

# Greensborough Gossip

## Greensborough Branch Newsletter

Branch No. 100133 Incorporation No. A0044936A

**JULY 2018**

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dear Members,

#### **Xmas Branch Activity:**

At our June meeting members accepted the change that the Committee wished to make regarding the above activity.

This year we will be having a **Xmas Luncheon** at the Greensborough RSL on **Tuesday 11 December**.

A rough outline of the program will be:

- 10.00 am: Committee arrive
- 10.30 am Venue doors open
- 11.00 am Entertainment for 1 hour
- 12.00 noon Main Course served
- 1.00 pm Raffles drawn
- 1.30 pm Dessert served

We will still have our usual prizes of poinsettias, gift vouchers, etc to be raffled at the luncheon.

You will be able to book a table as per previous years if you wish.

I hope that all members will support this Xmas Luncheon.

#### **Mystery Tour:**

On Tuesday 4 September the Branch is conducting a 'Mystery Tour'.

Initially we will hiring a 24-seater bus (but we require a min of 18x people).

Should our numbers increase over 24x we will hire a second 24-seater bus (a min of 18x is required for the second bus).

See details re cost, times, etc on page 3 of the newsletter.

This activity involves two destinations and we will be inside for both of them.....that's all I can tell you folks!



**Shhh Please**

I would like to remind members not to talk amongst themselves when the invited speaker or any committee member is attempting to speak to our group on branch meeting days.

Recently we have had the situation of some members talking when the speaker was on stage presenting to our group. Your cooperation in this matter would be appreciated.

**Regards. Bob Goodyear, President**

#### **P.S:**

I do apologise for my emotional state at the last branch meeting when speaking of Marlene's absence due to her hospital appointment. I guess it is fair to say that I am an emotional person - must be my Italian heritage!

Anyhow Marlene is fine as she will no doubt tell you.

Thankyou to members who offered their support and understanding - I did appreciate it.

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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

**Branch Auditor** - Tom Cleary

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**Past Presidents:**

Christina McDonald - 2003/04

Greg Fallon - 2004/07

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**Next Branch Meeting**

**Tuesday 21 August 2018 - 10.00 am**  
(doors open at 9.30 for registration)

**Speaker:**

**'The Smith Family' Organisation**



*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  
Tel: 9401 6752 or  
email: judy.harvey43@yahoo.com**

*To those celebrating a birthday!*



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## COFFEE CLUB



**Wed 1 August - 10.00 am**

**Four Leaves Cafe**  
37 Greville Road  
Rosanna  
Tel 9459 7227

**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 9 August - 12.00 noon**

**The Greensborough Hotel**  
75 Main Street  
Greensborough  
Tel: 9435 1911

**RSVP: Mon 6 August**  
**Val Koning**  
**Tel: 9440 5269**

## 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 3 August - 7.00 pm**

**Peking Inn (Chinese)**  
3 Daly Place  
Bundoora  
Tel: 9467 5045

**RSVP: Mon 30 July**  
**Lora Schiele**  
**Tel: 9435 7264**



## 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.**

# UPCOMING BRANCH EVENTS



## Branch Activities

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

**Friday 27 July - Xmas in July - 'Pig & Whistle' Hotel, Trentham:** Incl. bus travel, Morning Tea, 2-course Xmas Lunch at hotel, tour of Mt Macedon. Cost: \$45.00/pp Time: 10.00-4.00 pm. Min. 40x/Max. 48x (bus pickup from Greensborough Memorial Park, McDowell Street end).

**Monday 20 August - Balwyn Palace Theatre Film/Luncheon: Movie: "The Wife"** (Synopsis - A wife questions her life choices as she travels to Stockholm with her husband who is slated to receive the Noble Prize for Literature".) Cost: \$20.00/pp. (Own transport) Time: Meet in Foyer at 10.45 am. Min. 8x/Max. 20x.

**Tuesday 4 September - Mystery Tour:** Tours of 2 destinations in Melbourne. Incl. Morning Tea. Lunch at The Manningham Hotel & Club, Bulleen Time: 9.00-5.00pm Cost: \$50.00/pp. Bus pickup from Greensborough Memorial Park, McDowell Street end.

**Monday 8 - Friday 12 October - Merimbula Bus Tour: Fully booked.** Bus pickup at 7.00 am from Greensborough Memorial Park, McDowell Street end. Incl all breakfasts, morning teas & dinners. (Lunches & afternoon teas at own expense.) Cost: \$560.00/pp. Full payment by August branch meeting or sooner.



## JAPAN CRUISE (& LAND ADD-ON) - JUNE

**Details of the 5-day escorted Land Tour with Wendy Wu.** This tour includes accommodation & breakfasts.

The following is a short summary:

- 15 June - Arr Tokyo. In the evening attend a Geisha Ceremony with Dinner included.**
- 16 June - A fully escorted tour of Tokyo. Afternoon Tea included.**
- 17 June - Full day to Mt Fuji, incl Lunch.**
- 18 June - Dep Tokyo. Travel to Hiroshima on Bullet Train with remainder of the day free.**
- 19 June - Full day tour of Hiroshima, incl Lunch.**
- 20 June - Depart Hiroshima to Osaka where we board the ship for our cruise.**

**The Princess "Circle Japan" 8-day Cruise, with 5 ports of call, includes all meals and entertainment on board. (Shore excursions are an extra cost.)**

**Total cost: Inside Cabin - \$7493.00/pp. Ocean View Cabin - \$8313.00/pp.  
Single Supplement (Inside Cabin) - \$10,622.00**

The flight with Cathay Pacific has been estimated and included in the costs above at \$1300.00/pp, but this could alter once flight times and fares are finalised.

A copy of the tour will be available from Marg Wood and if you are satisfied Helloworld will need a deposit for Wendy Wu of \$500.00/pp. There are still cabins available and we welcome anyone else interested. If we can get five more travellers we can negotiate with Wendy Wu for a discount.

Re travel insurance, you might like to compare an online site that have very reasonable rates and no negative reviews — I can give you the name if you are interested.

For further information, please contact **Marg Wood at [margw46@gmail.com](mailto:margw46@gmail.com) or on 0412 687 844.**



**JAPAN LAND TOUR - 9-20 APRIL 2019**  
**Wendy Wu — “Treasures of Japan”**

Most people have now collected their itineraries for the tour. If you do not have a copy I have a few spares which you can get from me at the July meeting. Additional copies can also be obtained from Helloworld Greensborough.

Although we have had a number of enquiries we still have 2 spaces available. If you are interested in doing the tour or know anyone who is interested please let me know ASAP. Helloworld are keeping the 2 places available until the very last minute. The tour cost is \$7,500/pp twin share, plus airfares.

We have now booked Singapore Airlines. Estimated fares are: Return Economy - \$1300/pp  
 Some people are flying Premium Economy one way at an extra cost of \$650/pp.

***Payments should now be made directly to Helloworld Greensborough.***

***Airfare payments are due by 18 September 2018***

***Final payment is due by 20 November 2018***

Our tour contacts at Helloworld Greensborough are Soo Chan or Kristy Langeweg.

If you have any queries or require further information concerning this tour please contact me.

***Thanks Ian Schuck, Travel Committee***

***Tel: 9434 3839 / Mob: 0421 062 894 Email: ianschuck@optusnet.com.au***



**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Lorraine Oaten**

<b>Balance as at 01/06/2018</b>		<b>35,062.70</b>
<b>Plus Income</b>		
Balwyn Cinema - Film Lunch	140.00	
Port Of Melbourne Tour	430.00	
Merimbula Tour	400.00	
Xmas In July	1,065.00	
Japan Tour	5,500.00	
Membership	55.00	
Grapevine Credits	4.00	
Attendance	367.00	
Raffle	148.70	
<b>Total:</b>		<b>8,109.70</b>
<b>Less Expenditure</b>		
Dyson Bus Company - Port Of Melb Tour	-1,496.00	
Japan Tour Deposit	-15,000.00	
Stationary/Printer Supplies	-184.14	
Speakers Gift/Door & Raffle Prizes	-34.35	
Membership	-55.00	
<b>Total:</b>		<b>-16,769.49</b>
<b>Balance as at 30/06/2018</b>		<b>26,402.91</b>





## Samaritan's Purse — Operation Christmas Child

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

We are looking for donations of clothing, toiletries, toys, stationery (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.**

Please note that sweets, breakables, liquids (e.g. hand cream, sunscreen), playing/swap cards and anything resembling a gun cannot be sent.

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**



## SONGS OF PRAISE - 2018



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:

**16 September 2018 - “Springtime Songs of Praise”**

**2 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.

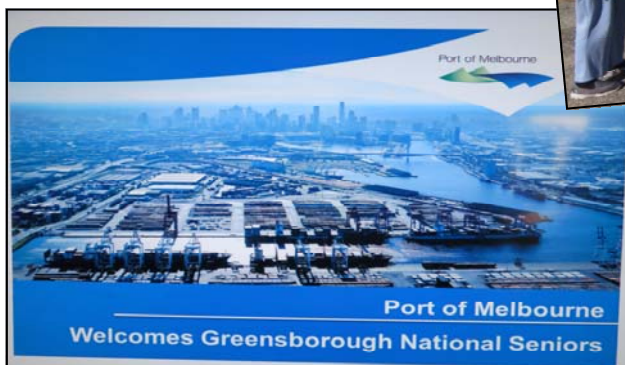
The programs start at 2pm (1:30pm for pre-show program).

**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](mailto:office@matthewfield.com.au)**

**Members enjoying the morning tea stop at Port Melbourne beach. This was followed by a 1-hour talk about the workings of the Port, after which our guide took us on a bus tour of the site.**



## NOTICE BOARD



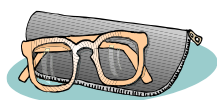
### **Are you planning to visit Thailand?**

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, Carolyn Matthews, will be happy to collect them at Branch meetings. Carolyn can be contacted on Mob: 0407 094 318.**



### **Anyone for Tennis?**

If you are interested in playing tennis in a very relaxed atmosphere on a **MONDAY or WEDNESDAY morning, between 9.30 am — 12 noon**, please see **Glenda Sundstrom at the branch meeting or ring on 0417 357 534** or just turn up (weather permitting) 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.)**

**Coordinator - Ken Pickett**

**Members, please bring along unwanted books.**



### **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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**For all enquiries please contact:**

**Residents' Coordinator - Karen Ernest on 9433 1100**