

Greensborough Gossip

Greensborough Branch Newsletter

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MAY 2016

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

Norfolk Island:

Our Norfolk Island tour conducted in April was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Branch members flew to Sydney where we stayed overnight and then on to Norfolk the next day. Our accommodation at the Governor's Lodge consisted of very comfortable cabins surrounded by lovely tropical gardens. The Lodge was within walking distance of the shopping area (a little far for some, but we could arrange a shuttle service to and from the Lodge at a small cost).

We visited the historic areas of Kingston, Cascade, Longridge, etc and heard how Norfolk was originally a penal colony and after its closure became home to the Bounty mutineers and their families who relocated from Pitcairn Island which had become too small for its growing population. Various local guides gave us great insights into the lives of the people, their challenges with deliveries of food & goods that must be shipped to the island, as well as the political situation with Australia taking over full control of the island which has divided the community - some people for, some against the decision.

Norfolk is a beautiful place with gorgeous views and beaches. Bob Adamson was the only one to sample the ocean, others preferred to swim in the warmer pool and spa at our accommodation.

We had a lovely trip on a glass bottom boat and saw colourful tropical fish and coral. In the evening we experienced an Island Fish Fry with a magnificent sunset and later were entertained by singers and Polynesian dancing under the stars. We enjoyed many evening dinners, e.g. Progressive Dinner in 3 local homes, Night as a Convict (don't we look good as prisoners - above), a Murder Mystery dinner (no-one discovered the murderer). We also saw a Mutiny on the Bounty Show and a Sound & Light Show.



I have mentioned just a few highlights of our trip and we will have a more detailed report from one of our members in the next newsletter.

Management Committee Meeting:

This meeting will need to be postponed to **Tuesday 31 May** as the Executive will be away for the original date.

Tallangatta Tour:

We still have vacancies for 26 August-1 September tour. If anyone is interested, please see me, or Peter Oaten. The 9-15 September tour is fully booked.

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Management Committee
2015/2016

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Travel Committee:

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

Craft Books Coordinator - Lois Williams

Branch Auditor - Tom Cleary

*I really think tossing and turning at night
should be considered as exercise.*

*I've reached that stage of life when my train of
thought often leaves the station without me.*

*I have a brain like the Bermuda Triangle.
Information goes in, never to be found again!*

Next Branch Meeting

Tuesday 21 June — 10.00 am

Greensborough RSL

Speaker: Kelvin (Kel) Glare
(former Chief Commissioner of Police Vic.)

Topic: "Changes in Policing"



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



**Greensborough Branch
Email, Website, Mail
Zone Website**

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greensboroughnationalseniors@gmail.com

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www.greensboroughnationalseniors.com.au

Mailing Address:
Box 838, Macleod Post Office, Macleod 3085

Zone Website:
www.vicbranches.org.au

COFFEE CLUB



Wed 1 June - 10.00 am

Taffy's on Looker

15 Looker Road
Montmorency
Tel: 9439 5196

Coordinator:

Gaylynn Pinniger - Tel: 9458 2603



DINNER CLUB

Friday 3 June - 7.00 pm

The Greensborough Hotel

75 Main Street
Greensborough
Tel: 9435 1911

RSVP: Mon 30 May
Faye & Ken Pickett
Tel: 9435 0076

LUNCH CLUB



Thu 9 June - 12.00 noon

Eltham Tea House

561 Main Street
Eltham
Tel: 9431 2551

RSVP: Mon 6 June
Elaine & John Brook
Tel: 9432 1695



Walking Club



Walkers meet weekly at **9.30 am**
as follows.....

Most Tuesdays: Meet at the Henry Street
end of Greensborough Memorial Park.

On Branch Meeting days the group walk on Wednesdays.

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?

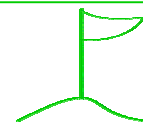
Walkers meet Tuesdays at 9.30 am at
Willinda Park Athletics Track, end of Nell
Street, Greensborough (except on Branch
meeting days when the group walk on
Wednesdays).

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

Seeking Golfers (Good & Bad)



A group of Greensborough branch
members play golf on 1st Monday
of the month commencing at 9.00 am
at **Strathallen Golf Club**
100 Main Drive, Bundoora

Cost - 9 holes: \$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 Ian on 9434 3839**

UPCOMING BRANCH EVENTS



Branch & COBA Activities

Reminder to members: \$20.00/pp deposit required when placing your name on an activity list.

Tuesday 7 June — Film/Luncheon, Balwyn Palace Theatre: Film: “Queen of the Desert” starring Nicole Kidman, James Franco. Time: 10.45 am - 1.30 pm. Cost: \$15.00/pp. Synopsis - A chronicle of Gertrude Bell’s life - a traveler, writer, archaeologist, explorer, cartographer and political attaché for the British Empire at the dawn of the 20th century.

Monday 27 June — ‘City Sights’ Tour: Bus travel, Morning Tea, 2-course Lunch at Glasshouse Café, Flemington Racecourse. Venues such as St James Old Cathedral (gold coin donation appreciated). Time: 9.30-4.30 pm. Cost: \$37.00/pp.

Wednesday 27 July — National Gallery Tour: Own transport. Gallery Tour (11.00am-12 noon). Lunch at Arts Centre (approx 12.15 pm). Cost: \$20.00/pp. (COBA activity).

26 August–1 September / 9–15 September: Tallangatta (7-Day Tour of Eastern Victoria “Lakes & High Country”) *Full itinerary can be found on page 8 of the newsletter.* Cost: \$595.00/pp. (S/S—\$90.00). Seniors Rail Pass to be used to travel from Melbourne/Albury & return. We will be collected by bus from Albury Station. **Balance of payment by 31 July.**

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

 **ALOHA HAWAII.....MAY 2017**

We will not know exact prices for Hawaii until May this year but, based on 2016 prices, the estimate for a Land & Cruise package with Globus is \$4365/pp for an Inside Cabin. An Ocean View Cabin will be an extra \$357/pp. Return flights Melbourne to Hawaii with Jetstar will be approx \$1100/pp.

Inclusions for the Globus component are:
3 nights Accommodation at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani Hotel including Breakfasts, Pearl Harbour Tour, 7 nights Hawaiian Islands Cruise, On-board Gratuities, Port Charges, All Transfers.

2016 / 2017
Entertainment Book

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Also included are vouchers for 2 for 1 dinners, discounts at various restaurants/hotels, plus movie, hotel accommodation, car rental discounts, etc.

**We are taking orders for
Entertainment Books at Branch Meetings**



TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorraine Oaten

Balance as at 01/04/2016		23,193.94
Plus Income		
Nth East High Country Tour	750.00	
City Sights Tour	354.00	
National Gallery Tour	160.00	
Attendance	320.85	
Membership	280.00	
Raffle	163.10	
Grapevine Credits	8.00	
Total:		2,035.95
Less Expenditure		
NSA Q'land - Memberships	-280.00	
Refunds Beleura House	-80.00	
Donation - Beyond Blue	-25.00	
Innovation Systems	-49.95	
Dyson Bus Company	-2,451.00	
Tallangatta Motor Inn	-5,400.00	
Speaker Gift/Door Prizes	-50.00	
Total:		-8,335.95
Balance as at 30/04/2016		16,893.94

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.

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.

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

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

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.

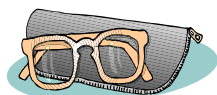


BOOK EXCHANGE & CRAFT BOOK EXCHANGE

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



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.

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

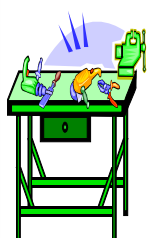


Anyone for Tennis?

If you are interested in playing 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 approx. 9.30 am 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).**



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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Old Colonists' Association of Victoria

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Pauline Walters on 5795 1822

Or for further information, please contact:
Karen Ernest on (03) 9433 1100



Old Colonists' Association of Victoria

is a charity serving elderly Victorians
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Our facility "**Liscombe House**" comprises 3 sections:

- **Liscombe Wing** - 39 rooms
- **Currie Wing** - 22 single rooms, 4 double rooms
located 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



Tour North Eastern Victoria Holiday “Lakes and High Country”

ITINERARY TOUR “A” (6 NIGHTS 7 DAYS)

Day 1. Pick up from Albury Railway Station

Today we pick you up from the Albury Railway Station, and transport you to the Tallangatta Motor Inn via the scenic Lake Hume.

Day 2. Hume Weir / Dartmouth

This morning we travel to the Hume Weir Wall, for our morning tea, from here we travel east, through the very scenic and rich dairying Mitta Mitta Valley. Up at the Dartmouth Dam we can compare the heights of both storage areas, and if season permits see the truly spectacular cascades. We now return to the township of Dartmouth for our B.B.Q lunch. After lunch we travel home through the full length of the Mitta Mitta Valley, arriving back in Tallangatta for afternoon tea.

Day 3. Rutherglen Wineries / Corowa / Yackandandah

Today we're travelling west, through Albury, to Howlong, where we stop for morning tea. We then cross back over the border and head to Morris Brothers Winery, to sample the wines produced by this very highly regarded vineyard. From here it's back over the border to Corowa where we have our B.B.Q. lunch by the Murray River. We then travel through Rutherglen and Chiltern, travelling to Yackandandah and the bakery for afternoon tea on our way home to Tallangatta.

Day 4. Corryong / Khancoban

Travelling north east today, we head through the very large pine plantation at Shelley, on our way to Corryong for morning tea. This is where Jack Riley, the real 'Man from Snowy River' lived. Then it's on to Khancoban, for a short tour of this Snowy Township. The impressive Murray 1 Power Station is our next stop for a tour and our B.B.Q. lunch. We then travel back to Corryong for our afternoon tea at the newly renovated Corryong Museum.

Day 5. Myrtleford / Bright / Mount Beauty

South east is the direction we travel today, to the tobacco and hop growing area of Myrtleford, then onto Porpunkah where we have morning tea on the banks of the Ovens River at the foot of Mt Buffalo. Now it's just a short trip into Bright. We will complete a tour of the town, and while our B.B.Q lunch is being prepared, you'll have the opportunity to spend time walking and exploring this great town. After lunch we travel up the mountain to Tawonga lookout, here we look down on the spectacular Kiewa Valley, and across to Victoria's highest Peak, Mt Bogong. Then it's down to Mt Beauty for a decadent afternoon tea at the Mt Beauty Bakery. Tonight we take you into the Albury Commercial Club for dinner.

Day 6. Yackandandah / Historic Beechworth

Today we discover Beechworth, travelling through the historic gold mining town of Yackandandah, we have morning tea at Lake Sambell (site of the Old Rocky Mountain Gold Mine) before taking a tour of this most famous Gold Town, We visit the Murray Brewery and their famous Carriage Museum, then its time for our B.B.Q lunch, after lunch you have time to walk around this historic town, meeting at the famous Beechworth Bakery for afternoon tea. From here it's back home to Tallangatta for dinner.

Day 7. Peard's Nursery and Café Borella

This morning we take a tour of Tallangatta, then head into Albury and visit Café Borellas, set in the beautiful gardens of Peard's Nursery, for morning tea. From here we make our way to the Albury railway station.