

# Greensborough Gossip



## Greensborough Branch Newsletter

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hi everyone,

Wow, it's great not needing to wear masks all the time.... It's been a while since you have seen me without one!



This will be the final branch newsletter for 2020. The next edition will be February 2021. Greensborough RSL has informed us we will be able to recommence branch meetings in February so we have scheduled one for **Tuesday 16 February 2021 - 10.00 am.**

Fingers crossed everyone!



### Branch Activities:

We still have on the 2021 agenda day trips to Werribee Zoo & Mansion and Myriad Glass & Edgar's Mission.

Our Treasurer, Lorraine Oaten, is holding monies paid in 2020. If anyone wishes to get a refund please contact Lorraine. Otherwise we will hold these against bookings made and hopefully will conduct the activities next year. Cost of trips may increase slightly.

### Reminder:

The bus company has made a tentative booking for our 4-day trip to Apollo Bay/Great Ocean Road — 27- 30 April 2021.

The itinerary will be the same as originally scheduled for October 2020. Should further changes be made I will notify members. At this stage we have no information on the cost.

### Proposed King Island Tours:

The Travel Committee has made tentative bookings in October 2021 for two tours. Marg Wood has been working on this - see page 4 of newsletter for details.

Assuming that Covid is under control we will now be able to enjoy our festivities and the Xmas holiday period in the company of our families and friends. This Christmas will be a memorable one.

Marlene and I wish every member a happy, healthy & safe Christmas and we look forward to 'catching up' at our first branch meeting for 2021 in February at the Greensborough RSL.

**Take care.**

**Regards. Bob Goodyear**



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#### **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

## O x y m o r o n s

Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?

Why do "overlook" and "oversee" mean opposite things?

Why is it called "after dark" when it really is "after light"?

Doesn't "expecting the unexpected" make the unexpected expected?

Why are a "wise man" and a "wise guy" opposites?

If a word is misspelled in the dictionary how would we ever know?



## *Next Branch Meeting*

Greensborough RSL has advised that we will be able to hold our branch meeting in February next year.

**Look forward to seeing members on  
Tuesday 16 February 2021 - 10.00am  
(doors open at 9.30 am for registration)**



*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!*



## **Greensborough Branch Contact Info**

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COFFEE  
CLUB



LUNCH  
CLUB



DINNER  
CLUB



We look forward to resuming our  
Coffee, Lunch & Dinner Clubs  
sometime in 2021

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GOLF CLUB

**Golf is back!**

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)).

Contact: Ian on 9434 3839 / 0421 062 894.

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WALKING  
CLUB



LOW IMPACT  
WALKING CLUB



**Walking Groups have recommenced!**

Contact: Ken on 9435 0076 for details.

## ***KING ISLAND ITINERARIES***

Hi All,

We have tentatively booked two tours to King Island for departure in October 2021.

### **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.

### **TOUR 2:**

#### **2 days/3 nights - "GOURMET FOOD WEEKEND" - 16 - 17 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](mailto: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***



## 2017 Christmas Dinner Dance — Roaring 20's/Gangster Theme



*Some of our 'best dressed' below....*





**Our 'Roaring Twenties' theme was quite popular - a lot of Flappers & Gangsters turned up!**



**Members attending a 'Convict Theme' Show & Dinner on our Norfolk Island tour in April 2016**



## 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.



### **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**



**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.**

### **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.**



### **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.**



### **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**  
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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:**

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