

# Greensborough Gossip

## Greensborough Branch Newsletter

Branch No. 100133 Incorporation No. A0044936A

**FEBRUARY 2015**

**Editor - Marlene Goodyear**

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dear Members,

In February and March some of our members will be absent in Thailand and also cruising the South Pacific participating in our new initiative of overseas tours and cruises.

In November we will be organising a trip to King Island.

I would like to emphasise that these tours and cruises are an addition to our monthly activities and our extended 5-7day COBA trip. Some members have been asking whether we will drop the monthly activities and I would like to advise that this will not happen.

One advantage of the touring/cruising program is that we do not require minimum numbers of 30 or 40 as is the case with some of our monthly activities.

This year our extended COBA trip will be to the Blue Mountains, NSW — September 8-12. Cost will be \$1499.00/pp and the group will fly to Sydney and be met by a bus to commence the tour.

The price includes return economy airfares, coach travel, motel accommodation, 10 meals (including all breakfasts & dinners) and all entry & guide fees.

**August Branch Meeting - Change of Date:** Members please note that due to another function at the Greensborough RSL on Tuesday 18 August we need to change our August Branch meeting to **Tuesday 25 August** (one week later). **Please put this new date in your diary.**

### **Gossip Newsletter**

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

### **Further Branch/COBA activities planned for 2015 are:**

- Dolphin Research Institute/Tyabb Packing House
- Art Centre/Hamer Hall tour
- Kerriesdale Mountain Railway
- Xmas Lunch - William Angliss Cooking School

Dates will be advised when confirmed.

**Regards.**

**Bob Goodyear**

**PS:**

Ken Pickett will be running our February meeting. Committee and non-committee members will be stepping up into other positions and I am sure you will give them your full support and assist in any way you can.

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2014/2015

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**Social Committee:**

Marg Wood - Chairperson 9438 4219

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 17 March 2015  
(evening meeting) 6.40 pm start  
(doors open at 6.00 pm for dinner)

**Speaker:**

Mr George Bousounis  
Orthopaedic Surgeon

**Topic:**

*"A new surgical technique allowing total  
hip & knee replacement patients to start  
walking 4 hours post-surgery"*



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**

**Greensborough Branch Email Address:**  
[greensboroughnationalseniors@gmail.com](mailto:greensboroughnationalseniors@gmail.com)

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

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

## COFFEE CLUB



Wed 4 March - 10.00 am

### Clay Oven

19 Greenhill Road  
Greensborough  
Tel: 9435 0098

#### Coordinator:

**Gaylynn Pinniger - Tel: 9458 2603**

## DINNER CLUB



Friday 6 March - 7.00 pm

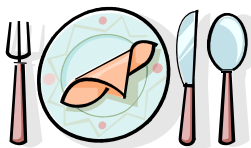
### Commercial Hotel

820 Plenty Road  
South Morang  
Tel: 9437 8444

**RSVP: Monday 2 March**

**Contact: Lora or Peter  
Tel: 9435 7264**

## LUNCH CLUB



Thu 12 March - 12.00 noon

### Eltham Tea House

561 Main Road (Cnr Falkiner Street)  
Eltham (Opp Eltham Lower Park)  
Tel: 9431 2551

**RSVP: Mon 9 March**

**Contact: Mary Ann Williams  
Tel: 9435 7745**

## 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**



# UPCOMING BRANCH EVENTS



## Branch & COBA Activities

### Reminder to members:

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

**Wednesday 4 March: Film/Luncheon at Balwyn Palace Theatre. Film - "The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" starring Judi Dench, Bill Nighy, Richard Gere, Maggie Smith. Cost: \$15.00.00/pp. Time: 11.00 am - 1.30 pm. **Meet in foyer at 10.45 am. Own transport.****

**Tuesday 31 March: High Tea at Parliament House. Cost: \$38.00/pp. Time: 2.00 - 4.00pm. **Own transport.****

**Thursday 30 April: Living Legends & Seeing Eye Dog Facility. Incl morning tea, tour of Living Legends and Seeing Eye Dog facility. 2-course lunch at Skyways Hotel. Cost: \$57.00/pp. Time: 9.00 - 5.30 pm. **Bus pickup at Greensborough Memorial Park (McDowell Street end).****

### **Tuesday 8 to Saturday 12 September: Blue Mountains, NSW Tour.**

Includes 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. Deposit of \$500.00/pp by 8 May. Final payment by 24 July.

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

### ***Some one-liners from old-time comedians: Red Buttons, Milton Berle, Henny Youngman, and many others?***

\* My wife and I revisited the hotel where we spent our wedding night. This time I was the one who stayed in the bathroom and cried.

\* My Wife was at the beauty shop for two hours. That was only for the estimate. She got a mudpack and looked great for two days. Then the mud fell off.

\* The Doctor gave a man six months to live. The man couldn't pay his bill, so the doctor gave him another six months.

\*A man called his mother in Florida . "Mom, how are you?" Not too good," said the mother. "I've been very weak. "The son said, "Why are you so weak?" She said, "Because I haven't eaten in 38 days. "The son said, "That's terrible. Why haven't you eaten in 38 days? "The mother answered, "Because, I didn't want my mouth to be full in case you should call."

\*A man said that when he was growing up, they always had two choices for dinner - Take it or leave it.





## TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorraine Oaten

<b>Balance as at 01/01/2015</b>		<b>11,899.26</b>
<b>Plus Income</b>		
Living Legends & Seeing Eye Dogs	180.00	
Film Lunch	120.00	
Parliament House High Tea	20.00	
Membership	40.00	
Attendance	312.00	
Chocolate Sales	108.00	
<b>Total:</b>		<b>780.00</b>
<b>Less Expenditure</b>		
Membership	40.00	
<b>Total:</b>		<b>-40.00</b>
<b>Balance as at 31/01/2015</b>		<b>12,639.26</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.**



### SOUTH PACIFIC CRUISE - 30 MARCH 2015 KING ISLAND TOURS - NOVEMBER 2015



#### **South Pacific Cruise**

Most of us will be departing Tullamarine on the same flight. Just check in yourself and then we can all meet at the departure gate.

#### **King Island Tours**

There are only 2 large 4 wheel drive vehicles available at the one time with a 12 person maximum capacity in each. As we have 30 members who have expressed interest, we have tentatively booked 2 separate dates with 20 people departing on 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> Nov and 10 people departing on 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> Nov. 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.

The main issue is to secure our flights. We will need to have deposits in by 25<sup>th</sup> February. Could you please send \$400 deposit by cheque to King Island Holiday Village, CMA. Grassy, King Island, Tasmania. 7256. (Make cheque out to King Island Holiday Village) or DIRECT DEPOSITS CAN BE PAID INTO THE FOLLOWING WESTPAC CURRIE ACCOUNT: L. DINGERINK & I. JOHNSON, BSB 037 602, ACCOUNT 16-5557. Don't forget to write your name on the back of your cheque or on your direct debit payment.

We will be flying Rex Airlines from Tullamarine in a Saab 33 seater. As I will be away from 4<sup>th</sup> February and returning on 24<sup>th</sup> February, if you have any questions in that time, can you please contact King Island Tours on 03 6461 1177 or email to [kiholiday@kingisland.net.au](mailto:kiholiday@kingisland.net.au) Up until February I can be contacted on [marg.wood@myshercon.com](mailto:marg.wood@myshercon.com) or phone 94384219.

At the March meeting we will get you to fill in a form with the departure date you prefer. There will also be the opportunity to nominate any other friends you might want to be grouped with (for both accommodation and vehicles). Please also note any food intolerances and any celebrations to be acknowledged.

# AUTUMN Songs of Praise

**Sunday, 22 March 2015**  
2.00 pm to 4.45pm ( pre-program at 1.30 pm)

## **Diamond Valley Baptist Auditorium**

**309 Diamond Creek Road, Plenty**  
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RON ELLIS Compere/Tenor will sing.



- **YOU ARE INVITED!**
- **PLEASE BRING A FRIEND!**
- **FREE ENTRY!**

- **SING YOUR FAVORITE  
HYMNS & SONGS**
- **ENJOY COMPLIMENTARY  
AFTERNOON TEA**



SONGS OF PRAISE IS A  
DVBC WOMEN IN FOCUS  
INITIATIVE

# 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.



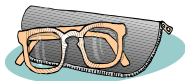
## Are you interested in knitting children's garments or maybe toys?

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

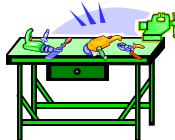


We operate a **Free Book Exchange** on Branch Meeting days. We ask only that you return the books to the Branch when you have finished reading them so that other members may have the opportunity to borrow the books.

*(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**