

# Greensborough Gossip

## Greensborough Branch Newsletter

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April 2021 — Editor Marlene Goodyear

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hi Members,

At our March meeting many members approached me and asked why the changes to our usual branch meeting.

By way of explanation I said that as this was our first meeting for over a year due to Covid restrictions, the Committee decided we should do something special for our members who have supported the branch so well over years.

Hence we felt that members would not be required to pay the \$3.00 entrance fee.



Also we decided to use branch funds to provide an extended morning tea of scones, jam & cream. (Thankyou to the RSL staff.)

By not having a speaker this allowed time for members to catch up with one another and enjoy the camaraderie they had been missing.

The half hour cryptic quiz on confectionery from past & present times was a bit of fun and we hoped members enjoyed it.

Some members asked if we could have scones at all future meetings. It would be nice, but alas our finances won't stretch that far.....



We now look forward to holding regular branch meetings and outings. We are also resuming most of our clubs, etc.

A big thankyou to the Committee for their continued assistance and friendship during the shutdown.

### Branch Activities:

I know some people are reluctant to commit to booking trips and activities in these uncertain times, however we have started the planning process.

Currently a bus trip has been planned to Barwon Park Homestead. 21x people are booked to date, but we need to reach 30x. I would like to see this go ahead so please consider putting down your name for this activity. See page 4 for details.

### NSA Policy & Advocacy Work:

Please see NSA's communication to branch members on page 6.

**Note: There will be no April Committee Meeting.** The next Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 25 May 2021 - 2.00 pm at the Greensborough RSL.

**Regards. Bob Goodyear**

**Members: Please note that our Website will no longer be operating after March as our branch is transitioning to the NSA website where there is a section dedicated to NSA branches. Simply log into the NSA website, go to Branches. Click on to 'Vic,' then cursor down to Greensborough' and click on this tab to find info about our branch, copies of monthly newsletters, etc.**

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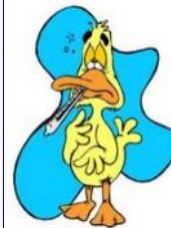


**Next Branch Meeting**

**Tuesday 18 May 2021 - 10.00 am**  
(doors open at 9.30 am for registration)

**Greensborough RSL Function Room,**  
**Main Road, Greensborough**

**Speaker: TBA**



*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 this month*



A Sloth was mugged by two Tortoises. When he reported the incident to the Police they asked the Sloth if he would recognise the Tortoises again. The sloth replied "I don't know, it all happened so fast!"

I sold my vacuum the other day. All it was doing was sitting there collecting dust.

I don't mean to brag but... I finished my 14-day diet in 3 hours & 12 minutes.



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## COFFEE CLUB



We have not yet recommenced our monthly Coffee Club

## LUNCH CLUB



**Thursday 13 May 2021 - 12.00 noon**  
**Sinners Family Restaurant**  
3/797 Plenty Road, South Morang  
Tel: 9436 6900

**RSVP: Mon 10 May**  
**Lesley Bruce - 0409 232 988**

## DINNER CLUB



**Friday 7 May 2021 - 6.30 pm**  
**The Greensborough Hotel**  
75 Main Road, Greensborough  
Tel: 9435 1911

**RSVP: Mon 3 May**  
**John Brook - 0488 968 654**



## GOLF CLUB

At this stage the rule is up to 4x members per group. Hit off is on Monday mornings around 9.00 am. Cost is \$20.00/pp for nine holes.

We are required to abide by Strathallan Golf Club Rules (for info see website: [www.strathallangolf.com.au](http://www.strathallangolf.com.au)).

For bookings: Contact Ian Schuck on 9434 3839 / 0421 062 894.



## WALKING CLUB



Walkers meet most Tuesdays at 9.30 am at Henry Street end of Greensborough Memorial Park (except on Branch meeting days when the group walk on Wednesday).

On 1st Tuesday of the month: Meet at Kalparrin (opp. Skateboard rink).

On 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.

# Upcoming Branch Activities



## Wednesday 26 May: Barwon Park Homestead, Winchelsea

Incl Morning Tea, Tour of Homestead, Lunch at Winchelsea. Cost: \$79.00/pp. Time: 9.00-5.30 pm. Bus pick-up at Greensborough Memorial Park (McDowell Street end).

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## Thursday 24 June: Blackwood Hotel (Gold Mining Town) & Garden of St Erth, Blackwood

Incl Morning Tea, Guided tour of St Erth Garden. 2-course Lunch, followed by guided bus tour of the surrounding Blackwood area. Cost: 75.00/pp. Time: 9.00-5.30 pm. Bus pick-up at Greensborough Memorial Park (McDowell Street end).



## Treasurer's Report Lorraine Oaten

*Congratulations to  
1st-time  
'Great' Grandparents  
Lorraine & Peter Oaten  
Ryder William Kelly  
was born on  
Sat 10 April*

<b>Balance as at 01/03/2021</b>	<b>25,149.84</b>
<b>Plus Income:</b>	
Great Ocean Road Tour	19,845.00
King Island Tour	3,284.00
Barwon Homestead	498.00
Blackwood Hotel	550.00
Raffle	147.00
NSA Annual Commission	200.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>24,524.00</b>
<b>Less Expenditure:</b>	
Consumer Affairs	-59.20
TK Computer Services - Software Update	-165.00
TK Computer Services - Annual Norton Subs	-35.00
Raffle/Door Prizes	-53.90
RSL Morning Tea	-300.00
Plenty Valley 88.6 Annual	-66.00
Spirit Travel Great Ocean Road Tour	-20,940.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>-21,619.10</b>
<b>Balance as at 31/03/2021</b>	<b>28,054.74</b>



## **KING ISLAND ITINERARIES**

### **TOUR 1:**

**4 days/3 nights - "THE KING ISLAND EXPERIENCE" - 11 - 14 October 2021.**

4WD Guided Experience. Minimum of 6x, maximum of 22x persons per tour. Cost is between \$1750 and \$1794/pp. Includes Flights, Accommodation, 3 Dinners, 3 Lunches, 3 Morning Teas, Continental Breakfasts. First meal - Lunch on Day 1. Bonus: For our group there will be a special 5-course Degustation Dinner of King Island produce. There will also be another meal of half a Lobster.

Single supplement - \$240 at King Island Wilderness Retreat, or one person can share a guest house and have separate bedroom at no extra charge.

***PLEASE NOTE: A NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT OF \$400.00/PP IS REQUIRED BY THE APRIL MEETING. Money can be given to Lorraine Oaten or we will accept a transfer to the branch bank account - BSB633000 A/c 120893615. In the reference line please type your Surname and KI so that we can identify what the payment represents. Balance of payment required 1 month prior to departure. Travel Insurance is recommended if you cancel due to illness. If the trip is cancelled due to CoVID restrictions money will be refunded.***

### **TOUR 2:**

**2 days/1 night - "GOURMET FOOD WEEKEND" - 9 - 10 October 2021.**

4WD Guided Experience. Minimum of 6x, maximum of 22x persons per tour. Cost between \$1198/pp. Includes Flights, Accommodation, Dinners, Lunches, Morning Teas and Continental Breakfasts. First meal - Breakfast on Day 1. One Dinner will be a "Highlight Hands On (help prepare the meal) 5-course Degustation" of King Island produce. There will also be another meal of a Lobster Roll.

Single supplement - \$80 at King Island Wilderness Retreat, or one person can share a guest house and have separate bedroom at no extra charge.

**Accommodation:** There is limited accommodation in 4 guest houses which gives you the opportunity to share with another couple or two. Guest house accommodation has been recently renovated with double glazed windows.

The owners, Lucinda & Ian, will collect guests from their accommodation each day and transport them for meals and sightseeing. Meals are in the restaurant or 'white table service' in the bush which is such a treat! Apart from drinks, everything is included. Wine is included with the bush meals though.

A highlight of these tours are the 4-wheel drive vehicles that give us access to parts of the island where otherwise we could not go.

**Note:** We are booking the "4 days/3 nights King Island Experience" again as it was such a success last time. (We had 2 groups go in November 2015.) The "Gourmet Food Weekend" is a recent tour addition as the tour operators have built a new restaurant. This restaurant has been voted No. 1 on King Island and will be used for both trips.

It's early days, but we are keen to get expressions of interest as to which tour members may be interested in. Hopefully we will be meeting at the RSL in February 2021, but in the meantime you can contact me on Tel: 0412 687 844 or Email: margw46@gmail.com

For further info go to websites: [www.kingislandtours.com](http://www.kingislandtours.com) or [www.tasteofkingislandholiday.com.au](http://www.tasteofkingislandholiday.com.au)

**Marg Wood  
Travel Committee**

*Our 'adventures' in  
the sand dunes*



**Lynne  
enjoying  
her  
Lobster**

Dear Branch member

I am writing to offer you the opportunity of getting more involved in the policy and advocacy work of National Seniors Australia.

You may already be aware of our advocacy activities through our updates in the weekly [Connect eNewsletter](#), through our quarterly [Our Generation](#) magazine, or by seeing or hearing us in the media.

I'm reaching out to branch members to let you know we have many ways to get your voice heard.

#### At the national level you can:

- **Sign up to [one of our many campaigns](#) on the website.** Signing up shows your support and gives you semi-regular updates on campaign activities.
- **Sign up to our [Advocacy Supporters Group](#) on the website.** Signing up will give your regular invitations to provide feedback on key policy issues, through polls, mini-surveys or other feedback mechanisms.
- **You can also [drop us a line](#) anytime** about an issue important to you on the website or directly via our [policy@nationalseniors.com.au](mailto:policy@nationalseniors.com.au) email address.

Each of these opportunities give us valuable feedback to shape our national agenda and give older Australians an opportunity to be active in our advocacy activities.

#### At the state level you can:

Sign up to the [Advocacy Supporters Group](#). We will be using the Supporters Group as the primary means to engage with older people in Victoria on important state issues to ensure your voice is heard.

Thank you again for your ongoing support for National Seniors and I look forward to working with you to improve the lives of older people.

Yours Sincerely



**Ian Henschke**  
Chief Advocate

## NOTICE BOARD



Member, **Marg Wood** (Mob: 0412 687 844) 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.



**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, Carolyn Matthews, will be happy to collect them at Branch meetings. Carolyn can be contacted on Mob: 0407 094 318.**



### **Fancy a Game?**

If you are interested in playing tennis in a very relaxed atmosphere on a **MONDAY morning between 9.30 am — 12 noon**, please see **Glenda Sundstrom at the branch meeting or ring on 0417 357 534** or just turn up (weather permitting) for a game. The only criteria is that correct tennis shoes must be worn.

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.**



### **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.

**(See tables at rear of Function Room.)**

**Coordinator is Ken Pickett**

**Members, please bring along unwanted books.**



### **WANTED OLD 'ELECTRIC BLANKETS' Any Size for my Wildlife Rescuer Friends**

They don't need to be in working order as I will strip out the wires before passing them on.

I can pick up, or you can bring them along to a branch meeting.

Thank you, **Carolyn Matthews - Mob: 0407 094 318**

### **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 10 - 11.00 am, followed by coffee & biscuits. The topics are interesting and informative, with guest speakers and everyone has a lot of fun.

Bookings are required - please contact:  
**Bec Evans, Activities Organiser - Tel: 9430 0100**

**Due to Covid restrictions this Workshop is currently suspended. Bunnings hope to have this up & running sometime in 2021.**



### **Eltham Men's Shed**

Do you know men with spare time and skills to share?

At the shed we get involved in projects helping out local community groups & school projects.

Feel free to drop in and meet the men involved, you will be most welcome.

We also organise outings & guest speakers.

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