

Greensborough Gossip

Greensborough Branch Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

At the July Branch meeting, we floated the idea of organising a **2-day (1 night) trip** to a reasonably close destination, possibly using our free V-Line tickets to get there.

Some suggestions have been Phillip Island, the Grampians, the Great Ocean Road. I have also contacted Robyn Vella from the Loddon Shire (a previous Branch speaker who promoted Wedderburn and its surrounds).

I intend to raise this activity again at the August meeting to gauge interest and hopefully receive more suggestions. We have a 'Suggestion Box' available at Branch meetings if members prefer to put their ideas down on paper.

The destination must not be too far and of course be cost-effective.

2013/2014 Committee Election:

A final reminder to members that Tuesday September 17 is our AGM and Committee elections will be held — (note: this is an evening meeting).

Nominations forms need to be with the Secretary by the end of the August Branch meeting. Any financial member of National Seniors Australia is eligible to be nominated.

If we receive more than 13 nominations then we will need to conduct an election at the September meeting. If we receive 13 or less, then all nominees will be elected.

January Branch Meeting:

We have previously discussed changing the January Branch meeting from our usual formal meeting at Greensborough RSL to a leisurely BBQ/Picnic lunch at Bundoora Park.

The idea is to have a relaxed informal start to the 2014 year. Our February meeting would be the usual one held at the RSL with a guest speaker, etc. We will discuss this at the August meeting to get members' thoughts.

William Angliss Lunch:

Our policy when an activity is over-subscribed is that preference will be given to NSA members in the first instance.

The above activity has been popular and is booked out so we have started a waiting list. If we receive extra places from other branches who do not fill their quota then we will apply the above principle to this activity.

Regards.

Bob Goodyear, President

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NON-COMMITTEE POSITIONS:

Speakers Gifts/Door Prizes Coordina- tor/Coffee Club Coordinator

Gaylynn Pinniger 9458 2603

Book Exchange Coordinator

Ken Pickett (with assistance from Yvonne
Schchaller)

Next Branch/AGM Meeting

Tuesday 17 September
6.40 pm start
(doors open at 5.45 pm for dinner)

Following the AGM
we will be entertained by the
'Y Singers'



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 email: judyh43@tpg.com.au)



To those celebrating
a birthday this month



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Some things I know about you.....



1. You are reading this.
2. You are human.
3. You can't say the letter "P" without separating your lips.
4. You just attempted to do it.
6. You are laughing at yourself.
7. You have a smile on your face and you skipped No. 5.
8. You just checked to see if there is a No. 5.

COFFEE CLUB



Wed 4 September - 10.00 am

La Salita

1 Scholar Drive
Bundoora

(located in the University Hill area, overlooking the Ring Road)

Tel: 9466 9456

Coordinator:

Gaylynn Pinniger - Tel: 9458 2603

DINNER CLUB



Fri 6 September - 7.00 pm

EOS Greek & Mediterranean Restaurant

(fully licensed/BYO Wine)
83 Grimshaw Street
Greensborough

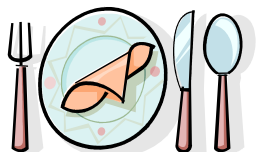
Tel: 9432 4111

Contact: Ken Pickett

Tel: 9435 0076

RSVP: Mon 2 September

LUNCH CLUB



Thu 12 September - 12.00 noon

Watsonia RSL

6 Morwell Ave
Watsonia

(Buy one meal get one free on selected menu for RSL members only)

Tel: 9435 4233

Contact: Anne Schuck

Tel: 9404 3839

RSVP: Mon 9 September

Walking Club



Walkers meet at 9.30 am

1st Tuesday of the month:

Kalparrin (opp. Skateboard rink).

2nd & 3rd Tuesday of the month:

Henry Street end of Greensborough Memorial Park.

Last Tuesday of the month:

Bottom Car Park, Lower Plenty Hotel, Main Road, Lower Plenty.

Exception to the above routine:

Branch meeting days - when the group walk on **Wednesdays** at Greensborough Memorial Park.

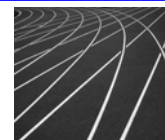


Confused??? ...

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

LUNCH CLUB & DINNER CLUB PATRONS

NB: Please book by the **RSVP date** with the **contact person/s** listed as numbers need to be confirmed with the various restaurants.

If you are unable to attend on the day, please phone the contact person/s listed, or the restaurant, (*leaving your name*) so that others will know not to wait for you before ordering.

UPCOMING BRANCH EVENTS

Branch & COBA Activities:



Reminder to members:

A deposit of \$20/pp is now required when placing your name on an activity list.

Wed 28 August: Mystery (Secret) Bus Tour
Incl morning tea, lunch and visits to two locations.
Dep Greensborough Memorial Park (McDowell Street entrance)
Time: 9.30am - 4.30 pm. Cost: \$45.00/pp

Sun 1-Fri 6 September: 6-day Merimbula// Sapphire Coast (COBA activity)
Dep Greensborough Memorial Park (McDowell Street entrance) at **7.30 am**
Cost: \$675/pp (+ \$175 for single supplement)
Incl all breakfasts & dinners.
\$200.00 deposit. Final payment by 31 July. Fully booked. Waiting List commenced.

Wed 2 October: Tesselaar's Tulip Festival
Incl morning tea, lunch at Olinda and visit to Tesselaar's Tulip Farm
Dep Greensborough Memorial Park (McDowell Street entrance)
Time: 8.30 am - 4.30 pm Cost: \$52.00/pp

Thu 5 December: William Angliss College Café, 555 LaTrobe Street (COBA activity)
3-course Lunch (own transport) (maximum of 150 persons) (Allocation for Greensborough 40x)
Time: 12.00 noon Cost: \$35.00/pp
(This activity is being opened up as bookings are limited)

For bookings see: Peter Oaten - Tel: 9434 6795 or Bob Goodyear - Tel: 9435 2529

PLEASE NOTE:

Listed below are future planned activities for 2013

Fri 22 November: Warrook Cattle Farm

Tue 10 December: Branch Christmas Dinner Dance

OPENING NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Heidelberg Theatre Company's production of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" Thursday 12 September 2013 \$25 per ticket

Proceeds to Heart & Lung Transplant Trust (Vic) Inc (Accommodation Program)

Enquiries/Bookings: Gaylynn Pinniger Tel: 9458 2603 or Email: gaylynn.pinniger@gmail.com by 22nd August

Pithy sayings...

A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance.

Ever notice how the people who tell you to calm down are the ones who got you mad in the first place.

He who dies with the most toys is nonetheless DEAD.

Ham and Eggs...A day's work for a chicken, a lifetime commitment for the pig.



Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child

Hi members: I am again working for Samaritan's Purse where we collect small gifts to fill shoeboxes that are sent to needy children overseas.

You can donate items of clothing, toiletries, toys, stationery, etc. keeping in mind that sweets, breakables, liquids (e.g. hand cream, sunscreen), playing/swap cards and anything like a gun cannot be sent. All items should be **new**. Some examples are exercise books, pens, pencils, sharpeners, rubbers, wrapped soap, face washers, toothbrushes, t-shirts, shorts, thongs, sunglasses, all sorts of toys, especially balls.

If you would like to fill a box this would be very welcome too — the box should be a standard shoe box size so that everyone is treated equally. We are also looking for empty shoe boxes.

Items and boxes can be brought along to Branch meetings until October, or if you cannot get to a meeting I can arrange collection from you up until 31 October. I can be contacted on Tel: 9467 3771.

National Seniors

Australia

All Branch members are welcome to attend the interesting and informative free one hour talks on **3rd Thursday of the month at Melbourne NSA office**, Block Court, Level 2, 290 Collins Street (take Lift 4 near Hunt Leather).

Come at 9.45am for morning tea (coffee/tea/scones)! The talks then commence at 11.00am.

PROGRAM:

15 August: Gemma White will be talking about the **Home at Last** service and about housing options for people on low incomes, including people who are thinking of downsizing.

19 September: Heather from Golden Days Radio will give us an insider's view of community radio. It should be very entertaining.

17 October: Cindy Nguyen, Regional Officer, Consumer Affairs Victoria will talk about knowing your rights under Australia's consumer law and also what to look out for if you are considering moving to a retirement village.

21 November: Anne Atkin, from Parkinson's Victoria will give an insightful and often humorous account of her own journey with Parkinson's and her Painting with Parkinson's group.

MELBOURNE INVESTMENT GROUP:

For those interested in personal finance, shares and superannuation, the **Melbourne Investment Group** welcomes members from all branches to their meetings which are held on **1st Thursday of the month at 10.00 am**. There is a talk, followed by questions & answers.



'SONGS OF PRAISE!'

A delightful, pleasant Sunday afternoon program called **SPRINGTIME 'SONGS OF PRAISE'** will be held on **SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER** from **2.00 pm to 4.45 pm** at the **Diamond Valley Baptist mud brick complex, 309 Diamond Creek Road, Plenty. (Melways 11 D7)**.

There is no charge and a delicious Afternoon Tea will be served following the program. A pre-program of music and DVDs starts at 1.30pm.

We will join to sing many favourite hymns and songs and our GUEST ITEMS will include:

Richard Thomas – Outstanding Music Theatre Performer

Richard recently concluded his role as 'The Phantom' in Windmill Theatre Company's 'Phantom of the Opera'. Over the last 15 years, he has performed in nine major theatre productions and at numerous corporate, charitable and municipal events. Richard is a popular wedding singer and a regular artist for St Paul's Cathedral and the Melbourne Singers. Last year he performed for Princess Charlene of Monaco at the opening of the 'Grace Kelly: Style Icon Exhibition'. He has recorded three superb albums.

The Gifted 'Lau Trio' - Kylie, David and Rachel Lau

Kylie (Piano), David (Violin/Viola), and Rachel (Flute) are siblings who have grown up playing together. All classically trained musicians, they each teach music from their home in Melbourne. It has been their great joy and privilege to share their music in a variety of events in Australia and overseas, but they mostly enjoy sharing the great songs of their faith in worship of God.

Alana Moss - Saxophonist

Alana has performed at many events at Montmorency Secondary College including fundraising and music nights and she has won several awards. She has been playing the saxophone for six and a half years and recently won 'The Lightning Ridge Talent Quest' prize of \$1,000. Alana is a valued member of our SOP Music Ensemble.

Regulars:

Dale Philip – Our own popular SOP Baritone & Song Leader, **Matthew Field** – Song Leader & Accompanist, **Ron Ellis** – SOP Compere & Soloist.

Enquiries to the organiser, Ron Ellis on 9459 5698 or by email: ron@ronellis.org



TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorraine Oaten

Balance as at 01/07/2013	25,870.15
Plus Income	
Attendance	312.00
Advertising	70.00
Raffle	136.00
Merimbula 6 Day Tour	18,723.00
William Angliss Xmas Lunch	127.00
Mystery Tour	1,275.00
Flinders Ranges	500.00
H.M.A.S Cerberus	2.00
Puffing Billy	1,321.00
Total:	22,466.00
Less Expenditure	
Midland Tours HMAS Cerberus	1,680.00
Midland Tours Puffing Billy	2,640.00
Puffing Billy Refunds	95.00
Merimbula Refunds	440.00
Speaker Gift/Door Prizes	34.30
Gossip Printing	71.40
RSL Multiscreen Advertising	100.00
Total:	-5,060.70
Balance as at 31/07/2013	43,275.45



Ken Pickett emailed this photo with the comment "I am sending you this photo of the Walking Group taken at the RSL after walking on 23 July as it was a record number, 29 for coffee — although 2 or 3 did not actually walk they called in anyway."

Editor's Note:

I count 30 — possibly 31 heads? I must say they all look very refreshed - just how far did they walk???

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.



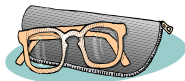
Are you interested in knitting children's garments or maybe toys?

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

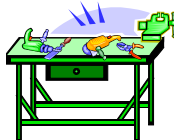


We operate a **Free Book Exchange** on Branch Meeting days. We ask only that you return the books to the Branch when you have finished reading them so that other members may have the opportunity to borrow the books.

(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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