

Greensborough Gossip

Greensborough Branch Newsletter

Branch No. 100133 Incorporation No. A0044936A

NOVEMBER 2015

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

At the Annual General Meeting in September the following members were elected to the 2015/16 Greensborough Branch Committee:

Bob Goodyear—President/Activities Officer/Zone 121 Chairperson

Peter Oaten—Vice President/Activities Officer

Lorraine Oaten—Treasurer/Travel Committee

Marlene Goodyear—Secretary/Newsletter Editor/Travel Committee/Speakers Sub-committee

David Hewett—Publicity Officer/Communications Officer/Branch Meeting Manager

Ken Pickett—Membership Officer/Zone 121 Delegate

Marg Wood—Asst Membership Officer/Travel Committee Coordinator

John Brook, Ian Schuck—Fundraising Officers

Jim Kindness—Speakers Sub-Committee

Judy Harvey—Welfare Officer

Barbara Crosling, Anne Schuck, Gail Young—Door Attendants/Registration

Of course we are ably assisted by members who perform other tasks within the branch and these people are listed on page 2 of the newsletter.

2016 Activities:

The following activities are being planned for 2016.

- * Balwyn Palace Theatre Film/Luncheon
- * Corio Bay Lunch Cruise
- * Norfolk Island Tour
- * Beleura House & Garden Tour
- * Melbourne City Sights Tour
- * National Gallery Tour
- * Yan Yean Reservoir/Whittlesea Court House/Donnybrook Cheese Farm
- * 7-day North East Victoria Tour (based at Talangatta)
- * Alowyn Gardens/Chocolaterie
- * COBA Xmas Lunch
- * Branch end-of-year function

The above activities are subject to change depending on availability of venues, dates, etc. We believe the activities offered are value for money.

Branch Xmas Dinner Dance:

Some members have enquired as to whether they can book a table for the dinner dance. The committee has agreed that we will trial the system this year and has the right to change tables if necessary.

Tables will seat either 8 or 10, depending on the final number attending. The RSL usually spreads the number of place settings over 12 tables. To date we have 103 attending, but we may get more bookings at the November branch meeting.

We will have envelopes available at the November meeting and those wishing to book a table can write their names and friends' names on the front of the envelope.

Tables will be numbered and a 'reserved' sign will be placed on booked tables. A list of reserved tables will be placed at the entrance to the venue.

Other members will be able to fill tables which are not reserved.

Regards. **Bob Goodyear**

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Management Committee
2015/2016

President/Activities Officer/Zone 121

Chairperson

Bob Goodyear 9435 2529

Vice President/Activities Officer

Peter Oaten 9434 6795

Treasurer/Social Committee

Lorraine Oaten 9434 6795

Secretary / Newsletter Editor

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Membership Officer/Zone 121 Dep Delegate

Ken Pickett 9435 0076

Fundraising Officers

John Brook 9432 1695

Ian Schuck 9434 3839

Asst. Membership Officer/Travel Committee

Coordinator

Marg Wood 9438 4219

Speakers Sub-Committee

Jim Kindness 9469 4469

Bob & Marlene Goodyear, Gaylynn Pinniger

Welfare Officer

Judy Harvey 9401 6752

Door Attendants/Registration

Barbara Crosling 9435 5020

Anne Schuck 9434 3839

Gail Young 9439 3601

Travel Committee:

Marg Wood - **Coordinator**

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

*Branch Xmas
Dinner Dance*

Tuesday 8 December — 6.30 pm
(Doors open at 6.00 pm)
Greensborough RSL

Entertainer — Marceau Camille
“International” Theme



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

Greensborough Branch Email Address:
greensboroughnationalseniors@gmail.com

Greensborough Branch Website:
www.greensboroughnationalseniors.com.au

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

Zone Website:
www.vicbranches.org.au

COFFEE CLUB



Wed 2 December - 10.00 am

Swipers Gully Restaurant (Eltham College)

The Warner Hospitality Centre
25 Eltham-Yarra Glen Road
Kangaroo Ground (Melways Ref 23 A1)

Tel 9437 2222

Coordinator:
Gaylynn Pinniger - Tel: 9458 2603

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

DINNER CLUB



PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO DINNER CLUB IN DECEMBER or JANUARY

DINNER CLUB WILL RESUME IN FEBRUARY 2016.

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)



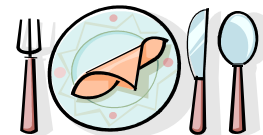
A group of Greensborough branch members are now playing golf on the 1st Monday of each month commencing at 9.00 am at Strathallen Golf Club 100 Main Drive, Bundoora

Cost for 9 holes - \$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

LUNCH CLUB



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UPCOMING BRANCH EVENTS



Branch & COBA Activities

Reminder to members:

A deposit of \$20.00/pp is now required when placing your name on an activity list.

Monday 30 November: Xmas Lunch at William Angliss Catering School, 555 Latrobe Street (COBA)

Incl 3-course Xmas Lunch. Own transport. Time: 12.00 noon-3.00 pm. Cost: \$36.00/pp.

Tuesday 8 December: Branch Xmas Dinner Dance

Incl 3-course Dinner. Entertainment. Theme this year will be "International". Costume dressing is optional. Venue doors open at 6.00 pm for a 6.30 start. Cost: \$35.00/pp.

2016:

Wednesday 23 March: Corio Bay Lunch Cruise

Incl Coach, Morning Tea, 2-hour Lunch Cruise. Time: 9.30 am - 3.00 pm. Cost: \$51.00/pp

August/September/October: 7-Day Tour of Eastern Victoria

Details of this proposed COBA tour for 2016 can be found on page 9 of the newsletter. As the bus is limited to 34x we have made 3 bookings for this tour. We would appreciate it if you would fill in the slip at the bottom of page 9 and return to either Peter or Bob as soon as possible.

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

KING ISLAND – NOVEMBER 2015 NORFOLK ISLAND – APRIL 2016



King Island Tours:

We have booked 2 separate tours dates - **18 to 21 and 22 to 25 November 2015**. 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.

Deposits have been paid. **Final payment of is due by 7 October 2015.**

You will have received an email regarding departure details, luggage requirements, etc. If you have not received this email please let Marg Wood know immediately.

* Norfolk Island Tour:

10 to 18 April 2016. Cost: \$2895/pp. incl airfares. Single supp: \$675/pp.

Deposits have been paid. Balance of monies due no later than our Branch meeting on 19 January 2016.

Contact Ian on Tel: 9434 3839 or 0421 062 894 if you have any queries.

PLEASE NOTE:

- * **You will need a current Australian Passport or a valid document of Identity.**
- * **Norfolk Island is not covered by Medicare. Travel Insurance is highly recommended.**



TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorraine Oaten

Balance as at 01/10/2015	24,493.59
Plus Income	
Mystery Tour	400.00
Xmas Dinner Dance	1,060.00
William Angliss	2,284.00
King Island	2,588.00
Norfolk Island	1,000.00
Attendance	322.60
Membership	120.00
Zone Conference	400.00
Raffle	176.00
Total:	
Less Expenditure	8,350.60
Gossip Printing	-75.60
Dyson Bus Co. - Mystery Tour	-2,236.00
Final Payment King Island	-7,574.00
Door Prizes/ Speaker Gift	-50.00
Membership	-120.00
88.6 Plenty Valley FM Annual Subs	-66.00
Zone Conference	-390.30
Bank Charges	-0.35
Total:	-10,512.25
Balance as at 31/10/2015	22,331.94

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.



'CHRISTMAS SONGS OF PRAISE'

We invite you, your family and friends to share the joy of Christmas with us

on Sunday 6th December at 2.00pm at Diamond Valley Baptist auditorium, 309 Diamond Creek Rd, Plenty (Melways D7).

There is no charge and a delicious complimentary Afternoon Tea will be served following the program. A pre-program of music and DVDs starts at 1.30pm.

We will join to sing many favourite Carols and our Guest Items will include:

The Melbourne Male Voice Praise Choir

Lead Conductor: Ken Harris Pianist: David Bremner

Ken Harris – Tenor accompanied on piano by David Bremner

Alexandra Gear – Wedding & Ceremony Singer

Songs of Praise Childrens' Choir

Musical Director: Matthew Field

'Regulars' – Dale Philip & Ron Ellis

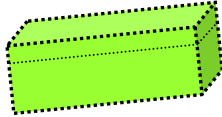


NSA Melbourne Investment Discussion Group

NSA members are welcome to join this friendly group which meets on 2nd Thursday of the month at 10.00 am to listen to a guest speaker from the financial world followed by a lively Q&A session and then morning tea.

Meetings are held in Hayden Raysmith Room on 4th Floor of Ross House, Flinders Lane (near the Melbourne Library).

You can attend two sessions for free as a visitor - then if you wish to become a member of the group the cost is \$7.00/yearly membership, plus \$3.00 a meeting (to pay for the room rental/morning tea & a free Christmas party).



Samaritan's Purse — Operation Christmas Child

Hi Everyone:

Thank you so much for your contributions to Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child this year. Your generous gifts of items to put in the boxes will make so many children happy. I am also grateful to those of you who have saved your shoe boxes as I am always going to shoe shops throughout the year to ask for them.

So far the group I work with has put together approx 350 boxes and it will probably be close to 400 by the end of this month. You will be pleased to know how much your gifts are appreciated.

In the warehouse at Mitcham the containers are called in to take the boxes and at the end of October about 20,000 had been processed and were ready to go. Last year boxes were sent to Cambodia, East Timor & Vietnam and will probably go there again this year. They should all be on their way to their eager recipients by the beginning of December.

Thank you all once again. Best wishes.
Dianne Klein, Branch Member



Our Walking Club members wearing hats for Melbourne Cup Day



Photos from our Kerriesdale Mountain Railway ride — see train on right which took us to the Summit



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.



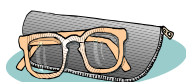
Are you interested in knitting children's garments or maybe toys?

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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Old Colonists' Association of Victoria

is a charity serving elderly Victorians needing affordable, safe & dignified independent community living, together with appropriate & practicable continuing care.

Our Estate at 339 St Helena Road, St Helena has an 81 bed Residential Aged Care Facility, including 1 Respite Room.

Our facility "**Liscombe House**" comprises three 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**

7-Day Tour of North East Victoria “Lakes & High Country” - 2016

For our 2016 COBA extended tour the committee is investigating a tour of North Eastern Victoria – “Lakes & High Country”. The tour visits the following areas Albury/Tallangatta, Hume Weir/Darmouth, Rutherglen Wineries/Corowa/Yackandandah, Corryong/Khancoban, Myrtleford/Bright/Mount Beauty and Beechworth.

We will be picked up and dropped off at the Albury Railway Station; therefore we will need to use our Seniors Free Rail Passes to travel to & from Albury.

Accommodation will be at the Tallangatta Motel and daily excursions will leave from this venue. The tour includes bus touring each day, all meals - full breakfasts & dinners at the motel (with one dinner at the Albury Commercial Club), lunches, plus morning & afternoon teas.

As 35x is the maximum number that can be accommodated at the motel, we have tentatively booked 3 x 7-day blocks in September/October.

Cost will be \$595.00/pp, plus the use of a Rail Pass. Single supplement is \$90.00/pp, however there are limited single rooms available.

To keep the reservations we made at the motel we need to have an indication of how many members would be interested in attending this tour.

We would appreciate it if you could fill in the form below and return this to either Peter Oaten or Bob Goodyear as soon as possible.

Please fill in the boxes below of your preferred tour dates.

-----PLEASE TEAR OFF HERE -----

I am interested in attending one of the following North Eastern Victoria “Lakes & High Country” tours. The dates I would prefer, in order of preference 1-4 are as follows:

NO OF PERSONS: _____

NAME/S: _____

(Please Print)

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: _____

PHONE NO: _____

26 AUGUST - 1 SEPTEMBER 2015

9 - 15 SEPTEMBER 2015

30 SEPTEMBER - 6 OCTOBER 2015

ANY OF THE ABOVE TOUR DATES