

Greensborough Gossip

Greensborough Branch Newsletter

Branch No. 100133 Incorporation No. A0044936A

JULY 2015

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

September AGM:

The branch is soon approaching the AGM when members elect a new committee. We have two vacancies as Peter & Lynne Maw have decided to come off the committee after being on the committee since the branch's inception.

We have some members who have indicated they are willing to nominate for the committee. If there are more nominations than positions available then an election will be held. If there are less nominations than positions then the nominated members will be duly elected. Any unfilled position on the committee can be filled on a casual basis.

If members are interested in being on the committee they must fill in a nomination form which will be available at the July & August meetings. Nomination forms must be returned to the Secretary by or at the August branch meeting.

Travel Committee:

The next meeting of the Travel Committee is on Wednesday 22 July commencing at 2.00 pm at the Goodyears.

Blue Mountains Trip:

Recently I have received enquiries from members participating in the Blue Mountains trip regarding how they will get to the airport. The itinerary mentions that participants will be transferred to the airport. This means that we, as a group, will be collected by bus from Greensborough Memorial Park and taken to the airport. The bus is included in the price of the trip. A bus will also return us from the airport to Memorial Park on the final day.

REMINDER: Final payment is now due for the Blue Mountains trip.

Assisting the Branch:

There are members of the branch who have indicated they would like to assist the committee but not be officially elected to the committee.

We are fortunate that members are willing to assist us when committee members are travelling, ill or performing grand parenting duties.

At the moment we are seeking a member with computer skills who would be willing to maintain the branch's website and/or the Zone website.

Payments for Activities:

If members place their names on activity lists and final numbers have been submitted to the company conducting the activity then payment is required regardless of whether or not the person can attend. Therefore I would ask that members check their names on any of the activity lists. The bus company or organisation will charge our branch for the total numbers booked.

August Meeting:

Please note that the August Branch meeting has been changed to **Tuesday 25 August** due to the function room not being available on the usual 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Regards, Bob Goodyear

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Management Committee
2014/2015

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Marg Wood 9438 4219

Speakers Sub-Committee

Jim Kindness 9469 4469

Bob & Marlene Goodyear, Gaylynn Pinniger

Welfare Officer

Judy Harvey 9401 6752

Door Attendants/Registration

Lynne Maw 9401 6717

Barbara Crosling 9435 5020

Social Committee:

Marg Wood - Chairperson 9438 4219

Bob Goodyear

Marlene Goodyear

Lorraine Oaten

Frank Beale

Ian Schuck

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 25 August 2015
(Note that the August meeting is the
4th Tuesday)

9.30 am for 10.00 am start

Speaker:

Peter Platky, Metro Trains Melbourne

Topic:

“Issues affecting passengers on
public transport, specifically trains”



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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Email, Website, Mail**

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

COFFEE CLUB



Wed 5 August - 10.00 am

The Groove Train

Shop 14, Summerhill Shopping Centre
850 Plenty Road
Reservoir
Tel: 9471 1601

Coordinator:
Gaylynn Pinniger - Tel: 9458 2603

DINNER CLUB



Fri 7 August - 7.00 pm

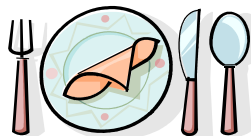
Eos Greek Restaurant

83 Grimshaw Street
Greensborough
Tel: 9432 4111

Contact: Jim & Val Kindess
Tel: 9469 4469

RSVP: Mon 3 August

LUNCH CLUB



Thu 13 August - 12.00 noon

The Junction Hotel

1 Plenty Road
Preston
Tel: 9484 1009

Contact: Myrna McNeil
Tel: 9458 1137
RSVP: Mon 10 August

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

Maxine was asked.....

What's your secret for keeping your figure?



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.

Thursday 23 July: RipponLea House & Gardens / Fire Brigade Museum (COBA)

Incl tour of House & Gardens with entrance to Miss Fisher's Costume Exhibition, 2-course lunch at Moonee Valley Racecourse and self tour of Fire Brigade Museum. Cost: \$51.00/pp. Time: **8.30am-4.00pm**. **Bus pickup at Greensborough Memorial Park (McDowell Street end).**

Tuesday 28 July: 'Xmas in July' - Olympic Hotel, 31 Albert Street, Preston - featuring Entertainer, Denise Drysdale.

Incl Devonshire Morning Tea & Roast Lunch. Cost: \$40.00/pp. Time: 11.00am-2.00pm. Own transport. We have booked 24 places and these have been taken up. If you wish to attend please ring the Olympic Hotel direct on 9484 4978.

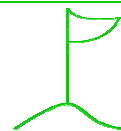
Wednesday 19 August: Morning Melodies @ 520 Club, Werribee

Incl Morning Tea, 2-course Lunch, Entertainment. Cost: \$30.00/pp. Time: 9.30am-3.30 pm. **Bus pickup at Greensborough Memorial Park (McDowell Street end). (We need a minimum of 35x)**

Tuesday 8 to Saturday 12 September: Blue Mountains, NSW Tour (COBA)

Incl 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 due now. Final payment by 8 July.

Seeking Golfers (Good & Bad)



A group of Greensborough branch members are now playing golf on the 1st Monday of each month commencing at 9.00 am at Strathallen Golf Club, 100 Main Drive, Bundoora.

Cost for 9 holes is \$16.00/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 him on 9434 3839

If I hit it right, it's a slice. If I hit it left, it's a hook. If I hit it straight, it's a miracle. ---- Anon



TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorraine Oaten

Balance as at 01/06/2015	36,856.46
Plus Income	
Ripponlea	898.00
Arts Centre/Hamer Hall	160.00
Blue Mountains Tour	17,000.00
Xmas In July/Denise Drysdale	580.00
Norfolk Island	8,100.00
William Angliss	35.00
Morning Melodies	100.00
Advertising	90.00
Attendance	315.00
Membership	200.00
Raffle	165.40
Grapevine Credits	32.00
Total:	27,675.40
Less Expenditure	
Midland Tours - Tyabb Packing House	-2,409.90
Trade Travel - Blue Mountains Deposit	-9,600.00
Hamer Hall/Art Centre Tour	-377.00
Xmas In July/Denise Drysdale	-920.00
Membership	-240.00
Gossip Printing	-67.20
Printer Expenses	-56.94
Stamps/Stationery	-102.37
Donation/Cottage By The Sea	-100.00
Speakers Gifts/Door Prizes	-30.85
Total:	-13,904.26
Balance as at 30/06/2015	50,627.60

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.

KING ISLAND – NOVEMBER 2015 NORFOLK ISLAND – APRIL 2016



King Island Tours:

We have booked 2 separate tours dates - **18 to 21 and 22 to 25 November 2015**. 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.

We will be flying Rex Airlines from Tullamarine in a Saab 33 seater. If you have any questions please contact marg.wood@myshercon.com or phone 94384219.

Deposits have been paid. **Final payment (TBA) is due by 7 October 2015.**

Norfolk Island Tour:

10 to 18 April 2016. Cost: \$2895/pp. incl airfares. Single supp: \$675/pp.

Deposits have been paid. **Balance due early 2016 (date TBA).**



Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

Hi members: I am again working for Samaritan's Purse where we collect small gifts to fill shoe-boxes 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

DIAMOND VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH – FUNDRAISING WILLS COUPON PROGRAM

THIS VERY GENEROUS OFFER IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR NATIONAL SENIORS MEMBERS, THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

- Did you know that approximately 50% of all Australians do not have a Will or that their current Will is out of date?
- The average cost to have your Will made or updated by some legal firms is usually around \$300 - \$400.00.
- GOOD NEWS! An arrangement with highly regarded *Solicitors, Dellios West & Co. of Fairfield, Thomastown and Coburg*, has been made for them to make or update Wills **FREE OF CHARGE** for anyone who donates \$50.00 towards our '**30 MORE YEARS - \$100,000 APPEAL TARGET**'.
- To take advantage of this excellent offer, go to our desk in the church foyer or our church office or contact Ron Ellis on 0407 306 353.
- By donating \$50.00 to our Appeal each person will receive a Coupon Pack that will enable that person to have their Will made or updated. Two Coupons are required for a couple and only one appointment is required for a couple. The 'confidential form' in the Coupon Pack must be completed and taken to your appointment. This will save time!
- The offer is being made to your family and friends, as well as Diamond Valley Baptist Church members.

Ron Ellis,
Wills Coupon Organiser – Mobile 0407 306 353. Email: ron@ronellis.org

NOTE:

Ron will have Coupon Packs available at our branch meeting and payment can be made by Cash, Visa or Mastercard.

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.



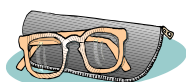
Are you interested in knitting children's garments or maybe toys?

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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is a charity serving elderly Victorians needing affordable, safe & dignified independent community living, together with appropriate & practicable continuing care.

Our Estate at 339 St Helena Road, St Helena has an 81 bed Residential Aged Care Facility, including 1 Respite Room.

Our facility "**Liscombe House**" comprises three 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