

Greensborough Gossip

Greensborough Branch Newsletter

Branch No. 100133 Incorporation No. A0044936A

AUGUST 2014

Editor - Marlene Goodyear



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

Committee Elections:

The September evening meeting on Tuesday 16 September is the Branch AGM. The current members of the Management Committee will stand down and another committee will need to be elected. Members are asked to consider if they wish to nominate for any positions. Present members of the committee are also eligible to renominate.

This year we have had thirteen members on the committee. Should we receive more nominations than the branch requires an election will be held. Members must be paid up members of NSA to vote.

Nomination forms are available at the August Branch meeting and can be filled in either at the meeting or returned to the Secretary, C/o 6 Alex Court, Greensborough, 3088 by 1st September.

Mobile Phones:

Reminder to all members: mobile phones should be turned off during branch meetings.

Seniors Concert:

Reminder to members that they can book a table of 10x for the concert to be held at the Melbourne Town Hall on 7 October 4.30 – 6.30 pm. Individual bookings can also be made.

Activities:

In the August newsletter, we have listed the remaining activities for the year so that our members can plan the rest of the year.

The following activities are now open for bookings:

- Ten Pin Bowling, Keon Park AMP
- Latrobe Cottage & Government House

- Xmas Lunch at the Sky High Restaurant, Mt Dandenong (COBA)
- Xmas Branch Dinner Dance, G'borough RSL

See under Branch/COBA activities on page 4 for details.

Branch Membership:

At the July Management Committee we conducted a robust discussion on the issue of the ever increasing membership of the Greensborough Branch of National Seniors Australia.

We will continue to monitor our meeting attendances and should our numbers become unworkable we may need to cap our membership and place visitors and new NSA members on a waiting list.

Flinders Ranges – An Early Start!

I wish to inform members who are travelling to Flinders Ranges that they must be at **Greensborough Memorial Park** by **6.00 am** for a 6.30 am departure. It is going to be a long day.....

Regards.

Bob Goodyear, President

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

	Page
President's Report	1
Management Committee (2013/2014)	2
Next Branch Meeting details	
Get Well Message	
Birthday Greetings	
Branch Email / Website / Mailing Address	
Coffee / Lunch / Dinner / Walking Clubs	3
Branch / COBA Activities	4
Samaritan's Purse	
November Dinner Club	
Treasurer's Report / NSA Lecture Program	5
Xmas Hampers	6
Spring "Songs of Praise"	
Notice Board	7
Advertisers	8



Management Committee
2013/2014

**President/Activities Officer/Zone 121
Chairperson**

Bob Goodyear 9435 2529

Vice President/Activities Officer

Peter Oaten 9434 6795

Treasurer/Social Committee

Lorraine Oaten 9434 6795

Secretary / Newsletter Editor

Marlene Goodyear 9435 2529

Email: r.m.goodyear@bigpond.com

Publicity Officer/Branch Meeting Manager

David Hewett 9459 0653

Email: dfhewett01@bigpond.com

Communications Officer/Asst Fundraising

Peter Maw 9401 6717

Membership Officer/Zone 121 Dep Delegate

Ken Pickett 9435 0076

Fundraising Officer

John Brook 9432 1695

Asst. Membership Officer/Social Committee

Marg Wood 9438 4219

Speakers Sub-Committee

Jim Kindness 9469 4469

Bob & Marlene Goodyear, Gaylynn Pinniger

Welfare Officer

Judy Harvey 9401 6752

Door Attendants/Registration

Lynne Maw 9401 6717

Barbara Crosling 9435 5020

Social Committee:

Marg Wood - **Chairperson** 9438 4219

Bob Goodyear

Marlene Goodyear

Lorraine Oaten

Frank Beale

Ian Schuck

Branch Minute Taker - Lorraine Callow
**Speakers Gifts & Door Prizes, Coffee Club
Coordinator** - Gaylynn Pinniger
Book Exchange Coordinator - Ken Pickett
Craft Books Coordinator - Lois Williams

Next Branch Meeting
AGM

Tuesday 16 September
6.40 pm start
(doors open at 6.00 pm for dinner)

Performance 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



**Greensborough Branch
Email, Website, Mail**

Greensborough Branch Email Address:
greensboroughnationalseniors@gmail.com

Greensborough Branch Website:
www.greensboroughnationalseniors.com.au

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

COFFEE CLUB



Wed 3 September - 10.00 am

Eaglemont Dish

72 Silverdale Road
Eaglemont
(Near Eaglemont Station)
Tel: 9499 2566

Coordinator:
Gaylynn Pinniger - Tel: 9458 2603

DINNER CLUB



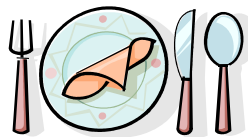
Friday 5 September - 7.00 pm

Godfather's Pizza

Cnr Mountain View & Sherbourne Rd
Briar Hill
Tel: 9434 4222
(BYO Wine only)

Contact: John & Elaine Brook
Tel: 9432 1695
RSVP: Mon 1 September

LUNCH CLUB



Thu 11 September - 12.00 noon

Vibrante Restaurant

133 James Street
Templestowe
Tel: 94846 6222

Contact: Cherie Holmes
Tel: 9434 1494
RSVP: Mon 8 September

Walking Club



Walkers meet weekly at **9.30 am** on the following days & at various venues

Most Tuesdays (except on a **Branch Meeting day** when the group walk on the **Wednesday**):

Meet at the Henry Street end of Greensborough Memorial Park.

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



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.

Wednesday 27 August — Ten Pin Bowling

AMF, Keon Parade, Keon Park.

Two games. Time: 10.00 am — 12.00 noon.

Cost: \$18.00/pp, includes shoe hire.

Friday 12 September — Film Luncheon at Balwyn Palace Theatre:

"The Hundred Foot Journey" - a story centered on an Indian family who move to France and open a restaurant across the street from a Michelin Star French restaurant run by Madame Mallory starring Helen Mirren, Robert Chard.

Cost: \$15.00/pp. Meet in foyer at 10.45 am.

Tuesday 7 October — 'The Swing Spectacular' Melbourne Town Hall: (COBA)

Twilight Dance - 4.30 — 6.30 pm

Featuring: Groovin Easy Orchestra, Whitehorse LAC Line Dancers, Ignite Bollywood Dancers.

Cost: \$15.00/pp. Own transport.

Thu 9 - Wed 15 October: Flinders Ranges, SA 7-day luxury coach tour (COBA)

Prices: \$1549.00/pp (30x), \$1499.00 (35x), \$1449.00 (40x). Single supplement \$498.00/pp. min Nos. 30 / max nos. 90).

Monday 24 November — Tours of Latrobe Cottage & Government House

Cost: \$13.00/pp. Time: 10.00 am - 12.00 noon.

Own transport. Meeting venue TBA.

Thursday 4 December — Xmas Lunch at Sky High Restaurant, Mount Dandenong (COBA)

Incl 2-course Xmas lunch, with entertainment.

Cost: By bus \$50.00/pp. By own car \$28.00/pp.

Tuesday 9 December — Branch Christmas Dinner Dance at Greensborough RSL. Our theme will be "A White Christmas".

Incl 3-course Xmas dinner, with Entertainer.

Cost: \$35.00/pp. Time: 6.30 pm - 10.00 pm

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



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 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.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Dianne Klein, Branch Member

DINNER CLUB



Saturday 1 November - 6.30 pm

The Meadows

Greyhound Racing Association

80 Northcorp Blvd

Broadmeadows (Mel Ref: Map 7 E9)

Cost: \$45.00/pp

Package incl: 3-course Buffet Dinner starting from 6.30 pm. Free admission, parking, Meadows Racing Guide. Gates open at 6.00 pm. 1st Race at 7.10 pm.

Confirmation & full payment needs to be made one week prior to the night, so could you please make your payment to Bev Sharp at the October Branch meeting.

Contact: Bev or John Sharp

Tel: 9465 4128 Mob: 0431 255 512



TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorraine Oaten

Balance as at 01/07/2014		90,861.64
Plus Income		
Xmas In July- Warrook Farm	1,735.00	
Morning Melodies	50.00	
Flinders Ranges Tour	24,626.00	
Ten Pin Bowling	18.00	
Film Lunch	255.00	
Seniors Week-Swing Spectacular	180.00	
NSA Grapevine Credits	18.00	
Membership	40.00	
Attendance	321.00	
Raffle	158.00	
Total:		27,401.00
Less Expenditure		
Midland Tours - Cranbourne Gardens	870.00	
Refund Warrook Cattle Farm	55.00	
Midland Tours - Warrook Cattle Farm	1,800.00	
Donation - Riding for Disable	100.00	
DoorPrizes/Speakers Gifts	96.45	
Palace Theatre - Film Lunch	525.00	
Speaker Lunch	20.00	
Membership	40.00	
Advertising Pamphlets	20.00	
Gossip Printing	72.80	
Total:		-3,599.25
Balance as at 31/07/2014		114,663.39

National Seniors

Australia

All 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).

Morning Tea will be served from 10.30 - 11.00 am to give members the opportunity to mingle. The talks then commence at 11.00am.

PROGRAM:

21 August: Luke Martin, Metro Trains Community Education Officer — "Public Transport Safety and some Myki issues".

18th September: Chris Grice, General Manager NSA Insurance & Commercial Services — "Travel Insurance and other Insurance Issues for Seniors".

16th October: Arnold Bates, Chairman, Victorian Policy Advisory Group — "The Victorian Election - Issues for NSA members".

20th November: Song, Tai Chi Australia — "Tai Chi for Seniors".

Please Tel: 9650 6144 for more information, or to make a booking for any of the above talks.



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Folks: *It's that time of the year again where we ask for contributions for our raffle of Christmas Hampers*

Here are some suggestions we hope you will find helpful.

September - let's "spring" into action with some sweet and savoury cans.

October - hamper goodies – jams, preserves, sauces, tea/coffee, wine, etc.

November - nice touches of Christmas, e.g. shortbread, chocolates, lollies, nuts, fruitcake/puddings, biscuits, bon-bons, serviettes, decorations, anything to make Christmas special.

Goods can be brought to Branch meetings – there will be a box near the Registration Desk, or you can drop items off at the Goodyear's – Tel: 9435 2529.

(A Committee member can also collect items from your home if it's difficult for you to carry items to meetings.)

NB: *Please be aware of expiry dates on goods.*

Thanking you in anticipation.

Greensborough Branch Committee



'SONGS OF PRAISE'!

A delightful, pleasant Sunday afternoon program called **SPRINGTIME 'SONGS OF PRAISE'** will be held on **SUNDAY 14th 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:

Leith Ewert – outstanding Theatre Organist

Leith has been performing at concerts for many years, mainly on the instrument of his choice, 'The Mighty Theatre Organ'. He is the president of the Northern Suburbs Organ Club, and is also the sales manager at Prestige Pianos & Organs in Preston, Melbourne, specializing in Allen Organs and Yamaha Clavinova digital pianos. His performance will be a little nostalgic and certainly not something you experience everyday. You will love his music!

Cameron Semmens – Award winning Christian Poet & Performer

Cameron has 13 books and 4 CDs of his poetry published to date. He makes his living through words: running workshops, writing books and performing live. Cameron is an associated artist with World Vision. He lives in the Dandenong Ranges with his wife Sonya and two young children.

Regulars:

Dale Philip – Our own popular SOP Baritone & Song Leader

Matthew Field – Song Leader

Ron Ellis – Compere & Soloist

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

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.



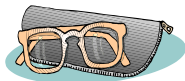
Are you interested in knitting children's garments or maybe toys?

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

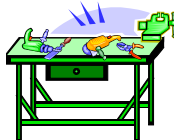


We operate a **Free Book Exchange** on Branch Meeting days. We ask only that you return the books to the Branch when you have finished reading them so that other members may have the opportunity to borrow the books.

(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**.

ADVERTISERS



Beautiful Palm Cove, Qld Beach Front Resort

Fantastic Large 2-Bedroom, Fully Furnished
Ground Floor Apartment available for rent

Located in quiet area at rear of resort
Fenced Patio next to beautiful Lagoon Pool
All you could want within easy walking distance

For more information:

Tel: Peter Ampt on (03) 9431 0914
or visit - www.palmcoveaccom.com.au

NOTE:

10% discount off web price if you mention this ad



Garage Doors & Electric Openers

***REPAIRS *SERVICE *SALES**

Remote control your existing or new Garage Door
Roll-A-Door Tilt-A-Dor Panelift

Over 30 years experience in the industry

Contact: Tony Ross
Mob: 0438 342 122 / After Hrs: 9434 2122



Electrical Services

Ben Wescott

Safe & Reliable Electrician
Domestic & Commercial

Power, Lighting, TV/Tel/Computer Points, Smoke
Alarms, Energy Audits, Safety Checks & Switches,
New Homes, Renovations, Airconditioning,
Heating, Test & Tag

Contact: Mob 0433 314 610 REC No. 22743

**NOTE: Ben is currently offering a 20%
discount off Switchboard upgrades**



W & J Painters & Decorators

Providing painting & maintenance
services for over 35 years
Painting interior/exterior
Handyman services

Call for free quote: Wayne Keenan
0411 883 569



**LATIN INSPIRED WORKOUT
FOR ALL ABILITIES!**

Sessions now at:

MONTMORENCY Petrie Park Hall
on Monday - 10.30 am

HURSTBRIDGE Scout Hall Anzac Ave
on Wednesday - 10.00 am

ONLY \$12.00 PER CLASS

Contact: Zoe - Mob: 0450 478 642 or
Email: zoecordwell@hotmail.com

"Zumba Gold" is a fun and easy to
follow lower-intensity version of the
Latin dance inspired fitness class
aimed at older, less mobile adults.

1st class is free for NSA members