

Greensborough Gossip

Greensborough Branch Newsletter

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Editor - Marlene Goodyear



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

Annual General Meeting:

Following the September Branch meeting, we held our AGM. The Committee stood down and all positions were declared vacant.

All members of the former Committee re-nominated and were thus elected, without opposition, to the 2014/15 Committee.

The **Executive** consisting of President - Bob Goodyear, Vice President - Peter Oaten, Treasurer - Lorraine Oaten & Secretary - Marlene Goodyear will remain the same.

General Committee members are John Brook, Jim Kindness, Ken Pickett, David Hewett, Peter Maw, Marg Wood, Judy Harvey, Lynne Maw, Barbara Crosling. Their responsibilities also remain the same - see page 2 for details.

This year we also formed a special **Social Committee** to look into overseas trips and cruises and I am pleased to say that Marg Wood, Lorraine Oaten, Frank Beale, Ian Schuck & the Goodyears will remain on this committee. We already have two trips planned for 2015 and more in the pipeline to be considered by branch members. We will be putting out an 'expression of interest' later in the year for 2016.

Tom Cleary has been reappointed as the Greensborough Branch Auditor and we thank him for his work in this area.

The Committee has done an excellent job this past year and I look forward to working with them again in the coming year.

Branch Day Meeting Starting Time:

The RSL management has asked us to re-schedule our **DAY MEETING** starting time to **9.30 am** instead of 10.00 am, with the meeting concluding at 11.30 am. This will take effect from **October** this year.

The reason for this change is that members who leave at 11.30 am will free up car parks for the incoming lunch people.

Committee members only will be allowed into the RSL venue at 8.30 am to set up and members will be unable to enter until 9.00 am.

Meals can be ordered during the morning break and they will be delivered at the conclusion of the meeting at 11.30 am, **OR** meals can be ordered at the conclusion of the meeting and will be delivered at approx 12.00 noon.

Government House/Latrobe Cottage Tour:

The tour (approx 2 hours) will commence from the gates of **Government House at 10.00 am sharp** (suggest we plan to meet at 9.45 am) after which we will then walk to Latrobe Cottage. The tour will finish at 12.00 noon.

Members will need to make their own arrangements for lunch.

See page 4 re how to get there by public transport.....

Bob Goodyear, President

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Management Committee
2014/2015

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Social Committee:

Marg Wood - Chairperson 9438 4219

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

Next Branch Meeting

Tuesday 18 November
(Please note earlier starting time)

9.30 am start
(venue doors open at 9.00 am)

Speaker:
Cathy Miller

Topic:
"What's on at the State Library?"



*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*



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COFFEE CLUB



Wed 5 November - 10.00 am

The Divine at Ya Ya's

50 Aberdeen Road
Macleod (Macleod Shopping Strip)
Tel: 9457 2191

Coordinator:
Gaylynn Pinniger - Tel: 9458 2603

DINNER CLUB



Saturday 1 November - 6.30 pm

The Meadows

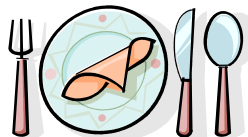
Greyhound Racing Association
80 Northcorp Blvd
Broadmeadows (Mel Ref: Map 7 E9)

Cost: \$45.00/pp
Package incl: 3-course Buffet Dinner starting from 6.30 pm. Free admission, parking, Meadows Racing Guide. 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 13 November - 12.00 noon

Diamond Creek Tavern

29 Main Street
Diamond Creek
Tel: 9438 1444

**Contact: Heather Lewis
Tel: 9459 4356
RSVP: Mon 10 November**

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**

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**

IRISH DIESEL FITTER

Paddy and Mick were both laid off, so they went to the unemployment office.

When asked his occupation, Paddy answered, 'Knicker Stitcher'. 'I sew da elastic onto ladies knickers and thongs'. The clerk looked up Knicker Stitcher on his computer and, finding it classified as unskilled labour, he gave him 80 dollars a week unemployment pay.

Mick was next in and when asked his occupation replied, 'Diesel Fitter'. Since a diesel fitter was a skilled job, the clerk gave Mick 160 dollars a week.

When Paddy found out he was furious. He stormed back into the office to find out why his friend and co-worker was collecting double his pay. The clerk explained, Knicker Stitchers are unskilled labour and Diesel Fitters are skilled labour.

'What skill?' yelled Paddy. 'I sew da elastic on da knickers and thongs, then Mick puts 'em over his head and says, Yep, diesel fitter'.

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.

Monday 24 & Thursday 27 November— Tours of Latrobe Cottage & Government House

Cost: \$13.00/pp. Time: 10.00 am - 12.00 noon. Own transport.

Please note that Monday 24 November is now full, but there are still some places available on the Thursday 27 November tour. (Numbers are restricted to 30x on each day.)

How to get there by public transport:

Take train to Flinders Street Station, then catch Tram 16 to Coventry Street (along St Kilda Road). May I suggest that we meet at Government House at 9.45 am.

Thursday 4 December — Xmas Lunch at Sky High Restaurant, Mount Dandenong (COBA)

Incl 2-course Xmas lunch, with entertainment. Cost: By bus \$50.00/pp. By own car \$28.00/pp.

Tuesday 9 December — Branch Christmas Dinner Dance, Greensborough RSL. Theme is "A White Christmas".

Incl 3-course Xmas dinner. Entertainers "Duo Gold". Cost: \$35.00/pp. Time: 6.30 pm - 10.30 pm.

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

President, Bob Goodyear, presented cheques of \$1000.00 each (from monies raised through branch raffles) to Kim D'Angelis from Old Colonists' Association of Victoria (Leith Park) and Tim Paul from Banksia Palliative Care Services.

Both representatives thanked members for their generosity. Kim stated that Leith Park would use the funds to purchase an outdoor setting for residents. Tim said that the funds would go towards running costs for their organisation which cares for approx 600 patients each year.



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 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





TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorraine Oaten

Balance as at 01/09/2014		16,312.44
Plus Income		
La Trobe Cottage/G'ment House	158.00	
Flinders Ranges Tour	951.00	
Xmas Lunch-Sky High	370.00	
Xmas Dinner - RSL	810.00	
Film Lunch	30.00	
Seniors Week-Swing Spectacula	330.00	
NSA Grapevine Credits	28.00	
Membership	40.00	
Entertainment Books commission	195.00	
Attendance	258.05	
Raffle	120.00	
Total:		3,290.05
Less Expenditure		
Balwyn Palace Theatre/Film Lunch	343.84	
Flinders Ranges Refunds	200.00	
Trade Travel - Flinders Ranges	951.00	
Donation Banksia Palliative Care	1,000.00	
Donation Old Colonist Association	1,000.00	
Donation Y Singers	100.00	
Door Pizes/Speakers Gifts Aug/Sept	103.50	
Seniors Week-Swing Spectacula/deposit	795.00	
Seniors Week-Swing Spectacula/refund	15.00	
Warrook Farm refund	20.00	
Membership	40.00	
Consumers Affairs Vic Registration	53.00	
JoJo's Agency/Deposit Xmas Entertainers	82.50	
Gossip Printing	152.82	
Total:		-4,856.66
Balance as at 30/09/2014		14,745.83

National Seniors

Australia

All 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.

Morning Tea will be served from 10.30 - 11.00 am to give members the opportunity to mingle. The talks then commence at 11.00am.

PROGRAM:

20th November: Song, Tai Chi Australia — "Tai Chi for Seniors".

Please Tel: 9650 6144 for more information, or to make a booking for any of the above talks.



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Folks: It's that time of the year again where we ask for contributions for our raffle of Christmas Hampers

Here are some suggestions we hope you will find helpful.

September - let's "spring" into action with some sweet and savoury cans.

October - hamper goodies – jams, preserves, sauces, tea/coffee, wine, etc.

November - nice touches of Christmas, e.g. shortbread, chocolates, lollies, nuts, fruitcake/puddings, biscuits, bon-bons, serviettes, decorations, anything to make Christmas special.

Goods can be brought to Branch meetings – there will be a box near the Registration Desk, or you can drop items off at the Goodyear's – Tel: 9435 2529.

(A Committee member can also collect items from your home if it's difficult for you to carry items to meetings.)

NB: Please be aware of expiry dates on goods.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Greensborough Branch Committee

CELEBRATE THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS WITH US! - FREE ENTRY

CHRISTMAS SONGS OF PRAISE

Sunday, 7 December 2014

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NOTICE BOARD



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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.



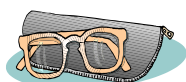
Are you interested in knitting children's garments or maybe toys?

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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Aged Care Facility, including 1 Respite Room.

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- **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**