

Greensborough Gossip

Greensborough Branch Newsletter

Branch No. 100133 Incorporation No. A0044936A

JUNE 2016

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

At our May Committee meeting we were informed that a local Probus club had closed due to falling membership and no-one willing to stand for the Executive positions on the committee. We wondered if this closure could have an impact on us with more people seeking membership of our branch. It is great that people want to join us and reflects our success as a branch, but increased numbers will be a problem – albeit a problem that some other branches would like to have!

At present we have more people listed on our books than can be accommodated at the Greensborough RSL (if they were all to turn on the one day).

The RSL has indicated that they may be able to provide some extra chairs and a table or two, but we will need to monitor the situation closely.

Alternatives we need to consider are capping our membership, requiring members to attend a specific number of meetings per year (as some clubs do), having a waiting list or moving to another location. The latter alternative is one we would be reluctant to consider as the RSL has been very accommodating and the function room is excellent for our needs.

I would like our members to think about this issue and maybe offer any ideas they may have via the Suggestion Box which is located on the table on stage.

That said though, I would still urge all members to be welcoming to visitors and make them feel at home.

North Eastern Victoria Tour:

V-Line advises that the group booking confirmation No. will not be available until 11 July. Members attending this trip can purchase their rail tickets prior to this date; however there is no certainty they will be sitting together in the one carriage.

We still have vacancies for 26 August-1 September tour. If anyone is interested, please see me, or Peter Oaten. The 9-15 September tour is fully booked.

Hawaii Trip:

Please see page 4 for details of this trip. We have now finalised dates, accommodation and costs. Thanks to Marg Wood and Helloworld Greensborough for their efforts.

Management Committee Meeting:

This meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 June at 2.30 pm the Greensborough RSL.

Regards, Bob Goodyear



Some of our girls enjoying a 'Ladies Day' at Bunnings Thomastown making pot plant stands. Mind those fingers Anne and NO Val you can't fit a square block into a round hole!!!

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Management Committee
2015/2016

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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

Craft Books Coordinator - Lois Williams

Branch Auditor - Tom Cleary

The Irish attempt at scaling Mount Everest was a valiant effort, but it failed: They ran out of scaffolding!

'What's wrong with Murphy?' asked Father Green. 'I don't know, Father. Yesterday he swallowed a spoon and he hasn't stirred since,' said Mrs Murphy.

Next Branch Meeting

Tuesday 19 July — 10.00 am

Greensborough RSL

Speaker: Pilot, Rodney Richards

"Angel Flight Australia"



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



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Zone Website

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www.greensboroughnationalseniors.com.au

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Box 838, Macleod Post Office, Macleod 3085

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www.vicbranches.org.au

COFFEE CLUB



Wed 6 July - 10.00 am

Citrus Tart Cafe

2D Lambourn Road

Watsonia

Tel: 9435 1507

Coordinator:

Gaylynn Pinniger - Tel: 9458 2603



DINNER CLUB

Friday 1 July - 7.00 pm

Godfather's Pizza Restaurant

108 Mountain View Road (cnr Sherbourne Road)

Briar Hill

Tel: 9434 4222

**RSVP: Mon 27 June
John & Elaine
Tel: 9432 1695**

LUNCH CLUB



Thu 14 July - 12.00 noon

The Junction Hotel

1 Plenty Road

Preston

Tel: 9484 1009

**RSVP: Mon 11 July
Lyn Karlhuber
Tel: 0418 817 127**



Walking Club



Walkers meet weekly at **9.30 am** as follows.....

Most Tuesdays: Meet at the Henry Street end of Greensborough Memorial Park.

On Branch Meeting days the group walk on Wednesdays.

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.

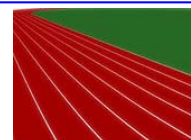


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Contact Coordinator:

Ken Pickett - Tel: 9435 0076

Low Impact Walking Club



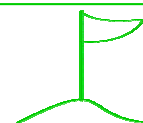
NOT UP TO HILLS?

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

Seeking Golfers (Good & Bad)



A group of Greensborough branch members play golf on 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month commencing at 9.00 am at **Strathallen Golf Club**
100 Main Drive, Bundoora

Cost - 9 holes: \$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 Ian on 9434 3839

UPCOMING BRANCH EVENTS



Branch & COBA Activities

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


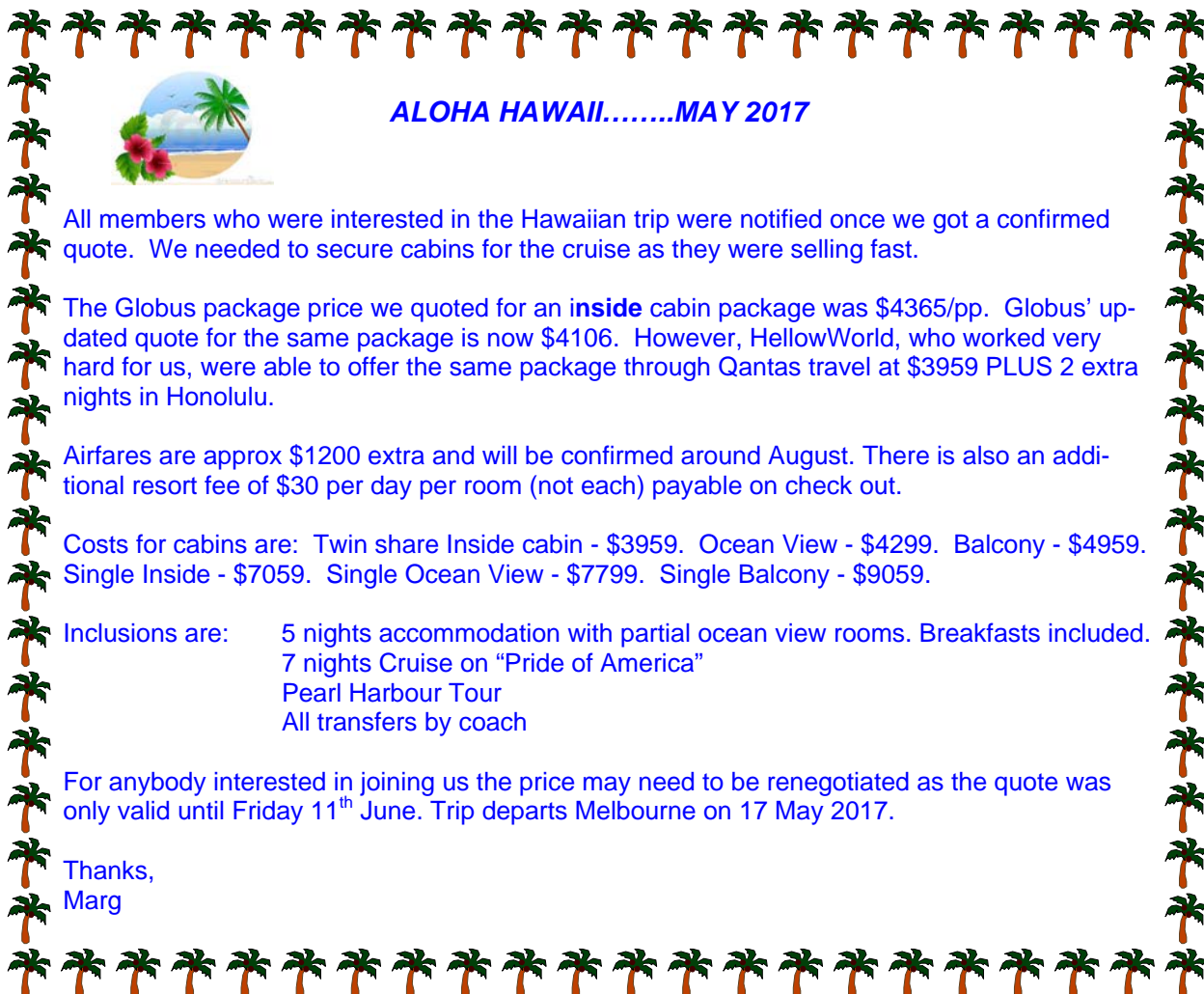
Monday 27 June — 'City Sights' Tour: Bus travel, Morning Tea, 2-course Lunch at Glasshouse Café, Flemington Racecourse. Venues such as St James Old Cathedral (gold coin donation appreciated). Time: 9.30-4.30 pm. Cost: \$37.00/pp.

Wednesday 27 July — National Gallery Tour: Own transport. Gallery Tour (11.00am-12 noon). Lunch at Arts Centre (approx 12.15 pm). Cost: \$20.00/pp. (COBA activity).

26 August–1 September / 9–15 September: Tallangatta (7-Day Tour of Eastern Victoria "Lakes & High Country") *Full itinerary can be found on page 8 of the newsletter.*

Cost: \$595.00/pp. (S/S—\$90.00). Seniors Rail Pass to be used to travel from Melbourne/Albury & return. We will be collected by bus from Albury Station. **Balance of payment by 31 July.**

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



ALOHA HAWAII.....MAY 2017

All members who were interested in the Hawaiian trip were notified once we got a confirmed quote. We needed to secure cabins for the cruise as they were selling fast.

The Globus package price we quoted for an **inside** cabin package was \$4365/pp. Globus' updated quote for the same package is now \$4106. However, HellowWorld, who worked very hard for us, were able to offer the same package through Qantas travel at \$3959 PLUS 2 extra nights in Honolulu.

Airfares are approx \$1200 extra and will be confirmed around August. There is also an additional resort fee of \$30 per day per room (not each) payable on check out.

Costs for cabins are: Twin share Inside cabin - \$3959. Ocean View - \$4299. Balcony - \$4959. Single Inside - \$7059. Single Ocean View - \$7799. Single Balcony - \$9059.

Inclusions are: 5 nights accommodation with partial ocean view rooms. Breakfasts included.
 7 nights Cruise on "Pride of America"
 Pearl Harbour Tour
 All transfers by coach

For anybody interested in joining us the price may need to be renegotiated as the quote was only valid until Friday 11th June. Trip departs Melbourne on 17 May 2017.

Thanks,
Marg



TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorraine Oaten

Balance as at 01/05/2016	16,893.94
Plus Income	
Nth East High Country Tour	2,182.00
City Sights Tour	720.00
National Gallery Tour	60.00
Hawaii Tour	700.00
Attendance	324.00
Film Lunch	150.00
Raffle	171.20
Grapevine Credits	16.00
Total:	4,323.20
Less Expenditure	
Entertainment Books	-936.00
Refunds William Angliss	-70.00
Gossip Printing	-67.20
Total:	-1,073.20
Balance as at 31/05/2016	20,143.94

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.

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.

We are looking for donations of clothing, toiletries, toys, stationery, etc. keeping in mind that sweets, breakables, liquids (e.g. hand cream, sunscreen), playing/swap cards and anything resembling a gun cannot be sent. Examples are: exercise books, pens, pencils, sharpeners, rubbers, wrapped soap, face washers, toothbrushes, t-shirts, shorts, thongs, sunglasseses, all sorts of toys, especially balls. All items should be **new**.

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***

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.

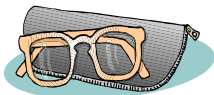


BOOK EXCHANGE & CRAFT BOOK EXCHANGE

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



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.

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

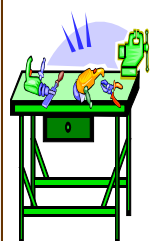


Anyone for Tennis?

If you are interested in playing 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 approx. 9.30 am 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).**



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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- **Currie Wing** - 22 single rooms, 4 double rooms
located 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



Tour North Eastern Victoria Holiday “Lakes and High Country”

ITINERARY TOUR “A” (6 NIGHTS 7 DAYS)

Day 1. Pick up from Albury Railway Station

Today we pick you up from the Albury Railway Station, and transport you to the Tallangatta Motor Inn via the scenic Lake Hume.

Day 2. Hume Weir / Dartmouth

This morning we travel to the Hume Weir Wall, for our morning tea, from here we travel east, through the very scenic and rich dairying Mitta Mitta Valley. Up at the Dartmouth Dam we can compare the heights of both storage areas, and if season permits see the truly spectacular cascades. We now return to the township of Dartmouth for our B.B.Q lunch. After lunch we travel home through the full length of the Mitta Mitta Valley, arriving back in Tallangatta for afternoon tea.

Day 3. Rutherglen Wineries / Corowa / Yackandandah

Today we're travelling west, through Albury, to Howlong, where we stop for morning tea. We then cross back over the border and head to Morris Brothers Winery, to sample the wines produced by this very highly regarded vineyard. From here it's back over the border to Corowa where we have our B.B.Q. lunch by the Murray River. We then travel through Rutherglen and Chiltern, travelling to Yackandandah and the bakery for afternoon tea on our way home to Tallangatta.

Day 4. Corryong / Khancoban

Travelling north east today, we head through the very large pine plantation at Shelley, on our way to Corryong for morning tea. This is where Jack Riley, the real 'Man from Snowy River' lived. Then it's on to Khancoban, for a short tour of this Snowy Township. The impressive Murray 1 Power Station is our next stop for a tour and our B.B.Q. lunch. We then travel back to Corryong for our afternoon tea at the newly renovated Corryong Museum.

Day 5. Myrtleford / Bright / Mount Beauty

South east is the direction we travel today, to the tobacco and hop growing area of Myrtleford, then onto Porpunkah where we have morning tea on the banks of the Ovens River at the foot of Mt Buffalo. Now it's just a short trip into Bright. We will complete a tour of the town, and while our B.B.Q lunch is being prepared, you'll have the opportunity to spend time walking and exploring this great town. After lunch we travel up the mountain to Tawonga lookout, here we look down on the spectacular Kiewa Valley, and across to Victoria's highest Peak, Mt Bogong. Then it's down to Mt Beauty for a decadent afternoon tea at the Mt Beauty Bakery. Tonight we take you into the Albury Commercial Club for dinner.

Day 6. Yackandandah / Historic Beechworth

Today we discover Beechworth, travelling through the historic gold mining town of Yackandandah, we have morning tea at Lake Sambell (site of the Old Rocky Mountain Gold Mine) before taking a tour of this most famous Gold Town, We visit the Murray Brewery and their famous Carriage Museum, then its time for our B.B.Q lunch, after lunch you have time to walk around this historic town, meeting at the famous Beechworth Bakery for afternoon tea. From here it's back home to Tallangatta for dinner.

Day 7. Peard's Nursery and Café Borella

This morning we take a tour of Tallangatta, then head into Albury and visit Café Borellas, set in the beautiful gardens of Peard's Nursery, for morning tea. From here we make our way to the Albury railway station.