

Greensborough Gossip

Greensborough Branch Newsletter

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AUGUST 2017

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

Annual General Meeting:

A reminder to members that the 2017 AGM will be held on **Tuesday 19 September** (an evening meeting). As the present Management Committee stands down at the AGM, I hope present members will consider nominating for the 2017/2018 year.

Branch Meeting Entry Fee:

It has recently come to my attention that some members have queried why we charge to attend monthly meetings. It is a fair question and it reminds the committee that we should, from time to time, inform members of our practices.

The entry fee of \$3.00/pp, which is one of the lowest in the State, covers printing costs of the newsletter, information on tours, etc, purchase of door/raffle prizes, speaker's gifts (in some instances speakers request money for travel), office incidentals, e.g. paper, stamps, envelopes.

There was also a query at the last branch meeting asking why we need to cancel an activity when we have a very large bank balance and why we don't subsidise activities to make them cheaper for members.

The situation is that the monies we have in our branch's bank account are payments for the activities we are running, e.g. the Murray Magic tour is costing members \$650/pp (working out to approx \$37,050). Also we are holding deposits for the Tasmanian trip, and other day excursions, as well as allocations for the two charities we support. The committee would like to support our activities by subsidies but we do not have the money to do this.

Changes to Branch Meetings in 2018:

The Management Committee has decided to make some changes to the timings of branch meetings in 2018.

- * Change the evening meetings of March and September to day meetings (depending on availability at the RSL). There is little change to members' attendance at branch meetings in these months and many members have said they do not wish to come to night meetings and travel home in the dark.
- * Change the AGM from an evening meeting in September to a day meeting in October as many Executive & Committee members are often away in September on the branch's extended COBA trips and cannot attend the AGM.

If members are not able to attend day meetings they can advise our Secretary who will ensure a newsletter is sent to them. Also members can access the newsletter via the branch website.

Again I emphasize these changes will not be implemented until 2018 and will depend on the RSL being able to accommodate the changes.

**Regards,
Bob Goodyear**

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2016/2017

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Bob & Marlene Goodyear, Gaylynn Pinniger

Welfare Officer

Judy Harvey 9401 6752

Door Attendants/Registration

Barbara Crosling 9435 5020

Anne Schuck 9434 3839

Travel Committee:

Marg Wood - **Coordinator**

Bob Goodyear, Marlene Goodyear, Lorraine Oaten, Ian Schuck

Speakers Gifts & Door Prizes, Coffee Club

Coordinator - Gaylynn Pinniger

Book Exchange Coordinator - Ken Pickett

Craft Books Coordinator - Lois Williams

Branch Auditor - Tom Cleary

Past Presidents:

Christina McDonald - 2003/04

Greg Fallon - 2004/07

Next Branch Meeting
AGM

Tuesday 19 September 2017

6.40 pm start

(doors open at 6.00 pm for dinner)

Performance by

“ Darebin Youth Brass Band”



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

Greensborough Branch Email Address:
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 6 September - 10.00 am

That's Amore Cheese

66 Latitude Blvd
Thomastown
Tel: 9463 4200

Coordinator:

Gaylynn - Tel: 9458 2603



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

LUNCH CLUB



Thu 14 September - 12.00 noon

Hunter Lane Cafe

76 Turnham Ave
Rosanna
Tel: 8529 8142

RSVP: Mon 11 September

Lyn Karlhuber

Tel: 0428 131 938

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 1 September - 7.00 pm

Godfather's Pizza Restaurant

106 Mountain View Road
Briar Hill
Tel: 9434 422

RSVP: Mon 28 August

Sandra & Garry Punch

Tel: 9434 5959 /

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 information - please see Ian Schuck at branch meetings or phone Ian on 9434 3839.

UPCOMING BRANCH EVENTS



Branch & COBA Activities

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

Wednesday 16 August - 'Spirit of Tasmania' ship tour:

Bus pick up from Greensborough Memorial Park at 9.00 am returning 4.00 pm. Includes 2-course lunch in Williamstown.

Thursday 24 August - Johnson Collection: Travel by train (own transport) to Jolimont Station & walk to 'Pullman on the Park' hotel (opp station). You will then be transferred by bus to where the Johnson Collection is housed. Coffee/Tea on arrival. **Time: Arrive at Pullman Hotel 15 mins prior to tour. Tour 1 at 10.00 am & Tour 2 at 12.00 noon.** Cost: \$21.00/pp. **Note: Members must nominate which tour they wish to go on.**

Wednesday 25 October - Beleura House & Gardens: Incl coach from Memorial Park. Time: 9.00-5.00pm. Morning Tea & Lunch at Beleura House. Tour of House & Gardens. (Mini bus travel to Beleura House & Gardens from pickup point.) Cost: \$65.00 (35x).

Peter Oaten Tel: 9434 6795 / Bob Goodyear Tel: 9435 2529.

September 2017 - 'Murray Magic Tour' (COBA)

V-Line has informed us of timetable changes for travel to Kerang as follows: The latest information we have is departure from Southern Cross Station at **10.22 am on Sunday 3 September & Sunday 17 September** (some members however have been advised different times)! On arrival in Bendigo we then transfer to a V-Line coach (54 seater) for transport to Kerang where we will be collected by the Barham Motel bus and taken to Barham.

Remember: members must be at Southern Cross Station 1 hour prior to departure to check in their luggage.

For members on Tour 1:

Peter Oaten, will be taking this tour. Should you need to contact him at any stage, his Mob No. is 0400 317 279.

For members on Tour 2:

Bob Goodyear will be taking this tour. Should you need to contact him at any stage, his Mob No. is 0418 974 095.

FUTURE BRANCH TRIPS

TASMANIA 12 DAY TOUR 19-30 MARCH 2018

We have 40x booked for this tour and have started a waiting list if you are interested in this trip.

Cost is \$2870pp (single supplement \$630).

The booking form should be completed asap and payment of the \$500 deposit is required by the September Branch meeting (September 19). Final payment is required by the January Branch meeting (16 January 2018).

For those who wish to go on the Tasmanian Tour but do not want to go by ship, Spirit Travel can arrange a flying option (see Ian).

Ian Schuck, Travel Committee

2019

We have 4 destinations to investigate:

- (1) Japan
- (2) New Zealand
- (3) Canada and Alaska
- (4) European cruise

Once we have an indication of costs the 4 options will be presented to you and we will move forward with the trip that is most popular.

Marg Wood, Travel Committee



TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorraine Oaten

Balance as at 01/07/2017	42,195.81
Plus Income	
Beleura House & Gardens	330.00
Johnson Collection	105.00
Magic Murray Tour Sept 3 - 9	1,650.00
Magic Murray Tour Sept 17 - 23	5,200.00
Tasmania Tour 2018	6,420.00
City Sights Tour	146.00
Spirit Of Tasmania Tour 2017	917.00
Entertainment Books	70.00
Membership	50.00
Attendance	303.00
Raffle	146.00
Total:	15,337.00
Less Expenditure	
Refunds City Sights Tour	-332.00
Refunds Magic Murray Tour	-250.00
Refund Mystery Tour	-44.00
Door/Raffle Prizes	-43.40
NSA Q'land Membership	-50.00
Gossip Printing	-81.69
Printer Toner & Stamps	-30.00
Total:	-831.09
Balance as at 31/07/2017	56,701.72

Samaritan's Purse — Operation Christmas Child

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

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

If you would like to fill a box this would be very welcome too — the box should be a standard shoe box size. *We are also looking for empty shoe boxes.*

You can bring along items/boxes to Branch meetings until October. 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.

Thankyou in anticipation. Dianne Klein, Member

National Seniors

Australia

Managing Communication Preferences

NSA have asked if we could remind branch members of the communications available to them, and that they are able to choose which information they would like to receive.

Member communications explained:

- * **Connect e-newsletter** – weekly email newsletter sent every Thursday containing latest news and information for over 50s.
- * **Benefits bulletin** – monthly benefits email update sent the second Monday of each month containing benefits, competitions and news for members.
- * **50 something magazine** – quarterly lifestyle magazine. Choose to receive a copy in the mail or to access it digitally on the website or via the app.
- * **Travel e-newsletter** – monthly travel email newsletter containing the latest deals and travel inspiration for mature travelers.
- * **Special promotions** – receive details on National Seniors related promotions or events.
- * **Policy and research projects** – receive information about research or policy outcomes or participate in member surveys.
- * **Partner promotions** – receive information for members on behalf of our partners, such as Cellarmasters or Australian NaturalCare.
- * **Charity information** – receive information on donations.

Members can update their preferences and opt in or out of any of the above communications. Log in and visit the [My Account](#) area to access all preferences in one spot.

Otherwise, email membershipmail@nationalseniors.com.au or call 1300 76 50 50 and the team can update preferences for the member. If a member is having difficulty logging on to the website please contact NSA.

Keeping membership details up to date

Branch members are also reminded to keep their membership details up to date to ensure they continue receiving information and can make the most of their membership. This too can be done online or by contacting the membership team (as above).

Having your say

There is a new online form where members can submit issues of concern to the policy team. It is located at: www.nationalseniors.com.au/be-heard/our-policy-processes

Branch incentive payments

The branch incentive payment is \$6 per new membership and \$4 per renewed membership. For the branch to receive this payment, members must see the Treasurer (Lorraine Oaten) at branch meetings so that she can process the paperwork for this payment.

Q: How do you keep your husband from reading your e-mail?

A: Rename the mail folder 'Instruction Manual'.

Q: Did you hear about the mathematician who's afraid of negative numbers?

A: He'll stop at nothing to avoid them.

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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Old Colonists' Association of Victoria

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We currently have a vacancy in our independent living units.

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To arrange an inspection, please contact:
Pauline Walters on 5795 1822

Or for further information, please contact:
Karen Ernest on (03) 9433 1100



Old Colonists' Association of Victoria

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

Located at 339 St Helena Road, St Helena is an 81 bed Residential Aged Care Facility, incl 1 Respite Room.

Our facility "**Liscombe House**" comprises 3 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