

# Greensborough Gossip

## Greensborough Branch Newsletter

Branch No. 100133 Incorporation No. A0044936A

**JUNE 2014**

**Editor - Marlene Goodyear**



### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dear Members,

#### **Seniors Concert:**

It is with great pleasure that I can advise members that the Seniors Concert will be staged this year during Seniors Week in October. The concert will be hosted by Life Activities Clubs Victoria and National Seniors Australia.

The Seniors Concerts were held in 2010, 2011 and 2012, but unfortunately due to lack of funding we were not able to stage the concert in 2013.

However this year the State Government and businesses have been very keen to once again fund the concert.

The concert will be held at the **Melbourne Town Hall on Tuesday 7 October 2014, commencing at 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm.** As October is the commencement of daylight saving members will not have to travel home in the dark.

The format will take the form of a "Swing Spectacular" with music & dancing featuring the "Groovin Easy Orchestra" playing big band music from the 1940's & 1950's, and demonstrations by the "Whitehorse Lac Line Dancers" and "Ignite Bollywood Dancers".

Come and enjoy a spectacular evening. *See page 4 under Branch Activities for further details.....*

#### **Xmas in July Lunch:**

Due to lack of interest from branches the venue for the Xmas in July activity has been changed from the Tivoli Theatre to Warrook Farm & Homestead (via Tooradin).

There will be a guided tour of the farm & homestead, hay rides, sheep shearing, etc.

Lunch will be inside the homestead. *This is a COBA activity — see page 4 under Branch Activities for further details.....*

#### **Healthy Living for Productive Ageing Forum:**

The forum will be held on Tuesday 24 June at the Village Roadshow Theatrette, State Library of Victoria commencing 10.00 am - 3.00 pm. Leading experts will discuss the latest research and healthy living tips for over 50s. This is a free public event presented by the National Seniors Productive Ageing Centre.

#### **"Greensborough Gossip" Newsletter:**

Please note that we print limited copies of the newsletter so we ask that you only take one copy per couple.

Our newsletter is also posted on our website: **[www.greensboroughnationalseniors.com.au](http://www.greensboroughnationalseniors.com.au)** so you can always access it on line if you are unable to attend a meeting, or do not need a paper copy.

Regards.

**Bob Goodyear, President**

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**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 15 July  
9.30 am for 10.00 am start

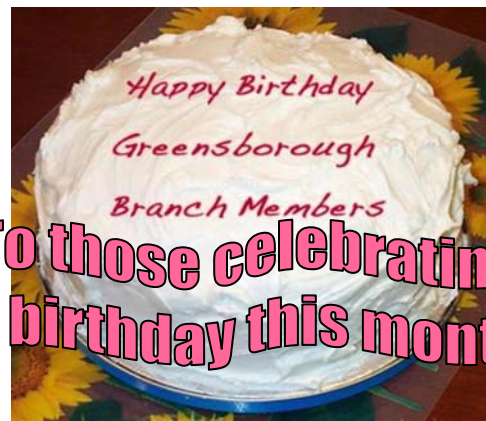
**Speaker:**  
Colin Simpson

**Topic:**  
"Riding for the Disabled"



*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)



*To those celebrating a birthday this month*



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**Email, Website, Mail**

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## COFFEE CLUB



**Wed 2 July - 10.00 am**

### Caffiend

Shop 13, 23-29 Civic Drive  
Greensborough  
(Apollo Parkways Shopping Centre)  
Tel: 9435 8213

**Coordinator:**  
**Gaylynn Pinniger - Tel: 9458 2603**

## DINNER CLUB



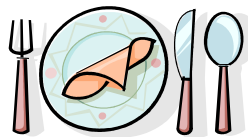
**Friday 4 July - 7.00 pm**

### Shiki Japanese Restaurant

75 Grimshaw Street  
Greensborough  
Tel: 9435 8018

**Contact: Faye & Ken Pickett**  
**Tel: 9435 0076**  
**RSVP: Mon 30 June**

## LUNCH CLUB



**Thu 10 July - 12.00 noon**

### Montmorency - Eltham RSL

Petrie Park  
Mountain View Road  
Montmorency  
Tel: 9434 2085

**Contact: Dawn Keleher**  
**Tel: 9467 3749**  
**RSVP: Thu 3 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.

**4th Tuesday of the month:**  
Bottom Car Park, Lower Plenty Hotel,  
Main Road, Lower Plenty.

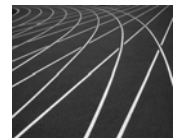
**Exception to the above routine:**  
**Branch meeting days** - when the group  
walk on **Wednesdays** at Greensborough  
Memorial Park.



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 4th 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**

### ATTENTION LUNCH CLUB & DINNER CLUB PATRONS

**NB:** Please book with the **contact persons**  
listed by the **RSVP date**, 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.**

### **Wednesday 25 June — Morning Melodies at Werribee Tigers Clubhouse**

Incl Devonshire Morning Tea, 1-hour Entertainment, 2-course Lunch.

Time: 9.00 am - 3.00 pm. Bus pickup at Greensborough Memorial Park. Cost: \$24.00/pp.

**Note: Payment by Tue 17 June.**

### **Thursday 31 July — Warrook Farm & Homestead (near Tooradin) (COBA)**

Incl Morning Tea, tour of a working Farm (sheep shearing, dog demonstration, milking cattle, hay-ride around farm.

Tour of the Homestead and 'Xmas in July' lunch in the Homestead.

Time: 8.30 am — 5.00 pm. Cost: \$55.00/pp

### **Tuesday 7 October — 'The Swing Spectacular' Melbourne Town Hall: (COBA)**

Twilight Dance - 4.30 — 6.30 pm

Featuring: Groovin Easy Orchestra, Whitehorse LAC Line Dancers, Ignite Bollywood Dancers.

Cost: \$15.00/pp. Own transport.

### **Thu 9 - Wed 15 October: Flinders Ranges, SA 7-day luxury coach tour (COBA)**

**Prices:** \$1549.00/pp (30x), \$1499.00 (35x), \$1449.00 (40x). Single supplement \$498.00/pp. min Nos. 30 / max nos. 90).

**Final payment by June 30. Payments are non-refundable, so Travel Insurance is recommended. Daily seat rotation on bus.**

**For bookings see: Peter Oaten at Branch meetings or Tel: Peter on 9434 6795 / Bob Goodyear on 9435 2529.**

### **2014 Activities Program:**

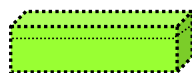
Listed below are activities planned for the remainder of the 2014 year:

**Wednesday 27 August** — Ten Pin Bowling, Thomastown

**Monday 24 November** — Tour of Latrobe Cottage & Government House

**Thursday 4 December** — Xmas Lunch at Sky High Restaurant, Dandenong (COBA)

**Tuesday 9 December** — Branch Christmas Dinner Dance at RSL.



## **Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child**

**Hi members:** I am again working for Samaritan's Purse where we collect small gifts to fill shoeboxes 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**

### **Church Ladies With Typewriters:**

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bing your husbands.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorraine Oaten

<b>Balance as at 01/05/2014</b>		<b>55,020.88</b>
<b>Plus Income</b>		
Xmas In July	345.00	
Morning Melodies	316.00	
Flinders Ranges Tour	7,180.00	
Entertainment Books	195.00	
Her Majesties Tour	209.00	
Attendance	317.00	
Raffle	139.00	
<b>Total:</b>		<b>8,701.00</b>
<b>Less Expenditure</b>		
Her Majesties Tour	946.00	
Gossip Printing	76.80	
Stamps	30.00	
Stationery Supplies	62.32	
Computer Supplies	127.00	
Dishonoured Cheque	1,049.00	
<b>Total:</b>		<b>-2,291.12</b>
<b>Balance as at 31/05/2014</b>		<b>61,430.76</b>

## National Seniors

### Australia

All members are welcome to attend the interesting and informative free one hour talks on **3rd Thursday of the month at Melbourne NSA office**, Block Court, Level 2, 290 Collins Street (take Lift 4 near Hunt Leather).

**Morning Tea will be served from 10.30 - 11.00 am to give members the opportunity to mingle. The talks then commence at 11.00am.**

#### **PROGRAM:**

**19 June:** Energy and Water Ombudsman on topical issues such as flexible pricing.

**17 July:** The Dunny Man: "Taking Care of Business": an historical viewpoint, presented by John Gardner.

#### **MELBOURNE INVESTMENT GROUP:**

For those interested in personal finance, shares and superannuation, the **Melbourne Investment Group** welcomes members from all branches to their meetings which are held on **1st Thursday of the month at 10.00 am**. There is a talk, followed by questions & answers.



## South Pacific Paradise - 31 March, 2015

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We have 21 people confirmed for this cruise. We can take extra people, but the group price is no longer available.

Prices are now \$1695/pp based on an inside cabin. For an outside cabin you will need to add a further \$800/pp.

**If you are interested in participating in the above trip, please contact Marg Wood by Email at: [marg.wood@myshercon.com](mailto:marg.wood@myshercon.com) or Tel: 9438 4219 / Mob: 0412 687 844**



### *Social Committee Report Marg Wood*

Our first foray into overseas trips has been very pleasing. February 2015, 7 members are booked for Thailand and March 2015, 21 are booked for a cruise around the Pacific Islands.

In November we will be presenting a survey to members with suggestions for 2016 & beyond and to gauge interest in possible trips. So that members have an idea of costs, suggested destinations for 2016 are being researched by committee members: Lorraine & Peter Oaten – Norfolk Island, Rob & Marlene Goodyear – Hawaiian Cruise, Ian Schuck – Turkey, Frank Beale – Gourmet King Island.

The long term planning is for members to be able to factor these dates into their calendars well in advance. From feedback, some members are happier travelling with a group they know and singles have the opportunity to share with familiar faces. Group travel is also at a discounted rate.

### **Walking Group**



*At the May 15th session of the Walking Group 'men outnumbered the women' for the first time as most of the girls were away on a trip to Sydney. It was such an unusual situation Heather Lewis decided they should take some photos!*



# 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.



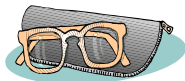
## Are you interested in knitting children's garments or maybe toys?

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

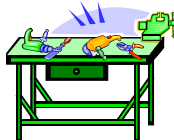


We operate a **Free Book Exchange** on Branch Meeting days. We ask only that you return the books to the Branch when you have finished reading them so that other members may have the opportunity to borrow the books.

**(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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### LATIN INSPIRED WORKOUT FOR ALL ABILITIES!

**Sessions now at:**

**MONTMORENCY** Petrie Park Hall  
— Monday - 10.30 am

**DIAMOND CREEK** Dance Centre  
— Friday - 10.30 pm

**HURSTBRIDGE** Scout Hall Anzac Ave  
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