

# Greensborough Gossip

## Greensborough Branch Newsletter

Branch No. 100133 Incorporation No. A0044936A

**JUNE 2018**

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dear Members,

#### **City Sights Bus Tour:**

On Thursday 24 May, members from Greensborough NSA branch joined forces with members from the Greensborough Probus branch for a 'City Sights' bus tour.

Unfortunately we did not have sufficient numbers to hold this activity on our own, so joining together allowed members from both branches to go on this tour. Our thanks to Yvonne DeMarchi who coordinated this activity. (Yvonne is also a member of our branch, as well as Greensborough Probus.)

We look forward to holding more activities with the Probus branch if and when the need arises.

Our coach driver, **Bill Martin**, whom most of you will know from the many tours we have done over the years, developed the 'City Sights' tours — there are 3 in total and we have done Nos. 2 & 3. Bill's knowledge of all the nooks & crannies and especially the history of Melbourne and surrounding areas is marvellous. He has an amazing capacity to remember facts and figures and is very informative.

This was our last trip with Bill as he is retiring at the end of July. We will wish him well in his retirement - thanks Bill!

#### **Balwyn Palace Theatre Film/Luncheon:**

Sixteen members of our branch attended the film luncheon on Thursday 31 May to view "Tea with the Dames". I must admit that at first I was reluctant to go as the film is a documentary on the lives of 4 English Dames of theatre & screen - Joan Plowright, Maggie Smith, Judi Dench & Eileen Atkins.

However I thoroughly enjoyed it as did the other members who attended and would recommend the film.

#### **Xmas Branch Activity:**

Re our Xmas Dinner Dance, Marlene has advised the Committee that she would like to take a break from organising the Dinner Dance this year.

I realise this announcement will be a surprise, but Marlene has put in 10 years coming up with themes, decorations, etc. Although she hasn't done it all by herself, she is the driving factor behind it.

I would like to thank Marlene and those members who helped her over the years — she couldn't have done without you — plus the members who came along and participated in the theme dressing which made it so worthwhile. They were great nights!

Therefore the Committee has decided, this year, to hold a **Xmas Luncheon** at the Greensborough RSL on **Tuesday 11 December**.

We will start proceedings at 11.00am with an Entertainer for 1 hour, followed by a 2-course Lunch. We will still have our usual raffle prizes of poinsettias, gift vouchers, etc during the lunch.

You will be able to book a table as usual and we hope members will support this Xmas Luncheon. *More info to follow later.....*

**Regards. Bob Goodyear, President**

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**Travel Committee:**

Marg Wood - **Coordinator**

Bob Goodyear, Marlene Goodyear, Lorraine Oaten, Ian Schuck

**Speakers Gifts & Door Prizes, Coffee Club**

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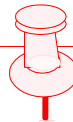
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**Past Presidents:**

Christina McDonald - 2003/04

Greg Fallon - 2004/07

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**Next Branch Meeting**

**Tuesday 17 July 2018 - 10.00 am**  
(doors open at 9.30 for registration)

**Speaker:**

**Bev Moss**

**Topic:**

**“Buckingham Palace in my  
Underwear”**



*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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**Mailing Address:**

**Box 838, Macleod Post Office, Macleod 3085**

## COFFEE CLUB



**Wed 4 July - 10.00 am**

### espresso 3094

44 Were Street  
Montmorency  
(car parking at rear of shops)  
Tel: 9435 9402

#### Coordinator:

**Gaylynn - Tel: 9458 2603**

## LUNCH CLUB



**Thu 12 July - 12.00 noon**

### Eltham Hotel

746 Main Road  
Eltham  
Tel: 9439 9224

**RSVP: Mon 9 July**  
**Anne Schuck**  
**Tel: 9434 3839**



## DINNER CLUB

**Friday 6 July - 7.00 pm**

### The Passage thru Malaysia

2/16-22 Main Street  
Greensborough  
(BYO Wine only - \$5.00/bottle corkage)  
Tel: 9435 4958

**RSVP: Mon 2 July**  
**Ken & Faye Pickett**  
**Tel: 9435 0076**



## Walking Club



Walkers meet **most Tuesdays** at 9.30 am at the 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**

## 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.



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

**Thursday 21 June - Port of Melbourne Tour (highly recommended):** Incl. Morning Tea, 1 hour information talk, 1 hour drive tour, 2-course Lunch at Yarraville Club. Cost: \$35.00/pp. Time: 10.30-5.00 pm (bus pickup from Greensborough Memorial Park, McDowell Street end).

**Friday 27 July - Xmas in July - 'Pig & Whistle' Hotel, Trentham:** Incl. bus travel, Morning Tea, 12-course Xmas Lunch at hotel, tour of Mt Macedon. Cost: \$45.00/pp Time: 10.00-4.00 pm. Min. 40x/Max. 48x (bus pickup from Greensborough Memorial Park, McDowell Street end).

**Monday 20 August - Balwyn Palace Theatre Film/Luncheon: Movie: "The Wife"** (Synopsis - A wife questions her life choices as she travels to Stockholm with her husband who is slated to receive the Noble Prize for Literature".) Cost: \$20.00/pp. (Own transport) Time: Meet in Foyer at 10.45 am. Min. 8x/Max. 20x.

**Monday 8 - Friday 12 October - Merimbula Bus Tour:** Min 35x, Max 48x. Bus pickup at 7.00 am from Greensborough Memorial Park, McDowell Street end. Incl all breakfasts, morning teas & dinners. (Lunches & afternoon teas at own expense.) Cost: \$560.00/pp (\$720/pp single supplement—there are only 2 rooms). Deposit of \$50.00/pp when booking. Full payment by July branch meeting.

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



## JAPAN CRUISE (& LAND ADD-ON) - JUNE

We now have final details of the **5-day escorted Land Tour with Wendy Wu**. This tour includes accommodation & breakfasts.

The following is a short summary:

- 15 June - Arr Tokyo. In the evening attend a Geisha Ceremony with Dinner included.**
- 16 June - A fully escorted tour of Tokyo. Afternoon Tea included.**
- 17 June - Full day to Mt Fuji.**
- 18 June - Dep Tokyo. Travel to Hiroshima on Bullet Train with remainder of the day free.**
- 19 June - Full day tour of Hiroshima.**
- 20 June - Depart Hiroshima to Osaka where we board the ship for our cruise.**

**The Princess "Circle Japan" 8-day Cruise, with 5 ports of call, includes all meals and entertainment on board. (Shore excursions are an extra cost.)**

**Total cost: Inside Cabin - \$7014.00/pp. Ocean View Cabin - \$7533.00/pp.**

The flight (probably with Singapore Airlines) has been estimated and included in the costs above at \$1300.00/pp, but this could alter once flight times and fares are finalised.

For those who are booked we will have a discussion at the 19 June branch meeting regarding the inclusions.

A copy of the tour will be available from Marg Wood and if you are satisfied Helloworld will need a deposit for Wendy Wu of \$500.00/pp. There are still cabins available and we welcome anyone else interested. If we can get five more travellers we can negotiate with Wendy Wu for a discount.

For further information, please contact **Marg Wood at [margw46@gmail.com](mailto:margw46@gmail.com) or on 0412 687 844.**



## JAPAN LAND TOUR - 9-20 APRIL 2019

### Wendy Wu — “Treasures of Japan” Tour

Full itineraries and details of hotels etc. should be available for collection at the 19 June branch meeting where I will update everyone on the current situation.

At the time of writing this report we have 2 spaces available. If anyone else still wants to do the tour they will need to let me know at the June branch meeting.

If you have any queries regarding the trip, please see me at the June branch meeting.

**Ian Schuck, Travel Committee**



## TREASURER'S REPORT

**Lorraine Oaten**

<b>Balance as at 01/05/2018</b>		<b>33,594.00</b>
<b>Plus Income</b>		
Balwyn Cinema - Film Lunch	240.00	
Port Of Melbourne Tour	637.00	
Merimbula Tour	1,970.00	
City Sights Tour	455.00	
Advertising	50.00	
Japan Tour	3,500.00	
Membership	132.00	
Entertainment Books	980.00	
Grapevine Credits	12.00	
Attendance	294.80	
Raffle	145.00	
<b>Total:</b>		<b>8,415.80</b>
<b>Less Expenditure</b>		
Dyson Bus Company - Goulburn River Tour	-3,128.00	
Balwyn Cinema - Film Lunch	-288.00	
Entertainment Publications	-840.00	
Japan Tour Deposit	-1,000.00	
Japan Tour Refund	-1,000.00	
Stamps	-30.00	
Greensborough Probus	-468.10	
Door & Raffle Prizes	-11.00	
Guest Speaker Donation	-50.00	
Membership	-132.00	
<b>Total:</b>		<b>-6,947.10</b>
<b>Balance as at 31/05/2018</b>		<b>35,062.70</b>





## **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**



## **SONGS OF PRAISE - 2018**



We look forward to seeing you all at the fabulous “**Songs of Praise**” programs throughout 2018. Please make sure you put these special dates in your diary:

**16 September 2018 - “Springtime Songs of Praise”**

**2 December 2018 - “Christmas Songs of Praise”**

These completely **FREE EVENTS** are open to everyone and include a **HUGE AFTERNOON TEA**. Please spread the word, bring your friends and enjoy these wonderful afternoons with us.

The programs start at 2pm (1:30pm for pre-show program).

**Venue: Diamond Valley Baptist Church, 309 Diamond Creek Rd, Plenty (Melway D 11)**

For further enquiries please contact the honorary organiser:

**Dr Matthew Field - Mob: 0416 190 539 / Email: [office@matthewfield.com.au](mailto:office@matthewfield.com.au)**

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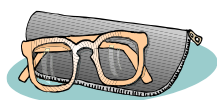
### **Are you planning to visit Thailand?**

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.**



### **Anyone for Tennis?**

If you are interested in playing tennis in a very relaxed atmosphere on a **MONDAY or WEDNESDAY 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 & 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.)**

**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 Cnr St Hellier & Edwin Streets, Heidelberg Heights**

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