

Greensborough Gossip

Greensborough Branch Newsletter

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Editor - Marlene Goodyear



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

As you know, Marlene & I have been on a cruise to the South Pacific. Actually it was almost the same cruise that members will be going on next March (ours was 10 days — the branch one will be for 12 days) - same ship though. We can thoroughly recommend it. We had lovely warm weather, great snorkelling, good food and excellent service. Mystery Island was our favourite stop.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Peter Oaten for taking on the President's role and for David Hewett assisting on the Activities desk at the April meeting. The Committee is always willing to step up and take on additional roles. Also I wish to thank Linda Dunn for filling in for Lorraine Callow as Minute Secretary.

As many of you are aware, the Greensborough Branch has broadened the range of activities offered to its members. In 2015 members of the branch will participate in two overseas trips, one to Thailand and the other a cruise to the South Pacific.

The branch still conducts monthly outings, but as we are growing our membership we can now offer additional tours. With your support the newly formed Social Committee, together with Management Committee, will continue this exciting phase of our development.

We do need to know however what destinations are of interest to our members. Therefore we will conduct a survey later in the year and the results will form the basis of a plan for 2016 and beyond.

As mentioned in the April newsletter our aim is to ensure members are advised about future tours/cruises to allow sufficient time to make a decision.

Don't forget the 'Suggestion Box' which is always available at branch meetings for members to make any suggestions about activities, meetings or the branch as a whole.

"Greensborough Gossip" Newsletter:

Please note that we print limited copies of the newsletter so we ask that you only take one copy per couple.

If members cannot obtain a newsletter, they can access the same information from the branch website:

www.greensboroughnationalseniors.com.au

Katharina Nau:

On our return from holiday I was saddened to receive a phone message from Katharina's daughter to say she had passed away in April. Katharina regularly attended branch meetings and was the first to book her name for the various branch outings. We extend our condolences to her family and friends.

Social Committee:

Members of the Social Committee will meet at the Goodyears on Wednesday 21 May at 2.00 pm.

DON'T FORGET: June Branch Meeting:

The branch meeting on **17 June will be now be held during the day**, commencing at **10.00 am**.

Regards.

Bob Goodyear, President

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Management Committee
2013/2014

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Social Committee:

Marg Wood - Chairperson 9438 4219

Bob Goodyear

Marlene Goodyear

Lorraine Oaten

Frank Beale

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



Health Science Study

*A new study has found that
women who carry a little extra
weight live longer than the
men who mention it!*

Next Branch Meeting

Tuesday 17 June
9.30 am for 10.00 am start

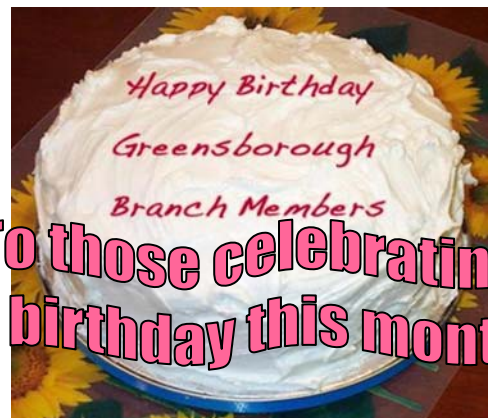
Speaker:
Anne Atkin

Topic:
"Painting with Parkinsons - the
importance of creativity"



*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 4 June - 10.00 am

Hahndorf's Fine Chocolates

101 Grimshaw Street
Greensborough (Near KFC)
Tel: 8418 1199

Coordinator:
Gaylynn Pinniger - Tel: 9458 2603

DINNER CLUB



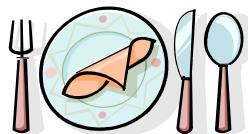
Friday 6 June - 7.00 pm

Commercial Hotel

820 Plenty Road
South Morang
(10% of Main Meal with Seniors Card)
Tel: 9407 1082

Contact: Lora & Peter Schiele
Tel: 9435 7264

LUNCH CLUB



Thu 12 June - 12.00 noon

Allan House Vietnamese Rest.

38 Main Street
Greensborough
Tel: 9435 5265

Contact: Heather Hannigan
Tel: 9467 2278
RSVP: Thu 5 June

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.

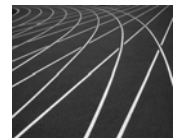
Exception to the above routine:
Branch meeting days - when the group
walk on **Wednesdays** at Greensborough
Memorial Park.



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 persons**
listed by the **RSVP date**, 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.

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

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

Time: Tour starts at 10.00 am — 12.00 noon.

Lunch at 12.00 noon-1.00 pm. Cost: \$22.00/pp.

(This tour is fully booked and we have started a waiting list.)

Wednesday 25 June — Morning Melodies at Werribee Tigers Clubhouse

Incl Devonshire Morning Tea, 1-hour Entertainment, 2-course Lunch.

Time: 9.00 am - 3.00 pm. Bus pickup at Greensborough Memorial Park. Cost: \$25.00/pp.

Note: Payment by Tue 17 June.

Thursday 31 July — Warrook Farm & Homestead (near Tooradin) (COBA)

Incl Morning Tea, tour of a working Farm (sheep shearing, dog demonstration, milking cattle, hayride around farm.

Tour of the Homestead and 'Xmas in July' lunch in the Homestead.

Time: 8.30 am — 5.00 pm. Cost: \$55.00/pp

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

Prices: \$1549.00/pp (30x), \$1499.00 (35x), \$1449.00 (40x). Single supplement \$498.00/pp. min Nos. 30 / max nos. 90). ***Final payment by June 30. Payments are non-refundable so Travel Insurance is recommended. Daily seat rotation on bus.***

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

Social Committee Report - Marg Wood:

Our first foray into overseas trips has been very pleasing. February 2015, 7 members are booked for Thailand and March 2015, 21 are booked for a cruise around the Pacific Islands.

In November we will be presenting a survey to members for suggestions for 2017 & beyond and to express interest in trips for 2016. So that members have an idea of costs, suggested destinations for 2016 are being researched by committee members: Lorraine & Peter Oaten – Norfolk Island, Bob & Marlene Goodyear – Hawaiian Cruise, Ian Schuck – Turkey, Frank Beale – Gourmet King Island.

The long term planning is for members to be able to factor into their calendars these dates well in advance. From feedback, some members are happier travelling with a group they know and singles have the opportunity to share with familiar faces. Group travel is also at a discounted rate.

2014 Activities Program:

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

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.



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.

You can donate items of clothing, toiletries, toys, stationery, etc. keeping in mind that sweets, breakables, liquids (e.g. hand cream, sunscreen), playing/swap cards and anything like a gun cannot be sent. All items should be **new**. Some examples are exercise books, pens, pencils, sharpeners, rubbers, wrapped soap, face washers, toothbrushes, t-shirts, shorts, thongs, sunglasses, all sorts of toys, especially balls.

If you would like to fill a box this would be very welcome too — the box should be a standard shoe box size so that 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



TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorraine Oaten

Balance as at 01/04/2014	40,162.20
Plus Income	
Cranbourne Gardens Tour	880.00
Morning Melodies	308.00
Advertising	195.00
Flinders Ranges Tour	13,848.00
Entertainment Books	650.00
Her Majesties Tour	376.00
Attendance	285.00
Raffle	144.00
RSL Points	51.21
Total:	16,737.21
Less Expenditure	
Loddon Valley Host Gift	39.79
Cranbourne Gardens Tour	1,182.50
Guest Speakers Lunches	60.40
Donation Coast Guard	100.00
Speakers Gifts/Door Prizes (Mar & Apr)	104.35
Innovation Systems/Domain Name	49.95
Sundry Items/Pens, Rec & Inv Books, Etc...	28.20
Gossip Printing	156.00
Computer Supplies	155.94
Bank Charges	1.40
Total:	-1,878.53
Balance as at 30/04/2014	55,020.88

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:

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:

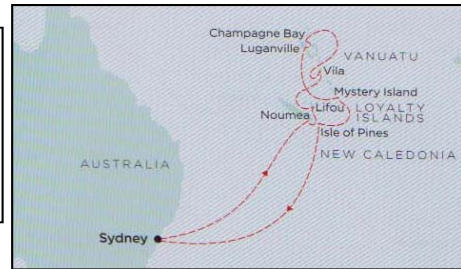
For those interested in personal finance, shares and superannuation, the **Melbourne Investment Group** welcomes members from all branches to their meetings which are held on **1st Thursday of the month at 10.00 am**. There is a talk, followed by questions & answers.

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

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 max. 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**



Faye & John in the Seat Arbour made entirely from Spanners by Artist/ Sculptor, John Piccoli



Group shot of members who attended the Loddon Valley trip in John Piccoli's Sculpture Garden, Boort

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.



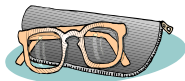
Are you interested in knitting children's garments or maybe toys?

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

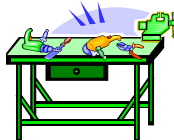


We operate a **Free Book Exchange** on Branch Meeting days. We ask only that you return the books to the Branch when you have finished reading them so that other members may have the opportunity to borrow the books.

(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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