

Greensborough Gossip

Greensborough Branch Newsletter

Branch No. 100133 Incorporation No. A0044936A

JULY 2017

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

Murray Magic Tours:

Please see page 4 of this newsletter re changes to train travel to Kerang.

Annual General Meeting:

An early reminder to members that the 2017 AGM will be held on **Tuesday 19 September** (an evening meeting). As the present Management Committee stands down at the AGM, I hope present members will consider nominating for the 2017/2018 year.

The following is an extract from a member survey from Zone 108 in WA re committee membership.

Factors affecting a member nominating:

- * *I do not have the capacity to undertake a committee role.*
- * *I cannot accept a committee role because it will lock me into a commitment.*
- * *Other people can do this - I just want to enjoy what the branch has to offer.*
- * *I have already been a committee member or I am serving in another capacity.*
- * *Physical limitations.*
- * *Fear of failure due to lack of computer skills.*

Benefits of becoming a member:

- * *Keeps your brain active.*
- * *Working with a team, enjoying the camaraderie.*
- * *Feeling good about achieving something.*
- * *Being congratulated on a job well done.*

The Johnston Collection:

Two tours have been booked for the Johnston Collection on Thursday 24 August: Tour 1 commencing at 10.00 am & Tour 2 at 12.00 noon. Members need to indicate their preferred time when booking a place on the above activity.

We will travel by train to Jolimont Station, walk across the road to the Pullman Hotel (formerly the Hilton Hotel). We need to arrive 15mins prior to the tour commencing.

We will be collected by minibus and taken to the house to view the Johnston Collection. Morning tea will be served at the house prior to the tour commencing. Bags will need to be stored prior to the tour commencing.

- * Maximum of 22x per tour
- * Children under 8 not permitted on the tour
- * There is no wheelchair or walker assistance.
- * Cost is \$21.00/pp.

Mystery Tour — Mon 26 June:

The destination for our Mystery Tour was the Desalination plant which most members guessed when we arrived at Wonthaggi.

Our guide told us about the history and construction of the plant. We viewed the interior of the plant. (I have never seen so many pipes in one area!) We then toured the exterior of the plant by bus. The plant is built at a lower level so that it's not an 'eyesore' on the landscape. Also the roof is covered with grass and plants to fit in with the environment.

Lunch was at the Wonthaggi Golf Club. I hope everyone enjoyed their day out. A few of members had been before, but I guess that is the luck of the draw when going on a 'Mystery' Tour.

Regards, Bob Goodyear

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2016/2017

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Travel Committee:

Marg Wood - **Coordinator**

Bob Goodyear, Marlene Goodyear, Lorraine Oaten, Ian Schuck

Speakers Gifts & Door Prizes, Coffee Club Coordinator - Gaylynn Pinniger

Book Exchange Coordinator - Ken Pickett

Craft Books Coordinator - Lois Williams

Branch Auditor - Tom Cleary

*I have entered the snapdragon
part of my life.*

*Part of me has snapped.... And
the rest of me is draggin!*

Next Branch Meeting

Tuesday 15 August 2017

10.00 am start

(doors open at 9.30 am for registration)

Greensborough RSL

Speaker: Mark Gellatly, Forensic Biologist

Topic: "Forensic Science"



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
Zone Website**

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www.greensboroughnationalseniors.com.au

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

Zone Website:
www.vicbranches.org.au

COFFEE CLUB



Wed 2 August - 10.00 am

Coopers Bar & Restaurant

1191 Plenty Road

Bundoora

Tel: 9467 9899

Coordinator:

Gaylynn - Tel: 9458 2603



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

LUNCH CLUB



Thu 10 August - 12.00 noon

Sinners Family Restaurant

Shop 3/797 Plenty Road

South Morang

Tel: 9436 6900

RSVP: Mon 7 August

Jane Fisher

Tel: 0408 129 914

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.

DINNER CLUB



Friday 4 August - 7.00 pm

Armanii's Café Cucina

6/30 Janefield Drive

Bundoora

Tel: 8679 9001

RSVP: Mon 31 July

Val & Jim Kindness

Tel: 9469 4469

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 information - please see Ian Schuck at branch meetings or phone Ian on 9434 3839.

UPCOMING BRANCH EVENTS



Branch & COBA Activities

Reminder to members: \$20.00/pp deposit required when placing your name on an activity list.

Thursday 27 July - City Sights Tour No.1 (COBA): Incl coach, morning tea & lunch. Meet at Greensborough Memorial Park. Time: 9.30 - 4.00pm. Cost: \$39.00/pp.

Thursday 24 August - Johnson Collection: Travel by train (own transport) to Jolimont Station & walk to 'Pullman on the Park' hotel (opp station). You will then be transferred by bus to where Johnson Collection is housed. Coffee/Tea on arrival. **Time: Arrive at Pullman Hotel 15 mins prior to tours.** Tour 1 at 10.00 am & Tour 2 at 12.00 noon. Max for each tour is 22x. Cost: \$21.00/pp.

Wednesday 25 October - Beleura House & Gardens: Incl coach from Memorial Park. Time: 9.00-5.00pm. Morning Tea & Lunch at Beleura House. Tour of House & Gardens. (Mini bus travel to Beleura House & Gardens from pickup point.) Maximum 48x Cost: \$62.00 (40x) and \$70.00 (30x)

September 2017 - 'Murray Magic Tour' (COBA)

V-Line has informed us of timetable changes for travel to Kerang as follows: The latest information we have is departure from Southern Cross Station at **10.38 am on Sunday 3 September & Sunday 17 September** (some members however have been advised different times)! The train arrives in Bendigo at 12.30 pm and we then transfer to a V-Line coach (54 seater) and arrive in Kerang at 2.10 pm where we will be collected by the motel bus and taken to Barham. There is no change in the return journey times for both groups. Please note that full payment is now due.

Remember: members must be at Southern Cross Station 1 hour prior to departure to check in their luggage.



FUTURE BRANCH TRIPS

The travel committee has agreed that we will do a conducted tour of **Tasmania in 2018.**

The reason we have opted for this is that it is fairly cost effective and will be relatively easy to organize. Ian Schuck will be investigating the options.....

For **2019**, we have 4 destinations to investigate:

- (1) Japan
- (2) New Zealand
- (3) Canada and Alaska
- (4) European cruise

Once we have an indication of costs the 4 options will be presented to you and we will move forward with the trip that is the most popular.

Marg Wood, Travel Committee

Samaritan's Purse — Operation Christmas Child

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

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

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

You can bring along items/boxes to Branch meetings until October. 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. *Thankyou in anticipation. Dianne Klein, Member*



TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorraine Oaten

Balance as at 01/06/2017		25,436.03
Plus Income		
Mystery Tour	1,199.00	
Johnson Collection	42.00	
Magic Murray Tour Sept 3 - 9	13,100.00	
Magic Murray Tour Sept 17 - 23	7,400.00	
Tasmania Tour 2018	1,100.00	
City Sights Tour	548.00	
Spirit Of Tasmania Tour 2017	375.00	
NSA Grapevine Credits	16.00	
RSL Points	34.18	
Entertainment Books	420.00	
Membership	88.00	
Attendance	345.00	
Raffle	156.10	
Total:		24,823.28
Less Expenditure		
Dyson Bus Company/Bellarine Tour	-2,068.00	
Murray Magic Tour Deposit	-5,700.00	
Door/Raffle Prizes	-42.50	
NSA Q'land Membership	-88.00	
Gossip Printing	-84.00	
Printer Toner & Stamps	-81.00	
Total:		-8,063.50
Balance as at 30/06/2017		42,195.81



MURPHY'S LAW

Murphy drops some buttered toast on the kitchen floor and it lands butter-side up. He looks down in astonishment, for he knows that it's a law of nature of the universe that buttered toast always lands butter-side down.

So he rushes around to the church to fetch Fr Flanagan. He tells the priest that a miracle has occurred in his kitchen, but he won't say what it is, and asks him to come and see it with his own eyes. He leads Fr Flanagan into the kitchen and asks him what he sees on the floor.

"Well", says the priest, "It's pretty obvious. Someone dropped buttered toast on the floor and then, for some reason, flipped it over so that the butter was on top." "No Father, I dropped it and it landed like that!" exclaimed Murphy.

"Oh my Lord," says the priest, "dropped toast never falls with the butter side up. It's a mir.... wait ... it's not for me to say it's a miracle. I'll have to report this matter to the Bishop and he'll have to deal with it. He will send some people around to interview you, take photos, etc."

A thorough investigation is conducted, not only by the archdiocese, but by scientists sent over from Rome. No expense is spared. There is great excitement in the town as everyone knows that a miracle will bring in much needed tourism revenue.

Then, after many long weeks and with great fanfare, the Bishop announces the final ruling. "It is certain that some kind of an extraordinary event took place in Murphy's kitchen, quite outside the natural laws of the universe." However in this case, it has been declared 'No Miracle' because it is thought that Murphy may have buttered the toast on the wrong side!"

National Seniors

Australia

Managing Communication Preferences

NSA have asked if we could remind branch members of the communications available to them, and that they are able to choose which information they would like to receive.

Member communications explained:

- * **Connect e-newsletter** – weekly email newsletter sent every Thursday containing latest news and information for over 50s.
- * **Benefits bulletin** – monthly benefits email update sent the second Monday of each month containing benefits, competitions and news for members.
- * **50 something magazine** – quarterly lifestyle magazine. Choose to receive a copy in the mail or to access it digitally on the website or via the app.
- * **Travel e-newsletter** – monthly travel email newsletter containing the latest deals and travel inspiration for mature travelers.
- * **Special promotions** – receive details on National Seniors related promotions or events.
- * **Policy and research projects** – receive information about research or policy outcomes or participate in member surveys.
- * **Partner promotions** – receive information for members on behalf of our partners, such as Cellarmasters or Australian NaturalCare.
- * **Charity information** – receive information on donations.

Members can update their preferences and opt in or out of any of the above communications. Log in and visit the [My Account](#) area to access all preferences in one spot.

Otherwise, email membershipmail@nationalseniors.com.au or call 1300 76 50 50 and the team can update preferences for the member. If a member is having difficulty logging on to the website please contact NSA.

Keeping membership details up to date

Branch members are also reminded to keep their membership details up to date to ensure they continue receiving information and can make the most of their membership. This too can be done online or by contacting the membership team (as above).

Having your say

There is a new online form where members can submit issues of concern to the policy team. It is located at: www.nationalseniors.com.au/be-heard/our-policy-processes

Branch incentive payments

The branch incentive payment is \$6 per new membership and \$4 per renewed membership. For the branch to receive this payment, members must see the Treasurer (Lorraine Oaten) at branch meetings so that she can process the paperwork for this payment.

**Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit.
Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.**

**They begin the evening news with 'Good Evening'
then proceed to tell you why it isn't.**

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

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.



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.)

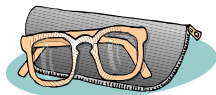
Coordinators for this activity are:
Ken Pickett — Book Exchange
Lois Williams — Knitting/Craft Patterns



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**



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.

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



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).**



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

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 Pauline Walters on 5795 1822**

**Or for further information, please contact:
 Karen Ernest on (03) 9433 1100**



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Located at 339 St Helena Road, St Helena is an 81 bed Residential Aged Care Facility, incl 1 Respite Room.

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- **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**