

Greensborough Gossip

Greensborough Branch Newsletter

Branch No. 100133 Incorporation No. A0044936A

AUGUST 2015

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

Annual General Meeting:

As mentioned in the July newsletter we will be holding our AGM in September. All financial members of NSA Greensborough are eligible to apply for a position on the management committee. The present committee step down, but are eligible to renominate.

Nomination forms for the committee need to be returned to the Secretary by or at the August branch meeting.

If there are more nominations than the 13 positions available then an election will be held. All financial members of the branch are eligible to vote. If there are less nominations than positions then the nominated members will be duly elected. Currently we have 14 nominations and we are able to increase the number of committee positions. Any unfilled position on the committee can be filled on a casual basis.

If there is only one nomination for each of the Executive positions (President, Vice president, Treasurer, Secretary) then those members are automatically elected.

Travel Committee:

The next meeting of the Travel Committee will be decided at the August Branch meeting.

Hawaii Trip:

I wish to inform members that the branch will be conducting a trip to Hawaii in 2017. The Travel Committee will commence planning this trip and further details will be advised.

Blue Mountains Trip:

There will be a free bus pickup to & from Tullamarine Airport. See details below.....

URGENT INFORMATION

Bus pickup times/locations:

Bus 1: Mountain View Hotel — 5.30 am
Art Gallery — 6.30 am

Bus 2: G'borough Memorial Park — 6.30 am

Members not travelling by bus need to be at **Virgin check-in area by 7.15 am** to get boarding passes. I will have E tickets for all members. Baggage allowance: 1 checked bag 23 kg and 1 carry-on bag 7 kg.

The 6 members travelling to Sydney earlier will meet us at the Airport Baggage Claim area. From there we will all board the bus to commence our tour to the Blue Mountains.

Please Note:



Members who received a newsletter at our July meeting - there was an error in the phone no. for **ACL Plumbing**
The correct no. is 0418 585 116

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Management Committee
2014/2015

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

Bob Goodyear 9435 2529

Vice President/Activities Officer

Peter Oaten 9434 6795

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Lorraine Oaten 9434 6795

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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 15 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 by email: judyh43@tpg.com.au)



To those celebrating a birthday this month



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

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greensboroughnationalseniors@gmail.com

Greensborough Branch Website:
www.greensboroughnationalseniors.com.au

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

Zone Website:
www.vicbranches.org.au

COFFEE CLUB



Wed 2 September - 10.00 am

Taffy's on Looker Cafe

15 Looker Road
Montmorency
Tel: 9439 5196

Coordinator:

Gaylynn Pinniger - Tel: 9458 2603

DINNER CLUB



Fri 4 September - 7.00 pm

The Groove Train (next to K-Mart)

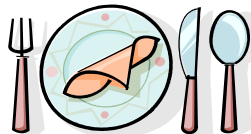
Summerhill Shopping Centre
850 Plenty Road Road
Reservoir
Tel: 9471 1601

Contact: Cherie Holmes

Tel: 9434 1494

RSVP: Mon 31 August

LUNCH CLUB



Thu 10 September - 12.00 noon

Old England Hotel

459 Lower Heidelberg Road
Heidelberg
Tel: 9459 1166

Contact: Margaret Thomas

Tel: 9457 7224

RSVP: Mon 7 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

I'd consider hormone replacement therapy, but I've got a bunch of other things that need to be replaced first.



UPCOMING BRANCH EVENTS



Branch & COBA Activities

Reminder to members:

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

Tuesday 8 to Saturday 12 September: Blue Mountains, NSW Tour (COBA)

Incl Return Economy flights from Melbourne to Sydney. Coach pick up at Sydney Airport, accommodation, all breakfasts & dinners, some lunches. All entry fees and guides. Cost: \$1499.00/pp (Twin Share). Single supplement: extra \$280.00.

Thursday 22 October: Mystery Tour

Incl bus and scenic train, morning tea, sausage sizzle lunch. Time: 8.00 am—5.00 pm. Cost: \$54.00/pp (based on 40-48 passengers).

Monday 30 November: Xmas Lunch at William Angliss Catering School, 555 Latrobe Street (COBA)

Incl 3-course Xmas Lunch. Own transport. Time: 12.00 noon-3.00 pm. Cost: \$36.00/pp.

Tuesday 8 December: Branch Xmas Dinner Dance

Incl 3-course Dinner. Entertainment. Theme this year will be "International". Costume dressing is optional. Venue doors open at 6.00 pm for a 6.30 start. Cost: \$35.00/pp

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

Seeking Golfers (Good & Bad)



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

Cost for 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 him on 9434 3839



Members at a 'Xmas in July' Lunch at the Olympic Hotel in Preston where the guest entertainer was Denise Drysdale (pictured). Denise was great fun and we enjoyed her show.

Gallagher opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died. He quickly phoned his best friend, Paddy. "Did you see the paper?" asked Gallaher. "They say I died!" "Yes, I saw it." replied Paddy. "Where are ye callin' from?"



TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorraine Oaten

Balance as at 01/07/2015		50,627.60
Plus Income		
Ripponlea	1,102.00	
King Island	2,588.00	
Blue Mountains Tour	27,827.00	
Xmas In July/Denise Drysdale	380.00	
Norfolk Island	900.00	
William Angliss	275.00	
Attendance	335.90	
Membership	155.00	
Entertainment Books Commission	195.00	
Raffle	153.00	
Total:		33,910.90
Less Expenditure		
Trade Travel/Blue Mountains	-56,432.97	
Dyson Bus/Ripponlea Tour	-2,448.00	
Deposit Norfolk Island	-9,600.00	
Donation/Red Cross	-100.00	
Bank Charges	-1.40	
Total:		-68,582.37
Balance as at 31/07/2015		15,956.13

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.

KING ISLAND – NOVEMBER 2015 NORFOLK ISLAND – APRIL 2016



King Island Tours:

We have booked 2 separate tours dates - **18 to 21 and 22 to 25 November 2015**. Not everyone will be staying at the same place but all are within walking distance of each other in the village. We will be picked up and returned each day to our own accommodation.

We will be flying Rex Airlines from Tullamarine in a Saab 33 seater. If you have any questions please contact marg.wood@myshercon.com or phone 94384219.

Deposits have been paid. **Final payment (TBA) is due by 7 October 2015.**

Norfolk Island Tour:

10 to 18 April 2016. Cost: \$2895/pp. incl airfares. Single supp: \$675/pp.

Deposits have been paid. **Balance due early 2016 (date TBA).**



Samaritan's Purse — Operation Christmas Child

Hi members: I am again working for Samaritan's Purse where we collect small gifts to fill shoe-boxes 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



'SONGS OF PRAISE'!

A delightful, pleasant Sunday afternoon program called **SPRINGTIME 'SONGS OF PRAISE'** will be held on **SUNDAY 13th 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:

- * **COURIERS – Male Quartet** - Singing in classic 4 part gospel style, this well – loved quartet comprises Geoff Beard, Bert Guy, Jono Beard and David Oliver with accompaniment from Ruth and Peter Moresi (Piano and guitar). Their stunning harmonies and inspirational lyrics of gospel songs include old favourites and new.
- * **FREEO TO YORKE TRIO** - Andrew Freemantle (Soprano Saxophone) Elizabeth Freemantle (Violin) and Ashton Wynn-Yorke (Pianist, Singer & Songwriter). Freeo to Yorke is a combination of their surnames. They met at Beaconsfield Baptist Church as members of the Worship Team. Through shared faith and the love of music, the group was formed.
- * **LEVI McGRATH** - Singer, Guitarist, Songwriter – An award winning songwriter, Levi's music features on national radio networks, syndicated television programs and has appeared on numerous compilation albums. Levi has released two studio albums and his third independent release titled 'HOPE' is out now. In February this year, Levi joined American Rock Bands 'Third Day' and 'NEED TO BREATHE' on their Australian Tour.
- * **THE FIELD FAMILY SINGERS** – Accompanied by Matthew Field on piano, Tahlia, Acacia, Melody & Charity sing 2 special songs for us.
- * **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.



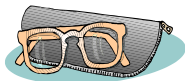
Are you interested in knitting children's garments or maybe toys?

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

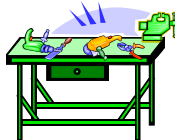


We operate a **Free Book Exchange** on Branch Meeting days. We ask only that you return the books to the Branch when you have finished reading them so that other members may have the opportunity to borrow the books.

(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**.

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

Our Estate at 339 St Helena Road, St Helena has an 81 bed Residential Aged Care Facility, including 1 Respite Room.

Our facility "**Liscombe House**" comprises three 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