

Greensborough Gossip

Greensborough Branch Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

Peter Oaten and I have been discussing activities for next year (2014). We are wondering whether our branch members would be interested in participating in a 2-day trip (1 night) to somewhere in Victoria? We could also offer this activity to other branches if we cannot reach the required number.

There are many attractive destinations within Victoria that would be ideal for our purpose, but we would like to receive suggestions from our members. If you have any thoughts on a place you would like to visit or know of somewhere that would be suitable, please write it on a slip of paper and place it in our 'Suggestion Box'.

We will then attempt to organise a cost effective tour to a destination that the majority of our members have suggested.

In the meantime, let us not forget that there are still activities to attend in 2013.

We have now commenced accepting names for our COBA activity of **Lunch at William Angliss College Café on Thursday 5 December** (see page 4 for details).

The café can only accommodate 150 people and as this is a COBA activity our branch will be limited to 40x places. If we receive over 40 names we will commence a waiting list and if other branches do not reach their quota we will then fill those places from our waiting list.

A **'Mystery Bus Tour' on Wed 28 August** has been organised. Members have been asking where we are going. All I can say is that the destination is approx 1 hour away and includes morning tea, lunch and 2 visits to interesting (I hope for all) locations. (See page 4 for details - minus of course the destination.)

2013/2014 Committee Election:

Reminder to members that Tuesday September 17 is our AGM and Committee elections will be held — (this is an evening meeting).

Any financial member may nominate for the Committee. We have 13 members on our Committee and every member is required to stand down, although they are eligible to re-nominate.

Nominations forms will be available at the July and August Branch meetings. All nomination forms must be with the Secretary one month prior to the AGM.

Regards.

Bob Goodyear, President

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NON-COMMITTEE POSITIONS:

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Book Exchange Coordinator

Yvonne Schaller 9432 3001

Next Branch Meeting

Tuesday 20 August
9.30am for 10.00 am start

Speaker:

Brian Williams
Consumer Affairs Victoria

Topic:

"Retirement Villages"



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)



THE MYSTIC

In a dark and hazy room, peering into a crystal ball, the Mystic delivered grave news.

There's no easy way to tell you this, so I'll just be blunt. Prepare yourself to be a widow. Your husband will die a violent and horrible death this year."

Visibly shaken, Laura stared at the woman's lined face, then at the single flickering candle, then down at her hands. She took a few deep breaths to compose herself and to stop her mind racing.

She simply had to know. She met the Fortune Teller's gaze, steadied her voice and asked, "Will I be acquitted?"

For some reason, women tend to like this joke!

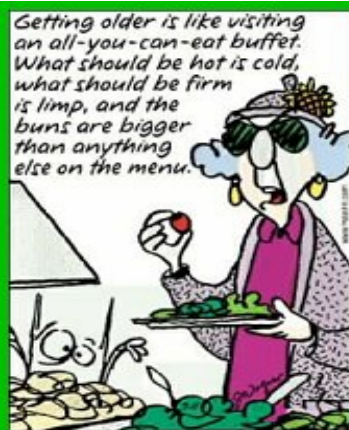


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DIET TIP!

Never eat more than you can lift.

Miss Piggy

COFFEE CLUB



Wed 7 August - 10.00 am

CRUZE Lounge

Shop 13A, 78 Nepean Street
Watsonia

Tel: 9433 2135

Coordinator:
Gaylynn Pinniger - Tel: 9458 2603

DINNER CLUB



Fri 2 August - 7.00 pm

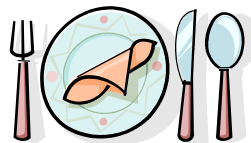
Narai Thai

597 Grimshaw Street
Bundoora (Licensed & BYO wine only)

Tel: 9467 1204

Contact: John & Elaine Brook
Tel: 9432 1695
RSVP: Mon 29 July

LUNCH CLUB



Thu 8 August - 12.00 noon

Bridges

1075 Heidelberg/Kinglake Road
Hurstbridge

Tel: 9718 0099

Contact: Lesley Bruce
Tel: 9434 3985
RSVP: Mon 3 August

Walking Club



Walkers meet at 9.30 am

1st Tuesday of the month:
Kalparrin (opp. Skateboard rink).

2nd & 3rd Tuesday of the month:
Henry Street end of Greensborough
Memorial Park.

Last Tuesday of the month:
Bottom Car Park, Lower Plenty Hotel,
Main Road, Lower Plenty.

Exception to the above routine:

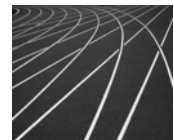
Branch meeting days - when the group
walk on **Wednesdays** at Greensborough
Memorial Park.



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

LUNCH CLUB & DINNER CLUB **PATRONS**

NB: Please book by the **RSVP date** with the **contact person/s** listed as numbers need to be confirmed with the various restaurants.

If you are unable to attend on the day, please phone the contact person/s listed, or the restaurant, (leaving your name) so that others will know not to wait for you before ordering.

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.

Tue 23 July: Puffing Billy Train incl bus & morning tea stop, train ride on Puffing Billy, 2-course lunch at Stamford Hotel, Dandenong. Dep Greensborough Memorial Park (McDowell Street entrance)
Time: 8.30 am - 4.30 pm. Cost: \$55.00/pp (COBA activity) **Fully booked. Waiting list commenced.**

Wed 28 August: Mystery (Secret) Bus Tour
Incl morning tea, lunch and visits to two locations. Dep Greensborough Memorial Park (McDowell Street entrance)
Time: 9.30am - 4.30 pm. Cost: \$45.00/pp

Sun 1-Fri 6 September: 6-day Merimbula// Sapphire Coast (COBA activity)
Dep Greensborough Memorial Park (McDowell Street entrance) at **7.30 am**
Cost: \$675/pp (+ \$175 for single supplement)
Incl all breakfasts & dinners.
\$200.00 deposit. Final payment by 31 July. Fully booked. Waiting List commenced.

Thu 5 December: William Angliss College Café, 555 LaTrobe Street (COBA activity)
3-course Lunch (own transport) (maximum of 150 persons) (Allocation for Greensborough 40x)
Time: 12.00 noon Cost: \$35.00/pp
(This activity is being opened up as bookings are limited)

For bookings see: Peter Oaten - Tel: 9434 6795
or Bob Goodyear - Tel: 9435 2529

PLEASE NOTE:

Listed below are future planned activities for 2013 - these activities are not open for bookings as yet.

Wed 2 October: Tesselaar's Tulip Festival

Fri 22 November: Warrook Cattle Farm

Tue 10 December: Branch Christmas Dinner Dance



To those celebrating a birthday this month



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 (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).



OPENING NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Heidelberg Theatre Company's production of *"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"*
Thursday 12 September 2013
\$25 per ticket

Proceeds to the Heart & Lung Transplant Trust (Vic) Inc (Accommodation Program)

Enquiries/Bookings: Gaylynn Pinniger Tel: 9458 2603 gaylynn.pinniger@gmail.com

National Seniors

Australia

All Branch members are welcome to attend the interesting and informative free one hour talks on **3rd Thursday of the month at 10.15am – 11.15am at Melbourne NSA office**, Block Court, Level 2, 290 Collins Street (take Lift 4 near Hunt Leather).

Come at 9.45am for morning tea (coffee/tea/scones)! The talks then commence at 10.15am.

PROGRAM:

18 July: **John Harrison**, from Ballarat, will be giving a talk on **herbal remedies** that were in wide use during the Gold Rush. This talk is both fascinating and informative.

15 August: **Gemma White** will be talking about the **Home at Last** service and about housing options for people on low incomes, including people who are thinking of downsizing.

19 September: **Golden Days Radio** community radio.

MELBOURNE INVESTMENT GROUP:

For those interested in personal finance, shares and superannuation, the **Melbourne Investment Group** welcomes members from all branches to their meetings which are held on **1st Thursday of the month at 10.00 am**. There is a talk, followed by questions & answers.

Please phone our office on 9650 6144 for more details, or to make a booking for any of the above talks.



'SONGS OF PRAISE!'

A delightful, pleasant Sunday afternoon program called **SPRINGTIME 'SONGS OF PRAISE'** will be held on **SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER from 2.00 pm to 4.45 pm** at the **Diamond Valley Baptist mud brick complex, 309 Diamond Creek Road, Plenty. (Melways 11 D7).**

There is no charge and a delicious Afternoon Tea will be served following the program. A pre-program of music and DVDs starts at 1.30pm.

We will join to sing many favourite hymns and songs and our GUEST ITEMS will include:

Richard Thomas – Outstanding Music Theatre Performer

He recently concluded his role as 'The Phantom' in Windmill Theatre Company's 'Phantom of the Opera'. Over the last 15 years, he has performed in nine major theatre productions and at numerous corporate, charitable and municipal events. Richard is a popular wedding singer and a regular artist for St Paul's Cathedral and the Melbourne Singers. Last year he performed for Princess Charlene of Monaco at the opening of the 'Grace Kelly: Style Icon Exhibition'. He has recorded three superb albums.

The Gifted 'Lau Trio' - Kylie, David and Rachel Lau

Kylie (Piano), David (Violin/Viola), and Rachel (Flute) are siblings who have grown up playing together. All classically trained musicians, they each teach music from their home in Melbourne. It has been their great joy and privilege to share their music in a variety of events in Australia and overseas, but they mostly enjoy sharing the great songs of their faith in worship of God.

Alana Moss - Saxophonist

Alana has performed at many events at Montmorency Secondary College including fundraising and music nights and she has won several awards. She has been playing the saxophone for six and a half years and recently won 'The Lightning Ridge Talent Quest' prize of \$1,000. Alana is a valued member of our SOP Music Ensemble.

Regulars:

Dale Philip – Our own popular SOP Baritone & Song Leader, **Matthew Field** – Song Leader & Accompanist, **Ron Ellis** – SOP Compere & Soloist

Enquiries to the organiser, Ron Ellis on 9459 5698 or by email: ron@ronellis.org



TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorraine Oaten

Balance as at 01/06/2013		\$19,631.89
Plus Income		
Attendance	261.00	
Grapevine Credits	6.00	
Membership	50.00	
Advertising	50.00	
Raffle	135.30	
Entertainment Books	195.00	
Merimbula 6 Day Tour	4,405.00	
William Angliss Xmas Lunch	183.00	
Film Lunch Balwyn Theatre	150.00	
Postage	12.00	
H.M.A.S Cerberus	822.00	
Puffing Billy	955.00	
Total:		7,224.30
Less Expenditure		
Film Lunch Balwyn Theatre	495.00	
Puffing Billy Refund	70.00	
Membership	50.00	
2 Robin Bowles Novels (Branch Raffle)	40.00	
Patsy Coverdale Novel/Book Exchange	25.00	
Speaker Gift/Door Prizes	57.00	
Petrol Money Speaker	25.00	
Gossip Printing - May	68.88	
Gossip Printing - June	76.80	
Printer Toner	21.96	
Bendigo Bank Transaction Fee	1.40	
Plenty Valley FM Membership	55.00	
Total:		-986.04
Balance as at 30/06/2013		\$25,870.15



Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child

Hi members: I am again working for Samaritan's Purse where we collect small gifts to fill shoeboxes that are sent to needy children overseas.

You can donate items of clothing, toiletries, toys, stationery, etc. keeping in mind that sweets, breakables, liquids (e.g. hand cream, sunscreen), playing/swap cards and anything like a gun cannot be sent. All items should be **new**. Some examples are exercise books, pens, pencils, sharpeners, rubbers, wrapped soap, face washers, toothbrushes, t-shirts, shorts, thongs, sunglasses, all sorts of toys, especially balls.

Wrapping is removed before sending as there is often no means of disposal. If you would like to fill a box this would be very welcome too — the box should be a standard shoe box size so that everyone is treated equally. We are also looking for empty shoe boxes to cover with Christmas or other bright wrapping paper.

Items and boxes can be brought along to Branch meetings until October, or 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.

Thanking you in anticipation. **Dianne Klein, Greensborough Branch Member**

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 the 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!)

BOOK EXCHANGE & CRAFT BOOK EXCHANGE

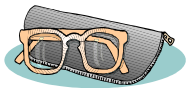


We operate a **Free Book Exchange** on Branch Meeting days. We ask only that you return the books to the Branch when you have finished reading them so that other members may have the opportunity to borrow the books.

(Tables are set up at the rear of the function room.)

Coordinators for this activity are:
Yvonne Schaller — Book Exchange
Lois Williams — Knitting/Craft Patterns

Members, please bring along your unwanted books.

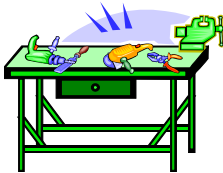


Spectacles & Sunglasses

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.



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

Garden Workshop - Bunnings Eltham



Members are invited to attend the Bunnings Garden Workshop in their Eltham store, held on 1st Thursday of every month — 10am until 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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