

# Greensborough Gossip

## Greensborough Branch Newsletter

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February 2022 — Editor Marlene Goodyear

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to our first meeting for 2022. Let's hope that this year will be less disruptive than the previous two years.

There might be challenges ahead of us but we will work together to support each other and overcome obstacles to keep our branch going.

On a brighter note I hope everyone had a safe, healthy & happy Christmas period. Marlene & I had our Christmas celebrations over two days. Christmas Eve we had dinner at our daughter's home. Christmas Day lunch was at our place with both our children and grandchildren. Then dinner was at Marlene's sisters, with their children and respective partners, plus our family.

We ate a 'helluva' lot of Turkey, Ham & Pudding over those two days. At times it became hectic however it was great to catch up with everyone after so long.

### King Island Trips:

One departure to King Island (1-4 February) has gone ahead and we look forward to hearing how it went.

The other two departures are on schedule to leave on 21-24 February and 4-7 March.

### Future Activities:

We don't have any further extended trips booked at this stage. We are still hopeful we may be able to organise a trip to WA, but with their borders still closed, well who knows???

I am currently talking with bus companies regarding 1-day excursions, but have not firmed up anything yet. Will let you know when we have something in the pipeline.

**Regards. Bob Goodyear**

### JUST A REMINDER:

The RSL has advised that their Entrance Door will not be open until 9.30 am on meeting days. The Function Room will open at 9.30 am for member registration with the branch meeting commencing at 10.00 am as usual.

### A BIG THANKYOU TO THE LOCAL COMPANIES WHO KINDLY DONATED ITEMS TOWARDS OUR 2021 XMAS RAFFLE

*We would like to acknowledge:*

- **Bunnings Eltham**
- **Officeworks Bundoora**
- **Greensborough RSL**
- **Coles Greensborough**
- **Woolworths Greensborough**
- **Dan Murphy's Eltham**



Winners of Poinsettias donated by Bunnings

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Marg Wood - **Coordinator**

Bob Goodyear, Marlene Goodyear, Lorraine

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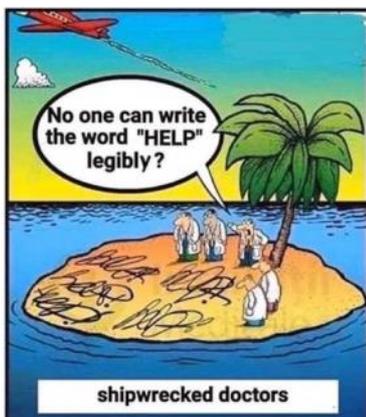
**Speakers Gifts & Door Prizes, Coffee Club Co-ordinator** - Gaylynn Pinniger

**Book Exchange Coordinator** - Ken Pickett

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**Past Presidents:** Christina McDonald - 003/04

Greg Fallon - 2004/07



*Don't Forget!!*

**Next Branch Meeting**  
**15 March 2022**

**Held at Greensborough RSL**  
**Commencing at 10.00 am**  
**(RSL premises open 9.30 am)**

**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**




**Greensborough Branch Contact Info**

**Email Address:**  
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**C/o 6 Alex Court, Greensborough 3088**

## DINNER CLUB



Friday 4 March 2022 - 6.30 pm

### Godfather's Pizza Restaurant

106 Mountain View Road, Briar Hill  
Tel: 9434 4222

**RSVP:** By Monday 28 February 2022  
Ken Pickett - 9435 0076

## LUNCH CLUB



Thursday 10 March 2022 - 12.30 pm

### Dark Horse Café, Wine & Produce

765 Eltham-Yarra Glen Road, Kangaroo Ground  
Tel: 9719 7518

**RSVP:** By Friday 4 March 2022  
Lesley Bruce - 0409 232 988



## GOLF CLUB

Golf has resumed on Mondays at  
Strathallen Golf Club

Golf enthusiasts can contact Ian Schuck on 9434 3839 / 0421 062 894



Golf buddies relaxing with a drink - Xmas Breakup at the 19th Hole

### WE HAVE A 'CELEBRITY' IN THE BRANCH

Congratulations to Tony Lewis who hit a 'Hole in One' at the 5th on Mon 24 January.

Unfortunately he didn't experience the joy of the hole as he had to hit up & over a hill, but the feat was witnessed by two men nearby.



Tony didn't experience the joy of seeing the ball go in had to hit up & over a hill, but the feat was witnessed by two men nearby.

Tony will dine out on this one for a while - got an 'Eagle' on that hole!



## WALKING CLUB



**PLEASE NOTE:** Walking Routes

**FIRST & LAST Tuesdays of the month:**  
Meet at 9.30 am - Bottom Car Park, Lower Plenty Hotel, Main Road, Lower Plenty.

**SECOND Tuesday of the month:**  
Meet at 9.30 am - Henry Street end of Greensborough Memorial Park.

**THIRD Tuesday of the month:** is our Branch meeting day, SO the group walks on a Wednesday (time & venue as per 2nd Tuesday).



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



*We are attempting to run the Blackwood day trip during the first half of 2022.  
Will advise you in due course when this is organised.*



**Blackwood Hotel (Gold Mining Town) & Garden of St Erth, Blackwood**



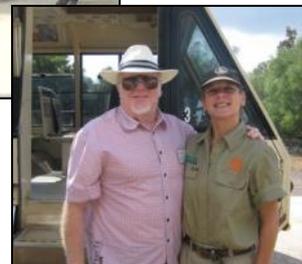
Incl Morning Tea, guided tour of St Erth Garden. 2-course Lunch, followed by guided bus tour of the surrounding Blackwood area. Cost: TBA. Time: 9.00-5.30 pm. Bus pick-up at Greensborough Memorial Park, McDowell St carpark).

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**WERRIBEE ZOO  
ON THE AGENDA  
FOR 2022  
HOPEFULLY**



*Some photos from a trip to Werribee Zoo in August 2018*



*Remember the 'good old days' when you could go on a bus trip (and maybe get eaten by a hippo)!*

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## Travel Committee Announcement



*The Travel Committee is considering conducting a 14-day tour of Western Australia in August/September 2022. WA was one of the destinations suggested by members in the branch survey conducted earlier this year.*

*If anyone thinks they could be interested we would appreciate an indication from you.*

*Please contact Lorraine Oaten or Ian Schuck - see page 2 for their details. We have not set a date or finalised the itinerary as yet.*



## TREASURER'S REPORT - Lorraine Oaten

Balance as at 01/12/2021		<b>32,924.23</b>
<b>Plus Income:</b>		
King Island Final Payments	43,874.94	
Return Airport Bus Payments	1,079.10	
Raffle	316.20	
<b>Total:</b>		<b>45,270.24</b>
<b>Less Expenditure:</b>		
King Island Deposit	-400.00	
King Island Final Payments	-48,870.00	
Return Airport Bus	-1,210.00	
88.6 Plenty Valley Radio	-66.00	
Greensborough RSL	-360.00	
<b>Total:</b>		<b>-50,906.00</b>
Balance as at 31/01/2022		<b>27,288.47</b>



Who knew we seniors have been ahead of the times all these years!



Couldn't leave out the cat lovers

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Federal Member for Jagajaga*

## 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:  
**Sarah Kellett, Activities Organiser - Tel: 9430 0100**

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



### **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.

**Drop in any Monday or Wednesday  
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**For all enquiries please contact:**

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