

Greensborough Gossip

Greensborough Branch Newsletter

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Editor - Marlene Goodyear



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

At the February meeting I expressed concern that over the past 18-24 months the branch has struggled to fill some of our monthly activities.

Most of the activities have been based on the results of our branch survey and talking with members. However when it came to the crunch we were not getting the required numbers to enable the activities to go ahead.

I guess we have to ask — Why? Are the activities the wrong ones? Are they too expensive? If you have any suggestions on how to improve the situation, please contact Peter Oaten, myself or any member of the Committee.

We also have a 'Suggestion Box' located on the stage table and members are welcome to use this. We would appreciate your input.

This year we formed a Social Committee for extracurricular activities and this is working well. The South Pacific Cruise for March 2015 was organised in a very short time span and to obtain the best positioned cabins deposits had to be paid almost immediately. We will endeavour not to have this happen again and will give people a longer lead time for any future cruises. I am pleased to report however that we have 21 people booked for this cruise.

Marg Wood is busy organising the Thailand tour for February 2015. We currently have 7 confirmed and can take up to 12. Marg, who is leading this tour, is looking for someone to share with her.

In order to avoid the problem mentioned above the Social Committee will organise a long-term agenda for cruises/tours so members will have an extended time to consider the proposed activities. We would like input from you so we will conduct another survey at a future branch meeting.

Flinders Ranges Tour (COBA):

Flinders Ranges tour is now full. Anyone wishing to book for this tour will be placed on a waiting list.

Reminder: A deposit of \$500.00/pp is due by 31 March. See details page 4.

Social Committee Meeting:

This meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 March at 2.00pm at the Goodyear residence.

Management Committee Meeting:

The March meeting has been postponed until Tuesday 1st April commencing at 2.00 pm at the Goodyear residence.

Mobile Phones:

Could I please ask members to ensure their mobile phones are turned off during branch meetings.

June Branch Meeting:

In response to members' responses to the survey we conducted last year, the Committee has decided that the June meeting will now be held during the day. Therefore March and September will be the only night meetings in 2014.

Bob Goodyear, President



FIRE WOOD

Member, Ian Schuck, has a free trailer load of wood for anyone who wants to collect it. He can be contacted on Tel: 9434 3839 or email: ianchuck@optusnet.com.au

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2013/2014

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Lorraine Oaten

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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 15 April
9.30 am for 10.00 am start

Speaker:

Peter Dunn

Deputy Flotilla Commander
Coast Guard St Kilda

Topic:

“Activities & responsibilities of the
volunteer Coast Guard”



*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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COFFEE CLUB



Wed 2 April - 10.00 am

Cube at the heights

1/285 Diamond Creek Road
Plenty (turn left into shopping centre carpark just past Cube)
Tel: 9435 6381

Coordinator:
Gaylynn Pinniger - Tel: 9458 2603

DINNER CLUB



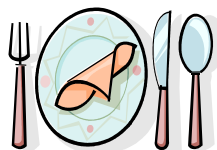
Friday 4 April - 7.00 pm

Eltham Hotel

746 Main Road
Eltham
Tel: 9439 9224

Contact: Anna Gibbons
Tel: 9438 1974
RSVP: Mon 31 March

LUNCH CLUB



Thu 10 April - 12.00 noon

Bridges

1075 Heidelberg-Kinglake Rd
Hurstbridge
Eltham
Tel: 9718 0099

Contact: Coral Gentry
Tel: 9457 7770
RSVP: Thu 3 April

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** 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 20 March: Phillip Island

Incl. morning tea, 2-course lunch at Phillip Island RSL. Visit Vietnam Veterans Memorial/Museum, the Seal Rockies, the Nobbies & Boardwalk. Depart by bus Greensborough Memorial Park (McDowell Street entrance)

Time: 8.30 am - 5.00 pm. Cost: \$50.00/pp (40+), \$52.00/pp (36-39x), \$56.00/pp (30-35).

Tue 25-Thu 27 March: "Discover Loddon's Treasures" Bus Tour - 3-days (2 nights)

\$412.00/pp (\$25.00/pp single supplement) incl bus. Pick up at Greensborough Memorial Park at 7.45 am. (Approx return on Thu - 6.00 pm)

Wed 23 April: Cranbourne Botanic Gardens

Incl. morning tea, walking tour of Gardens (*shuttle bus available at cost of \$4.00/pp for pension card holders*), 2-course lunch at Kelly's Motor Club. Depart by bus Greensborough Memorial Park (McDowell Street entrance)

Time: 8.30 am - 5.00 pm. Cost: \$44.00/pp (by bus) \$22.00/pp (by car) **(COBA)**

Monday 26 May: Tour of Her Majesty's Theatre & Lunch at Theatre

Own transport (train to Parliament Station, walk to theatre)

Time: Tour commences at 10.00 am—12.00 noon. Lunch at 12.00 noon—1.00 pm

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

Accommodation at Wilpena Pound in Flinders Ranges. 15 meals (6 breakfasts, 6 dinners, 3 lunches). All entry fees and guides.

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

Deposit of \$500.00/pp by March 31. Final payment by June 30. Payments are non-refundable after the above dates, so Travel Insurance is recommended. Daily seat rotation on bus.

For bookings see Peter at Branch meetings or phone: Peter Oaten - Tel: 9434 6795 or Bob Goodyear - Tel: 9435 2529

2014 Activities Program:

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

Thursday 25 June — Morning Melodies with lunch, Werribee Tigers Clubhouse

Thursday 24 July — Xmas in July Lunch & Show, Tivoli Theatre, St Kilda (COBA)

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.



AUTUMN 'SONGS OF PRAISE'

A delightful, pleasant Sunday afternoon program called **AUTUMN 'SONGS OF PRAISE'**, has been arranged for **SUNDAY, 30th MARCH, 2014, from 2.00 to 4.45 pm** and you and 'your people' are invited to be guests at this special event.

There is no charge and a delicious Afternoon Tea will be served following the program.

A pre-program of music and DVD'S starts at 1.30pm. The VENUE is Diamond Valley Baptist Auditorium at 309 Diamond Creek Road, Plenty. (Melways 11 D7)

We will join to sing many favourite hymns and songs and our GUEST ITEMS will include:-

KAYE HARRISON – a tribute to Dame Vera Lynn

THE WALTON SISTERS – Violin Duet

DALE PHILIP – Our own popular SOP Baritone will also sing and RON ELLIS will again comper the event.

Although people of all ages attend, this pleasant Sunday Afternoon is an uplifting outing for extended families, residents of retirement villages and 'forgotten' people in our community. Why not invite some to travel in your car or perhaps arrange a busload?

Songs Of Praise is a DVBC 'Women In Focus' initiative!

Enquiries to the Honorary Organiser, Ron Ellis OAM on 0407 306 353 or by email: ron@ronellis.org



TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorraine Oaten

Balance as at 01/02/2014		18,206.20
Plus Income		
Cranbourne Gardens	232.00	
Film Lunch	225.00	
Phillip Island	669.00	
Flinders Ranges Tour	2,100.00	
Loddon Discovery tour	2,642.00	
Her Majesties Tour	117.00	
Gossip Advertising	50.00	
Membership	50.00	
Attendance	391.50	
Raffle	191.70	
NSA Grapevine Credits (Jan)	6.00	
Total:		6,674.20
Less Expenditure		
Purchase 'Dunny Man' book for Library	10.00	
Speakers Gift & Door Prizes	58.00	
Gossip Printing	67.20	
88.6 Plenty Valley FM Subscription	132.00	
Computer Cartridges	32.00	
NSA Q'land Membership	50.00	
Deposit Sky High Restaurant	500.00	
Film Lunch Balwyn Theatre	390.00	
Innovative Systems/Website M'ment	100.00	
Total:		-1,339.20
Balance as at 28/02/2014		23,541.20

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:

20 March: Stroke Prevention by Kevin English from the Australian Stroke Foundation.

17 April: Healthy Ageing presented by the City of Melbourne.

15 May: Centrelink: Paul Fleming will give an update on any changes or new policies in 2014 Federal Budget that impact on seniors.

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.

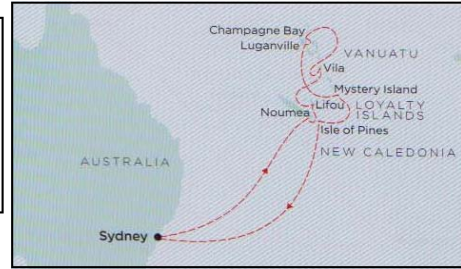
Please Tel: 9650 6144 for more info, or to make a booking for any of the above talks.

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OVERSEAS TRIPS — 2015

South Pacific Paradise - 31 March, 2015

Radiance of the Seas Royal Caribbean Cruises
12 nights 7 Ports
Prices are based on twin share
Cruise leaves from Sydney & flights & transfers are extra



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.



Thailand - 10-24 February 2015

As Thailand is not a conducted tour, the cost is not a fixed one but should be approx. \$3267/pp based on current prices. The duration will be 14 days (10-24 February 2015).

Included will be:

- Return airfares Melbourne / Bangkok (flight takes approx. 10 hours) & transfers to the hotel.
- Accommodation in Bangkok, Kanchanburi, Phuket.
- Most meals & excursions.
- 3 day/2 night tour in Kanchanaburi.
- Return airfares Bangkok to Phuket.

NOTE: If you have trouble walking or can't cope with the heat you should think twice about doing this tour. The weather is always hot and pavements are often broken and steps up from roads to the pavement are often quite high.

We have 7 people confirmed. I am looking for a person to share with me. Numbers are limited to a maximum of 12.

If you are interested in participating in the above trips, please contact Marg Wood by Email at: marg.wood@myshercon.com or Tel: 9438 4219 / Mob: 0412 607 844



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.



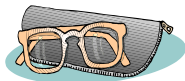
Are you interested in knitting children's garments or maybe toys?

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

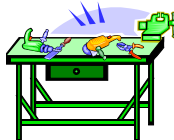


We operate a **Free Book Exchange** on Branch Meeting days. We ask only that you return the books to the Branch when you have finished reading them so that other members may have the opportunity to borrow the books.

(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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