

Greensborough Gossip

Greensborough Branch Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

The January branch meeting was a fun-filled meeting. The 'buzz' in the room indicated that our members were fully engaged with the Trivia Quiz and the laughter indicated that everyone was having a good time.

Members indicated that they would like this activity to be repeated which the committee will certainly look into. It makes a change from the usual speaker.

Next Branch Meeting:

PLEASE NOTE: There will **NO MARCH BRANCH MEETING** due to the fact that some committee and branch members will be on the Tasmanian trip.

The **NEXT BRANCH MEETING** will be held in **APRIL**.

Audit of National Seniors Australia Membership Cards:

Members are requested to please bring their NSA membership cards to the April meeting so that they can be checked by the door attendants for expiry dates. From time to time the committee conducts these checks/audits to ascertain that members are financial and that their card is the official NSA card. (Members sometimes confuse the Victorian Seniors Card with the National Seniors Australia Card.)

Merimbula Trip:

The survey on extended tours which we conduct usually in September indicated that the 5-day Merimbula was the most popular destination.

Therefore we have made a booking with Merimbula Gardens Motel from Monday 24 to Friday 28 September 2018. Merimbula Gardens is a comfortable 3-star motel.

Cost: \$560.00/pp (or \$720.00 for single supplement). Members will need to pay deposit of \$50.00/pp when booking this trip either at the February or April meeting. (Remember there is no March meeting.) *See copy of itinerary on tables. More information will be in April newsletter.*

Day Trips:

Results of the 3 days trips survey were close - SkyHigh Restaurant, Donegan's Farm and Werribee Mansion. However due to availability of dates we could not fit these into the 2018 program as we tried to balance interest, cost of activity, weather suitability for some activities. However the above activities will be considered for the 2019 program.

The following day activities will be offered in 2018:

Heide Museum Tour & Lunch
Goulburn River Cruise & Lunch
Balwyn Movie Luncheon
Port of Melbourne (highly recommended)
Mystery Tour (visiting two places)
Xmas in July Lunch
Xmas Johnston Collection
Zone Xmas Luncheon at Wm Angliss Catering School.

Details of the Heide Museum and Goulburn River Cruise are listed under Branch Activities on page 4. Further information on the other activities will be in future newsletters.

Regards.

Bob Goodyear, President

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Marg Wood - **Coordinator**
Bob Goodyear, Marlene Goodyear, Lorraine
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Past Presidents:

Christina McDonald - 2003/04

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Next Branch Meeting

Tuesday 17 April 2018 - 10.00 am
(doors open at 9.30 for registration)

Speaker:
John Howell

Topic:
"The Only Woman at Gallipoli"



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!



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*COFFEE
CLUB*



Wed 7 March - 10.00 am

The Groove Train

Summerhill Shopping Centre
850 Plenty Road
Reservoir
Tel: 9471 1601

Coordinator:
Gaylynn - Tel: 9458 2603

*COFFEE
CLUB*



Wed 4 April - 10.00 am

Sweet by Nature

131-133 Bamfield Road
Heidelberg Heights
Tel: 9456 9300

Coordinator:
Gaylynn - Tel: 9458 2603

*LUNCH
CLUB*



Thu 8 March - 12.00 noon

Eltham Tea House

561 Main Road
Eltham
Tel: 9431 2551

RSVP: Mon 5 March
Lesley Bruce
Tel: 0409 232 988

*LUNCH
CLUB*



Thu 12 April - 12.00 noon

Hunter Lane Cafe

76 Turnham Ave
Rosanna
Tel: 8529 8142

RSVP: Mon 9 April
Lyn Karlbuber
Tel: 0428 131 938



*DINNER
CLUB*

Friday 2 March - 7.00 pm

Vibrante Restaurant (Italian)

133 James Street
Templestowe (BYO - Corkage \$6.00
bottle)
Tel: 9846 6222

RSVP: Mon 26 February
Cherie & Phillip Holmes
Tel: 9434 1494 /
0419 149 400



*DINNER
CLUB*

Friday 6 April - 7.00 pm

Narai Thai Restaurant

597 Grimshaw Street
Bundoora
Tel: 9467 1204

RSVP: Mon 2 April
Bernie & Gail Van Praagh
Tel: 9467 3291

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 - 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.**

Friday 27 April - Goulburn River Cruise: Incl. 2-hour Cruise, Morning Tea, Hot & Cold Light Lunch (on boat), visit to Tahbilk Winery. Bus pickup from Greensborough Memorial Park. Cost: \$68.00/pp. Time: 9.00-5.00 pm .

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

TASMANIA 12 DAY TOUR - 19-30 MARCH 2018

We now have 40 people for the Tasmanian Trip.

Departure is Monday 19 March for the 'Spirit of Tasmania' (*bus pick up at Memorial Park Greensborough at 4.00 pm — please do not be late*). Trip concludes on Friday 30 March (ship arrives Port Melbourne approx 6:30 am with bus transfer to Memorial Park Greensborough arriving approx 8.00 am).

Travel itineraries (with your name on them) will be available from the Registration Desk at the February branch meeting. If you will be seeing someone going on the trip who is not at the meeting you might like to take an itinerary for them

Looking forward to a great trip. **Ian Schuck, Travel Committee**



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

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.



TREASURER'S REPORT Lorraine Oaten

Balance as at 01/01/2018	31,188.79
Plus Income	
Goulburn River Cruise	821.00
Heide Museum	170.00
William Angliss	156.29
Advertising	50.00
Tasmania Tour 2018	78,788.00
Grapevine Credits	4.00
Attendance	264.00
Raffle	124.00
Total:	80,377.29
Less Expenditure	
Gossip Printing	-68.00
Xmas Dinner Expenses	-244.03
Stamps,Raffle Books,Scratchies(Trivia Prizes)	-50.00
Raffle Prizes	-20.00
Spirit Travel Tasmania Tour Final Payment	-94,300.00
Total:	-94,682.03
Balance as at 31/01/2018	16,884.05



SONGS OF PRAISE - 2018

Early Bird Reminder.....

We look forward to seeing you all at the fabulous "Songs of Praise" programs throughout 2018. Please make sure you put these special dates in your diary:

15 April 2018 - "Autumn Songs of Praise"

16 September 2018 - "Springtime Songs of Praise"

2nd December 2018 - "Christmas Songs of Praise"

These completely **FREE EVENTS** are open to everyone and include a **HUGE AFTERNOON TEA**. Please spread the word, bring your friends and enjoy these wonderful afternoons with us.

The programs start at 2pm (1:30pm for pre-show program).

Venue: Diamond Valley Baptist Church, 309 Diamond Creek Rd, Plenty (Melway D 11)

For further enquiries please contact the honorary organiser:

Dr Matthew Field - Mob: 0416 190 539 / Email: office@matthewfield.com.au



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.

2018 / 2019 Entertainment Book

Selling for **only \$70.00** — each book includes an **Entertainment™ Gold Card**, which is valid for incredible offers from fine dining restaurants and hotels.

Also included are vouchers for 2 for 1 dinners, discounts at various restaurants/hotels, plus movie, hotel accommodation, car rental discounts, etc.

**We are taking orders for
Entertainment Books at Branch Meetings from February.
Books will be available in May.**

**Please contact:
John Brook on Tel: 9432 1695
or
Marlene Goodyear on Tel 9435 2529**

PS:

You may wish to take out a Digital Membership. This has many benefits as it can be loaded on your Mobile which alleviates carrying around a heavy book or remembering to take the voucher with you when you go out to a particular destination.

Also up to 4 family members can share the one membership.

To check that you haven't had "brain drain" since our Trivia Quiz at our January Branch meeting, here are some questions for you.....the answers are below.

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years' War last?
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats?
- 3) From which animal do we get cat gut?
- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
- 5) What fur is a camel hair brush made of?
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Atlantic are named after what animal?
- 7) What was King George VI's first name?
- 8) What colour is a purple finch?
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
- 10) What is the colour of the black box in a commercial airplane?

The answers are jumbled — some will be obvious.....
Squirrel, Ecuador, Sheep & Horses, Albert, November, New Zealand, Orange, 116
years, Crimson, Dogs.

NOTICE BOARD



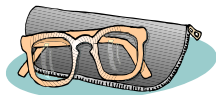
Are you planning to visit Thailand?

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, Lorraine Callow, will be happy to collect them at Branch meetings.



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).**



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**

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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Old Colonists' Association of Victoria

"Currie Park Estate"
58 Weir Street, Euroa

"Currie Park Estate" is situated at the foothills of the Strathbogie Ranges, in the Euroa township, adjacent to Euroa Hospital.

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**

JAPAN 2019

The travel committee have met and decided to offer 2 options for 2019. At the bottom of this page is a tear-off slip for you to indicate which option you are interested in. Please include your email, mobile (preferably), or landline. If you decide after the meeting, please email your response to **Marg Wood** at margw46@gmail.com

OPTION 1:

Trafalgar "Splendours of Japan with Hiroshima"- 13 days/12 nights conducted land tour.

Departure: April 2019.

Some destinations visited: Kyoto, Hiroshima, Mt Fuji & Tokyo.

Some experiences: Bullet train, sushi cooking class, lunch in a traditional home near Kyoto, Takayama Float Festival, 1 night stay in a traditional Japanese style hotel.

Meals included: 12 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 7 dinners. *Not included: 4 optional excursions on tour.*

Cost \$8,795/pp (based on 2018 prices + 10%), plus \$1300 (approx.) Melbourne return flights with Cathay Pacific. (Dep Mel: 11.40 pm / Arr Tokyo: 2.00 pm on day 1 of the tour).

Total cost: approx. \$10,095/pp — see below for eligible discounts.

Based on the above price there will be possible discounts of:

- **\$440/pp** if you have travelled previously with Trafalgar or their sister companies (Insight, Contiki, Cost Saver, AAT Kings).
- **\$440/pp** Group discount if there is 10 or more people.
- **\$880/pp** discount for 'Early Bird' balance of tour payment which is required by early September 2018.

Please Note: Non-refundable deposit of \$500.00/pp is required by 17 April 2018 Branch Meeting and paid to the Treasurer, Lorraine Oaten.

Balance of payment is required by early February 2019 (unless you are taking up the offer of the Early Bird discount — see above).

OPTION 2:

Princess Cruises "Circle Japan" 8-night Cruise. PLUS 5-day conducted Land Tour (tailored for our group) PRIOR to Cruise.

Departure: 14 June 2019.

Land Tour destinations: Hiroshima, Tokyo day tour to Mt Fuji including Bullet train return to Tokyo and another day tour exploring Tokyo.

Cruise: 5 ports of call. Entertainment & activities on board cruise every day.

Meals included: All meals on board the ship. Breakfasts only for the 5-day land tour.

Price per person - **Inside** cabin \$2100/pp. **Ocean View** cabin \$2619/pp.

Plus approx. cost of 5-day land tour, including transfers, rail passes and Melbourne return flights on Cathay Pacific (Dep Mel: 11.40 pm / Arr Tokyo: 2.00 pm on day 1 of the tour) \$4,500/pp.

Total cost (approx.) Inside cabins \$6,600/pp. Ocean View \$7,119/pp.

Any excursions from the ship will be extra (costs are between \$25 and \$160/pp). Go to www.princess.com for list of shore excursions.

Please Note: \$400.00/pp non-refundable deposit required by 27 February 2018.

Note: For every 12 passengers the cost of one cabin will be deducted (less taxes) and this saving will be divided amongst the group and distributed on our return.

The above cruise date is not yet in the Princess Cruise brochures. If the tour goes ahead you will receive an itinerary for the cruise and the 5-day land tour.

----- TEAR OFF HERE -----

I am interested in Option 1:

I am interested in Option 2:

FULL Name/s: (as per your Passport)

No. of Persons:

Tel:

Mob:

Email: