

Greensborough Gossip

Greensborough Branch Newsletter

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Editor - Marlene Goodyear



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

2015 Branch Activities:

As Peter Oaten and I commence to plan the activities program for 2015 we do need your assistance.

We want you to use the **Suggestion Box** (*available at Branch meetings*) to put in a note or leaflet on an activity or outing you may have experienced or heard about which may be of interest to members. As always we strive to plan outings and activities that are interesting, cost effective and most importantly that are relevant to you, the members. We look forward to your input!

Seniors Concert:

The Seniors Concert is back and will be held at the **Melbourne Town Hall on Tuesday 7 October 2014, commencing at 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm - Cost: 15.00/pp.**

The format will take the form of a "Swing Spectacular" with music & dancing featuring the "Groovin Easy Orchestra" playing big band music from the 1940's & 1950's, and demonstrations by the "Whitehorse Lac Line Dancers" & "Ignite Bollywood Dancers".

We are now taking bookings and members can book individually or book a group table of 10x.

Branch Membership:

As our branch numbers continue to increase, the Management Committee and branch may need to make some hard decisions, e.g. do we put a ceiling on people attending meetings, exclude members who miss more than two consecutive meetings without an apology, or start a waiting list as other clubs do? The RSL can only accommodate a certain number and last month we were searching for extra chairs. We will be monitoring this situation over the next few months.

Visitors are welcome to attend two meetings and then if they decide they want to attend branch meetings and activities they are required to join the National Seniors Australia organisation.

"Cooly Rocks On":

On a lighter note, Marlene & I were fortunate to attend a Rock'n'Roll festival at Coolangatta/Tweed Heads, Qld held at the end of May and culminating on the Queen's Birthday weekend.

There were many like-minded people who attended the festival and they all came to experience a little nostalgia of the 50s & 60s. For the car enthusiasts over 1300 cars of the era were on display in the streets - classic American autos, Cadillac's, Fords, Chevies, Hot Rods, etc - see page 6 for photo.....

Some of the headline acts we saw were The Delltones (very popular), Lonnie Lee, Frankie J. Holden, Wilbur Wilde, Hazel Phillips, Denise Drysdale, Issy Dye (remember all these artists?).

We attended a dance class to broaden our moves on the dance floor - trouble is now we are home we can't remember the new steps.

Lost of people dressed in clothing of the era - there was a 'Miss Cooly Rocks On' Pageant and it was strange to see a younger generation dressed up in the vintage attire.

We had a great time and can thoroughly recommend this festival - it's great fun.

Regards.
Bob Goodyear

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2013/2014

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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 19 August
9.30 am for 10.00 am start

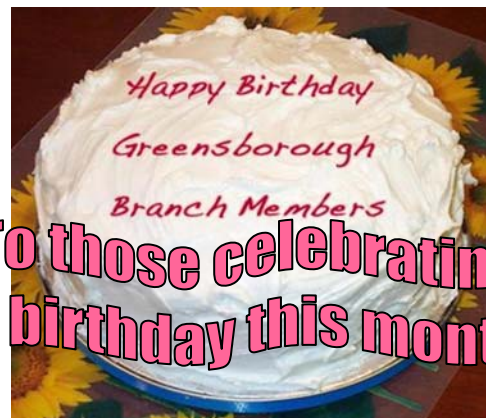
Speaker:
Ian Crawford

Topic:
"Crawford Productions & the dramas
of early television"



*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



Wed 6 August - 10.00 am

Zanetti

2/132 Upper Heidelberg Road
Ivanhoe
(Close to Ivanhoe Hotel - parking at rear)
Tel: 9499 1642

Coordinator:
Gaylynn Pinniger - Tel: 9458 2603

DINNER CLUB



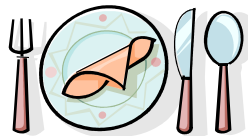
Friday 1 August - 7.00 pm

Cellini Café Bar

191 Burgundy Street
Heidelberg
Tel: 9459 3151

Contact: Bob Goodyear
Tel: 9435 2529
RSVP: Mon 4 August

LUNCH CLUB



Thu 14 August - 12.00 noon

Narai-Thai Restaurant

597 Grimshaw Street
Bundoora
(Cnr Grimshaw Street & Plenty Road)
Tel: 9467 1204

Contact: Val Beale
Tel: 9434 3084
RSVP: Mon 11 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.

4th Tuesday of the month:
Bottom Car Park, Lower Plenty Hotel,
Main Road, Lower Plenty.

Exception to the above routine:
Branch (day) meetings - when the group
meet on **Wednesdays** at Greensborough
Memorial Park.



Confused??? ...

Contact Coordinator:
Ken Pickett - Tel: 9435 0076

Low Impact Walking Club



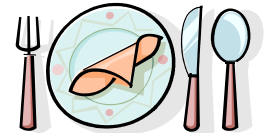
NOT UP TO HILLS?

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 4th 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



Thu 11 September - 12.00 noon

Vibrante Restaurant

133 James Street
Templestowe
Tel: 94846 6222

Contact: Cherie Holmes
Tel: 9434 1494
RSVP: Mon 8 September

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.

Friday 18 July — Balwyn Palace Theatre Film/Luncheon. Film - "Jersey Boys"
10.40 am—1.30 pm. Cost: \$15.00/pp.

Thursday 31 July — Warrook Farm & Homestead (near Tooradin) (COBA)
Incl Morning Tea, tour of a working Farm (sheep shearing, dog demonstration, milking cattle, hay-ride around farm.
Tour of the Homestead and 'Xmas in July' lunch in the Homestead.
Time: 8.30 am — 5.00 pm. Cost: \$55.00/pp

Wednesday 27 August — Ten Pin Bowling
AMF, Settlement Road, Keon Park.
Two games. Time: 10.00 am — 12.00 noon.
Cost: \$18.00/pp, includes shoe hire.

Tuesday 7 October — 'The Swing Spectacular'
Melbourne Town Hall: (COBA)
Twilight Dance - 4.30 — 6.30 pm
Featuring: Groovin Easy Orchestra, Whitehorse LAC Line Dancers, Ignite Bollywood Dancers.
Cost: \$15.00/pp. Own transport.

Thu 9 - Wed 15 October: Flinders Ranges, SA 7-day luxury coach tour (COBA)
Prices: \$1549.00/pp (30x), \$1499.00 (35x), \$1449.00 (40x). Single supplement \$498.00/pp. min Nos. 30 / max nos. 90).

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

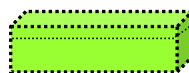
2014 Activities Program:

Listed below are activities planned for the remainder of the 2014 year:

Monday 24 November — Tour of Latrobe Cottage & Government House

Thursday 4 December — Xmas Lunch at Sky High Restaurant, Dandenong (COBA)

Tuesday 9 December — Branch Christmas Dinner Dance at RSL. **Our theme will be "A White Christmas"**.



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.

If you would like to fill a box this would be very welcome too — the box should be a standard shoe box size so everyone is treated equally. We are also looking for empty shoe boxes.

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, Branch Member



The Bus Drive

Two bowling teams, one of all Blondes and one of all Brunettes, charter a Double-Decker bus for a weekend trip. The Brunette team rode on the bottom of the bus, and the Blonde team rode on the top level.

The Brunette team down below really whooped it up, having a great time, when one of them realized she hadn't heard anything from the Blondes upstairs. She decided to go up and investigate.

When the Brunette reached the top, she found all the Blondes in fear, staring straight ahead at the road, clutching the seats in front of them with white knuckles. The brunette asked, 'What the heck's going on up here? We're having a great time downstairs! One of the Blondes looked up at her, swallowed hard and said...**'YEAH, BUT YOU'VE GOT A DRIVER!!'**



TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorraine Oaten

Balance as at 01/06/2014	61,726.88
Plus Income	
Xmas In July- Warrook Farm	1,095.00
Morning Melodies	117.00
Flinders Ranges Tour	43,791.00
Entertainment Books	130.00
Film Lunch	255.00
Seniors Week-Swing Spectacula	135.00
Membership	90.00
Attendance	366.00
Raffle	173.00
Total:	46,152.00
Less Expenditure	
Deposit Trade Travel-Flinders Ranges	14,600.00
Donation Speaker	50.00
Purchase Speakers Book	25.00
DoorPrizes/Speakers Gifts	74.00
Entertainment Books	975.00
Tigers Clubhouse-Morning Melodies	672.00
Membership	130.00
Advertising-RSL Screen	110.00
Gossip Printing	161.92
Stamps	30.00
Stationery Supplies	62.32
Computer Supplies	127.00
Total:	-17,017.24
Balance as at 30/06/2014	90,861.64

National Seniors

Australia

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

Morning Tea will be served from 10.30 - 11.00 am to give members the opportunity to mingle. The talks then commence at 11.00am.

PROGRAM:

17 July: The Dunny Man: "Taking Care of Business": an historical viewpoint, presented by John Gardner.

21 August: Metro: "Safer use of public transport", presented by Luke Martin.

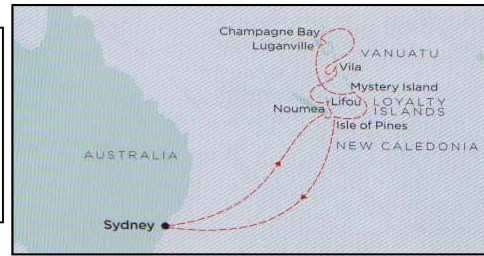
MELBOURNE INVESTMENT GROUP:

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 Tel: 9650 6144 for more info, or to make a booking for any of the above talks.

South Pacific Paradise - 31 March, 2015

Radiance of the Seas Royal Caribbean Cruises
12 nights 7 Ports
Prices are based on twin share
Cruise leaves from Sydney & flights & transfers are extra



We have 21 people confirmed for this cruise. We can take extra people, but the group price is no longer available.

Prices are now \$1695/pp based on an inside cabin. For an outside cabin you will need to add a further \$800/pp.

If you are interested in participating in the above trip, please contact Marg Wood by Email at: marg.wood@myshercon.com or Tel: 9438 4219 / Mob: 0412 687 844



Social Committee Report Marg Wood

Our first foray into overseas trips has been very pleasing. February 2015, 7 members are booked for Thailand and March 2015, 21 are booked for a cruise around the Pacific Islands.

In November we will be presenting a survey to members with suggestions for 2016 & beyond and to gauge interest in possible trips. So that members have an idea of costs, suggested destinations for 2016 are being researched by committee members: Lorraine & Peter Oaten – Norfolk Island, Rob & Marlene Goodyear – Hawaiian Cruise, Ian Schuck – Turkey, Frank Beale – Gourmet King Island.

The long term planning is for members to be able to factor these dates into their calendars well in advance. From feedback, some members are happier travelling with a group they know and singles have the opportunity to share with familiar faces. Group travel is also at a discounted rate.



Elvis look-a-likes (a young & an older version) at the Cooly Rocks On Festival Parade

This photo was taken by the Beales (members Frank & Val) who also attended the festival.

Frank is a car enthusiast and tells me that the car (what you can see of it) is a Ford Galaxy Convertible.

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.



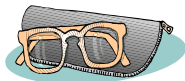
Are you interested in knitting children's garments or maybe toys?

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

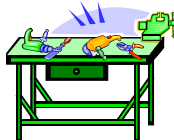


We operate a **Free Book Exchange** on Branch Meeting days. We ask only that you return the books to the Branch when you have finished reading them so that other members may have the opportunity to borrow the books.

(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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