

Greensborough Gossip

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

At the February meeting I outlined the process of how Peter Oaten and I were going to manage activities for our Branch & COBA (Combined Branches Activities) in 2012.

We will list all the activities for the year in the "Greensborough Gossip" newsletter. However at Branch meetings we will only take bookings for the next three activities to be conducted following the Branch meeting.

Therefore at the March Branch meeting we will be collecting names and money for:

- The Film Luncheon at Balwyn Palace Theatre (Thursday 22 March).
- The Werribee Mansion & Open Range Zoo (Wednesday 28 March).
- The Nagambie Wineries (Wednesday 18 April) - *this is a COBA activity.*

Details for the above three activities can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.

COBA Activities:

The COBA Activity Book (Red Exercise Book) will be available at Branch meetings for members to put their names in if they are interested in attending any of the activities throughout the year.

This will give the COBA Committee an idea of the number of members interested and allow us to estimate bookings for the venue and buses, etc.

When an upcoming COBA activity is advertised at a Branch meeting, members must then see Peter and Lorraine Oaten (at the Activities Desk) to record their name for the particular activity.

Re Nagambie Wineries Tour:

Twelve (12) members wrote their names in the COBA Activity Book for the Nagambie Wineries tour — they must now submit their names to Peter and Lorraine if they are still interested in this activity.

If anyone has any questions regarding the process, please see me.

We trust this new procedure for booking various activities will work smoothly.

NSA Melbourne Office:

Note: The Melbourne Office of National Seniors Australia is now closed on Fridays.

Please see page 5 of this newsletter for details of the 2012 Free Lecture Series held at the Melbourne Office.

Regards.

Bob Goodyear, President

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Next Branch Meeting

Tuesday 17 April 2012

9.30 for 10.00 am

Speaker:

Dennis Davis

Topic:

"Walking the Kokoda Track"



Greensborough Branch Email Address & Website

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www.greensboroughnationalseniors.com.au



To our members who are unwell or recuperating, your friends at 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)

'AUTUMN SONGS OF PRAISE'
SUNDAY 25 MARCH 2012
at 2.00pm

This **FREE** pleasant Sunday Afternoon will be held at **DIAMOND VALLEY BAPTIST COMPLEX, 309 Diamond Creek Road, Plenty (Melway 11 D7)**. The program starts at 2.00pm with a pre-program commencing at 1.30pm. We will sing many favourite hymns and songs and feature several special guest items.

A delicious, complimentary, **Afternoon Tea** will follow in the hall.

Our special guests will include: **MARY TORPY, Vocals & LIZZIE GRUBB, Guitar. JOHN SMITH, Baritone.** Regulars, **DALE PHILIP** and **RON ELLIS** will each bring a song with a message and **Matthew Field** will help lead the singing.

For further information contact: **Ron Ellis OAM (Hon. Organiser/Compere)**
H: 9459 5698 / Mob: 0407 306 353 Email: ron@ronellis.org

DINNER CLUB



PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO DINNER CLUB FOR APRIL.

THE FIRST FRIDAY IN APRIL THIS YEAR WILL BE 'GOOD FRIDAY' AND MANY OF US WILL BE UNAVAILABLE.

DETAILS FOR THE MAY DINNER CLUB WILL BE IN THE APRIL NEWSLETTER

COFFEE CLUB



Wed 4 April - 10.00 am

Café Rimba

70 Springthorpe Boulevard
Springthorpe Estate
Macleod
(No bookings required)

Tel: 9458 1851

Contact: Gaylynn Pinniger
Tel: 9458 2603



To those celebrating a birthday this month

WALKING CLUB



Walkers **meet at 9.30 am** at various venues:

- **1st Tuesday of the month:**
Meet at Kalparrin (opp. Skateboard rink).
- **2nd & 3rd Tuesday of the month:**
Meet at Henry Street end of Greensborough Memorial Park.
- **Last Tuesday of the month:**
Meet at bottom Car Park, Lower Plenty Hotel, Main Road, Lower Plenty.

Exception to the above routine:

- **On Tuesday (DAY) Branch meetings** - we meet on the **Wednesday** at Greensborough Memorial Park.



Anyone confused??? ...

Contact Coordinator:

Ken Pickett - Tel: 9435 0076

Low Impact Walking Group



NOT UP TO HILLS?

Margaret Lloyd (Tel: 9404 3393) has started a **Low Impact Walking Group**, meeting **9.30 am** (*note earlier time*) on **Tuesday** at **Willinda Park**, end of Nell Street, Greensborough (*except for Branch day-time meetings when the group meet on a Wednesday*).

The group walk laps of the **Athletics Track** - the surface is smooth and flat and people walk as many laps as they can handle.

On **Last Tuesday of the month** the group meet at **9.30 am** at the **Lower Car Park, Lower Plenty Hotel** for a gentle walk.

UPCOMING BRANCH EVENTS



Branch & COBA Activities:

Thursday 22 March — Film Luncheon at Balwyn Palace Theatre

Time - 10.45 am - 2.00 pm (Own transport)
Incl: Film & Luncheon
Cost: \$15.00/pp
Film: "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel"

Wednesday 28 March — Werribee Mansion & Open Range Zoo

Time - 9.00 am - 5.00 pm. (Bus dep 9.00am from Greensborough Memorial Park)
Incl: Morning Tea
Entry & tour of Werribee Mansion & Zoo
3-course lunch Werribee Tigers Clubhouse
Cost: \$50.00/pp (based on 40+)

Wednesday 18 April — Nagambie Wineries (COBA)

Time - 9.00 am - 5.00 pm. (Bus dep 9.00 am from Memorial Park)
Incl: 2-course Lunch at Royal Mail Hotel & visit to 2 Wineries.
Cost: \$53.00/pp

Sunday 9 - Thursday 13 September — 5 day Mt Gambier Tour

Incl. 4 dinners, 4 breakfasts
Entry to McKillop Centre, Blue Lake Tour, Glenelg River Cruise & BBQ Lunch
Cost: \$610.00/pp
(Single Supplement \$140.00/pp extra)

Future Activities for 2012:

Tuesday 22 May — Melbourne Water Treatment Plant (TBC)

Thursday 14 June — High Tea at Parliament House (COBA)

Wednesday 25 July — Xmas in July Lunch at Werribee Tigers Clubhouse (COBA)

Thursday 16 August - Morning Melodies at Watergarden Hotel, Taylors Lakes

Sunday 9-13 September - Mt Gambier 5 -day Tour (COBA)

Wednesday 10 October - Seniors Variety Concert, Melbourne Town Hall

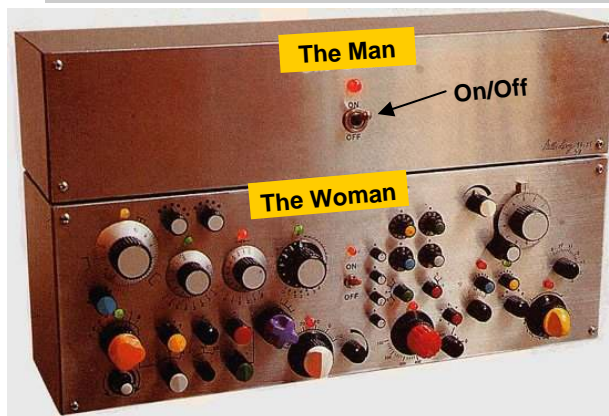
Tuesday 23 October - Cranbourne Gardens (TBC)

Thursday 22 November - Walhalla Historic Train (TBC)

Thursday 6 December — Christmas Lunch at Cuckoo Restaurant (COBA)

Tuesday 11 December - Christmas Branch Dinner Dance at Greensborough RSL

The Difference Between Men & Women (Need anything more be said?)



20 Day Holy Land Tour



May / June 2012 - 8 days in Jordan and 9 days in Israel
Depart Monday 14th May 2012 - Return Saturday 2nd June 2012
Escorted by Ron Ellis OAM (Ron has led 15 Tours to more than 75 Countries)
Tour Cost: \$5,760pp plus all taxes \$490 = Total cost of \$6,250pp (twin share)
Single supplement on application (Based on minimum of 20 participants)

For itinerary and booking form - ring, write or email:
Ron Ellis 0407 306 353 or 9459 5698 or Email: ron@ronellis.org
Postal address: Ron Ellis, 31 Evan Smith Close, MacLeod, VIC 3085



TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorraine Oaten

Balance as at 01/02/2012		\$8,388.88
Plus Income:		
NSA Grapevine Credits	\$6.00	
Attendance	\$367.00	
Raffle	\$171.95	
Film Luncheon	\$345.00	
Werribee Mansion/Zoo Tour	\$1,240.00	
Membership	\$30.00	
Total:		\$2,159.95
Less Expenditure:		
Aust Post Box Annual Rental	\$93.00	
Gossip Printing	\$67.20	
Stamps	\$60.00	
Purchase Speakers Book for Club	\$20.00	
Speakers Gift	\$30.00	
Total:		(\$270.20)
Balance as at 29/02/2012		\$10,278.63



FREE 2012 Lecture Series

Melbourne NSA office, Block Court, Level 2, 290 Collins Street (take Lift 4 near Hunt Leather), is conducting a series of interesting and informative free Lectures, running for approx one hour, for members and non members to attend. Come at 9.45am for morning tea! Talks then commence at 10.15am and they are held on 4th Tuesday of the month.

PROGRAM:

- **"Lonely for my Land"**. Come and hear gifted speaker Tish Lees on **27 March**. She gives a fascinating story of her life and times on a Pilbara property prior to the domination by massive industrial development and the second largest DWT port in Australia – which was built on their property. Her family owned the property from 1929 until 1966 and ran it as a sheep station.
- **David and Shirley Williams of Wildwood Studios** on **24 April**. David is an artist in paints, who with Shirley, travel extensively throughout Victoria and parts of Australia. Come along and hear of their travels and see some of David's fabulous art!
- **"Seniors driving longer, smarter, further"** on **22 May**. Judith Charlton, Associate Director from Monash University Accident Research Centre is coming to inform you of the latest findings and advice for driving.
- **Organic Gardening in Small Spaces**. Keith Edwards of Diggers Seeds will give an interesting presentation on **26 June**. It will include container growing, growing in small spaces and how to grow enough food for a year in an area of just 10 square metres!

Phone our Block Court office on 03 9650 6144 to indicate you are coming.
We look forward to seeing you.

SOME THINGS YOU WOULD NEVER KNOW WITHOUT THE MOVIES

- 1) During all police investigations, it will be necessary to visit a strip club at least once.
- 2) When they are alone, all foreigners prefer to speak English to each other.
- 3) If being chased through town, you can usually take cover in a passing St. Patrick's Day Parade - at any time of year.
- 4) All beds have special L-shaped cover sheets which reach up to the armpit level on a woman but only to the waist level on the man lying beside her.
- 5) The Chief of Police will almost always suspend his star detective - or give him 48 hours to finish the job.
- 6) All grocery bags contain at least one stick of French Bread.
- 7) It's easy for anyone to land a plane providing there is someone to talk you down.
- 8) The ventilation system of any building is the perfect hiding place - no-one will ever think of looking for you in there and you can travel to any other part of the building undetected.
- 9) Police departments give their officers personality tests to make sure they are deliberately assigned to a partner who is their polar opposite.
- 10) The Eiffel Tower can be seen from any window in Paris.
- 11) All bombs are fitted with electronic timing devices with large red readouts so you know exactly when they are going to go off.
- 12) If you need to reload your gun, you will always have more ammunition, even if you haven't been carrying any before now.
- 13) You are very likely to survive any battle in any war unless you make the mistake of showing someone a picture of your sweetheart back home.
- 14) Should you wish to pass yourself off as a German officer, it will not be necessary to speak the language - a German accent will do.
- 15) If your town is threatened by an imminent natural disaster or killer beast, the mayor's first concern will be the tourist trade or his/her forthcoming art exhibition.
- 16) A man will show no pain while taking the most ferocious beating, but will wince when a woman tries to clean his wounds.
- 17) When paying for a taxi, don't look at your wallet as you take out a bill - just grab one at random and hand it over. It will always be the exact fare.
- 18) Kitchens don't have light switches. When entering a kitchen at night, you should open the fridge door and use that light instead.
- 19) If staying in a haunted house, women should investigate any strange noises in their most revealing underwear.
- 20) Mothers routinely cook eggs, bacon and waffles for their family every morning even though their husband and children never have time to eat it.

NOTICE BOARD



Are you planning to visit Thailand?

Member, **Marg Wood - Tel: 9438 3163**, 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 the 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 Pattern books from the Book Exchange!)

BOOK EXCHANGE & KNITTING/CRAFT PATTERNS EXCHANGE



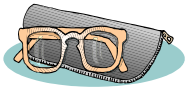
We operate a **Free Book Exchange** on Branch Meeting days. We ask only that you return the books to the Branch when you have finished reading them so that other members may have the opportunity to borrow the books.

(Tables are set up at the rear of the function room.)

Coordinators for this activity are:

Yvonne Schaller — Book Exchange
Elaine Brook — Knitting/Craft Patterns

Members, please bring along your unwanted books.

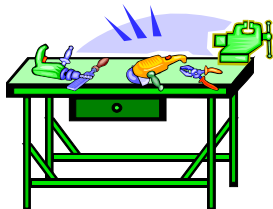


Spectacles & Sunglasses

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.



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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