

Greensborough Gossip

Greensborough Branch Newsletter

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Merry Christmas



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

The past year has been one of growth for the Greensborough branch as many of our visitors decide to become members. We continue to be one of the larger NSA branches, certainly we are the largest in Victoria.

Our 2017/18 Committee is now in place and we are looking forward to working on improvements for the 2018 year. Commencing in 2018 branch meetings will be held in the daytime, except for December. This means that March and September will now be day meetings. (Our June night meeting was changed to a day one in 2014).

The committee believes that changing to day meetings will allay fears for some members who do not wish to attend during evenings and I hope this change will increase our numbers in March and September.

A Trivia Quiz will replace the speaker for the January meeting (for 2018 only). We will conduct the quiz in the second half of the meeting. Marg Wood and Ian Schuck are organising this activity, which should be a lot of fun and not too taxing on the grey matter. No googling questions on your mobiles!!!

Most branches do not hold meetings in January. It is also difficult to get speakers sometimes in January. Marlene would like to have a rest, but as we are not having a March meeting due to the Tasmanian trip we decided to go ahead with the January meeting. Those going to Tasmania please remember to ensure you make your final payment either before or at the January meeting.

My thanks to Marlene for her willingness to continue to organise the Xmas Dinner Dance. Her ideas are great and she spends hours researching the internet and looking for bargains for props, etc. Thanks also to Ken (our Props man).

The Committee girls help Marlene with jobs and work behind the scenes setting up the tables on the day. Also the guys do the heavy lifting helping with the props and decorating the room - it's a team effort!

I hope those attending the Xmas Dinner Dance enjoy our **"Hollywood Nights"** theme and maybe some might get to take home an Oscar?



We have great raffle prizes this year and our thanks go to local organisations who have supported us, i.e. Bunnings Eltham, Greensborough stores - Coles, Woolworths, Hoyts Movies, Helloworld and the RSL, also Officeworks Bundoora.

I look forward to enjoying another great year at the Greensborough branch.

I extend best wishes to all our members and their families for a wonderful Christmas and a very happy, healthy & safe New Year.

Bob Goodyear, President

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2017/2018

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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

Past Presidents:

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

Next Branch Meeting

Tuesday 16 January 2018
10.00 am
(doors open at 9.30 for registration)

“Trivia Quiz”
Run by Marg Wood & Ian Schuck



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



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Zone Website**

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www.vicbranches.org.au

COFFEE CLUB



There will be no Coffee Club in January.

Coffee Club will resume in February 2018.

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



There will be no Lunch Club in December or January.

Lunch Club will resume in February 2018.

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



There will be no Dinner Club in December or January.

Dinner Club will resume in February 2018.

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 is required when placing your name on an activity list.

Wednesday 7 March 2018 - Heide Museum, 7 Templestowe Road, Bulleen (Guided Tour - type of tour to be decided). Lunch at Yarra Valley Golf Club. Cost:\$30.00/pp. Time: Heide 11.00 am, Lunch at 12.00 noon. **Own Transport.**

See Activities Desk or contact Peter Oaten Tel: 9434 6795 / Bob Goodyear Tel: 9435 2529.

2018 Extended Trips/Day Tours:

We have been able to obtain approximate quotes for the extended trips as follows.

Results from the October survey are:

- * 1st preference - 5-days Merimbula - \$525.00/pp
- * 2nd preference - 5-days Canberra Floriade (via Tallangatta) - \$980.00 (provider A)
5-days Canberra Floriade - \$990.00 (provider B)
- * 3rd preference - 5-days Grampians - \$897/00/pp

Day tours under consideration are:

Heide Museum & Lunch at Eastern Golf Club, Goulburn River Cruise, Werribee Zoo & Gardens, Donegan's Farm, Port of Melbourne, Xmas in July Lunch at Dandenong SkyHigh Restaurant or Werribee Club House, Mystery Tour, Xmas Johnston Collection, Noorilin Estate Homestead, Xmas Lunch.

We will keep members informed as we continue to investigate the above possibilities.

TASMANIA 12 DAY TOUR - 19-30 MARCH 2018

We have received all deposits and now have 42 people going on the Tasmanian Trip - all are going on the 'Spirit of Tasmania'.

Final payment is due by Tuesday 16 January 2018 (January branch meeting) at the latest.

The trip departs Monday 19 March (bus pick up at Memorial Park Greensborough at 4.00 pm) and concludes on Friday 30 March (ship arrives Port Melbourne approx. 6:30 am and then bus transfer back to Memorial Park Greensborough).

Thanks. **Ian Schuck, Travel Committee**



TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorraine Oaten

Balance as at 01/11/2017	25,666.89
Plus Income	
Heidi Gardens Tour	60.00
William Angliss	1,474.00
Xmas Dinner	1,328.00
Tasmania Tour 2018	7,240.00
Grapevine Credits	4.00
Membership	143.00
Attendance	329.10
Raffle	158.00
Total:	10,736.10
Less Expenditure	
Dyson Bus Company	-2,797.00
William Angliss Lunch	-2,412.00
Refunds City Sights Tour	-78.00
Membership	-143.00
Gossip Printing	-81.60
Door/Speaker gifts	-60.00
Travel Expenses Guest Speaker	-24.00
Plenty Valley 88.6FM	-66.00
Total:	-5,661.60
Balance as at 30/11/2017	30,741.39

Samaritan's Purse — Operation Christmas Child



Hi Members:

Once again the response to the Samaritans Purse Christmas boxes for the children has been wonderful with many of you donating items and money and also saving shoeboxes for us. The group I work with has put together almost 650 boxes to date and will probably get close to 700 by the time we finish. This has been made possible by the generosity of people like you and other groups such as schools, churches, cubs, scouts and clubs.

Over at the Mitcham warehouse, 4 containers of approx 10,000 boxes each have gone to Cambodia and Papua New Guinea. We hope to reach close to 60,000 boxes by the time we finish in December. It is just so inspiring to see all of the boxes arrive and be sent off in the containers and to know the pleasure it will bring to the children.

*Thank you once again for your interest and contributions.
Best wishes, Dianne Klein, Branch Member*

'CHRISTMAS JOKES' - GROAN, I HEAR YOU SAY.....

Just before Christmas, an honest politician, a generous lawyer and Santa Claus were riding in the elevator of a very posh hotel. Just before the doors opened they all noticed a \$20 bill lying on the floor. Which one picked it up? Santa of course, because the other two don't exist!

Three Wise Women (as opposed to Three Wise Men) Do you know what would have happened if there had been Three Wise WOMEN instead of Three Wise MEN? The WOMEN would have:
– Asked directions, – Arrived on time, – Helped deliver the baby, – Cleaned the stable, – Made a casserole, and – Brought practical gifts (like diapers!)

At a monastery high in the mountains, the monks have a rigid vow of silence. Only at Christmas, and only by one monk, and only with one sentence, is the vow allowed to be broken. One Christmas, Brother Thomas is allowed to speak and he says, "I like the mashed potatoes we have with the Christmas turkey!" and he sits down. Silence ensues for 365 days. The next Christmas, Brother Michael gets his turn, and he says "I think the mashed potatoes are lumpy and I hate them!" Once again, silence for 366 days (it's leap year). The following Christmas, Brother Paul rises and says, "I am fed up with this constant bickering!"

A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store, but couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" The stock boy replied, "No ma'am, they're dead."

It was Christmas and the judge was in a merry mood as he asked the prisoner, "What are you charged with?" "Doing my Christmas shopping early", replied the defendant. "That's no offence", said the judge. "How early were you doing this shopping?" "Before the store opened."

Last year's Christmas pudding was so awful I threw it in the ocean. That's probably why the ocean is full of currants!

What do you call someone who doesn't believe in Father Christmas? A rebel without a Claus!

What do snowmen eat for lunch? Icebergers!

How do snowmen travel around? By iceicle!

How do snowmen greet each other? Ice to meet you!

What do you call a snowman in the summer? A puddle.

What's a snowman's favourite Mexican food? Brrrrrr-itos!

Sherlock's favourite Christmas song: "I'll be Holmes for Christmas"

What kind of money do they use at the North Pole? Cold cash!

I keep Christmas in my heart every month of the year. That's because it's on my credit card statement that long!

CHRISTMESS: Five minutes after the gifts are opened!

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.)

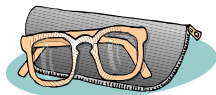
Coordinators for this activity are:
Ken Pickett — Book Exchange
Lois Williams — Knitting/Craft Patterns



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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Comprising 20 self-contained independent living units & 8 fully serviced apartments it is the ideal environment for independent seniors to enjoy a quality lifestyle in a safe & caring environment.

We currently have a vacancy in our independent living units.

This is the perfect opportunity to become part of a vibrant community. Accommodation is affordable to all Victorians regardless of their financial situation.

**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**