

Greensborough Gossip

Greensborough Branch Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Dear Members,

Thanks to all members who participated in Branch Surveys at the January & February meetings, Much information has been gathered and collated and will provide various activities for the committee to implement in the next 2-3 years. The following destinations were the most popular with members:

Overseas Trips:

Singapore (most popular), European River Cruise, Canada/Alaska, Vietnam, New Zealand

Extended Trips:

Silo Arts Tour (most popular), Grampians, Kangaroo Island, Great Ocean Road, Lakes Entrance, Warrnambool

Day Trips:

Barwon Homestead (most popular), Noorilim Homestead, Eagle Arthur's Seat, Gliders Museum/Myriad Glass, Seymour TAFE Café

The next task is to book some of these activities after they have been researched re costs, etc.

The survey also indicated that \$60.00 to \$65.00/pp was a fair (affordable) price to pay for bus day trips.

Day Trips:

To this end we have listed on the 'Activities Board' trips to Noorilim Homestead and Gliders Museum/Myriad Glass based on interest/cost.

We will endeavour to choose activities that are value for money. As the year progresses we will be adding more activities for members to consider - we hope you will support them.

Survey Negatives:

-) Members talking when invited speakers are addressing the members.
 -) Members talking when a committee member is attempting to convey a message.
 -) Reservation of tables and chairs.
- Can members please be aware of these issues.*

Re Extended Trip:

The two most popular extended trips were the Silo Art Tour and The Grampians. Peter Oaten and I have decided to go with '**Victoria's Silo Art Trail**' - (4 days, 3 nights) and leave the Grampians until next year.

Bookings are very tight - September, October & November are booked out. **Therefore we have booked for Monday 26 - Thursday 29 August. Price is \$715.00/pp (S/S \$150.00). See full itinerary under Activities on page 4.**

A non-refundable deposit of \$20.00/pp is required when booking a place. Balance of money due by 16 July branch meeting.

Organisation of Trips:

It has come to my attention that some members are under the impression that people who organise activities or trips receive some sort of subsidy or inducement from the travel companies. To my knowledge no committee member or individual has received any rewards. If any discounts are received they are shared with participants going on the trips.

APRIL BRANCH MEETING:

We were considering cancelling the April meeting as a number of committee members were going on the Japan trip. However as Marlene & I needed to drop out and after talking to various committee members we have decided to go ahead with the meeting, albeit with some help from branch members who have generously volunteered to assist us on the day for which we thank them in advance.

NOTE: THERE WILL BE AN APRIL BRANCH MEETING

Regards, Bob Goodyear

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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

Branch Auditor - Tom Cleary

Past Presidents:

Christina McDonald - 2003/04

Greg Fallon - 2004/07

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Next Branch Meeting

Tuesday 16 April 2019 - 10.00 am

**Greensborough RSL Function Room
(doors open at 9.30 am for registration)**

Speaker: Jill Hauser, Melbourne City Guide

**"Politics, Prostitutes & Poverty
in Early Melbourne"**



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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COFFEE CLUB



Wed 3 April - 10.00 am

Four Leaves Cafe

37 Greville Road
Rosanna
Tel: 9457 7337

Coordinator:

Gaylynn - Tel: 9458 2603

LUNCH CLUB



Thu 11 April - 12.00 noon

Ziffano's Restaurant & Bar

9 Janefield Drive
Bundoora
Tel: 8560 2555

RSVP: Mon 8 April
Myrna Macneil
0431 742 802



DINNER CLUB

Friday 5 April - 7.00 pm

The Old England Hotel

459 Lower Heidelberg Road
Heidelberg
Tel: 9459 1166

RSVP: Mon 1 April
Cherie Holmes
Tel: 9434 1494



Walking Club



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

Wednesday 20 March 2019 - Noorilim Estate & Homestead, Goulburn River Valley: Bus pick up Greensborough Memorial Park, McDowell Street end. 1 hour tour of mansion and gardens, 2-course lunch at Nagambie Lakes Entertainment Centre. Cost: \$59.00/pp. Time: 9.00 am - 4.00 pm. Max 48, Min 40x.

Friday 5 April 2019 - Guided tour of Gliders (Planes) Museum, Bacchus Marsh / Talk & Demonstration at Myriad Glass, Kilmore: Bus pick up Greensborough Memorial Park, McDowell Street end. Morning Tea, 2-course Lunch at Stony's Creek Hotel. Cost: \$60.00/pp. Time: 9.00 am - 4 to 5.00 pm. This activity is limited to 30x.

Monday 26 - Thursday 29 August 2019 - Victoria's Silo Arts Trail: 4 days/3 nights
(Visit 6 silos) Cost: \$715.00/pp (S/S \$150) based on min of 35x. Max 46x on bus. Bus pick up Greensborough Memorial Park, McDowell Street end.

Accommodation is Best Westlander Motel, Horsham. Most rooms are on the ground floor with walk-in showers. 3 or 4 rooms will be available for singles.

All meals - (B,L,D) - are provided for the 4 days.

Day 1: Lunch in Ballarat, scenic route to Horsham, via Dunkeld, Halls Gap and the Grampians.

Day 2: Visit Boort and Simply Tomatoes & Aussie Wool Quilts, Salute Oliva (family owned olive groves), 'Spanner Man' (John Piccoli, sculptor of giant spanner sculptures).

Day 3: Visit Silos at Sheep Hills, Brim, Lascelles and Patchewallock.

Day 4: Visit the Stick Shed at Murtoa, Silos at Rupanyup and Roseberry, then head home via Stawell, Ararat, and Ballarat.

Bookings for above trips: See 'Activities Desk' or contact Peter Oaten Tel: 9434 6796 / Bob Goodyear Tel: 435 2529.

JAPAN LAND TOUR - 9-20 APRIL 2019



Documentation for the Japan Land tour should be available to pick up from Helloworld in Greensborough after the March Branch Meeting today.

If you are unable to collect the documentation today or within the next few days thereafter you should contact Soo Chan at Helloworld and make arrangements with her for collection.

Ian Schuck - Tel: 9434 3839 / Mob: 0421 062 894 Email: ianschuck@optusnet.com.au



JAPAN CRUISE (& LAND ADD-ON) - JUNE 2019

The 'Wendy Woo' 5-day Land Tour and 8-day Cruise has now been finalised and booked by 11 members and friends.

Please contact **Marg Wood - Tel: 9438 4219 / Mob: 0412 687 844 Email margw46@gmail.com**



TREASURER'S REPORT - Lorraine Oaten

Balance as at 01/02/2019	21,740.94
Plus Income:	
Film Lunch Balwyn Cinema	240.00
Noorilim Estate & Homestead	1,848.10
Something Different	340.00
A Ross	90.00
Memberships	330.00
Grapevine Credits (December)	36.00
Attendance	325.10
Raffle	144.85
Total:	3,354.05
Less Expenditure:	
Door & Raffle Prizes	-60.00
Raffle Ticket Books	-19.00
Noorilim Estate Refund	-20.00
Balwyn Cinema Tickets	-340.00
NSA Q'land Memberships	-330.00
Total:	-769.00
Balance as at 28/02/2019	24,325.99



AUTUMN 'SONGS OF PRAISE' SUNDAY 31 MARCH 2019



This completely **FREE EVENT** is open to everyone and includes a **HUGE AFTERNOON TEA**.

Featuring: **Violinist - Matthew Lim**
Baritone - Steve Touzel
Saxophonist - Alanah Briggs
And pre-show artist: **Singer - Jasmine Falcke**

Please spread the word, bring your friends and enjoy this wonderful afternoon with us on Sunday 31st March - 2.00pm (1:30pm for pre-show program).

Venue: Diamond Valley Baptist Church, 309 Diamond Creek Rd, Plenty (Melway D11).

Community singing is supported by the Songs Of Praise band led by **Reg Gore** and a children's choir.

This program will feature quality young performers, our faithful regulars, group hymn singing and a huge afternoon tea.

*For further enquiries please contact the honorary organiser:
Dr Matthew Field - Mob: 0416 190 539 / office@matthewfield.com.au*

'Songs Of Praise' is an initiative of the Diamond Valley Baptist 'Women In Focus' Group.

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.



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.



Fancy a Game?

If you are interested in playing tennis in a very relaxed atmosphere on a **MONDAY 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

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 of 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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Residential Aged Care Facility, incl 1 Respite Room.

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-) **Liscombe Wing** - 39 rooms
-) **Currie Wing** - 22 single rooms, 4 double rooms lo-
cated 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