

# Greensborough Gossip

## Greensborough Branch Newsletter

Branch No. 100133 Incorporation No. A0044936A

APRIL 2016

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

#### Tallangatta Tour:

The Tallangatta (North Eastern Victoria "Lakes and High Country") tour will operate on the following two dates:

**Tour One - Fri 26 Aug to Thu 1 Sep**

**Tour Two - Fri 9 to Thu 15 Sep**

Due to lack of numbers the 3rd tour departing Fri 30 Sep has been cancelled.

#### V-Line Tickets—Melbourne/Albury Return:

***Please note I have contacted V-Line and they will organise our train tickets. Members should not exchange their free Rail Passes for tickets to Albury until V-Line has given us our Group Number which they will do in June/July.***

***You will be advised of the Group Number as soon as I receive this and you can then exchange your passes for tickets at Greensborough, Heidelberg, Flinders Street and Southern Cross Stations.***

The following details apply for both tours:

- \* Train departs Southern Cross at 12.05 pm, arriving at Albury Station at 3.50 pm.
- \* Return travel depart 12.45 pm from Albury Station arriving at Southern Cross at 4.35 pm.
- \* ***Members need be at Southern Cross Station at 11.05 am*** (i.e. 1 hour prior to departure) to allow time for rail staff to organise luggage.
- \* Tours cover all meals, incl morning & afternoon teas, entries, activities.

#### **Beleura House & Garden Tour:**

This activity did not attract sufficient numbers so we decided to cancel this activity. We will attempt to visit Beleura at a future date.

#### **Corio Bay Cruise:**

After an overcast start members enjoyed a glorious, warm, sunny day. On arrival in Geelong our bus driver took us on a tour of the foreshore and surrounding area, pointing out landmarks and the very expensive houses in the bay area.

Following morning tea at a park overlooking the water, we boarded the 'Hygeia' for our cruise and delicious 2-course lunch.

The water was calm and members took advantage of the top deck to relax in the sun and enjoy the scenery.

#### **COBA Activities:**

Some branch, as well as COBA (Combined Branches) activities, are not attracting as many numbers as we would like and need.

This lack of support, particularly from other branches, may mean that the concept of COBA (which was set up to assist smaller branches to participate in activities they could not do alone) is losing its effectiveness. By the end of the year the committee will need to make a decision about the future of COBA.

#### **Entertainment Books:**

We are taking orders now. See notice on page 4 of the newsletter.

**Regards. Bob Goodyear**

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Marg Wood - **Coordinator**

Bob Goodyear

Marlene Goodyear

Lorraine Oaten

Ian Schuck

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**Speakers Gifts & Door Prizes, Coffee Club**

**Coordinator** - Gaylynn Pinniger

**Book Exchange Coordinator** - Ken Pickett

**Craft Books Coordinator** - Lois Williams

**Branch Auditor** - Tom Cleary

*Next Branch Meeting*

Tuesday 17 May — 10.00 am

**Greensborough RSL**

*Speaker: Lloyd Phillips*

*Topic: "Poetry can be Fun"*



To members who are unwell or recuperating, your friends at the 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 by email: judyh43@tpg.com.au



To those celebrating a birthday this month



**Greensborough Branch  
Email, Website, Mail  
Zone Website**

**Greensborough Branch Email Address:**  
[greensboroughnationalseniors@gmail.com](mailto:greensboroughnationalseniors@gmail.com)

**Greensborough Branch Website:**  
[www.greensboroughnationalseniors.com.au](http://www.greensboroughnationalseniors.com.au)

**Mailing Address:**  
Box 838, Macleod Post Office, Macleod 3085

**Zone Website:**  
[www.vicbranches.org.au](http://www.vicbranches.org.au)

## COFFEE CLUB



**Wed 4 May - 10.00 am**

### Eltham Glasshouse

1425 Main Road  
Eltham  
(Next to 7-11 XStream Carwash)  
Tel: 9439 9898

**Coordinator:**  
**Gaylynn Pinniger - Tel: 9458 2603**



## DINNER CLUB

**Friday 6 May - 7.00 pm**

### Suwan Thai Restaurant

82 Main Road  
Montmorency (Corkage \$4.00 bottle)  
Tel: 9432 0295

**RSVP: Mon 2 May**  
**Harry Morris**  
**Tel: 9434 3329**

## LUNCH CLUB



**Thu 12 May - 12.00 noon**

### Allan House Vietnamese

36 Main Street  
Greensborough  
Tel: 9435 5265

**RSVP: Mon 9 May**  
**Coral Gentry**  
**Tel: 9457 7770**



## Walking Club



Walkers meet weekly at **9.30 am**  
as follows.....

**Most Tuesdays:** Meet at the Henry Street  
end of Greensborough Memorial Park.

**On Branch Meeting days the group walk  
on Wednesdays.**

**1st Tuesday of the month:**  
Meet at Kalparrin (opp. Skateboard rink).

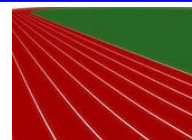
**Last Tuesday of the month:**  
Meet at Bottom Car Park, Lower Plenty  
Hotel, Main Road, Lower Plenty.



Confused ???

**Contact Coordinator:**  
**Ken Pickett - Tel: 9435 0076**

## Low Impact Walking Club



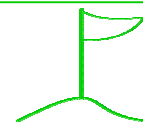
### NOT UP TO HILLS?

Walkers meet Tuesdays at **9.30 am** at  
**Willinda Park Athletics Track**, end of Nell  
Street, Greensborough (*except on Branch  
meeting days when the group walk on  
Wednesdays*).

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

**Coordinator:**  
**Margaret Lloyd - Tel: 9404 3393**

## Seeking Golfers (Good & Bad)



A group of Greensborough branch  
members play golf on 1st Monday  
of the month commencing at 9.00 am  
at Strathallen Golf Club  
100 Main Drive, Bundoora

Cost - 9 holes: \$16.00/pp for Seniors

If you are interested in joining us for a  
game you would be most welcome

*For further information - please see  
Ian Schuck at branch meetings  
or phone Ian on 9434 3839*

# UPCOMING BRANCH EVENTS



## Branch & COBA Activities

**Reminder to members:** \$20.00/pp deposit required when placing your name on an activity list.

**Monday 27 June — 'City Sights' Tour:** Bus travel, Morning Tea, 2-course Lunch at Glasshouse Café, Flemington Racecourse. Venues such as St James Old Cathedral (gold coin donation appreciated). Time: 9.30-4.30 pm. Cost: \$37.00/pp.

**Wednesday 27 July — National Gallery Tour:** Own transport. Gallery Tour (11.00am-12 noon). Lunch at Arts Centre (approx 12.15 pm). Cost: \$20.00/pp. (COBA activity).

**26 August–1 September / 9–15 September:** Tallangatta (7-Day Tour of Eastern Victoria "Lakes & High Country") *Full itinerary can be found on page 8 of the newsletter.* Cost: \$595.00/pp. (S/S—\$90.00). Seniors Rail Pass to be used to travel from Melbourne/Albury & return. We will be collected by bus from Albury Station. **Balance of payment by 31 July.**

**For bookings see: Peter Oaten at Branch meetings or Tel: Peter on 9434 6795 / Bob on 9435 2529.**



### **ALOHA HAWAII.....MAY 2017**

We will not know exact prices for Hawaii until May this year but, based on 2016 prices, the estimate for a Land & Cruise package with Globus is \$4365/pp for an Inside Cabin. An Ocean View Cabin will be an extra \$357/pp. Return flights Melbourne to Hawaii with Jetstar will be approx \$1100/pp.

Inclusions for the Globus component are:

3 nights Accommodation at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani Hotel including Breakfasts, Pearl Harbour Tour, 7 nights Hawaiian Islands Cruise, On-board Gratuities, Port Charges, All Transfers.

**2016 / 2017**  
**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, discounts at various restaurants/hotels, plus movie, hotel accommodation, car rental discounts, etc.

**We are taking orders for  
Entertainment Books at Branch Meetings**

**Please contact:  
John Brook on Tel: 9432 1695**



## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Lorraine Oaten

<b>Balance as at 01/03/2016</b>	<b>19,322.80</b>
<b>Plus Income</b>	
Film Lunch Balwyn Theatre	30.00
Nth East High Country Tour	3,040.00
Beleura House	25.00
Corio Bay Cruise	581.00
National Gallery Tour	45.00
Attendance	261.00
Membership	35.00
Advertisers	140.00
Raffle	153.00
Grapevine Credits	16.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>4,326.00</b>
<b>Less Expenditure</b>	
NSA Q'land - Memberships	-35.00
PO Box Annual Rental	-121.00
Guest Speaker Travel Expenses	-30.00
Donation - Beyond Blue	-100.00
TK Computer Services	-35.00
Gossip printing	-67.20
Computer Printer Cartridges	-43.96
Speaker Gift/Door Prizes	-22.70
<b>Total:</b>	<b>-454.86</b>
<b>Balance as at 31/03/2016</b>	<b>23,193.94</b>

#### NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER

**Members please note: The Greensborough Branch earns 'Grapevine' credits of \$3.00 for every person who pays their membership (new or renewal) through the Branch via the Treasurer. Payments can be made by cash, cheque or credit card.**



Murphy dropped dead the moment he arrived home from a vacation in the tropics. He was laid out in the coffin for friends and neighbours to pay their last respects. "He's got a great tan," Mrs Doolan from next door mused. "The holiday did him the world of good." "And he looks so calm and serene," said Mrs McGuinness. "That's because he died in his sleep." explained Mrs Murphy, "and he doesn't know he's dead yet, but when he wakes up, the shock will kill him!"

# NOTICE BOARD



## Are you planning to visit Thailand?

Member, **Marg Wood - Tel: 9438 4219**, 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 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.



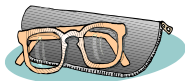
## Are you interested in knitting children's garments or maybe toys?

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 books from the Craft Book Exchange!)*



## 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.**

## BOOK EXCHANGE & CRAFT BOOK EXCHANGE

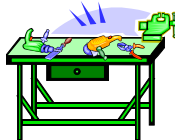


We operate a **Free Book Exchange** on Branch Meeting days. We ask only that you return the books to the Branch when you have finished reading them so that other members may have the opportunity to borrow the books.

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

Coordinators for this activity are:  
**Ken Pickett — Book Exchange**  
**Lois Williams — Knitting/Craft Patterns**

**Members, please bring along your unwanted books.**



## 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**



## Anyone for Tennis?

If you would like to play social tennis in a very relaxed atmosphere on a Monday morning, between 9.30 am — 12 noon, please see **Glenda Sundstrom (Tel: 9435 4755)** or just turn up (weather permitting) at about 9.30 am for a game. The only criteria is that correct tennis shoes must be worn. The cost is \$3.00 per morning (incl a cuppa & biscuit).

The courts are located at the rear of the **Diamond Valley Baptist Church, 309 Diamond Creek Road, Plenty (Melways 11D7)**.

## Garden Workshop Bunnings Eltham



Members are invited to attend the Bunnings Garden Workshop held in their Eltham store on 1st Thursday of the month at 10am - 12.00 noon. There is free morning tea. The topics are interesting and informative, with guest speakers and everyone has a lot of fun.

Bookings are required, for catering purposes - please contact: **Helen Philp - Activities Organiser on Tel: 9430 0100**.

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### Old Colonists' Association of Victoria

**"Currie Park Estate"**  
**58 Weir Street, Euroa**

"Currie Park Estate" is situated at the foothills of the Strathbogie Ranges, in the Euroa township, adjacent to Euroa Hospital.

Comprising 20 self-contained independent living units & 8 fully serviced apartments it is the ideal environment for independent seniors to enjoy a quality lifestyle in a safe & caring environment.

**We currently have a vacancy in our independent living units.**

This is the perfect opportunity to become part of a vibrant community. Accommodation is affordable to all Victorians regardless of their financial situation.

**To arrange an inspection, please contact:  
 Pauline Walters on 5795 1822**

**Or for further information, please contact:  
 Karen Ernest on (03) 9433 1100**



### Old Colonists' Association of Victoria

is a charity serving elderly Victorians  
 needing affordable, safe, dignified  
 independent community living and  
 appropriate, practicable continuing care.

Located at 339 St Helena Road, St Helena is an 81 bed Residential Aged Care Facility, incl 1 Respite Room.

Our facility "**Liscombe House**" comprises 3 sections:

- **Liscombe Wing** - 39 rooms
- **Currie Wing** - 22 single rooms, 4 double rooms located within a totally secure unit
- **Anne Jeffery Wing** - 12 rooms (dementia specific) located within a totally secure unit.

**For all enquiries please contact:  
 Residents' Coordinator - Karen Ernest on 9433 1100**



## **Tour North Eastern Victoria Holiday “Lakes and High Country”**

### **ITINERARY TOUR “A” ( 6 NIGHTS 7 DAYS)**

#### **Day 1. Pick up from Albury Railway Station**

Today we pick you up from the Albury Railway Station, and transport you to the Tallangatta Motor Inn via the scenic Lake Hume.

#### **Day 2. Hume Weir / Dartmouth**

This morning we travel to the Hume Weir Wall, for our morning tea, from here we travel east, through the very scenic and rich dairying Mitta Mitta Valley. Up at the Dartmouth Dam we can compare the heights of both storage areas, and if season permits see the truly spectacular cascades. We now return to the township of Dartmouth for our B.B.Q lunch. After lunch we travel home through the full length of the Mitta Mitta Valley, arriving back in Tallangatta for afternoon tea.

#### **Day 3. Rutherglen Wineries / Corowa / Yackandandah**

Today we're travelling west, through Albury, to Howlong, where we stop for morning tea. We then cross back over the border and head to Morris Brothers Winery, to sample the wines produced by this very highly regarded vineyard. From here it's back over the border to Corowa where we have our B.B.Q. lunch by the Murray River. We then travel through Rutherglen and Chiltern, travelling to Yackandandah and the bakery for afternoon tea on our way home to Tallangatta.

#### **Day 4. Corryong / Khancoban**

Travelling north east today, we head through the very large pine plantation at Shelley, on our way to Corryong for morning tea. This is where Jack Riley, the real 'Man from Snowy River' lived. Then it's on to Khancoban, for a short tour of this Snowy Township. The impressive Murray 1 Power Station is our next stop for a tour and our B.B.Q. lunch. We then travel back to Corryong for our afternoon tea at the newly renovated Corryong Museum.

#### **Day 5. Myrtleford / Bright / Mount Beauty**

South east is the direction we travel today, to the tobacco and hop growing area of Myrtleford, then onto Porpunkah where we have morning tea on the banks of the Ovens River at the foot of Mt Buffalo. Now it's just a short trip into Bright. We will complete a tour of the town, and while our B.B.Q lunch is being prepared, you'll have the opportunity to spend time walking and exploring this great town. After lunch we travel up the mountain to Tawonga lookout, here we look down on the spectacular Kiewa Valley, and across to Victoria's highest Peak, Mt Bogong. Then it's down to Mt Beauty for a decadent afternoon tea at the Mt Beauty Bakery. Tonight we take you into the Albury Commercial Club for dinner.

#### **Day 6. Yackandandah / Historic Beechworth**

Today we discover Beechworth, travelling through the historic gold mining town of Yackandandah, we have morning tea at Lake Sambell (site of the Old Rocky Mountain Gold Mine) before taking a tour of this most famous Gold Town, We visit the Murray Brewery and their famous Carriage Museum, then its time for our B.B.Q lunch, after lunch you have time to walk around this historic town, meeting at the famous Beechworth Bakery for afternoon tea. From here it's back home to Tallangatta for dinner.

#### **Day 7. Peard's Nursery and Café Borella**

This morning we take a tour of Tallangatta, then head into Albury and visit Café Borellas, set in the beautiful gardens of Peard's Nursery, for morning tea. From here we make our way to the Albury railway station.