

Greensborough Gossip

Greensborough Branch Newsletter

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Editor - Marlene Goodyear



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

At our AGM in September members will recall that we presented Kim D'Angelis from Leith Park (Old Colonists Association) with a cheque for \$1000.00.

As you know, we support two charities and unfortunately Tim Paul from Banksia Palliative Care Services could not attend the AGM due a conflict of appointments. However we caught up with Tim at our November meeting and presented his organisation with a cheque for \$1000.00.

2013/2014 Committee:

At the completion of the AGM, the following members were elected to the Management Committee for the coming year.

President – Robert Goodyear, **Vice President** – Peter Oaten, **Treasurer** – Lorraine Oaten,

Secretary – Marlene Goodyear

General Committee: Lynne Maw, Peter Maw, Ken Pickett, David Hewett, Judy Harvey, John Brook, Jim Kindness, Barbara Crosling.

Tom Cleary was also appointed Auditor for the 2013/14 year and we thank Tom for his assistance in this regard.

Lois Williams did not renominate. Lois had been on the Committee for the past two years and assisted John Brook with fundraising and used her talents to help with the Xmas dinner dance decorations. I believe Marlene has coopted Lois again this year!

However, I am pleased to advise that Margaret Wood has filled the vacancy and we welcome her onto the Committee.

The following members have also indicated they will continue to work off-Committee to enhance the activities of the Branch - Gaylynn Pinniger (Speaker Gifts/Door Prizes, Coffee Club Coordinator), Lorraine Callow (Branch Minute Taker), Lois Williams (Craft Books Coordinator).

I am sure with such a great team, the Greensborough Branch will continue to achieve success.

Branch Survey:

Thankyou to all members who filled in the survey at the last meeting. We received 80x which is a fantastic result.

The majority of members voted for:

- Flinders Ranges Tour (costed at \$1550).
- The June evening meeting to be changed from an evening to a day meeting.
- Approx 50% of members favoured having an occasional game of Ten Pin Bowling.
- A large number of members were interceded in participating in the various trips and cruises.

Results of the survey are included in this newsletter — see page 8.

Frank Beale, Marg Wood, Lorraine Oaten, Jill Sanders and Gayle Salter indicated they would be interested in being on a newly formed Social Committee. The purpose of this committee will be to organise some of these extra activities.

Regards.

Bob Goodyear, President

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Management Committee
2013/2014

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Jim Kindness 9469 4469

Bob & Marlene Goodyear, Gaylynn Pinniger

Welfare Officer

Judy Harvey 9401 6752

Door Attendants/Registration

Lynne Maw 9401 6717

Barbara Crosling 9435 5020

Branch Minute Taker - Lorraine Callow

Speakers Gifts & Door Prizes, Coffee Club

Coordinator - Gaylynn Pinniger

Book Exchange Coordinator - Ken Pickett

Craft Books Coordinator - Lois Williams



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Branch Christmas
Dinner

Tuesday 10 December
6.00 for 6.30 pm start

Entertainer:
Brian Muldoon

**“10 Year Birthday Celebration of
NSA Greensborough Branch ”**

*(Please see Peter or Lorraine Oaten
to make a booking)*



*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*

COFFEE CLUB



Wed 4 December - 10.00 am

Citrus Tart Cafe

2D Lambourn Road
Watsonia

Tel 9435 1507

Coordinator:

Gaylynn Pinniger - Tel: 9458 2603

DINNER CLUB

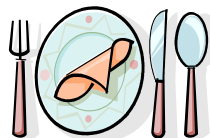


PLEASE NOTE
THERE WILL BE NO DINNER
CLUB IN DECEMBER.

**THE DINNER CLUB WILL
RESUME IN FEBRUARY 2014.**

**Details will be in January
newsletter.**

LUNCH CLUB



PLEASE NOTE
THERE WILL BE NO LUNCH
CLUB IN DECEMBER.

**THE LUNCH CLUB WILL
RESUME IN JANUARY 2014.**

**Details will be in December
newsletter.**

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.

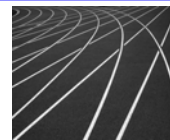


Confused??? ...

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



The Walking Group in their 'Cup' Hats

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.

Thu 5 December: William Angliss College Café, 555 LaTrobe Street (COBA activity) 3-course Lunch. (Own transport).
Time: 12.00 noon Cost: \$35.00/pp. **Fully booked. To be paid at November meeting.**

Tue 10 December: Branch Christmas Dinner Dance incl 3-course Dinner, tea/coffee.
Entertainer - Brian Muldoon
Time: 6.30-10.30 pm Cost: \$35.00/pp (10 year Birthday Party celebration of Greensborough Branch). **To be paid at November meeting.**

2014:

Thu 20 March: Phillip Island

Incl. morning tea, 2-course lunch at Phillip Island RSL. Visit Vietnam Veterans Memorial/Museum, the Seal Rockies, the Nobbies & Boardwalk. Depart by bus Greensborough Memorial Park (McDowell Street entrance)
Time: 8.30 am - 5.00 pm. Cost: \$50.00/pp (48+)

Wed 23 April: Cranbourne Botanic Gardens

Incl. morning tea, walking tour of Gardens (shuttle bus available at cost of \$4.00/pp for pension card holders), 2-course lunch at Kelly's Motor Club.
Depart by bus Greensborough Memorial Park (McDowell Street entrance)
Time: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm. Cost: \$44.00/pp (by bus) \$22.00/pp (by car) **(COBA)**

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

Accommodation at Wilpena Pound in Flinders Ranges. 15 meals (6 breakfasts, 6 dinners, 3 lunches). All entry fees and guides.
Prices: \$1549.00/pp (30x), \$1499.00 (35x), \$1449.00 (40x). Single supplement \$498.00/pp. min Nos. 30 / max nos. 90)

Deposit of \$500.00/pp by March 31. Final payment by June 30. Payments are non-refundable after the above dates, so Travel Insurance is recommended. Daily seat rotation on bus.

For bookings see:

Peter Oaten - Tel: 9434 6795 or Bob Goodyear - Tel: 9435 2529



Christmas Songs of Praise

A delightful, pleasant Sunday afternoon program called CHRISTMAS 'SONGS OF PRAISE' has been arranged for SUNDAY, 1ST DECEMBER from 2.00 pm to 4.45 pm and you are invited to be guests at this special event.

There is no charge and a delicious Afternoon Tea will be served following the program. A pre-program of music and DVD'S starts at 1.30pm. The VENUE is Diamond Valley Baptist Auditorium, 309 Diamond Creek Road, Plenty. (Melways 11 D7)

We will join to sing many favourite Carols and our GUEST ITEMS will include:

COLLEEN ARNOTT – OUTSTANDING SOPRANO
THE COURIERS – INSPIRATIONAL MALE QUARTET
MATTHEW FIELD – CONCERT PIANIST
DALE PHILIP & RON ELLIS – 'REGULARS' - will also sing a Christmas duet.

'Songs Of Praise' is a DVBC 'Women In Focus' initiative!

Enquiries to Organiser: Ron Ellis OAM on 0407 306 353 or by email: ron@ronellis.org



**TREASURER'S
REPORT
Lorraine Oaten**

Balance as at 01/10/2013		13,503.67
Plus Income		
Attendance	347.95	
Raffle	156.00	
Membership	130.00	
NSA Grapevine Credits	24.00	
Warrook Cattle Farm	480.00	
William Angliss Xmas Lunch	2,123.00	
Flinders Ranges	100.00	
Xmas Birthday Dinner	1,040.00	
RSL Commission	67.23	
Donation	20.00	
Total:		4,488.18
Less Expenditure		
NSA Memberships	130.00	
Consumer Affairs Registration	51.40	
Zone Meeting	40.00	
Gossip Printing	229.10	
Printer Supplies	180.34	
Stamps/Postage	13.55	
Banksia Palliative Care Donation	1,000.00	
Deposit Xmas Entertainer	66.00	
Xmas Dinner Expenses	104.10	
Speaker Gifts/Door Prizes	22.00	
Merimbula Tour Refund	200.00	
Film Lunch Refund	15.00	
Tulip Festival Refund	30.00	
Total:		-2,081.49
Balance as at 31/10/2013		15,910.36

**National Seniors
Australia**

All Branch 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).

Come at 9.45am for morning tea (coffee/tea/scones)! The talks then commence at 11.00am.

PROGRAM:

21 November: Anne Atkin, from Parkinson's Victoria will give an insightful and often humorous account of her own journey with Parkinson's and her Painting with Parkinson's group.

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 phone our office on 9650 6144 for more details, or to make a booking for any of the above talks.

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

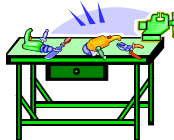


We operate a **Free Book Exchange** on Branch Meeting days. We ask only that you return the books to the Branch when you have finished reading them so that other members may have the opportunity to borrow the books.

(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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SURVEY — GREENSBOROUGH BRANCH 2014 ACTIVITIES
(Please tick boxes below)

1.	Should we change the January meeting from a formal meeting at the Greensborough RSL to a BBQ/Picnic at a suitable venue?	YES 40	NO 33	UNDECIDED 7
2.	Should we change the June (Winter) evening meeting to a day meeting?	YES 56	NO 20	UNDECIDED 4
3.	7-day Flinders Ranges Tour (September) - Would you be willing to pay?: \$1,200.00/pp OR for more sightseeing/destinations \$1,500.00/pp	YES 12	NO 62	UNDECIDED 6
		YES 39	NO 28	UNDECIDED 13
4.	Would you like to be a member of a golfing group?	YES 7	NO 70	UNDECIDED 3
5.	Would you be interested in playing the occasional game of Ten Pin Bowling ?	YES 41	NO 37	UNDECIDED 2
<i>Would you participate in the following?</i>				
6.	2-day (1 night) trip, using V-Line ticket, to Loddon Valley (Cost: <i>approx.</i> \$238.00/pp).	YES 45	NO 31	UNDECIDED 4
7.	3-day (2 nights) trip, using V-Line ticket, to Loddon Valley (Cost: <i>approx.</i> \$460.00/pp).	YES 37	NO 36	UNDECIDED 7
8.	5-day cruise to Tasmania (Cost: <i>approx.</i> \$799/pp).	YES 45	NO 32	UNDECIDED 3
9.	6-day cruise to Adelaide, Port Lincoln (Cost: <i>approx.</i> \$1099/pp).	YES 40	NO 36	UNDECIDED 4
10.	12-day cruise to Auckland, New Zealand (Cost: <i>approx.</i> \$1889.00/pp).	YES 38	NO 39	UNDECIDED 3
11.	<i>Would you be interested in being a member of the Social Committee?</i> <i>If YES, please print your name & contact details below:</i> _____	YES 7	NO 70	UNDECIDED 3