

# Greensborough Gossip

## Greensborough Branch Newsletter

Branch No. 100133 Incorporation No. A0044936A

August 2021 — Editor Marlene Goodyear

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hi Members,

As I write this report we are in lockdown again and our August branch meeting is cancelled.

Just to refresh your memory (and I hope my recollection is right, otherwise I will blame Marlene) in 2020 we had one meeting in February. So far this year we have only had meetings in March, April and May.

Our June speaker on 'Climate Change' is now scheduled for October. Our July speaker on 'Mercy Ships' is scheduled for September.

Unfortunately the Tesselaar Tulip Farm Festival at Silvan has been cancelled so we don't need to chase numbers for this activity.

We are now down to two activities remaining for the year:

- ✳ **Thursday 28 October - Edgar's Mission Sanctuary & Silkies Rose Farm.**
- ✳ **Tuesday 14 December - Branch Xmas Lunch at Greensborough RSL.**

*See page 4 for details of the Edgar's Mission excursion. Details for the Branch Xmas Lunch are yet to be organised.*

### Lunch & Dinner Clubs:

These clubs were cancelled in August, so we will now try for September — same place/same organiser. *Please confirm your attendance with the relevant person listed on page 3.*

### Treasurer's Report:

There is no Treasurer's Report this month.

Recently in emails sent to Marlene & I some members have made reference to the *Vera Lynn WW2 Song - "We'll Meet Again"*. So I want you to sing this to yourself as you stay in isolation. I will start you off with a few bars: **"We'll meet again, don't know where, don't know when....."**

**Regards. Bob Goodyear**



### Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

**Hi members:** I am working again this year for Samaritan's Purse collecting small gifts to fill shoeboxes that are sent overseas to needy children.

We welcome donations of clothing, toiletries, toys, stationery (e.g. exercise books, pens, pencils, sharpeners, rubbers) wrapped soap, face washers, toothbrushes, t-shirts, shorts, thongs, sunglasses, all sorts of toys, especially balls. **All items should be new.**

Please note that sweets, breakables, liquids (e.g. hand cream, sunscreen), playing/swap cards and anything resembling a gun cannot be sent.

If you would like to fill a box this would be very welcome too — the box should be a standard shoe box size. *We are also looking for empty shoe boxes.*

You can bring along items/boxes to Branch meetings until October. 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.

*Thankyou in anticipation. Dianne Klein, Member*

**PS: Last Year (despite Covid) our Australia-wide organisation sent more than 58,000 boxes to Madagascar, Malawai, Cambodia & Fiji. Victoria contributed approx. 24,000 and the group I work with packed about 300 boxes, so we did well!**

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Bob & Marlene Goodyear, Gaylynn Pinniger

### **Welfare Officer**

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Anne Schuck 9434 3839

### **Travel Committee:**

Marg Wood - **Coordinator**

Bob Goodyear, Marlene Goodyear, Lorraine  
Oaten, Ian Schuck

**Speakers Gifts & Door Prizes, Coffee Club Co-  
ordinator** - Gaylynn Pinniger

**Book Exchange Coordinator** - Ken Pickett

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**Past Presidents:** Christina McDonald - 003/04  
Greg Fallon - 2004/07



## **Next Branch Meeting Maybe ???**

**Tue 21 September 2021 - 10.00 am**  
(doors open at 9.30 am for registration)

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

**Speaker: Tammy Shepherd**  
**"Mercy Ships Australia"**



**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**



## Notice from the Association of Psychiatrists

Dear citizens,  
During the quarantine it is considered  
normal to talk to your plants and pets.  
Kindly contact us only if they reply.

Thank you



## **Greensborough Branch Contact Info**

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**This Newsletter is printed by the  
Office of Kate Thwaites, MP  
Federal Member for Jagajaga**

As our August Lunch & Dinner Clubs were cancelled  
we have re-booked the same venues for September - Ever Positive!

## **DINNER CLUB**



**Fri 3 September 2021 - 6.30 pm**

### **Peking Inn Chinese Restaurant**

3 Daly Place

Bundoora

Tel: 9467 5045

**RSVP: Mon 30 August**  
**Lora - 9435 7264 /**  
**0411 786 820**

## **LUNCH CLUB**



**Thu 9 September 2021 - 12.00 nn**

### **Nari Thai**

597 Grimshaw Street

Bundoora

Tel: 9467 1204

**RSVP: Mon 6 September**  
**Heather Hannigan - 0448 388 456**



## **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**



**PLEASE NOE: Change to Walking Routes:**

### **FIRST & LAST Tuesdays of the month:**

Meet at 9.30 am - Bottom Car Park, Lower Plenty Hotel, Main Road, Lower Plenty.

### **SECOND & THIRD Tuesdays of the month:**

Meet at 9.30 am - Henry Street end of Greensborough Memorial Park (*except on Branch monthly meeting days when the group will walk on Wednesday*).



Still just a little confusing ???  
**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



Two remaining activities for the 2021 Year:



## **Thursday 28 October: Edgar's Mission Sanctuary & Silkies Rose Farm**

Time: 9.00 am - 5.15 pm. Cost: \$67.00/pp.  
Incl. Morning Tea, guided tour of Silkies Rose Farm, 2-course Lunch at Lancefield Hotel, guided tour of Edgar's Mission Sanctuary.

## **Tuesday 14 December: Branch Xmas Luncheon Greensborough RSL** Details TBA



## **Travel Committee Announcement**

*The Travel Committee is considering conducting a 14-day tour of Western Australia in 2022. WA was one of the destinations suggested by some members in the branch survey conducted earlier this year. If anyone thinks they could be interested we would appreciate an indication from you.*

*You can contact Lorraine Oaten or Ian Schuck - see page 2 for their details. We have not set a date or finalised an itinerary as it's early days, but we are ever hopeful that things will be better next year with regard to travelling within Australia.*



***KING ISLAND ITINERARY***  
**4 days/3nights "King Island Experience"**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

We have two double rooms available on **TOUR 2** (departing 18 - 21 October 2021).  
If anyone is interested in going on this trip, please contact Marg Wood asap on  
Tel: 0412 687 844 or Email: [margw46@gmail.com](mailto:margw46@gmail.com)

**TOUR 1:**

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

**TOUR 2:**

**4 days/3 nights - "THE KING ISLAND EXPERIENCE" departing 18 - 21 October 2021.**

**Accommodation:**

King Island Wilderness Retreat. Single Supplement cost: \$240.

4WD Guided Experience. Minimum of 6x, maximum of 22x persons per tour.  
Cost is \$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.

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.

**Note:** We are booking the "King Island Experience" trip again as it was such a success last time. (We had 2 groups go in November 2015.)

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!***

***Photos from our November 2015 trip***

## 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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- **Liscombe Wing** - 39 rooms
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**For all enquiries please contact:**

**Residents' Coordinator - Karen Ernest on 9433 1100**