

Greensborough Gossip

Greensborough Branch Newsletter

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February 2021 — Editor Marlene Goodyear

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Dear Members,

Unfortunately our planned February branch meeting was cancelled as a result of the snap 5-day shutdown due to new Covid outbreaks. We were so looking forward to welcoming back members. The response had been great from you and numbers were up to 90x attendees.

We will now try for a March meeting.



Branch Activities:

Although we are uncertain as to when we can commence our activities, we still have on the 2021 agenda day trips to Werribee Zoo & Mansion and Edgar's Mission.

Our Treasurer, Lorraine Oaten, is holding monies paid in 2020. If anyone wishes to get a refund please contact Lorraine. Otherwise you will be able to transfer the payments to a 2021 activity.

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.

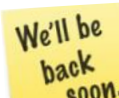
Proposed King Island Tours:

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.

Branch Committee Meeting Date:

The next Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 23 February 2021 - 2.00 pm at the Greensborough RSL.

Hang in there.....
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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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

Past Presidents: Christina McDonald - 003/04

Greg Fallon - 2004/07



Next Branch Meeting

Tuesday 16 March 2021 - 10.00 am
(doors open at 9.30 am for registration)

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

Speaker: To be advised



*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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COFFEE CLUB



Due to current restrictions & bookings at small cafes we have not recommenced our monthly Coffee Club

LUNCH CLUB



Thursday 11 March 2021 - 12.00 noon
Greensborough Hotel
75 Main Road, Greensborough
Tel: 9435 1911

RSVP: Mon 8 March
Lesley Bruce - 0409 232 988

DINNER CLUB



Friday 5 March 2021 - 7.00 pm
Shoppingtown Hotel
19 Williamsons Road, Doncaster
Tel: 9848 6811

RSVP: Mon 1 March
Bob Goodyear - 9435 2529



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).

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).

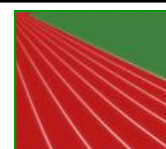
On 1st Tuesday of the month: Meet at Kalparrin (opp. Skateboard rink).

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.

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" - 9 - 11 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 or www.tasteofkingislandholiday.com.au

Marg Wood
Travel Committee

***Our 'adventures' in
the sand dunes***



***Lynne
enjoying
her
Lobster***



TREASURER'S REPORT - Lorraine Oaten

Balance as at 01/03/2020	25,499.40
Plus Income:	
Greensborough RSL Commission	83.86
Memberships	90.00
NSA Annual Commission	200.00
Total:	373.86
Less Eexpenditure:	
Memberships	-90.00
TK Computer Services - Software Update	-165.00
TK Computer Services - Annual Norton Subs	-35.00
Innovative Systems Pty Ltd	-76.45
Domain Renewal	-26.08
Plenty Valley 88.6 Annual Subs	-66.00
RSL Xmas Lunch Expenses	-170.89
Werribee Park Refunds	-70.00
Xmas Lunch Refund	-35.00
Silo Tour Refund	-20.00
Total:	-754.42
Balance as at 31/01/2021	25,118.84

SOME MORE 'LOOK-BACKS' ON BRANCH ACTIVITIES



Members enjoying a Bowling activity in August 2014



In October 2015 members got to ride on the Kerrisdale Mountain Railway - a lovely little ride with picturesque scenery.



An unexpected meeting with some Llamas 'out for a stroll' when members stopped for a morning tea break during one of our day outings in July 2018. Can't remember where we were going!

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**
Cnr St Hellier & Edwin Streets, Heidelberg Heights

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- **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