

Greensborough Gossip

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

2013/2014 Management Committee:

At the close of the August Branch meeting the following members had re-nominated for the Greensborough Management Committee:

Peter & Lorraine Oaten, Ken Pickett, John Brook, Peter & Lynne Maw, Jim Kindness, David Hewett, Judy Harvey, Barbara Crosling, Rob & Marlene Goodyear.

As the number of nominees is less than the number of vacancies on the Committee there will be no need to hold an election.

Lois Williams has decided to have a rest from Committee life and did not re-nominate. On behalf of Branch members I would like to thank Lois for her hard work and diligence. Lois worked with John Brook on fundraising, selling raffle tickets at Branch meetings. Lois will still look after the Craft Books Exchange at Branch meetings and we thank her for continuing in this role.

In the meantime Branch member, Margaret Wood, has come forward to be on the Management Committee so that means we will begin 2013/2014 with a full complement of members. I am sure that Marg will make a significant contribution to the Committee.

Branch/COBA Activities:

All remaining activities for the 2013 year have now been advertised in the 'Gossip' newsletter (see page 4) so members may now place their names on the activity sheets of their choice.

A decision re the Tesselaar's Tulip Festival trip will be made at the end of the September Branch meeting. Currently we do not have the required number needed for this activity to go ahead.

Survey:

At the October Branch meeting we will be distributing a survey to all members regarding some one-off activities next year.

We have received suggestions of holding a 2 day (1 night) trip using our V-Line tickets to a destination within Victoria. Also a suggestion that we book a short cruise, departing from & returning to Melbourne.

As Peter Oaten and I will be looking after our usual Branch/COBA activities, we are looking for some members to form a separate Social Committee to plan and oversee these additional activities.

We will also be canvassing members on changes to our January and June meetings.

Regards.

Bob Goodyear, President

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Management Committee 2012/2013

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Fundraising Officer

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Lois Williams 9435 4552

Speakers Sub-Committee

Bob & Marlene Goodyear, Gaylynn Pinniger,
Jim Kindness 9469 4469

Welfare Officer

Judy Harvey 9401 6752

Door Attendants/Registration

Lynne Maw 9401 6717

Barbara Crosling 9435 5020

NON-COMMITTEE POSITIONS:

Speakers Gifts/Door Prizes Coordinator/Coffee Club Coordinator

Gaylynn Pinniger 9458 2603

Book Exchange Coordinator

Ken Pickett (with assistance from Yvonne Schchaller)

Next Branch Meeting

Tuesday 15 October
9.30am for 10.00 am start

Speaker:

Bruce Nethercote, Chocolatier

Topic:

"The History of Chocolate Making"



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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A woman was asked:
"When you are a ripe old age and have to pick one, which would you choose: Parkinson's or Alzheimer's?"

The wise lady answered:
"Definitely Parkinson's — better to spill half my wine than to forget where I put the bottle!"

COFFEE CLUB



Wed 2 October - 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



Fri 4 October - 7.00 pm

Old England Hotel (Dining Room)

459 Lower Heidelberg Road
Heidelberg
(discount for Seniors)

Tel: 9459 1166

Contact: Coral Gentry
Tel: 9457 7770
RSVP: Mon 30 September

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
RSVP: Fri 26 October

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

LUNCH CLUB



Thu 10 October - 12.00 noon

Manningham Hotel

1 Thompsons Road
Bulleen

Tel: 9850 2777

Contact: Mryna Macneil
Tel: 9458 1137
RSVP: Mon 7 October

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 2 October: Tesselaar's Tulip Festival

Incl morning tea, lunch at Olinda and visit to Tesselaar's Tulip Farm. Dep Greensborough Memorial Park (McDowell Street entrance)

Time: 8.30 am - 4.30 pm Cost: \$52.00/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) (maximum of 150 persons) (Allocation for Greensborough 40x)

Time: 12.00 noon Cost: \$35.00/pp

Tue 10 December: Branch Christmas Dinner

Dance (10 year Birthday celebration of Greensborough Branch) details TBA.

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



Group shot of members on our Merimbula trip in September

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:

19 September: Heather from Golden Days Radio will give us an insider's view of community radio. It should be very entertaining.

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.

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.

MYSTERY TOUR

All was revealed for members when we arrived in Kilmore for the start of our Mystery Tour on Wed 28 August.

Our first stop was a visit to **Myriad Glass Design Studio** which specialises in the design and manufacture of kiln formed glass & glass mosaic works. Art panels, water features, glass jewellery and custom made trophies are just some of the many pieces on offer. Suffice to say purchases were made.....

After a lunch at the Trackside Tabaret Bistro, Kilmore Racecourse, we visited **Edgar's Mission** which is run by Pam Ahern. Set on 60 acres this is a not-for-profit organisation for neglected, abused and discarded farm animals. See some photos below.....



Pam doing tricks with 'Polly the pig'



Pigs like to have their fur rubbed so Anne obliged



The dogs wanted some attention too



Jill, Yvonne, Val & Anne got a chance to experience how it feels to be caged



TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorraine Oaten

Balance as at 01/08/2013	43,275.45
Plus Income	
Attendance	405.40
Raffle	172.00
Merimbula 6 Day Tour	3,200.00
William Angliss Xmas Lunch	170.00
Mystery Tour	625.00
Water Treatment Tour	400.00
Tulip Festival	499.00
Puffing Billy	23.10
Total:	5,494.50
Less Expenditure	
Midland Tours Water Treatment	972.00
Midland Tours Merimbula	32,025.00
Midland Tour Mystery Tour	1,806.00
Edgar Mission Donation	100.00
Total:	-34,903.00
Balance as at 31/08/2013	13,866.95

SEPTEMBER MERIMBULA TRIP

Our trip to Merimbula and surrounding areas was a great success and enjoyed by all.
Here are some photos!



Anne having a 'Second Childhood Moment'



Our Cat Balou Cruise Boat at Eden Wharf



Train ride at Potoroo Wild Life Sanctuary



Some of our group waiting for their turn on the train

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.



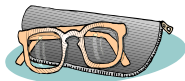
Are you interested in knitting children's garments or maybe toys?

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

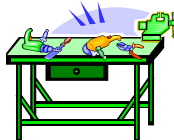


We operate a **Free Book Exchange** on Branch Meeting days. We ask only that you return the books to the Branch when you have finished reading them so that other members may have the opportunity to borrow the books.

(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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