

# Greensborough Gossip

## Greensborough Branch Newsletter

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October 2013

Editor - Marlene Goodyear



### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dear Members,

At the September AGM / Branch meeting I was pleased to present, on behalf of our members, a cheque for \$1000.00 to Kim D'Angelis, representing Leith Park (Old Colonists Assoc of Victoria).

A cheque for \$1000.00 was also to be presented to Banksia Palliative Care Services, but unfortunately there was confusion with dates and Tim Paul was unable to attend. The presentation will go ahead at the October branch meeting.

The money was raised from branch raffles held throughout the year and members are to be congratulated for their generosity and support.

#### **Greensborough Management Committee:**

I would like to sincerely thank the 12 Committee members who have renominated once again for the coming year. Marg Wood has agreed to take up the spot vacated by Lois Williams and this takes us up to the preferred number of 13 members.

I wish all Committee members an enjoyable time and a successful year.

One of the topics we will be discussing at our next Committee meeting will be attendance at branch meetings as we are nearly reaching our capacity at Greensborough RSL.

#### **Social Committee :**

In last month's newsletter, I wrote that the branch would investigate the possibility of conducting more adventurous activities, e.g. a short cruise and a 2-day (1 night) tour to a destination within Victoria.

To this end I explained that we needed to form a separate Social Committee as Peter Oaten and I do not have the time to organise these extra one-off activities. I also envisage that the Social Committee could organise bookings to theatre shows, either local or city productions.

#### **Branch Survey:**

A survey on activities for 2014 has been attached to this newsletter (see page 9).

I would appreciate it if members could complete this survey and hand it in at the end of the October branch meeting.

For those who receive a newsletter via a member or by mail could you please send your form as soon as possible to:

*Greensborough National Seniors  
Box 838, Macleod Post Office  
MACLEOD 3085*

Regards.

**Bob Goodyear, President**

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Management Committee  
2013/2014

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Lynne Maw 9401 6717

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- Branch Minute Taker** - Lorraine Callow
- Speakers Gifts & Door Prizes, Coffee Club Coordinator** - Gaylynn Pinniger
- Book Exchange Coordinator** - Ken Pickett
- Craft Books Coordinator** - Lois Williams



**Greensborough Branch  
Email, Website, Mail**

**Greensborough Branch Email Address:**  
[greensboroughnationalseniors@gmail.com](mailto:greensboroughnationalseniors@gmail.com)

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

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

*Next Branch Meeting*

Tuesday 19 November  
9.30am for 10.00 am start

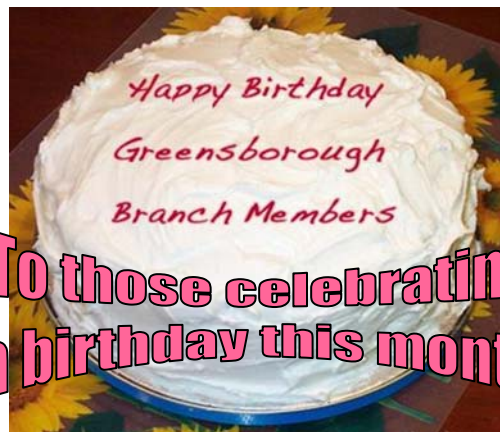
**Speaker:**  
**Greg Champion**

**"Singer/Songwriter of Country Music,  
Comedian, Radio Personality"**



**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**

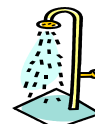


**To those celebrating  
a birthday this month**

I don't know why I didn't figure this out sooner. I use shampoo in the shower. When I wash my hair the shampoo runs down my whole body and printed very clearly on the shampoo label is this claim: "FOR EXTRA BODY & VOLUME."

No wonder I have been gaining weight! Well, I have ditched the shampoo and I'm going to start showering with dish soap instead. Its label reads: "DISSOLVES FAT THAT IS OTHERWISE DIFFICULT TO REMOVE."

**PROBLEM SOLVED!**  
If I don't answer the phone,  
I'll be in the shower.....



## COFFEE CLUB



**Wed 6 November - 10.00 am**

### Vorea@Polaris

2-6 Copernicus Crescent  
Bundoora

*Polaris Shopping Centre is opp Bundoora Park.  
Entrance either from Plenty Road or from Main Drive  
(if via Springthorpe). Cafe is close to Dan Murphy's.*

Tel: 9468 5053

#### Coordinator:

**Gaylynn Pinniger - Tel: 9458 2603**

## DINNER CLUB



**Saturday 2 November - 6.30 pm**

### Greyhound Racing Association

80 Northcorp Blvd  
Broadmeadows (Mel Ref: Map 7 E9)

Cost: \$45.00/pp

**Package incl: 3-course Buffet Dinner starting from 6.30 pm. Free admission, Meadows Racing Guide & Parking. Gates open at 6.00 pm. 1st Race at 7.10 pm.**

**Confirmation & full payment needs to be made one week prior to the night, so could you please make your payment to Bev Sharp at the October Branch meeting.**

Contact: Bev or John Sharp

Tel: 9465 4128 Mob: 0431 255 512

## LUNCH CLUB



**Thu 14 November - 12.00 noon**

### Diamond Creek Tavern

29 Main Street  
Diamond Creek

Tel: 9438 1444

Contact: Anna Gibbons

Tel: 9438 1974

## 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.

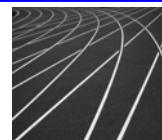


Confused??? ...

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**



**Bob Goodyear presenting cheque for \$1000.00 to Kim D'Angelis representing Leith Park (Old Colonists Assoc of Vic)**

# 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.**

**Wed 23 October: Film Luncheon at Balwyn Palace Theatre.** Film: "Diana". 10.45 for 11.00 am (meet in foyer). Own transport.  
Cost: \$15.00/pp.

**Fri 22 November: Warrook Cattle Farm (Homestead and Working Farm tour)** incl morning tea, lunch. Dep Greensborough Memorial Park (McDowell Street entrance).  
Time: 8.30 am - 4.30. Cost: \$52.00/pp.

**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.**

**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).

### **For bookings see:**

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



## **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.

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

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



Members enjoyed a wonderful medley of songs performed by the **Y Singers** at our September AGM.

The Y Singers meet every Monday (*except during school holidays*) for some singing & socialising at the Macleod YMCA from 11.00 to 11.45 am. If this sounds like something you would enjoy, please come along. Everyone is welcome (especially men).

For more information: **please phone Nikki (playing the keyboard) on 9431 3212.**





## **TREASURER'S REPORT** *Lorraine Oaten*

<b>Balance as at 01/09/2013</b>		<b>13,866.95</b>
<b>Plus Income</b>		
Attendance	274.00	
Raffle	152.80	
Membership	75.00	
NSA Grapevine Credits	16.00	
Warrook Cattle Farm	172.00	
William Angliss Xmas Lunch	290.00	
Mystery Tour	90.00	
Flinders Ranges	100.00	
Xmas Birthday Dinner	32.00	
Film Lunch - 'Diana'	30.00	
<b>Total:</b>		<b>1,231.80</b>
<b>Less Expenditure</b>		
NSA Memberships	75.00	
Gossip Printing	85.40	
Printer Supplies	66.73	
Stamps	60.00	
Old Colonist Association Donation	1,000.00	
Y' Singers Donation	100.00	
Speaker Gifts/Door Prizes	41.95	
Tulip Festival Refunds	166.00	
<b>Total:</b>		<b>-1,595.08</b>
<b>Balance as at 30/09/2013</b>		<b>13,503.67</b>

## **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:**

**17 October: Cindy Nguyen, Regional Officer, Consumer Affairs Victoria** will talk about knowing your rights under Australia's consumer law and also what to look out for if you are considering moving to a retirement village.

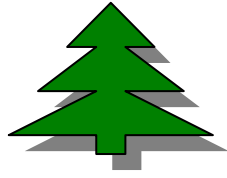
**21 November: Anne Atkin, from Parkinson's Victoria** will give an insightful and often humorous account of her own journey with Parkinson's and her Painting with Parkinson's group.

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#### **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.**



# Christmas Songs of Praise

A delightful, pleasant Sunday afternoon program called CHRISTMAS 'SONGS OF PRAISE' has been arranged for SUNDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> 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

Having been born into a very musical family, Colleen Arnott has been singing all her life. Her favourite vocal genre to sing is classical. She also loves to sing jazz and contemporary gospel. Colleen has led choirs and was the vocal director at Crossway Baptist Church. Her excellent accompanist will be Denise Ham.

## THE COURIERS – INSPIRATIONAL MALE QUARTET

Singing in classic 4 - part gospel style, the group comprises Geoff Beard, Bert Guy, Jono Beard and David Oliver with accompaniment from Ruth & Peter Morosi (piano & guitar).

MATTHEW FIELD – CONCERT PIANIST- Presenting a beautiful Christmas Medley.

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](mailto:ron@ronellis.org)

A blonde arrived in Heaven and a concerned St Peter met her at the Pearly Gates. 'I'm sorry' St Peter said; 'Heaven is suffering from an overload of godly souls and we have been forced to put up an Entrance Exam for new arrivals.' 'That's cool' said the Blonde, 'What does the Entrance Exam consist of?' 'Just three questions' said St Peter. 'Which are?' asked the Blonde.

'The first is: Which two days of the week start with the letter 'T'? The second is: How many seconds are there in a year? The third is: What was the name of the swagman in Waltzing Matilda?' 'Now,' said St Peter, 'Go away and think about those questions and when I call upon you, I shall expect you to have those answers for me.' So the Blonde went away and gave the three questions some considerable thought.

The following morning, St Peter called upon the Blonde and asked if she had considered the questions, to which she replied, 'I have.' 'Well then, which two days of the week start with the letter T?' The Blonde replied, 'Today and Tomorrow.' St Peter pondered this for some time and decided that indeed the answer could be applied to the question.

"Now could I have your answer to the second question, 'How many seconds are in a year?' The Blonde replied, 'Twelve!' 'Only twelve?' exclaimed St Peter, 'How did you arrive at that figure?' 'Easy,' said the Blonde, 'there's the second of January, the second of February, right through to the second of December, giving a total of twelve seconds.' St Peter looked at the Blonde and said, 'I need some time to consider your answer before I can give you a decision.' A short time later St Peter returned to the Blonde - 'I'll allow the answer to stand, but you need to get the third and final question absolutely correct to be allowed into Heaven.

'Can you tell me the name of the swagman in Waltzing Matilda?' The blonde replied: 'Of the three questions, I found this the easiest to answer.' 'Really!' exclaimed St Peter, 'What is the answer?' 'It's Andy.' 'Andy?' 'Yes, Andy,' said the Blonde.

This totally floored St Peter and he paced this way and that deliberating the answer. Finally, he could not stand the suspense any longer, and turning to the blonde, asked 'How in God's name did you arrive at that answer?' 'Easy' said the Blonde, 'Andy sat, Andy watched, Andy waited till his billy boiled.'

And the Blonde entered Heaven.....you're singing it now, aren't you?

# 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.



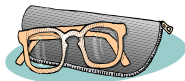
## Are you interested in knitting children's garments or maybe toys?

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

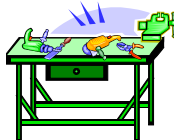


We operate a **Free Book Exchange** on Branch Meeting days. We ask only that you return the books to the Branch when you have finished reading them so that other members may have the opportunity to borrow the books.

**(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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- Light globes, smoke alarm batteries replaced
- Leaking tap washers, water filters replaced
- Houses taken care of while away
- Shopping done - accompanied if required
- Anything else you can think of ???

*All jobs quoted - no payment required until work completed*

**Contact: Roy Simpson**

**Tel: 9434 7694 / Mob: 0417 529 501**



<b>SURVEY — GREENSBOROUGH BRANCH 2014 ACTIVITIES</b> (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 <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Should we change the June (Winter) evening meeting to a day meeting?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
3.	7-day Flinders Ranges Tour (September) - Would you be willing to pay?: <p style="text-align: right;"><b>\$1,200.00/pp</b></p> <b>OR</b> for more sightseeing/destinations <p style="text-align: right;"><b>\$1,500.00/pp</b></p>	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>  YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Would you like to be a member of a golfing group?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
5.	Would you be interested in playing the occasional game of Ten Pin Bowling ?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<b><i>Would you participate in the following?</i></b>		
6.	2-day (1 night) trip, using V-Line ticket, to Loddon Valley (Cost: <i>approx.</i> \$238.00/pp).	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
7.	3-day (2 nights) trip, using V-Line ticket, to Loddon Valley (Cost: <i>approx.</i> \$460.00/pp).	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
8.	5-day cruise to Tasmania (Cost: <i>approx.</i> \$799/pp).	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
9.	6-day cruise to Adelaide, Port Lincoln (Cost: <i>approx.</i> \$1099/pp).	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
10.	12-day cruise to Auckland, New Zealand (Cost: <i>approx.</i> \$1889.00/pp).	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
11.	<b><i>Would you be interested in being a member of the Social Committee?</i></b>  <b><i>If YES, please print your name &amp; contact details below:</i></b>  _____	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

***Please return survey to the Activities Desk at the close of the October Branch meeting.***

***For those who receive a newsletter via a member or by mail could you please send your survey form as soon as possible to:***

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MACLEOD 3085***