

Greensborough Gossip

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

Merimbula/Sapphire Coast Tour:

The Merimbula/Sapphire Coast tour to be held on 1-6 September is fast approaching.

As explained at our last Branch meeting we already have one full bus. Therefore, any further members wishing to go on the tour will be placed on a waiting list. When the waiting list reaches approx 40+ members then a second bus will be booked.

If the second bus goes ahead then participants will be required to pay a deposit of \$200.00/pp immediately so that accommodation, etc can be booked.

Full payment for the tour is required by 31 July.

Puffing Billy Trip:

Similarly, the Puffing Billy excursion has been quickly filled and one bus is fully booked.

We have commenced a waiting list for a second bus and if we reach the required number of 48x we will go ahead and arrange a second bus.

Unfortunately we cannot book a second bus for the above activities until we have the required numbers as the bus company stipulate and charge a minimum number for each bus.

New Website - Greensborough Branch:

We have a new Branch website. If you wish to access it do not try to find the new site with Google. Google is behind and needs time to catch up. Googling any combination of our Branch name brings up the old website at present.

Hereunder are some instructions from our Communications Officer, Peter Maw:

To get to the new site you need to type:
www.greensboroughnationalseniors.com.au
into your browser.

Likewise, if you have the old website stored in your 'Favourites' you will not get the new site.

Delete the Favourite, type:
www.greensboroughnationalseniors.com.au
into your browser, open the new site, then save as a new Favourite.

We are in the process of having our old website taken down and putting a redirect to the new site.

Regards.

Bob Goodyear, President

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Next Branch Meeting

Tuesday 16 July
9.30am for 10.00 am start

Speaker:

Marg Wood

(Greensborough Branch member)

Topic:

*"My Daughter's Kashmiri Muslim
Wedding"*



*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)



Foreign Coins

Once again, foreign coins seem to be finding their way
into monies collected at the Registration Desk on
Branch meeting days. Can members please ensure
that they have Australian currency when paying Lynne
and Barbara the \$3.00 entry fee. Your vigilance in this
matter would be appreciated.

Whoever put this together loves language.....

To write with a broken pencil is pointless.

A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

The professor discovered that her theory of earth-
quakes was on shaky ground.

The batteries were given out free of charge.

A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought
tooth and nail.

Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft and I'll
show you A-flat miner.

Those who get too big for their britches will be
exposed in the end.

I may be schizophrenic, but at least I have each
other.

COFFEE CLUB



Wed 3 July - 10.00 am

Sweet by Nature

131-133 Bamfield Road
Heidelberg West

Tel: 9456 9300

Coordinator:

Gaylynn Pinniger - Tel: 9458 2603

DINNER CLUB



Fri 5 July - 7.00 pm

Shoppingtown Hotel

(opposite Doncaster Shoppingtown Centre)
19 Williamsons Road
Doncaster

Tel: 9848 6811

Contact: Marlene & Rob Goodyear

Tel: 9435 2529

LUNCH CLUB



Thu 11 July - 12.00 noon

The Eltham Hotel

746 Main Road
Eltham

Tel: 9439 9224

Contact: Val Koning

Tel: 9440 5269

RSVP: Fri 5 July

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.

Last Tuesday of the month:

Bottom Car Park, Lower Plenty Hotel, Main Road, Lower Plenty.

Exception to the above routine:

Branch meeting days - when the group walk on **Wednesdays** at Greensborough Memorial Park.

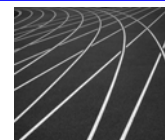


Confused??? ...

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 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

LUNCH CLUB & DINNER CLUB PATRONS

NB: Please book by the **RSVP date** with the **contact person/s** listed as numbers need to be confirmed with the various restaurants.

If you are unable to attend on the day, please phone the contact person/s listed, or the restaurant, (*leaving your name*) so that others will know not to wait for you before ordering.

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.

Thu 27 June: HMAS Cerberus Tour incl bus, morning tea, Museum & Naval Base tour, 2-course lunch at Kings Creek Hotel.

Depart Greensborough Memorial Park (McDowell Street entrance)

Time: 8.30 am - 5.00 pm. Cost: \$42.00/pp

Tue 23 July: Puffing Billy Train incl bus & morning tea stop, train ride on Puffing Billy, 2-course lunch at Stamford Hotel, Dandenong. Depart Greensborough Memorial Park (McDowell Street entrance)

Time: 8.30 am - 4.30 pm. Cost: \$55.00/pp (COBA activity) **Fully booked. Waiting list commenced.**

Sun 1-Fri 6 September: 6-day Merimbula// Sapphire Coast (COBA activity)

Depart Greensborough Memorial Park (McDowell Street entrance) at **7.30 am**

Cost: \$675/pp (+ \$175 for single supplement)

Incl all breakfasts & dinners.

\$200.00 deposit. Final payment by 31 July.

Fully booked. Waiting List commenced.

Thu 5 December: William Angliss College Café, 555 LaTrobe Street (COBA activity)

3-course Lunch (own transport) (maximum of 150 persons)

Time: 12.00 noon

Cost: \$35.00/pp

For bookings see: Peter Oaten - Tel: 9434 6795 or Bob Goodyear - Tel: 9435 2529

PLEASE NOTE:

Listed below are future planned activities for 2013 - these activities are not open for bookings as yet.

Wed 28 August: Mystery Bus Tour

Wed 2 October: Tesselaar's Tulip Festival

Fri 22 November: Warrook Cattle Farm

Tue 10 December: Branch Christmas Dinner Dance



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 (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).



OPENING NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Heidelberg Theatre Company's production of *"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"*

Thursday 12 September 2013

\$25 per ticket

Proceeds to the Heart & Lung Transplant Trust (Vic) Inc (Accommodation Program)

Enquiries/Bookings: Gaylynn Pinniger Tel: 9458 2603 gaylynn.pinniger@gmail.com

There is a two-letter word that perhaps has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that is 'UP.'

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP ?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP?

Why do we speak UP and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report?

We call UP our friends.

And we use it to brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver; we warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen.

We lock UP the house and some guys fix UP the old car.

At other times the little word has real special meaning.

People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses.

To be dressed is one thing, but to be dressed UP is special.

A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP.

We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night.

We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP!

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look the word UP UP in the dictionary.

In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4th of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions.

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used.

It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP.

When the sun comes out we say it is clearing UP.

When it rains, it wets the earth and often messes things UP.

When it doesn't rain for a while, things dry UP.

One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now my time is UP, so.....it is time to shut UP!

Now it's UP to you what you do with this email



Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

Hi members: Once again, I am working for Samaritan's Purse where we collect small gifts to fill shoeboxes to be sent to needy children overseas.

If you would like to be involved, I would be very happy to collect any donations from you at Branch meetings. 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.

Wrapping is removed before sending as there is often no means of disposal. If you would like to fill a box this would be very welcome too. The box should be a standard shoe box size so that everyone is treated equally. We are also looking for empty shoe boxes to cover with Christmas or other bright wrapping paper. Items for boxes would be most welcome at Branch meetings until **18 October**, and **I can pick up donations until 31 October** if you cannot get to a meeting. After that, items will be boxed and shipped to the appropriate country.

I am happy to arrange collection from you at an appropriate time and can be contacted on **Tel: 9467 3771**. Thank you in anticipation.

Dianne Klein, Greensborough Branch Member



TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorraine Oaten

Balance as at 01/05/2013		\$17,841.92
Plus Income		
Attendance	315.00	
Grapevine Credits	18.00	
Advertising	80.00	
Raffle	167.00	
Entertainment Books	520.00	
Merimbula 6 Day Tour	2,945.00	
Melb Water T'ment Plant	360.00	
Film Lunch Balwyn Theatre	555.00	
Queenscliff Tour	116.00	
H.M.A.S Cerberus	510.00	
Puffing Billy	355.00	
Total:		5,941.00
Less Expenditure		
Film Lunch Balwyn Theatre	555.00	
Water T'ment Plant refunds	135.00	
Entertainment Books	780.00	
Midland Tours Water T'ment Tour	2,556.03	
Door Prizes & Speakers Gift	41.00	
Queenscliff Tour refund	58.00	
Petty Cash Stamps & Raffle Books	26.00	
Total:		-4,151.03
Balance as at 31/05/2013		\$19,631.89

LOVE TO SING? "The Y Singers" need you!"



Every Monday (*except during school holidays*) a small group of singers get together for some singing & socialising at the Macleod YMCA from 11.00 to 11.45 am.

We sing a variety of songs — musical show tunes, folk songs, old favourites, spirituals, modern, even in Italian!

Every 4 to 6 weeks we visit nursing homes (voluntarily) to share these songs with the residents.

If this sounds like something you would enjoy, please come along. We welcome everyone (especially men). We are a fun group who enjoy a song and a laugh.

For more information: **please phone Nikki on 9431 3212.**

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 the 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!)

BOOK EXCHANGE & CRAFT BOOK EXCHANGE

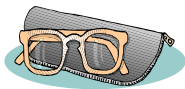


We operate a **Free Book Exchange** on Branch Meeting days. We ask only that you return the books to the Branch when you have finished reading them so that other members may have the opportunity to borrow the books.

(Tables are set up at the rear of the function room.)

Coordinators for this activity are:
Yvonne Schaller — Book Exchange
Lois Williams — Knitting/Craft Patterns

Members, please bring along your unwanted books.

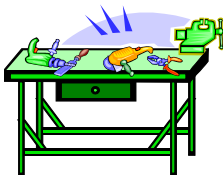


Spectacles & Sunglasses

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.



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**

Garden Workshop - Bunnings Eltham



Members are invited to attend the Bunnings Garden Workshop in their Eltham store, held on 1st Thursday of every month — 10am until 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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