

Greensborough Gossip

Greensborough Branch Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Dear Members,

Japan June Cruise:

Welcome back to the 11 members and friends who participated in the Japan Cruise and 4-day land tour. From all reports they enjoyed their travels as much as our members did on their land tour of Japan in April this year.

Arthurs Seat Eagle Activity:

Unfortunately this trip had to be cancelled due to bad weather. The Gondola cannot operate in high winds. We have rescheduled this trip for Thursday 24 October.



Fingers crossed for good weather!

A Gentle Reminder: Members who put their name down for any activity must pay prior to the day of the activity. If they no longer wish to participate please remember to inform Peter Oaten or myself.

When we book with the bus company or organisation for a certain number and not everyone turns up on the day, then our branch is expected to pay for the number of people booked and therefore we can incur a loss. Your cooperation in this matter would be appreciated.

Silo Art Trail Tour – August 2019:

REMINDER: The balance of this tour is now due. Bus pick up will be at Greensborough Memorial Park, McDowell Street end. **Please have your luggage ready to be loaded on the bus at 8.30 am so that the bus can depart at 9.00 am sharp.** We have booked 25 rooms at the Motel with the majority of members allocated rooms on the ground floor whilst the remainder will be accommodated on the upper floor.

We will be on and off the bus looking at various points of interest therefore members will need to be able to navigate bus steps without assistance. Travellers should be prepared to take responsibility for themselves and not rely on other members.

2019/2020 Entertainment Books:

Please note that all Entertainment Books have been sold. Thankyou to branch members who purchased a book and supported our fundraising efforts.

Branch Xmas Lunch - Greensborough RSL:

Some members have approached me and said they miss the 'dress ups' of previous years when we held our 'themed' Xmas Dinner Dances.

At the last Committee meeting it was decided that members can 'dress up' IF THEY WISH for our Xmas Lunch at the RSL on Tuesday 10 December. *More details re timings etc. will follow in later newsletters.*

There will be no specific 'theme', simply an opportunity to dress as you wish (within RSL guidelines of course) and enjoy the day and maybe recycle some of your previous outfits.

I can hear some members groaning as they read this so please note members are not under any pressure to dress in costume - it is purely optional.

Regards. Bob Goodyear

The Committee wishes to advise branch members that our Branch Auditor, Tom Cleary, passed away following a heart attack on 2 July 2019. Tom was an inaugural and valued member of our branch - he audited our branch books for many years. Tom was a quiet, unassuming man and will be greatly missed on Table 301.

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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

Past Presidents:

Christina McDonald - 2003/04

Greg Fallon - 2004/07

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Next Branch Meeting

Tuesday 20 August 2019 - 10.00 am

Greensborough RSL Function Room
(doors open at 9.30 am for registration)

Speaker:

Graeme Dunn
Aged Care Financial Services



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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New Mailing Address:
Box 37, Greensborough Post Office, 3088
(Note change of location from Macleod)

COFFEE CLUB



Wed 7 August - 10.00 am

Phoenix & Co

Unit 1/285 Diamond Creek Road
Plenty
Tel: 9432 2071

Coordinator:

Gaylynn - Tel: 9458 2603



Walking Club



Walkers meet **most Tuesdays** at 9.30 am at 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 8 August - 12.00 noon

Eltham Hotel

746 Main Street
Eltham
Tel: 9439 9224

RSVP: Mon 5 August

Anne Schuck

Tel: 9434 3839

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 2 August - 7.00 pm

The Greensborough Hotel

75 Main Road
Greensborough
Tel: 9435 1911

RSVP: Mon 29 July

Carol & Shamus

Tel: 9457 3900



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

Thursday 25 July - High Tea @ High Gate, 69 Kurrak Road, Yarrambat: Own transport (venue is just down from Rivers Nursery). Time 11.00 am - 1.00 pm. Cost: \$45.00/pp (sandwiches, savoury bites, scones, cakes). Max 30x.

Monday 26 - Thursday 29 August 2019 - Victoria's Silo Arts Trail: 4 days/3 nights
(Visit 6 silos) Cost: \$670/pp. Bus pick up Greensborough Memorial Park, McDowell Street end.
See page 1 of newsletter for time.....

Accommodation - Best Westlander Motel, Horsham. All meals - (B,L,D) - are provided for the 4 days.

Bookings for above trips:

See Activities Desk or contact Peter Oaten Tel: 9434 6795 / Bob Goodyear Tel: 9435 2529.



BALTIC SEA CRUISE — SCANDINAVIA & RUSSIA **Princess Cruises (Ship - "Sky Princess")** **11 days - 19-30 June 2020**

**Roundtrip Copenhagen - visiting Oslo, Berlin, Tallinn,
2 nights St Petersburg, Helsinki, Stockholm, Copenhagen**

Embarkation - 19 June Copenhagen Disembarkation - 30 June Copenhagen

Inside Cabins, Twin Share

Category IB-Mid Forward on Caribe Deck 10

Cruise cost \$3,331 per person

On Board Credit USD75 per person (USD150 per cabin)

Single supplement \$6,662 total

On Board Credit USD150 per cabin

Balcony Cabins, Twin Share

Category BE-Forward on Caribe Deck 10

Cruise cost \$4,366 per person

On Board Credit USD125 per person (USD250 per cabin)

Single supplement \$8,732 total

On Board Credit USD250 per cabin

Balcony Cabins, Twin Share

Category BB-Mid-Forward on Caribe Deck 10

Cruise cost \$4,546 per person

On Board Credit USD125 per person (USD250 per cabin)

Single supplement \$9,092 total

On Board Credit USD250 per cabin

See full Itinerary on page 5 of newsletter.....

Lorraine Oaten, Travel Committee Tel: 9434 6795 or 0449 594 301 Email: oatlan@bigpond.com

******* NOTE: Message from Lorraine Oaten *******

After the Baltic Cruise, some of us are considering doing a 10-day Trafalgar Tour - "Best of Holland, Belgium & Luxembourg" - visiting Amsterdam, Luxembourg City, Brussels & Bruges.

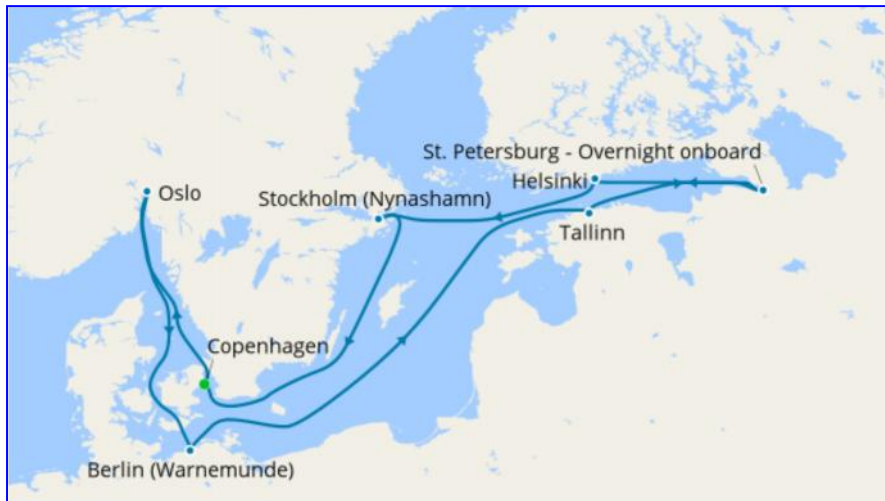
If anyone is interested in joining this tour, can you contact me as soon as possible.

Helloworld Travel Greensborough

42 Main Street, Greensborough VIC 3088

Tel: 03 9434 1377 Email: greensborough@helloworld.com.au

11 DAYS PRINCESS BALTIC CRUISE 19-30 JUNE 2020



DAY	DATE	PORT OF CALL	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1	Fri 19 Jun 2020	Copenhagen, Denmark	Embark	06:00PM
2	Sat 20 Jun 2020	Oslo, Norway	10:00 AM	11:00 PM
3	Sun 21 Jun 2020	At Sea		
4	Mon 22 Jun 2020	Berlin (Warnemunde), Germany	07:00 AM	09:00 PM
5	Tue 23 Jun 2020	At Sea		
6	Wed 24 Jun 2020	Tallinn, Estonia	08:00 AM	05:00 PM
7	Thu 25 Jun 2020	St Petersburg, Russia	06:30 AM	overnight
8	Fri 26 Jun 2020	St Petersburg, Russia		06:00 PM
9	Sat 27 Jun 2020	Helsinki, Finland	07:00 AM	04:00 PM
10	Sun 28 Jun 2020	Nynashamn, Sweden	07:00 AM	07:00 PM
11	Mon 29 Jun 2020	At Sea		
12	Tue 30 Jun 2020	Copenhagen, Denmark	05:00 AM	Disembark

Visa: No visa required in Russia provided shore excursions are with Princess Cruises.

Air Fares: When we know Nos. going on cruise Helloworld will find the best airfares for us.

Travel Insurance: Make sure you arrange this in case of unforeseen circumstances.



TREASURER'S REPORT - Lorraine Oaten

Balance as at 01/06/2019	30,288.55
Plus Income:	
Victoria Silo Tour	4,945.00
Hoppers Crossing	272.00
High Tea @ Highgate	625.00
Memberships	165.00
Entertainment Book	70.00
Grapevine Credits	16.00
Attendance	318.80
Raffle	167.00
Total:	6,578.80
Less Expenditure:	
Tigers Clubhouse Hoppers Crossing	-560.00
Bulk Purchase Raffle Tickets	-65.00
Donation Guest Speaker	-40.00
Lunch Guest Speaker	-27.00
Door Prizes	-20.00
Gossip Printing	-76.80
NSA Q'land Memberships	-165.00
Refunds Eagles Arthur Seat Tour	-260.00
Refunds Hoppers Crossing	-28.00
Total:	-1,241.80
Balance as at 30/06/2019	35,625.55



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

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.



Fancy a Game?

If you are interested in playing tennis in a very relaxed atmosphere on a **MONDAY 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

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 of 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**
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Residential Aged Care Facility, incl 1 Respite Room.

Our facility "**Liscombe House**" comprises 3 sections:

-) **Liscombe Wing** - 39 rooms
-) **Currie Wing** - 22 single rooms, 4 double rooms lo-
cated 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