

Greensborough Gossip

Greensborough Branch Newsletter

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April 2020 — Editor Marlene Goodyear

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Dear Members,

BRANCH MEETINGS:

In March this year members (who have email addresses recorded with us) would have received a message advising that we would be cancelling the March meeting due to COVID-19 Virus. Although the Greensborough RSL was open at that stage we thought it best to cancel our meeting because of the large numbers we attract – we had 120 approx. at the February meeting. Seating arrangements and distancing ourselves when lining up for the tea/coffee break, ordering lunch, etc. would have been a logistical nightmare. Also organisations such as ours have a duty of care in relation to the welfare of their members.

Shortly after we cancelled our meeting the RSL advised they were closing their premises for April and May. I suspect they will be closed much longer than May - at this stage we have not been advised when they will reopen.

As a result of distancing rules in place we decided that Branch Committee meetings would be held by the Executive members only and Committee members to be kept up to date by email. Peter, Lorraine, Marlene and I held a meeting in March and from now on we four will conduct meetings via the phone or computer as restrictions on gatherings are much more stringent. It seems that 2020 will be a challenging year for all of us!

We are missing all branch members, our families and especially our grandchildren. Luckily with today's technology we can talk and see them on numerous platforms. Our daughter organised for our family to have a Good Friday dinner via Zoom so we don't feel totally isolated. I do the supermarket shopping and Marlene hibernates at home.

BRANCH MAILING ADDRESS:

Due to cost and lack of activity we have decided to cancel the Branch Post Office Box at Greensborough. Please address all mail to:
C/o 6 Alex Court, Greensborough, 3088.

BRANCH ACTIVITIES:



Cancelled activities

*Thu 23 April - Myriad Glass/Edgar's Mission
Fri 22 May - Werribee Mansion & Zoo*

Members who have paid for the above two activities can contact Treasurer, Lorraine Oaten, who will arrange a refund or transfer monies paid to another activity.

June - Baltic Cruise: Helloworld is dealing with this issue and contacting members.

Remaining activities program:let's be positive....

Wed 29 July – Donegan's Farm: \$66.00/pp
Wed 26 August – Mystery Tour (Gold Mining Town): \$69.00/pp
Thu 24 September – Tesselaar Tulip Festival: \$75.00/pp
Fri 9 October – Barwon Park Homestead: \$64.00/pp
Oct 20-23 – Apollo Bay & Great Ocean Road – 4-day Extended Trip: 40x \$780.00/pp, 35x \$800/pp, Single Supp \$165.00/pp

The Committee is hoping that members might be able to enjoy some of the above activities.

On behalf of the Committee I trust that all members will stay safe and well during this challenging time.

Best wishes & regards
Bob Goodyear



PS: Don't forget to have a look at the Connect podcast - see page 3 for details.

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Marg Wood - **Coordinator**

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Speakers Gifts & Door Prizes, Coffee Club

Coordinator - Gaylynn Pinniger

Book Exchange Coordinator - Ken Pickett

Past Presidents:

Christina McDonald - 2003/04

Greg Fallon - 2004/07

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Next Branch Meeting

Due to COVID-19 virus
Branch Meetings have been temporarily suspended until restrictions on social gatherings have been lifted



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
Tel: 9401 6752 or
email: judy.harvey43@yahoo.com

To those celebrating a birthday!



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GOLF CLUB

**THE ABOVE CLUBS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED. THEY WILL
RESUME AFTER RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN LIFTED.**

This email was forwarded to Branch Presidents by Chris Grice, General Manager, National Seniors Australia announcing the release of the National Seniors 'Connect' podcast

"Greetings all,

With the current COVID-19 landscape, on-line communication is becoming so much more important to just complete the basics of daily living.

In response to the need to get information to our members in all different shapes and forms, thanks to the initiative of our Media and Government Relations Advisor, Craig Sullivan, the National Seniors Connect podcast has been developed.

The plan is to release a new podcast on a regular basis where interviews and general information relevant to older Australians will be shared.

A link to the podcast is below for your reference and alternatively, it is stored on the National Seniors Australia website under News and Resources / Latest News / Connect podcast Episode 1

Our first podcast is titled – Living in the COVID-19 age.

<https://nationalseniors.com.au/news/latest/connect-podcast-episode-1>

It would be appreciated if you could share this with other members of your branch community.

Thanks & Regards,
Chris Grice
General Manager"

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Located at 339 St Helena Road, St Helena is an 81 bed
Residential Aged Care Facility, incl 1 Respite Room.

Our facility "**Liscombe House**" comprises 3 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:

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