

# Greensborough Gossip

## Greensborough Branch Newsletter

Branch No. 100133 Incorporation No. A0044936A

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**Editor - Marlene Goodyear**



# Merry Christmas



### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dear Members,

Our branch has had another successful year. All meetings have been well attended and we continue to grow in numbers.

I hope our members have enjoyed the branch meetings and our monthly speakers. We always try to cater for all interests and provide entertaining and informative speakers on various topics.

Our monthly activities have been well attended and we received positive feedback from members who attended our Flinders Ranges trip. I am working with the COBA committee on next year's extended trip and we should decide on a destination early next year.

Most of you will know that we have commenced an exciting new phase and are able to offer tours and cruises to our members. The committee was pleased with the results from our recent survey on proposed tours/cruises for 2015/2016. The survey is attached to this newsletter for those members who may have missed receiving a copy in November.

In 2015 we already have confirmed & booked Thailand for February and the South Pacific cruise in March. We are now considering a further tour in November of King Island.

In 2016, we will be considering offering Norfolk Island as this was the most popular choice with members. The Hawaiian cruise was also popular, but numbers were not as great so we will consider this for 2017, along with Turkey. Of course with regard to 2017 a final decision will be made once we assess definitive responses.

At our January meeting we will be holding a Forum to discuss the results of the survey and also to get suggestions from you for future branch activities, speakers, etc.

I would also like to acknowledge all members who generously donated goods for our Christmas hampers - the response has been marvellous.

Thanks also to our committee and off-committee members who have helped and contributed with the Christmas Dinner Dance. Your assistance has been invaluable.

***Lastly, I would like to thank all branch members for their continuing support and wish you and your families a very happy and safe Christmas & New Year.***

**Regards.**

**Bob Goodyear, President**

### **PS: Gossip Newsletter**

If we run out of Gossip newsletters at Branch meetings, members can always access it on our website.

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Bob Goodyear

Marlene Goodyear

Lorraine Oaten

Frank Beale

Ian Schuck

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**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*

Tuesday 20 January 2015

10.00 am start

(doors open at 9.30 am)

We will be holding a

'Branch Forum'

to discuss

branch activities, speakers, etc.

We welcome members' input.



*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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## COFFEE CLUB



**PLEASE NOTE:**  
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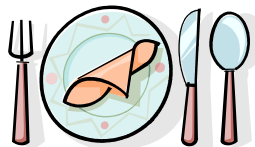
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## LUNCH CLUB



**Thu 9 January - 12.00 noon**

### Rose Shamrock Hotel

709 Plenty Road  
Reservoir  
Tel: 9470 2055

**RSVP: Mon 6 January 2015**

**Contact: Anne Schuck**  
Tel: 9434 3839

**OR after 1 January**  
**Contact: Heather Hannigan**  
Tel: 9467 2278

## 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**

*Q: What did the reindeer say before launching into his comedy routine?*  
*A: This will sleigh you.*

*Q: What do you call a kid who doesn't believe in Santa?*  
*A: A rebel without a Claus.*

*Q: What's worse than a reindeer with a runny nose?*  
*A: Frosty the Snowman with a hot flush!*

# UPCOMING BRANCH EVENTS



## Branch & COBA Activities

### 2015 Branch Proposed Activities

Next year, Peter and I are considering offering the following activities.

- Living Legends / Seeing Eye Dog Centre
- Dolphin Research Institute / Tyabb Packing House
- Arts Centre / Hamer Hall tours
- Kerrisdale Maintain Railway
- High Tea at Parliament House (depending on Sitting days)
- Rippon Lea House & Gardens / Melbourne Fire Brigade Museum
- Morning Melodies
- Film Luncheons
- Extended Tour (destination to be decided)
- Christmas Lunch at William Angliss Cooking School

#### NOTE:

We will not open bookings for any excursion until the February meeting.

#### Reminder to members:

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

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

#### WORDS TO LIVE BY:

**The trouble with life is there's no background music.**

**Ham and eggs...A day's work for a chicken, a lifetime commitment for a pig.**

**Wrinkled was not one of the things I wanted to be when I grew up.**

**Being 'over the hill' is much better than being under it!**

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

**Consciousness: That annoying time between naps.**

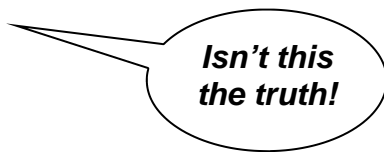


## TREASURER'S REPORT Lorraine Oaten

<b>Balance as at 01/11/2014</b>		<b>16,540.44</b>
<b>Plus Income</b>		
La Trobe Cottage/G'ment House	52.00	
Xmas Lunch-Sky High	3,120.00	
Xmas Dinner - RSL	1,330.00	
RSL Commission	19.70	
Membership	105.00	
Attendance	327.00	
Raffle	197.00	
<b>Total:</b>		<b>5,150.70</b>
<b>Less Expenditure</b>		
Sky High Restaurant	3,336.00	
National Trust La trobe/Gov House Tours	533.00	
Annual subs 88.6 Plenty Valley FM	66.00	
Gossip Printing Oct/Nov	156.60	
Stamps & Envelope	74.20	
Door Prizes/Speakers Gifts	34.00	
Membership	105.00	
Xmas Decorations/supplies	275.23	
Bank Charges	1.05	
<b>Total:</b>		<b>-4,581.08</b>
<b>Balance as at 30/11/2014</b>		<b>17,110.06</b>

### **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.**



# 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.



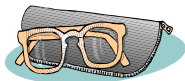
## Are you interested in knitting children's garments or maybe toys?

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

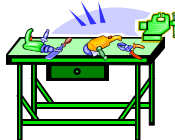


We operate a **Free Book Exchange** on Branch Meeting days. We ask only that you return the books to the Branch when you have finished reading them so that other members may have the opportunity to borrow the books.

*(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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- **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**



**CRUISES/TOURS PROGRAM – 2015/16**



The Greensborough Branch of NSA will commence its cruises & tours program in 2015.

**Our 2015 program is as follows:**

**February – Thailand** (bookings are closed for this trip).

**March – South Pacific Cruise** (bookings are closed for this cruise).

**November – King Island Experience** (*this is a new addition and we are seeking people for this tour*).

Includes: Guided 4-w/drive touring - 4 Nights/3 Days, lunches in exotic locations off the beaten track. Famous for its delicious foods, incl crayfish, beef, cheese, etc. All meals – continental breakfast, lunch, 2-course dinner. Cost: \$1695.00/pp incl return air fares.

**Our 2016 program is as follows – (please note that prices are an estimate only and will depend on numbers booked). We will run the tour that has the most responses.**

**April – Norfolk Island.** Includes 8 days dep Sydney (we may be able to negotiate departing from Melbourne), all breakfasts, 4 dinners (including 2 with shows), excursions, etc. Approx cost: \$2620.00/pp ex Sydney (based on 20x).

**May or June – Hawaiian Cruise.** Includes: 11 Nights/12 Days, return Economy flights (Hawaiian Airlines) Melbourne/Honolulu. 1 night pre-cruise accommodation in Honolulu, 7-nights cruise of the Hawaiian Islands (Kauai, Kailua-Kona, Hilo, Kahului-Maui, Honolulu), 3-nights post-cruise accommodation in Honolulu. Cost from: \$4800.00/pp.

**Further details on the tours will be provided to members in January 2015.**

**To give the Social Committee some idea of numbers, please fill in the survey below indicating whether you would participate in any of the tours or cruises.**

-----**TEAR OFF HERE & RETURN TO THE BRANCH**-----

TOURS/CRUISES	YES	NO
<b>2015:</b>		
<b>KING ISLAND</b>		
<b>2016:</b>		
<b>NORFOLK ISLAND</b>		
<b>HAWAIIAN CRUISE</b>		

**PLEASE PRINT BELOW:**

<b>YOUR NAME/S</b>	
<b>TEL:</b>	
<b>EMAIL</b>	

**If you require further information please contact Marg Wood on Tel: 9438 4219, or Email: [marg.wood@myshercon.com](mailto:marg.wood@myshercon.com)**