am

Speaker:

Loretta Simmons

Topic:

“Golden Days Radio”



To our members who are unwell or recuperating, your friends at Greensborough Branch are thinking of you and send best wishes for a speedy recovery.

(If you know of any member who is unwell, please contact our Welfare Officer, Judy Harvey, on Tel: 9401 6752 or email: judyh43@tpg.com.au)



2012 / 2013 Entertainment Book

Selling for only **\$65.00** — each book includes an **Entertainment™ Gold Card**, which is valid for incredible offers from fine dining restaurants and hotels.

Also included are vouchers for 2 for 1 dinners at various restaurants/hotels, plus movie, hotel accommodation, car rental discounts, etc.....

Books are available for purchase at Branch Meetings

**Or you can contact:
John Brook on Tel: 9432 1695**

DINNER CLUB



Friday 4 May - 7.00 pm

Pasquale M (Woodfired Pizzeria/Rest.)
248 Lower Plenty Road
Rosanna

Tel: 9458 3300
(BYO Wine only - \$5.00/bottle corkage)

Contact: Marlene & Rob Goodyear
Tel: 9435 2529
RSVP: Friday 27 April

NB: Please book with the contact persons (listed above) as numbers need to be confirmed with the restaurant.

If you are unable to attend on the night, please phone the contact person, or the restaurant (leaving your name) so that we will know not to wait for you before ordering.

COFFEE CLUB



Wed 2 May - 10.00 am

Post Office Cafe
794 Main Road
Hurstbridge (located opp Railway Station)
(No bookings required)

Tel: 9718 2911

Coordinator: Gaylynn Pinniger
Tel: 9458 2603



To those celebrating a birthday this month

WALKING CLUB



Walkers meet at 9.30 am at various venues:

- **1st Tuesday of the month:**
Meet at Kalparrin (opp. Skateboard rink).
- **2nd & 3rd Tuesday of the month:**
Meet at Henry Street end of Greensborough Memorial Park.
- **Last Tuesday of the month:**
Meet at bottom Car Park, Lower Plenty Hotel, Main Road, Lower Plenty.

Exception to the above routine:

- **On Tuesday (DAY) Branch meetings** - we meet on the **Wednesday** at Greensborough Memorial Park.



Anyone confused??? ...
Contact Coordinator:
Ken Pickett - Tel: 9435 0076

Low Impact Walking Group



NOT UP TO HILLS?

Margaret Lloyd (Tel: 9404 3393) has started a **Low Impact Walking Group**, meeting **9.30 am (note earlier time)** on **Tuesday** at **Willinda Park**, end of Nell Street, Greensborough (except for *Branch day-time meetings when the group meet on a Wednesday*).

The group walk laps of the **Athletics Track** - the surface is smooth and flat and people walk as many laps as they can handle.

On **Last Tuesday of the month** the group meet at **9.30 am** at the **Lower Car Park, Lower Plenty Hotel** for a gentle walk.

UPCOMING BRANCH EVENTS



Branch & COBA Activities:

Wednesday 18 April — Naqambie Wineries (COBA)

Time: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm. (Bus dep 9.00 am from Memorial Park)
Incl: 2-course Lunch at Royal Mail Hotel & visit to 2 Wineries.
Cost: \$53.00/pp

Tuesday 22 May — Melbourne Water Treatment Plant

Time: 9.00 am - 4.30 pm. (Bus dep 9.00 am from Memorial Park)
Incl: Morning Tea, 2 hour coach tour of Water Treatment Plant, 3-course Lunch at Tigers Werribee Club House
Cost: \$43.00/pp

Thursday 14 June — High Tea at Parliament House (COBA)

Own transport to city
Time: 2.30 - 4.00 pm (at Parliament House)
Cost: \$40.00/pp

Sunday 9 - Thursday 13 September — 5 day Mt Gambier Tour

Incl. 4 dinners, 4 breakfasts
Entry to McKillop Centre, Blue Lake Tour, Glenelg River Cruise
Cost: \$610.00/pp
(Single Supplement \$140.00/pp extra)

Did you do this to your chocolate Easter bunnies?

Future Activities for 2012:

Wednesday 25 July — Xmas in July Lunch at Werribee Tigers Clubouse (COBA)
Cost: \$25.00/pp (by bus) \$18.50/pp (by car)

Thursday 16 August - Morning Melodies at Watergarden Hotel, Taylors Lakes
Cost: \$27.00/pp

Sunday 9-13 September - Mt Gambier 5 -day Tour (COBA)
Cost: \$610.00/pp (Single supp. extra)

Wednesday 10 October - Seniors Variety Concert, Melbourne Town Hall
Cost: \$20.00/pp (NSA members) & \$25.00/pp (non-members)

Tuesday 23 October - Cranbourne Gardens
Cost: \$44.00/pp

Thursday 22 November - Walhalla Historic Train
Cost: \$67.00/pp

Thursday 6 December — Christmas Lunch at Cuckoo Restaurant (COBA)
Cost: \$55.00/pp

Tuesday 11 December - Christmas Branch Dinner Dance at Greensborough RSL



20 Day Holy Land Tour



May / June 2012 - 8 days in Jordan and 9 days in Israel
Depart Monday 14th May 2012 - Return Saturday 2nd June 2012
Escorted by Ron Ellis OAM (Ron has led 15 Tours to more than 75 Countries)
Tour Cost: \$5,760pp plus all taxes \$490 = Total cost of \$6,250pp (twin share)
Single supplement on application (Based on minimum of 20 participants)

For itinerary and booking form - ring, write or email:
Ron Ellis 0407 306 353 or 9459 5698 or Email: ron@ronellis.org
Postal address: Ron Ellis, 31 Evan Smith Close, MacLeod, VIC 3085



TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorraine Oaten

Balance as at 01/03/2012		\$10,278.63
Plus Income:		
NSA Grapevine Credits	\$6.00	
Attendance	\$318.00	
Raffle	\$132.00	
Film Luncheon	\$195.00	
Werribee Mansion/Zoo Tour	\$660.00	
Nagambie Wine Tour	\$40.00	
Mt Gambier tour	\$380.00	
Total:		\$1,731.00
Less Expenditure:		
Membership	\$35.00	
Refund Film Lunch	\$30.00	
Gossip Printing	\$76.80	
Balwyn Theatre/Film Lunch	\$487.21	
Entertainment Books	\$780.00	
Total:		(\$1,409.01)
Balance as at 31/03/2012		\$10,600.62



FREE 2012 Lecture Series

Melbourne NSA office, Block Court, Level 2, 290 Collins Street (take Lift 4 near Hunt Leather), is conducting a series of interesting and informative free Lectures, running for approx one hour, for members and non members to attend. Come at 9.45am for morning tea! Talks then commence at 10.15am and they are held on 4th Tuesday of the month.

PROGRAM:

- **David and Shirley Williams of Wildwood Studios on 24 April.** David is an artist in paints, who with Shirley, travel extensively throughout Victoria and parts of Australia. Come along and hear of their travels and see some of David's fabulous art!
- **"Seniors driving longer, smarter, further" on 22 May.** Judith Charlton, Associate Director from Monash University Accident Research Centre is coming to inform you of the latest findings and advice for driving.
- **Organic Gardening in Small Spaces.** Keith Edwards of Diggers Seeds will give an interesting presentation on **26 June**. It will include container growing, growing in small spaces and how to grow enough food for a year in an area of just 10 square metres!

Phone our Block Court office on 03 9650 6144 to indicate you are coming.
We look forward to seeing you.

WINTER MORNING

Blonde texts husband on a cold winters morning; "Windows frozen."
Husband texts back; "Pour some lukewarm water over it."
Wife texts back; "Computer completely buggered now."

Paddy & Mick

Paddy and Mick were walking along a street in London. Paddy looked in one of the shop windows and saw a sign that caught his eye. The sign read, "Suits £5.00 each, Shirts £2.00 each, trousers £2.50 per pair".

Paddy said to his pal, "Mick look at the prices! We could buy a whole lot of dose and when we get back to Ireland we could make a fortune.

Now when we go in you stay quiet, okay? Let me do all da talking cause if they hear our accents, they might think were thickos from Ireland and try to screw us. I'll put on my best English accent. Roight y'are Paddy, I'll keep me mouth shut, so I will. You do all da business said Mick.

They go in and Paddy said in a posh voice, "Hello my good man. I'll take 50 suits at £5.00 each, 100 shirts at £2.00 each, and 50 pairs of trousers at £2.50 each. I'll back up me truck ready to load em on, so I will."

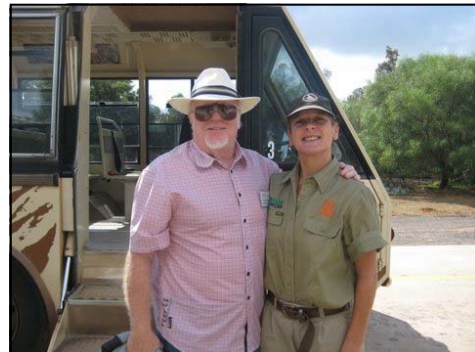
The owner of the shop said quietly, "You're from Ireland , aren't you?" "Well yes," said a surprised Paddy. "What gave it away?"

The owner replied, "This is a dry-cleaners".....

Some photos from our excursion to Werribee Zoo & Mansion



The guys studying the route....or maybe the Footy Guide?



The 'Dragon' Tree



Alighting from the Werribee Zoo tour bus



Girls... that seat doesn't look very user-friendly!

NOTICE BOARD



Are you planning to visit Thailand?

Member, **Marg Wood - Tel: 9438 3163**, is a regular visitor to Thailand and would be happy to advise you on:

- **The best shopping places?**
- **Where to buy tailor-made suits?**
- **Pitfalls for tourists?**
- **The wonderful, exciting experiences you can have?**

A must visit is to Kanchanaburi (the Thai Burma railway, the Bridge on the River Kwai, tigers living with the monks, elephant rides & beautiful scenery).

Do not pre-book a tour from Australia for Kanchanaburi - you can do so much better if you deal directly with a local travel agent.



Are you interested in knitting children's garments or maybe toys?

Member, **Brita Daly**, collects knitted children's garments/toys.

If you no longer knit, but have unused wool at home, Brita would be happy to take this off your hands as she can give this to her knitters.

Items can be collected at Branch meetings, or you can contact Brita on **Tel: 9435 2816**.

(Don't forget you can always borrow one of the Knitting Pattern books from the Book Exchange!)

BOOK EXCHANGE & KNITTING/CRAFT PATTERNS EXCHANGE



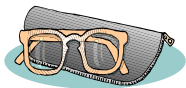
We operate a **Free Book Exchange** on Branch Meeting days. We ask only that you return the books to the Branch when you have finished reading them so that other members may have the opportunity to borrow the books.

(Tables are set up at the rear of the function room.)

Coordinators for this activity are:

Yvonne Schaller — Book Exchange
Elaine Brook — Knitting/Craft Patterns

Members, please bring along your unwanted books.

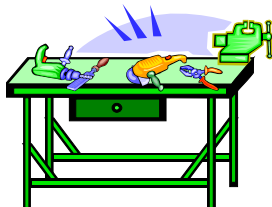


Spectacles & Sunglasses

The Fred Hollows Foundation uses second-hand spectacles and sunglasses to improve the sight of people in deprived communities in our Far North & Australian Islands.

You can assist by bringing along no-longer-used specs/sunglasses. *Cases for specs/sunglasses are also needed.*

Member, Lorraine Callow, will be happy to collect them at Branch meetings.



BANYULE MEN'S SHED

Do you know men with spare time and skills to share? Men who enjoy tinkering with tools or getting their hands dirty in the garden?

Well, the Banyule Men's Shed is looking to recruit men to volunteer and be part of the shed.

At the shed, you're free to work on your own projects or help others work on community projects.

To get involved or find out more

Call **9450 2000** or drop in any **Monday 1.00 - 3.00 pm**
Cnr St Hellier & Edwin Streets, Heidelberg Heights

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