

# Greensborough Gossip

## Greensborough Branch Newsletter

Branch No. 100133 Incorporation No. A0044936A  
August 2019

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Dear Members,

#### Japan June Cruise & Land Tour:

See Marg Wood's report and photos (*page 7 & 8 of newsletter*) on the 2nd branch trip to Japan in June this year by members and friends of our branch. It was a small group of 11 and from all reports their trip was as enjoyable as the previous tour of Japan that some members took in April this year.

#### Silo Art Trail Tour – August 2019:

This newsletter will be my final opportunity to remind members who are going on the Silo Art Trail tour of details concerning the above tour.

) **Date:** Monday 26 - Thursday 29 August 2019.

) **Assemble at Greensborough Memorial Park, McDowell Street end at 8.30 am.**

) *Luggage ready to be loaded on bus at 8.30 am. Please note: 1 medium size case per person (remember that the trip is only 4 days).*

) **Bus departure at 9.00 am sharp.**

) *Reminder that seat rotation will be implemented.*

) *Please wear Branch Name Tags.*

) *Horsham's nights can be very cold, therefore pack accordingly.*

We wish all participants a safe and enjoyable trip.

#### Zone Xmas Lunch - Wednesday 20 November 2019:

For many years we have invited National Seniors branches within Victoria to join in the Zone Xmas Lunch and will be continuing to do so this year.

We will be holding our **Xmas Lunch at the William Angliss School of Catering, 550 Little Lonsdale Street** (2 blocks from the Southern Cross Station). The lunch is catered by the students of William Angliss and is an excellent meal.

Lunch commences at 12.30 pm and the cost is \$30.00/pp.

As we require a minimum number of 60x members I need an indication of interest from our branch. **I have included a tear-off section on the bottom of page 10 of the newsletter. Can members please respond to this note and return it to me as soon as possible. Thanks.**



*Could all members please remember to turn off their Mobile Phones during the branch meeting and not talk when Speakers are presenting on stage.*

**Regards. Bob Goodyear**

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**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**  
**Branch Auditor - Tom Cleary**

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**Past Presidents:**

Christina McDonald - 2003/04  
Greg Fallon - 2004/07

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**Next Branch Meeting**

**Tuesday 17 September 2019 - 10.00 am**

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

**Speaker:  
Ruth King  
Starting Over Dog Rescue**



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:  
[greensboroughnationalseniors@gmail.com](mailto:greensboroughnationalseniors@gmail.com)**

**Greensborough Branch Website:  
[www.greensboroughnationalseniors.com.au](http://www.greensboroughnationalseniors.com.au)**

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

## COFFEE CLUB



**Wed 4 September - 10.00 am**

### Post Office Cafe

794 Main Road  
Hurstbridge  
Tel: 9717 2811

#### 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 12 September - 12.00 noon**

### Sinners Family Restaurant

3/797 Plenty Road  
South Morang  
Tel: 9436 6900

**RSVP: Mon 9 September**

**Jane Fisher**

**Tel: 0408 129 914**

## 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 6 September - 7.00 pm**

### 4 Doors

28 The Link (near McDonalds/Library/Car Wash on Plenty Road)

Mill Park

Tel: 9404 5022

(Rest. charges \$10 corkage for 1st bottle on table & \$6 for subsequent bottles)

**RSVP: Mon 2 September**

**Yvonne DeMarchi**

**Tel: 0407 525 497**



## 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:** \$20.00/pp deposit is required when placing your name on an activity list.

**Thursday 26 September - Barwon Park Mansion / Hastings Ostrich Farm:** Tour of Mansion & Garden Entry. 2-course Lunch at Winchelsea Hotel. Tour of Ostrich Farm and shopping at Vault 18. Cost: \$70.00/pp. Time 9.00-5.30 pm. Bus pick up Greensborough Memorial Park, McDowell St end.

**Bookings for above trips:** See Activities Desk or contact:  
Peter Oaten Tel: 9434 6795 or 0400 317 279 / Bob Goodyear Tel: 9435 2529 or 0418 974 095.



### **BALTIC SEA CRUISE — SCANDINAVIA & RUSSIA** **Princess Cruises (Ship - "Sky Princess")** **11 days - 19-30 June 2020**

**Roundtrip Copenhagen - visiting Oslo, Berlin, Tallinn,  
2 nights St Petersburg, Helsinki, Stockholm, Copenhagen**

Embarkation - 19 June Copenhagen    Disembarkation - 30 June Copenhagen

#### **Inside Cabins, Twin Share**

Category IB-Mid Forward on Caribe Deck 10

Cruise cost \$3,331 per person

On Board Credit    USD75 per person (USD150 per cabin)

Single supplement \$6,662 total

On Board Credit    USD150 per cabin

#### **Balcony Cabins, Twin Share**

Category BE-Forward on Caribe Deck 10

Cruise cost \$4,366 per person

On Board Credit    USD125 per person (USD250 per cabin)

Single supplement \$8,732 total

On Board Credit    USD250 per cabin

#### **Balcony Cabins, Twin Share**

Category BB-Mid-Forward on Caribe Deck 10

Cruise cost \$4,546 per person

On Board Credit    USD125 per person (USD250 per cabin)

Single supplement \$9,092 total

On Board Credit    USD250 per cabin

**See full Itinerary on page 5 of newsletter.....**

**Lorraine Oaten, Travel Committee Tel: 9434 6795 or 0449 594 301 Email: oatlan@bigpond.com**

### PRESENTATIONS:

Presentations on the 'Princess' Baltic Cruise and the optional add-on Trafalgar Tour will be conducted at Helloworld's Greensborough Office on Wednesday 25 September 2019 at 4.15pm. Please ring Helloworld on Tel: 9434 1377 to book a place for this event if you are interested in attending the presentation.

\*\*\*\*\* **NOTE: Message from Lorraine Oaten** \*\*\*\*\*

**Following the Baltic Cruise, some of us are adding on a 10-day Trafalgar Tour - "Best of Holland, Belgium & Luxembourg" - visiting Amsterdam, Luxembourg City, Brussels & Bruges.**

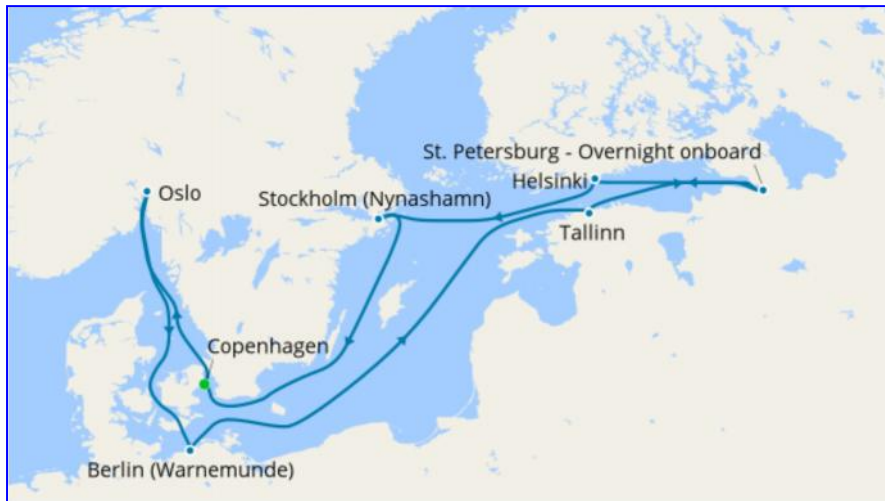
**If anyone is interested in joining this tour, can you contact me as soon as possible on Tel: 9434 6795 or 0449 594 301.**

## Helloworld Travel Greensborough

42 Main Street, Greensborough VIC 3088

Tel: 03 9434 1377 Email: greensborough@helloworld.com.au

### 11 DAYS PRINCESS BALTIC CRUISE 19-30 JUNE 2020



DAY	DATE	PORT OF CALL	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	Fri 19 Jun 2020	<b>Copenhagen, Denmark</b>	Embark	06:00PM
2	Sat 20 Jun 2020	<b>Oslo, Norway</b>	10:00 AM	11:00 PM
3	Sun 21 Jun 2020	At Sea		
4	Mon 22 Jun 2020	<b>Berlin (Warnemunde), Germany</b>	07:00 AM	09:00 PM
5	Tue 23 Jun 2020	At Sea		
6	Wed 24 Jun 2020	<b>Tallinn, Estonia</b>	08:00 AM	05:00 PM
7	Thu 25 Jun 2020	<b>St Petersburg, Russia</b>	06:30 AM	overnight
8	Fri 26 Jun 2020	<b>St Petersburg, Russia</b>		06:00 PM
9	Sat 27 Jun 2020	<b>Helsinki, Finland</b>	07:00 AM	04:00 PM
10	Sun 28 Jun 2020	<b>Nynashamn, Sweden</b>	07:00 AM	07:00 PM
11	Mon 29 Jun 2020	At Sea		
12	Tue 30 Jun 2020	<b>Copenhagen, Denmark</b>	05:00 AM	Disembark

**Visa:** No visa required in Russia provided shore excursions are with Princess Cruises.

**Air Fares:** When we know Nos. going on cruise Helloworld will find the best airfares for us.

**Travel Insurance:** Make sure you arrange this in case of unforeseen circumstances.



## TREASURER'S REPORT - Lorraine Oaten

<b>Balance as at 01/07/2019</b>		<b>35,625.55</b>
<b>Plus Income:</b>		
Victoria Silo Tour	19,280.00	
Hoppers Crossing	28.00	
High Tea @ Highgate	275.00	
Arthurs Eagle Seat	130.00	
Attendance	393.50	
Raffle	150.00	
<b>Total:</b>		<b>20,256.50</b>
<b>Less Expenditure:</b>		
Silo Tour Refunds	-90.00	
Highgate High Tea	-900.00	
Donation Guest Speaker	-40.00	
Raffle/Door Prizes	-45.25	
<b>Total:</b>		<b>-1,075.25</b>
<b>Balance as at 31/07/2019</b>		<b>54,806.80</b>



### Samaritan's Purse — Operation Christmas Child

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

We are looking for donations of clothing, toiletries, toys, stationery (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.**

Please note that sweets, breakables, liquids (e.g. hand cream, sunscreen), playing/swap cards and anything resembling a gun cannot be sent.

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*



## CRUISE & LAND TOUR OF JAPAN – JUNE 2019

We had looked at the forecast for Japan and we were to expect muggy weather with thunderstorms nearly every day. We were to take waterproof jackets, umbrellas and waterproof our shoes. On our arrival our small group of 11 looked forward to a good sleep and the following day exploring Tokyo. Because of the predictions we thought our chances of seeing Mt Fuji clearly seemed slim. Imagine our delight when we pulled back our curtains on the first morning in Tokyo, and there, clear to see was the snow capped Mt Fuji. We experienced this for 2 days.

The first day was wonderful with lots of experiences including participating in a tea ceremony, being dressed in kimonos and this was all in the setting of a bonsai garden. The Hamarikyu gardens were interesting with many trees pruned in the traditional Japanese way. A medium pine tree takes 1 man 3 days to prune.

Day two we drove through the countryside to Hakone to see Mt Fuji where we sailed across a lake in a “pirate” ship and took a cable car ride. The cloud prevented us from seeing Mt Fuji close up but we weren't concerned as we'd already had our “fix” from our windows in Tokyo.

In Tokyo there are very few parked cars in the street and the traffic was free flowing. Japan is not all about the cities. 73 percent is mountainous and 68 percent is forest. Some of the country and its houses reminded us of parts of Austria and Germany.

We found Japan modern where everything works. Not only are the toilets heated in Japan but there is under road heating to thaw the snow in winter. Technology!

From Tokyo we took the bullet train to Hiroshima. It was sobering as we looked at photos and artefacts showing the devastation and agonising deaths of so many innocent people. Still, all around the world, countries are testing nuclear bombs. Our guide showed us how to make paper cranes and it was a moving experience as we laid them on the children's shrine. In the evening we attended a traditional Kagura performance. The dragon dance was fantastic.

From Hiroshima we drove to Kobe to embark on our cruise ship for 8 days. So far the weather had been perfect mid 20's temperatures. As is usual on a cruise ship we relaxed, involved ourselves with shows and activities and ate too much food. In port, some went on prepaid excursions and others just explored the towns either on foot or by using public transport and hop-on hop-off transport.

We experienced our only rainy days on our first day in port at Hakodate and our last day in Busan South Korea. It seems the forecasts are just as unreliable in Tokyo as they are in Melbourne.

***Marg Wood, Travel Committee***





*Obviously the deer is used to posing for photos with celebrities!*

***Our group with Itsukushima Shrine in background. We had to protect our food and papers otherwise they'd end up as lunch for the deer.***



***Our group with some members of the traditional Kagura Dragon Dance Troup. Fantastic evening!***



## 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**  
**Cnr St Hellier & Edwin Streets, Heidelberg Heights**

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needing affordable, safe, dignified  
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appropriate, practicable continuing care.

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

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- ) **Liscombe Wing** - 39 rooms
- ) **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**

**PLEASE TEAR OFF HERE & RETURN TO BOB GOODYEAR:**

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE ZONE CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT WILLIAM ANGLISS  
SCHOOL OF CATERING - WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2019 - PLEASE INDICATE BELOW:**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **YES**  **NO**