

Greensborough Gossip

Greensborough Branch Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

In the past months I have used our branch newsletters to remind members of some of the rules of the branch and the RSL. I do realise that my comments were somewhat negative and I will finish this month's report on a much lighter note... see photo of a new addition to the family!

On Wednesday 13 May I attended two other branch meetings – in the morning I visited the Melbourne City branch and in the evening I visited the Berwick branch. At both meetings numbers were low with between 10-12 members attending. I left those meetings feeling very pleased with the Greensborough branch and how it operates and attracts so many members.

Our numbers allow the branch to conduct a variety of monthly activities and special interest groups such as the Walking group, Coffee, Lunch and Dine-out groups, our newly formed Travel group and Golf group. The smaller branches are unable to offer such an extensive list of activities to its members. Let's hope we continue to prosper and I do thank those members who continually support us.

COBA:

COBA stands for **Combined Branch Activities**. The COBA committee was formed approx. 8 years ago because smaller branches were finding it difficult to participate in bus trips/extended tours. The committee is made up of 6 members from different branches. Each COBA committee member is responsible for a select number of branches within the State, e.g. I am responsible for Knox, Maroondah-Ringwood, Albury-Wodonga, Doncaster and of course Greensborough. I would like to thank all Greensborough members who support the COBA activities.

Blue Mountains Trip:

A reminder to members that the deposit of \$500.00/pp was due by the end of May. If members are still attending the Blue Mountains trip could they please pay their deposits as soon as possible. If you have changed your mind please let me or Peter Oaten know. Balance of payment is due on 8 July.

August Meeting:

Please note that the August Branch meeting has been changed to **Tuesday 25 August** due to the function room not being available on the usual 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Regards, Bob Goodyear

On 31 May we became grandparents again. Our son's wife gave birth to a second boy, Will, weighing just over 7 lbs on the old scale. Can you believe that a photo of his brother, Hugh, (our 1st grandchild) appeared in the December 2010 newsletter 4½ years ago - how time flies!



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2014/2015

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Social Committee:

Marg Wood - Chairperson 9438 4219

Bob Goodyear

Marlene Goodyear

Lorraine Oaten

Frank Beale

Ian Schuck

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 21 July 2015
9.30 am for 10.00 am start

Speaker:
Frank Haslett

Topic:
"History of Australian Red Cross &
Programs used by Seniors"



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



**Greensborough Branch
Email, Website, Mail**

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Box 838, Macleod Post Office, Macleod 3085

COFFEE CLUB



Wed 1 July - 10.00 am

Citrus Tart Cafe

2D Labourn Road
Watsonia
Tel: 9435 1507

Coordinator:
Gaylynn Pinniger - Tel: 9458 2603

DINNER CLUB



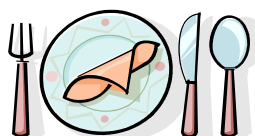
Fri 3 July - 7.00 pm

Greensborough Italian & Seafood Restaurant

73 Grimshaw Street
Greensborough
Tel: 9435 2851

Contact: Val & Jim Kindness
Tel: 9469 4469
RSVP: Mon 29 June

LUNCH CLUB



Thu 9 July - 12.00 noon

Diamond Creek Tavern

39 Main Road
Diamond Creek
Tel: 9438 1444

Contact: Margaret Lloyd
Tel: 9404 3393
RSVP: Mon 6 July

Walking Club



Walkers meet weekly at **9.30 am** on the following days & at various venues

Most Tuesdays (except on a Branch Meeting day when the group walk on the Wednesday):

Meet at the Henry Street end of Greensborough Memorial Park.

1st Tuesday of the month:

Meet at Kalparrin (opp. Skateboard rink).

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

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

I was sent to prison and I said to my cell-mate, "I won't be in here long."

He replied, "Well the judge did give you 6 years."

"Yeah I know, but I think my wife will break me out - she's never let me finish sentence before!"

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.

Monday 22 June: Arts Centre & Hamer Hall Tour

Incl tour of each venue. Light lunch in café at Arts Centre. Own transport. Cost \$30.00/pp. Time: 11.00-2.00 pm. Minimum of 15 x participants.

Thursday 23 July: RipponLea House & Gardens / Fire Brigade Museum (COBA)

Incl tour of House & Gardens with entrance to Miss Fisher's Costume Exhibition, 2-course lunch at Moonee Valley Racecourse and self tour of Fire Brigade Museum. Cost: \$51.00/pp. Time: 9.00am-4.00 pm. **Bus pickup at Greensborough Memorial Park (McDowell Street end).**

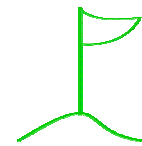
Wednesday 19 August: Morning Melodies @ 520 Club, Werribee

Incl Morning Tea, 2-course Lunch, Entertainment. Cost: \$30.00/pp. Time: 9.30am-3.30 pm. **Bus pickup at Greensborough Memorial Park (McDowell Street end). (We need a minimum of 35x)**

Tuesday 8 to Saturday 12 September: Blue Mountains, NSW Tour (COBA)

Incl Return Economy flights from Melbourne to Sydney. Coach pick up at Sydney Airport, accommodation, all breakfasts & dinners, some lunches. All entry fees and guides. Cost: \$1499.00/pp (Twin Share). Single supplement: extra \$280.00. Deposit of \$500.00/pp due now. Final payment by 8 July.

Seeking Golfers (Good & Bad)



A group of Greensborough branch members are now playing golf on the 1st Monday of each month commencing at 9.00 am at Strathallen Golf Club, 100 Main Drive, Bundoora.

Cost for 9 holes is \$16.00/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 him on 9434 3839



TREASURER'S REPORT **Lorraine Oaten**

Balance as at 01/05/2015		21,008.44
Plus Income		
Living Legends & Seeing Eye Dogs	522.00	
Ripponlea	560.00	
Arts Centre/Hamer Hall	200.00	
Blue Mountains Tour	12,869.00	
Tyabb Packing House	1,987.00	
Norfolk Island	900.00	
Advertising	145.00	
Attendance	330.00	
Membership	195.00	
Raffle	172.00	
Entertainment Books	715.00	
Grapevine Credits	28.00	
Total:		18,623.00
Less Expenditure		
Midland Tours - Living Legends	-2,482.00	
Membership	-155.00	
Gossip Printing	-67.20	
72 Raffle Books	-55.08	
Speakers Gifts/Door Prizes	-15.70	
Total:		-2,774.98
Balance as at 31/05/2015		36,856.46

NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER:

Members please note: The Greensborough Branch earns 'Grapevine' credits of \$3.00 for every person who pays their membership (new or renewal) through the Branch via the Treasurer. Payments can be made by cash, cheque or credit card.

KING ISLAND – NOVEMBER 2015
NORFOLK ISLAND – APRIL 2016



King Island Tours:

We have booked 2 separate tours dates - **18 to 21 and 22 to 25 November 2015**. Not everyone will be staying at the same place but all are within walking distance of each other in the village. We will be picked up and returned each day to our own accommodation.

We will be flying Rex Airlines from Tullamarine in a Saab 33 seater. If you have any questions please contact marg.wood@myshercon.com or phone 94384219.

Deposits have been paid. **Final payment (TBA) is due by 7 October 2015.**

Norfolk Island Tour:

10 to 18 April 2016. Cost: \$2895/pp. incl airfares. Single supp: \$675/pp.

Deposit of \$300.00/pp to be paid to National Seniors Greensborough by 6 July 2015.

Balance due early 2016 (date TBA).



Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

Hi members: I am again working for Samaritan's Purse where we collect small gifts to fill shoe-boxes 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

DIAMOND VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH – FUNDRAISING WILLS COUPON PROGRAM

THIS VERY GENEROUS OFFER IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR NATIONAL SENIORS MEMBERS, THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

- Did you know that approximately 50% of all Australians do not have a Will or that their current Will is out of date?
- The average cost to have your Will made or updated by some legal firms is usually around \$300 - \$400.00.
- GOOD NEWS! An arrangement with highly regarded *Solicitors, Dellios West & Co. of Fairfield, Thomastown and Coburg*, has been made for them to make or update Wills **FREE OF CHARGE** for anyone who donates \$50.00 towards our **'30 MORE YEARS - \$100,000 APPEAL TARGET'**.
- To take advantage of this excellent offer, go to our desk in the church foyer or our church office or contact Ron Ellis on 0407 306 353.
- By donating \$50.00 to our Appeal each person will receive a Coupon Pack that will enable that person to have their Will made or updated. Two Coupons are required for a couple and only one appointment is required for a couple. The 'confidential form' in the Coupon Pack must be completed and taken to your appointment. This will save time!
- The offer is being made to your family and friends, as well as Diamond Valley Baptist Church members.

Ron Ellis,
Wills Coupon Organiser – Mobile 0407 306 353. Email: ron@ronellis.org

NOTE:

Ron will have Coupon Packs available at our June meeting and payment can be made by Cash, Visa or Mastercard.

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.



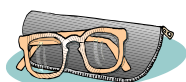
Are you interested in knitting children's garments or maybe toys?

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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For all enquiries please contact: **Residents' Coordinator - Karen Ernest on 9433 1100**