

Greensborough Gossip

Greensborough Branch Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Dear Members,

Branch Activities Survey:

At the February meeting I spoke about re-researching the most popular choices of the one-day trips. Peter and I have been able to include a number of choices in the 2019 program.

As members are aware we visited the Noorilim Estate & Gardens on Wednesday 20 March which was well attended by members. The homestead was built in 1879 for William Irving Winter. These period mansions were a means of signalling wealth and influence in society. The building has been restored and rooms were filled with magnificent period furniture. The homestead is surrounded by 20 acres of landscaped gardens. *See photo on page 4.*

Unfortunately our next activity, the Gliders Museum and Myriad Glass, needed to be cancelled due to lack of numbers even though interestingly this activity had reasonable support in the survey!

Hopefully we will be back on track with our next activity - Eagle Arthur's Seat day tour - which will include a return Gondola trip and a visit to the McLelland Gallery and Sculpture Garden. (This gained good support in the survey.) *See details on page 4.*

At the March meeting we also began taking bookings for the most popular extended tour choice — 4-day Victoria's Silo Arts Trail. If early bookings are any guide then this tour is a goer! You can see more details on this on page 5 of the newsletter.

Barwon Homestead & Ostrich Farm day trip is also a possibility for later in the year.

Bus Rotation:

On the 4-day Victoria's Silo Arts Trail bus rotation will apply. Those not wishing to rotate seats will need to sit at the rear of the bus. Seat rotation is implemented so that all members can enjoy the views when travelling.

Japan Trip:

If you are missing some people at the April meeting they are most likely on the Japan land trip. We wish them well and return safely with many stories to relate.

Monthly Coffee Club:

Gaylynn Pinniger organises our coffee mornings each month. The club was established in 2005. Our April coffee morning was the 14 anniversary of the club. Gaylynn's efforts are to be commended. She constantly searches for new locations and checks them out prior to booking to make sure the venue is suitable for members.

Well done Gaylynn & **Thank you!**

Envelopes:

To make life easier for Lorraine & Peter on the Activities desk could members paying for trips please put their money in an envelope with the amount and their name on it.

This is particularly necessary for those members who pay on the day of the trip because they cannot get to a meeting or pay prior to the activity. Handing cash to Lorraine or Peter on the bus is not a good idea!



Regards. Bob Goodyear

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Coordinator** - Gaylynn Pinniger

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Past Presidents:

Christina McDonald - 2003/04

Greg Fallon - 2004/07

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Next Branch Meeting

Tuesday 21 May 2019 - 10.00 am

**Greensborough RSL Function Room
(doors open at 9.30 am for registration)**

**Speaker: Rod Nixon
(Retired Fire Brigade Officer)**

“Seniors Fire Safety”



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
Tel: 9401 6752 or
email: judy.harvey43@yahoo.com**

To those celebrating a birthday!



**Greensborough
Branch Contact Info**

Greensborough Branch Email Address:

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www.greensboroughnationalseniors.com.au

New Mailing Address:

**Box 37, Greensborough Post Office, 3088
(Note change of location from Macleod)**

COFFEE CLUB



Wed 1 May - 10.00 am

Larry Latte

Cnr Hopkins & Nell Streets
Greensborough
Tel: 0476 934 221

Coordinator:

Gaylynn - Tel: 9458 2603



Walking Club



Walkers meet **most Tuesdays** at 9.30 am at 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

LUNCH CLUB



Thu 9 May - 12.00 noon

Phoenix & Co

Shop 1/285 Diamond Creek Road
Plenty
Tel: 9432 2071

**RSVP: Mon 6 May
Heather Booth
0417 374 671**

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.



DINNER CLUB

Friday 3 May - 7.00 pm

Cafe Spice

Shop 4/118 Main Street
Greensborough
Tel: 9435 3631 (*BYO wine only, no corkage charge*)

**RSVP: Mon 29 April
Harry & Lynne
Tel: 9434 3329 (answer machine) or 0408 642 756**



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 3839.

UPCOMING BRANCH EVENTS



Branch Activities

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

Wednesday 29 May - Eagle Arthur's Seat: Incl. return Gondola Ride, McLelland Gallery & Sculpture Garden, Morning Tea, 2-course Lunch at Rosebud RSL. Cost: \$65.00/pp. Time 9.00am - 5.00pm. Bus pick up Greensborough Memorial Park, McDowell Street end.

Monday 26 - Thursday 29 August 2019 - Victoria's Silo Arts Trail: 4 days/3 nights
(Visit 6 silos) Cost: \$715.00/pp (S/S \$150) based on min of 35x. Max 46x on bus. Bus pick up Greensborough Memorial Park, McDowell Street end.

Accommodation is Best Westlander Motel, Horsham. Most rooms are on the ground floor with walk-in showers. 3 or 4 rooms will be available for singles.

All meals - (B,L,D) - are provided for the 4 days.

Day 1: Lunch in Ballarat, scenic route to Horsham, via Dunkeld, Halls Gap and the Grampians.

Day 2: Visit Boort and Simply Tomatoes & Aussie Wool Quilts, a further venue is being sought for this day - TBA, 'Spanner Man' (John Piccoli, sculptor of giant spanner sculptures).

Day 3: Visit Silos at Sheep Hills, Brim, Lascelles and Patchewallock.

Day 4: Visit the Stick Shed at Murtoa, Silos at Rupanyup and Roseberry, then head home via Stawell, Ararat, and Ballarat.

Bookings for above trips:

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

Our trip to Noorilim Estate, located near Murchison, in March was well attended by 41 members. We inspected this lovely old mansion which is still privately owned.

You'll need your magnifying glass to identify the faces.



JAPAN CRUISE (& LAND ADD-ON) - JUNE 2019

The 'Wendy Woo' 5-day Land Tour and 8-day Cruise has now been finalised and booked by 11 members and friends.

Please contact **Marg Wood** - Tel: 9438 4219 / Mob: 0412 687 844 Email margw46@gmail.com



TREASURER'S REPORT - Lorraine Oaten

Balance as at 01/03/2019	24,325.99
Plus Income:	
Film Lunch Balwyn Cinema	20.00
Noorilim Estate & Home- stead	688.00
Victoria Silo Tour	480.00
Something Different	40.00
Memberships	88.00
Attendance	373.00
Raffle	164.55
Total:	1,853.55
Less Expenditure:	
Door & Raffle Prizes	-98.00
Aust PO Box Rental	-166.25
RSL Multiscreen Advertis- ing	-110.00
Domain Services - NSA Name Subscription	-249.00
TK Computer Services - Norton Subscription	-35.00
PJ Feeney - Branch Website Subscription	-76.45
NSA Q'land Memberships	-88.00
Total:	-822.70
Balance as at 31/03/2019	25,356.84



AUTUMN 'SONGS OF PRAISE' SUNDAY 31 MARCH 2019



This completely **FREE EVENT** is open to everyone and includes a **HUGE AFTERNOON TEA**.

Featuring: **Violinist - Matthew Lim**
Baritone - Steve Touzel
Saxophonist - Alanah Briggs
And pre-show artist: **Pianist - Acacia Field**

Please spread the word, bring your friends and enjoy this wonderful afternoon with us on Sunday 31st March - 2.00pm (1:30pm for pre-show program).

Venue: Diamond Valley Baptist Church, 309 Diamond Creek Rd, Plenty (Melway D11).

Community singing is supported by the Songs Of Praise band led by **Reg Gore** and a children's choir.

This program will feature quality young performers, our faithful regulars, group hymn singing and a huge afternoon tea.

*For further enquiries please contact the honorary organiser:
Dr Matthew Field - Mob: 0416 190 539 / office@matthewfield.com.au*

'Songs Of Praise' is an initiative of the Diamond Valley Baptist 'Women In Focus' Group.

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.



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, Carolyn Matthews, will be happy to collect them at Branch meetings. Carolyn can be contacted on Mob: 0407 094 318.



Fancy a Game?

If you are interested in playing tennis in a very relaxed atmosphere on a **MONDAY morning between 9.30 am — 12 noon**, please see **Glenda Sundstrom at the branch meeting or ring on 0417 357 534** or just turn up (weather permitting) 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).**



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 of Function Room.)

Coordinator - Ken Pickett

Members, please bring along unwanted books.



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**

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



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**
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-) **Currie Wing** - 22 single rooms, 4 double rooms lo-
cated 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