

Greensborough Gossip

Greensborough Branch Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

Over the past couple of months the Travel Committee has provided information on the two Japan trips we have been planning for 2019. If you require extra information please contact the following committee members. Japan Land tour - Lorraine Oaten/Ian Schuck and Japan Cruise - Marg Wood.

Merimbula Trip:

It has been necessary to change the date of the Merimbula trip. Unfortunately the original date coincided with the AFL Grand Final. The NEW date for this trip is Monday 8 to Friday 12 October. I hope this change will allow more members to attend. Itineraries have now arrived and I have attached a copy to your newsletter.

Our base will be the Merimbula Gardens Motel and will include all breakfasts and dinners. Lunch and afternoon teas will be at own expense.

Cost: \$560.00/pp (or \$720.00 for single supplement - 2 available)). Members will need to pay a deposit of \$50.00/pp when booking this trip at the April meeting.

Tasmanian Tour:

We had a wonderful and successful tour of Tasmania visiting many interesting and beautiful sites such as Coles Bay, Freycinet National Park, a crowded Salamanca Market, Richmond, Gordon River Cruise, Cradle Mountain to name a few. We were entertained and some members participated in a play called "The Ship that Never Was" in Strahan. We had a fascinating visit to the 'Wall in the Wilderness' in Derwent Bridge (a series of amazing wood carvings depicting the history of the Central Highlands region). Some of our members visited MONA in Hobart - there were mixed reviews from members about the exhibits!

Our boat trip over to Tassie was a little rough for some of us. I had to change beds with Marlene as she felt she was going to fall out of hers with the rocking & rolling of the boat. However the home sailing was much smoother thankfully.

Our husband & wife team - Coach Driver (Adam) and Tour Leader (Joy) were excellent and so knowledgeable.

Many thanks to Ian Schuck who organised the Tasmanian tour with Spirit Travel.

Seniors Morning Tea at Parliament House:

The Victorian Parliament is offering Morning Teas during the months of April and July.

Morning Tea is \$25.00/pp on presentation of a Seniors Card or \$35.00/pp for all others.

Morning tea is served in the Strangers Corridor at 10.00-11.30am when Parliament is not sitting. Bookings are required. Please phone 9651 8944 or 9651 8941.

2018 Sitting days can be viewed by going to the link: <http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au>

Updating of NSA Membership Information:

We will be conducting a membership card update at our April branch meeting. Members will need to present their NSA membership card at the registration desk. We will conduct this activity at our May meeting also to update our branch records.

Regards. Bob Goodyear, President

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2017/2018

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Bob Goodyear, Marlene Goodyear, Lorraine
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**Speakers Gifts & Door Prizes, Coffee Club
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Branch Auditor - Tom Cleary

Past Presidents:
Christina McDonald - 2003/04
Greg Fallon - 2004/07

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Next Branch Meeting

Tuesday 15 May 2018 - 10.00 am
(doors open at 9.30 for registration)

Speaker:
Don Jones (Magician & Comedian)

Topic:
“Magic of Laughter”



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!



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COFFEE CLUB



Wed 2 May - 10.00 am

Purdys Cafe

Purdys Furniture
25-31 Sherbourne Road
Briar Hill
Tel: 0401 439 276

Coordinator:

Gaylynn - Tel: 9458 2603

LUNCH CLUB



Thu 10 May - 12.00 noon

Coopers Bar & Restaurant

1191 Plenty Road
Bundoora
Tel: 9467 9899

RSVP: Mon 7 May

Val Beale

Tel: 9434 3084



DINNER CLUB

Friday 4 May - 7.00 pm

The Greensborough Hotel

75 Main Road
Greensborough
Tel: 9435 1911

RSVP: Mon 30 April

Carol Bampton

Tel: 0407 864 501



Walking Club



Walkers meet most Tuesdays at 9.30 am at the Henry Street end of Greensborough Memorial Park (*except on Branch meeting days when the group walk on Wednesday*).

On 1st Tuesday of the month:

Meet at Kalparrin (opp. Skateboard rink).

On 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.



Seeking Golfers (Good & Bad)

A group of Greensborough branch members play golf on Mondays commencing at 9.00 am at Strathallen Golf Club, 100 Main Drive, Bundoora.

Cost - 9 holes: \$17.00/pp for Seniors

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

For further info - please see Ian Schuck at branch meetings or phone Ian on 9434

UPCOMING BRANCH EVENTS



Branch Activities

Reminder to members:

\$20.00/pp deposit is required when placing your name on an activity list.

Friday 27 April - Goulburn River Cruise: Incl. 2-hour Cruise, Morning Tea, Hot & Cold Light Lunch (on boat), visit to Tahbilk Winery. Bus pickup from Greensborough Memorial Park. Cost: \$68.00/pp. Time: 9.00-5.00 pm (bus pickup from Greensborough Memorial Park).

Thursday 21 June - Port of Melbourne Tour (highly recommended): Incl. Morning Tea, 1 hour information talk, 1 hour drive tour, 2-course Lunch at Yarraville Club. Cost: \$35.00/pp. Time: 10.30-5.00 pm (bus pickup from Greensborough Memorial Park).

See Activities Desk or contact Peter Oaten Tel: 9434 6795 / Bob Goodyear Tel: 9435 2529.

TASMANIAN TOUR “SPLENDOURS OF JAPAN” LAND TOUR - 2019

We had a wonderful tour of *Tasmania in March* and I would like to thank everyone for always being on time and helping out when needed. It is this co-operation that goes a long way to making a tour so enjoyable.

Regarding “*Splendours of Japan*” tour in 2019 - I have written to members who have put their names down to do this tour and will update everyone at the April branch meeting.

Thanks. **Ian Schuck, Travel Committee**

JAPAN CRUISE - 2019

Princess Cruises “Circle Japan” 8-night Cruise. PLUS 5-day conducted Land Tour (tailored for our group) PRIOR to Cruise. Departure: 14 June 2019.

Land Tour destinations: Hiroshima, Tokyo day tour to Mt Fuji including Bullet train return to Tokyo and another day tour exploring Tokyo.

Cruise: 5 ports of call. Entertainment & activities on board cruise every day.

Meals included: All meals on board the ship. Breakfasts only for the 5-day land tour.

Price per person - **Inside** cabin \$2100/pp. **Ocean View** cabin \$2619/pp.

Plus 5-day land tour, including transfers, rail passes and Melbourne return flights on Cathay Pacific (Dep Mel: 11.40 pm / Arr Tokyo: 2.00 pm on day 1 of the tour) **approx. cost** of \$4,500/pp.

Total cost (approx.) Inside cabins \$6,600/pp. Ocean View \$7,119/pp.

Any excursions from the ship will be extra (costs are between \$25 and \$160/pp). Go to **www.princess.com** for list of shore excursions.

\$400.00/pp non-refundable deposit required on booking. Please Note: Bookings are still being taken subject to availability of cabins which are selling rapidly!!!

Note: For every 12 passengers the cost of one cabin will be deducted (less taxes) and this saving will be divided amongst the group and distributed on our return.

The above cruise date is not yet in the Princess Cruise brochures. If the tour goes ahead you will receive an itinerary for the cruise and the 5-day land tour.

If you are interested in this tour, please contact **Marg Wood** at margw46@gmail.com or on mob: 0412 687 844.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorraine Oaten

Balance as at 01/03/2018		16,884.05
Plus Income		
Goulburn River Cruise	1,319.00	
Heide Museum	220.00	
Merimbula Tour	100.00	
Advertising	140.00	
Japan Tour	5,000.00	
Membership	122.00	
Grapevine Credits	8.00	
RSL Commission	66.20	
Attendance	318.00	
Raffle	161.00	
Total:		7,454.20
Less Expenditure		
Gossip Printing	-24.00	
Advertising Greensborough RSL	-110.00	
Heide Museum Tour	-450.00	
Door & Raffle Prizes/Speakers Gift	-87.30	
Refund Tasmania Tour Overpayment	-160.00	
Farewell Gift Sonja Greensborough RSL	-14.95	
P Feeney Website Support	-100.00	
Membership	-122.00	
Total:		-1,068.25
Balance as at 31/03/2018		23,270.00



SONGS OF PRAISE - 2018

We look forward to seeing you all at the fabulous “**Songs of Praise**” programs throughout 2018. Please make sure you put these special dates in your diary:

16 September 2018 - “Springtime Songs of Praise”

2 December 2018 - “Christmas Songs of Praise”

These completely **FREE EVENTS** are open to everyone and include a **HUGE AFTERNOON TEA**. Please spread the word, bring your friends and enjoy these wonderful afternoons with us.

The programs start at 2pm (1:30pm for pre-show program).

Venue: Diamond Valley Baptist Church, 309 Diamond Creek Rd, Plenty (Melway D 11)

For further enquiries please contact the honorary organiser:

Dr Matthew Field - Mob: 0416 190 539 / Email: office@matthewfield.com.au

2018 / 2019 Entertainment Book

Selling for **only \$70.00** — 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 from February.
Books will be available in May.**

**Please contact:
John Brook on Tel: 9432 1695
or
Marlene Goodyear on Tel 9435 2529**

PS:

You may wish to take out a Digital Membership. This has many benefits as it can be loaded on your Mobile which alleviates carrying around a heavy book or remembering to take the voucher with you when you go out to a particular destination.

Also up to 4 family members can share the one membership.



Group photo at our last stop (a chocolate factory - yummy) before boarding the 'Spirit of Tasmania' for our homeward journey.

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.



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.)

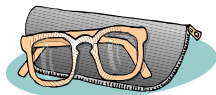
Coordinators for this activity are:
Ken Pickett — Book Exchange
Lois Williams — Knitting/Craft Patterns



WANTED OLD 'ELECTRIC BLANKETS' Any Size for my Wildlife Rescuer friends

They don't need to be in working order as I will strip out the wires before passing them on. I will collect, or you can bring them to the next branch meeting.

Thank you, **Carolyn Matthews - Mob: 0407 094 318**



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.

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—Tel: 9430 0100



Anyone for Tennis?

If you are interested in playing 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 approx. 9.30 am for a game. The only criteria is that correct tennis shoes must be worn.

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).**



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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- **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