

# Greensborough Gossip

## Greensborough Branch Newsletter

Branch No. 100133 Incorporation No. A0044936A  
May 2019

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Dear Members,

#### Japan April Trip:

Welcome home to members and friends who participated in the Japan tour. From reports I have received they had a wonderful time – the only negative comment was “too much raw fish”.

#### Thankyous:

At the April meeting we had a number of committee members away on the Japan tour. Once again, members volunteered to ‘fill the gaps’. Committee members took on extra duties and branch members willingly offered their services to assist on the day. Thanks go to Elaine Brook, Heather Lewis, Gaylynn Pinniger and Anne Jephcott. It was a real team effort.

#### Entertainment Books:

Once again the Greensborough branch is selling Entertainment books for 2019/2020.

The cost is the same as last year at \$70.00 per book and the branch receives \$14.00 from each book sold. Huge savings can be made using the vouchers. We have 15 books to sell. Please see notice on page 4 of the newsletter with contact details if you cannot get to a meeting.

#### Quiet Please:



Once again I need to remind our members to be silent when committee members or invited speakers are talking on stage.

There are a few tables who still continue to ‘break the rules’! Also could members please remember to turn off their mobile phones or turn them to silent. In anticipation - many thanks for your cooperation.

#### Branch Activities:

I am pleased to report that the Victoria's Silo Arts Tour is now fully booked and has a healthy waiting list.

Members who place their name on a waiting list should remember that they may still have an opportunity to be involved in the tour as sometimes people drop out due to unforeseen illness or circumstances. The waiting list will be kept up to date in regard to vacancies. This applies to all branch activities.

Members who do not intend to go ahead with an activity or tour should inform the Activities officers as soon as possible, so that those on the waiting list can be offered the chance to participate. Preference will be given to National Seniors members.

#### Envelopes:



To make life easier for Lorraine & Peter on the Activities desk could members paying for trips please put money in an envelope with the amount and their name on it.

This is particularly necessary for members who pay on the day of the trip because they cannot get to a meeting or pay prior to the activity. Handing cash to Lorraine or Peter on the bus is not a good idea!

Regards. Bob Goodyear

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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

**Branch Auditor** - Tom Cleary

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**Past Presidents:**

Christina McDonald - 2003/04

Greg Fallon - 2004/07

*The passing of Beth Robieson:*

*Beth passed away peacefully in her nursing home on 18 April 2019. Original branch members will remember Beth. In later years she was unable to get to meetings but still remained interested in our branch and would send us 12 stamped self-addressed envelopes at the beginning of each year so that she could keep abreast of the goings on of the branch. Beth would have been 100 in July.*



**Next Branch Meeting**

**Tuesday 18 June 2019 - 10.00 am**

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

**Speaker: Heather Wheat**

**"Ancient Armenia & Georgia: A journey through the Caucasus"**



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!*



**Greensborough Branch Contact Info**

**Greensborough Branch Email Address:**

[greensboroughnationalseniors@gmail.com](mailto:greensboroughnationalseniors@gmail.com)

**Greensborough Branch Website:**

[www.greensboroughnationalseniors.com.au](http://www.greensboroughnationalseniors.com.au)

**New Mailing Address:**

**Box 37, Greensborough Post Office, 3088  
(Note change of location from Macleod)**

## COFFEE CLUB



**Wed 5 June - 10.00 am**

### Swipers Gully Vineyard & Restaurant

25 Eltham-Yarra Glen Road  
Kangaroo Ground  
Tel: 9437 2222

**Coordinator:**  
**Gaylynn - Tel: 9458 2603**



## 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**

## LUNCH CLUB



**Thu 13 June - 12.00 noon**

### Dark Horse Cafe

765 Eltham-Yarra Glen Road  
Kangaroo Ground  
Tel: 9719 7518

**RSVP: Mon 10 June**  
**Val Beale**  
**0409 196 199**

## 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.



## DINNER CLUB

**Friday 7 June - 7.00 pm**

### Peking Inn Chinese Restaurant

Bundoora Square Shopping Centre  
25-31 Plenty Road  
Bundoora  
Tel: 9467 5045

**RSVP: Mon 29 April**  
**Lora Schiele**  
**Tel: 9435 7264**



## 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 29 May - Eagle Arthur's Seat:** Incl. return Gondola Ride, McLelland Gallery & Sculpture Garden, Morning Tea, 2-course Lunch at Rosebud RSL. Cost: \$65.00/pp. Time 9.00am - 5.00pm. Bus pick up Greensborough Memorial Park, McDowell Street end.

**Wednesday 26 June - Hoppers Crossing Clubhouse:** Incl. Devonshire Morning Tea, 2-course Lunch. Entertainment — Rob Foenander. Bus pick up/return Greensborough Memorial Park, McDowell Street end. Time 9.00-3.00 pm. Cost: \$28.00/pp. Min 24x / Max 48x.

**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, a further venue is being sought for this day - TBA, '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 6795 / Bob Goodyear Tel: 9435 2529.

## 2019 / 2020 Entertainment Book

Selling for **only \$70.00** — each book includes an **Entertainment™ Gold Card**, which is valid for incredible offers from fine dining restaurants and hotels.

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

**Entertainment Books are available for purchase at Branch Meetings from May onward.**

**If you cannot get to a branch meeting, you can order through:**

**John Brook on Tel: 9432 1695 or  
Marlene Goodyear on Tel 9435 2529**



## 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](mailto:margw46@gmail.com)





## TREASURER'S REPORT - Lorraine Oaten

<b>Balance as at 01/04/2019</b>		<b>25,356.84</b>
<b>Plus Income:</b>		
Eagle Arthurs Seat	230.00	
Victoria Silo Tour	705.00	
Memberships	75.00	
Entertainment Book	70.00	
Grapevine Credits	10.00	
Attendance	263.55	
Raffle	148.00	
<b>Total:</b>		<b>1,501.55</b>
<b>Less Expenditure:</b>		
Donation Guest Speaker	-30.00	
Speakers Gift (Easter Egg)	-3.15	
Gossip Printing	-58.80	
NSA Q'land Memberships	-75.00	
<b>Total:</b>		<b>-166.95</b>
<b>Balance as at 30/04/2019</b>		<b>26,691.44</b>



### Samaritan's Purse — Operation Christmas Child

**Hi members: It's that time of year again!** I am working for Samaritan's Purse and we collect small gifts to fill shoeboxes that are sent to needy children overseas.

We are looking for donations of clothing, toiletries, toys, stationery (e.g. 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.**

Please note that sweets, breakables, liquids (e.g. hand cream, sunscreen), playing/swap cards and anything resembling a gun cannot be sent.

If you would like to fill a box this would be very welcome too — the box should be a standard shoe box size. *We are also looking for empty shoe boxes.*

You can bring along items/boxes to Branch meetings until October. 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.

*Thankyou in anticipation. Dianne Klein, Member*

**JAPAN TOUR - MAY 2019**



***An excerpt from Fay Whimpey's daily diary on the trip:***

Wednesday:  
After lunch we went to Gion to experience wearing a kimono with all the trimmings. It took quite a long time to put on the outfit. The men looked quite attractive in their long robes. After we were all dressed we went for a walk around the streets where the Geishas houses were located. I think we all provided entertainment for the other tourists as we walked around in uncomfortable shoes, like thongs. Others were not able to manage the shoes and wore their runners and all in all we didn't look quite as graceful as the Geishas. However it was an experience but I don't think we will lose any of the group to become Geishas.

***Another excerpt from Fay Whimpey with some information on the life of a Geisha:***

On arrival at Kyoto we were taken by coach to take part in a tea ceremony, which was very interesting even though it was very hard to follow. The Geisha presided over the ceremony wearing the lovely traditional dress and painted face. Her hair was also done in the traditional way with lovely symbolic hair pieces. Girls who want to train as Geishas commence their training when they finish secondary school and are 15 - 17 years old. For the first few years they are not paid but they receive free board, food and training at the Geisha school. If they decide to marry then they can no longer be Geishas. We drank a powdered green tea and 2 very small, very sweet biscuits as part of the ceremony.



***Our group with Itsukushima Shrine in background***



***Itsukushima shrine is one of Japan's popular tourist attractions located on Itsukushima Island - it is most famous for its dramatic gate, or torii on the outskirts of the shrine.***

## 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**  
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