

Greensborough Gossip

Greensborough Branch Newsletter

Branch No. 100133 Incorporation No. A0044936A

MAY 2015

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

Branch Activities:

The Committee is concerned about the activities our branch has on offer for 2015. The cost of activities is based on 40x participants attending. If we have less than 40x then the cost will need to be increased or the activity cancelled.

Some of the activities have been difficult to fill and this begs the question. Why are we finding it difficult to attract more members to our activities? Are there too many activities for the year? Should we have an activity once every 2 months instead of monthly?

I am aware that some members are reluctant to participate in COBA activities due to more than one bus pickup. However the reality is that in the past 2 years we have needed members from other branches to make up our numbers. The Dolphin Institute/Tyabb Packing House tour to be held on 28 May would not have been possible without the assistance of other branches.

Living Legends & Seeing Eye Dogs, which was a Greensborough Branch only activity, was difficult to fill. Luckily after speaking to members at the April meeting we were able to garner enough support and this activity went ahead. I must add it was a great day!

If members have comments or suggestions relating to the above issue, please see me.

RipponLea House & Gardens/Fire Brigade Museum—23 July:

The above tour on 23 July now has an added attraction. RipponLea will be holding a "Miss Fisher's Costume Exhibition" at the time we are visiting. We are able to participate and enjoy the exhibition at no extra cost to us.

Starting Times of Meetings:

Reminder to members that they should not arrive too early to Branch meetings as this causes a crowd to form outside the function room. The RSL has flagged a safety issue in that someone could easily fall down the stairs and injure themselves.

We open the function room door around 9.30 for a 10.00 am start so there is plenty of time to register. I understand some members come early to get parking spots, but we would appreciate it if you could wait in your cars or downstairs, rather than on the top floor landing.

We are looking at ways of expediting the registration process.

Finding a Seat:

I must remind members that chairs should not be reserved for friends. If a member notices an empty chair they have the right to sit at that table. Reserving chairs causes embarrassment for members who are attempting to find somewhere to sit. I realise that friends like to sit together, but by moving around occasionally you get to meet and interact with other members.

August Meeting:

Please note that the August Branch meeting has been changed to **Tuesday 25 August** due to the function room not being available on the usual 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Regards.

Bob Goodyear

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Coordinator - Gaylynn Pinniger
Book Exchange Coordinator - Ken Pickett
Craft Books Coordinator - Lois Williams

Next Branch Meeting

Tuesday 16 June 2015
9.30 am for 10.00 am start

Speaker:

Anne Catchpole

Topic:

“Cottage by the Sea”



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 by email: judyh43@tpg.com.au



To those celebrating a birthday this month



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COFFEE CLUB



Wed 3 June - 10.00 am

Sweet by Nature

131 Bamfield Road
Heidelberg West
Tel: 9456 9300

Coordinator:

Gaylynn Pinniger - Tel: 9458 2603

DINNER CLUB



Fri 5 June - 7.00 pm

Narai Thai

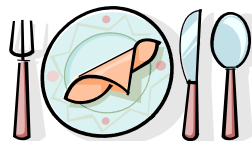
597 Grimshaw Street
Bundoora (Licensed & BYO wine only)
Tel: 9467 1204

Contact: Bev Sharp

Tel: 9465 4128

RSVP: Mon 1 June

LUNCH CLUB



Thu 11 June - 12.00 noon

Stonehouse Cafe

321 Warrandyte-Ringwood Road
Warrandyte
Tel: 9844 0644

RSVP: Mon 8 June

Contact: Coral Gentry

Tel: 9457 7770

Walking Club



Walkers meet weekly at **9.30 am** on the following days & at various venues

Most Tuesdays (except on a Branch Meeting day when the group walk on the Wednesday):

Meet at the Henry Street end of Greensborough Memorial Park.

1st Tuesday of the month:

Meet at Kalparrin (opp. Skateboard rink).

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.

Coordinator:

Margaret Lloyd - Tel: 9404 3393



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.

Thursday 28 May: Dolphin Research Institute, Hastings/ Tyabb Packing House. (COBA) Incl morning tea, 2-course lunch. Cost: \$49.00/pp. Time: 8.30 - 5.30 pm. **Bus pickup at Greensborough Memorial Park (McDowell Street end). Fully booked.**

Monday 22 June: Arts Centre & Hamer Hall Tour.

Incl tour of each venue. Light lunch in café at Arts Centre. Own transport. Cost \$30.00/pp. Time: 11.00-2.00 pm. Minimum of 15 x participants.

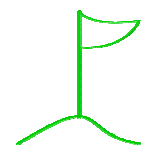
Thursday 23 July: RipponLea House & Gardens / Fire Brigade Museum. (COBA)

Incl tour of House & Gardens with entrance to Miss Fisher's Costume Exhibition, 2-course lunch at Moonee Valley Racecourse and self tour of Fire Brigade Museum. Cost: \$51.00/pp. Time: 9.00am-4.00 pm. **Bus pickup at Greensborough Memorial Park (McDowell Street end).**

Tuesday 8 to Saturday 12 September: Blue Mountains, NSW Tour. (COBA)

Incl Return Economy flights from Melbourne to Sydney. Coach pick up at Sydney Airport, accommodation, all breakfasts & dinners, some lunches. All entry fees and guides. Cost: \$1499.00/pp (Twin Share). Single supplement: extra \$280.00. Deposit of \$500.00/pp by 8 May. Final payment by 24 July.

Seeking Golfers (Good & Bad)



A group of Greensborough branch members are now playing golf on the 1st Monday of each month commencing at 9.00 am at Strathallen Golf Club, 100 Main Drive, Bundoora.

Cost for 9 holes is \$16.00/pp for Seniors

If you are interested in joining us for a game you would be most welcome

For further information - please see Ian Schuck at branch meetings or phone him on 9434 3839

Golfer: *I think I'm going to drown myself in the lake.*
Caddie: *Do you think you can keep your head down for that long?*

Golfer: *I'd move heaven and earth to break 100 on this course.*
Caddie: *Try heaven, you've already moved most of the earth.*



TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorraine Oaten

Balance as at 01/04/2015		16,474.69
Plus Income		
Living Legends & Seeing Eye Dogs	782.00	
Ripponlea	102.00	
Parliament House High Tea	244.00	
Blue Mountains Tour	4,370.00	
Tyabb Packing House	668.00	
William Angliss	72.00	
Attendance	368.85	
Membership	215.00	
Raffle	155.10	
Entertainment Books	260.00	
Grapevine Credits	24.00	
Total:		7,260.95
Less Expenditure		
Donation Legacy	-100.00	
Membership	-215.00	
Gossip Printing	-67.20	
PO Box Rental	-115.00	
Entertainment Books	-975.00	
Parliament House High Tea	-1,064.00	
Donation Seeing Eye Dogs	-100.00	
Stamps	-12.00	
Speakers Gifts/Door Prizes	-79.00	
Total:		-2,727.20
Balance as at 30/04/2015		21,008.44

NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER:

Members please note: The Greensborough Branch earns 'Grapevine' credits of \$3.00 for every person who pays their membership (new or renewal) through the Branch via the Treasurer. Payments can be made by cash, cheque or credit card.

KING ISLAND TOURS – NOVEMBER 2015



King Island Tours

There are only 2 large 4 wheel drive vehicles available at the one time with a 12 person maximum capacity in each. As we have 30 members who have expressed interest, we have booked 2 separate dates with 20 people departing on 18th to 21st Nov and 10 people departing on 22nd to 25th Nov. Not everyone will be staying at the same place but all are within walking distance of each other in the village. We will be picked up and returned each day to our own accommodation.

We will be flying Rex Airlines from Tullamarine in a Saab 33 seater. If you have any questions please contact marg.wood@myshercon.com or phone 94384219.

There will also be the opportunity to nominate any other friends you might want to be grouped with (for both accommodation and vehicles). Please also note any food intolerances and any celebrations to be acknowledged.

South Pacific Cruise – March/April 2015 - Reviews by Participants

It was a truly memorable first ever cruise for me. It was lovely to meet and enjoy the company of your friendly seniors group who made me feel very welcome in their company. A wonderful holiday experience! What a sight the 'Radiance of the Seas' was as we spilled from the mini bus that seemed dwarfed by the size of this magnificent ship. To the left of the ship was our Harbour Bridge and on the right the Opera house which enhanced the view of the ship and made me feel proud as an Australian that overseas visitors would see and enjoy this view of Sydney. Once onboard we were thrilled to find friendly cabin crew who knew and used our names whenever they met us and kept our rooms neat and clean. Our eyes popped at the sight of the lovely food we discovered at various places around the ship. We could have eaten all day if we wanted! Groan! The service of our evening dining meals was just the best from charming staff—nothing was too difficult for them. Entertainment on tap each night added to the whole experience. The Aussie Boys were a power house of energy and sound and Fusion was a delight to listen to. Visiting exotic locations was a highlight - I loved going to Espiritu Santo and its Champagne Bay and Noumea with its beautiful views of islands and surrounding blue seas. I am glad that we did not have to face cannibals as did the missionaries of long ago - the tiny sip of kava that I tasted must have been just as numbing to those long ago travellers when they tasted it for the first time. I wonder if Captain Cook tasted kava and did it help him zig-zag his way home? Noela Rhodes



We really enjoyed our lovely cruise. We were most impressed by the choice of ship and its very helpful staff, stateroom, bed comfort and towel animals, facilities, food to excess and nursing staff. Travel was comfortable with no sea sickness and visiting those fairly unspoiled islands with their friendly people was a real eye-opener. Despite having the minimum of benefits that we take for granted, we were all greeted with big wide smiles from the children and most adults. We drank fresh coconut milk and swam in pristine waters and then went back to the ship for nice hot showers and dinner. Missing two island stops was a disappointment but we were much better off than the cyclone affected communities. The entertainment at night was excellent and seeing volcano red reflections on the clouds one night was interesting. Fred and Val Johnson

Meeting at the airport & transport to the ship was a good smooth start to our holiday. The ship was very good from the housekeeping to the food & entertainment. The company has been great with old friends and new friends mixing well. Swapping seats at dinner was a great idea. All in all it has been fantastic. Faye & Ken Pickett

John and I enjoyed an excellent cruise which we thought was enhanced by being part of a wonderful group. Our stateroom was in a great location, allowing easy access to the many onboard activities. We loved the entertainment in the Theatre each evening after a Dinner, of top quality food with many choices available. Whilst onshore we thoroughly enjoyed the lifestyle of the tropical islands, the picturesque bays, beaches and local markets. It was a lovely holiday. Elaine & John Brook.

Going on the cruise with the group was great as we mixed and mingled and the other cruisers were friendly as most Aussies are! I now have the confidence to go on my own if the occasion arises. We were so well looked after by the crew with room services, activities, food and amenities. Staff were happy and helpful. Everything was so clean and tidy. No gastro going through the ship. In all I most satisfied and impressed! Jeanet Coomara

Exceeded all my expectations in terms of activities available, social contact, appointments of cabins, extent of experiences, food, catering & possibilities of relaxation. The company of other NSA members made the experience even more enjoyable. Vicky Malcolm

A well selected cruise with a good bunch of shipmates. Many a tale was told over dinner. We enjoyed the excursions & nightlife. Who were the senior seniors who bopped on til midnight most nights and sang themselves hoarse in the Schooner Bar? Val & Jim Kindness

Our first cruise was fantastic and we second the comments on the splendour of the ship and wonderful crew. There were places where you could be secluded but we chose to mix with our group. It was so nice to arrive at various venues on the ship and be greeted with a friendly wave inviting us to share a table or a spare seat. Often we did shore excursions together sharing new experiences and sights and cutting down on individual costs. Many of our group I knew only by sight or name prior to the cruise, so getting to know them was a real bonus. My thanks to all for being such good travel mates and for your kind words. Marg Wood (& Gordon)

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.



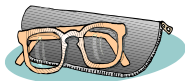
Are you interested in knitting children's garments or maybe toys?

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

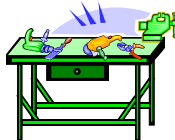


We operate a **Free Book Exchange** on Branch Meeting days. We ask only that you return the books to the Branch when you have finished reading them so that other members may have the opportunity to borrow the books.

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