

Greensborough Gossip

Greensborough Branch Newsletter

Branch No. 100133 Incorporation No. A0044936A

July 2021 — Editor Marlene Goodyear

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hi Members,

At the time of writing the July report I was anticipating holding our branch meeting on Tuesday 20th at the RSL and looking forward to catching up with members. However we were suddenly in lockdown again due to the virus spread.

The Covid restrictions have played havoc with planning. Our branch meetings, activities and speakers have needed to be cancelled or postponed and often at short notice.

I have listed activities planned for the remainder of the 2021 year on page 4. The reason for outlining the program is to enable members to see what's on offer and choose whatever activity they may wish to participate in.

Our Werribee Zoo activity has now been cancelled and you can arrange any refunds with Lorraine Oaten. Her contact details can be found under Activities on page 4.

We had numbers of 53 for the Blackwood & Garden of St Erth excursion in June, but unfortunately it was also cancelled. We aim to organise this again in 2022 (in the warmer weather hopefully).

Walking Club:

Please note changes to this Club. Apparently one of the routes was a little challenging for some members, so the club will now alternate between two routes for the time being - see page 3 for details.



Lunch & Dinner Clubs:

These are scheduled for early August so may go ahead, depending on number restrictions of course. Please confirm with the organisers.

*Hope to see you all sometime in the future
I don't want to jinx us by naming a month!*

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!

	Page
President's Report	1
Samaritan's Purse	
Mgt Committee (2019 / 2020)	2
Branch Meetings	
Get Well Message	
Birthday Greetings	
Branch Contact Details	
Clubs Update	3
Branch Activities / Treasurer's Report	4
King Island Tours	5
Notice Board	6
Advertisers	7



Management Committee

President/Activities Officer/Zone 121 Chairperson

Bob Goodyear 9435 2529 / 0418 974 095
Email: r.m.goodyear@bigpond.com

Vice President/Activities Officer

Peter Oaten 9434 6795 / 0400 317 279

Treasurer

Lorraine Oaten 9434 6795 / 0449 594 301
Email: oatlan@bigpond.com

Secretary / Newsletter Editor

Marlene Goodyear 9435 2529 / 0418 974 095
Email: r.m.goodyear@bigpond.com

Publicity & Communications Officer/Branch Meeting Manager

David Hewett 9459 0653
Email: dfhewett01@bigpond.com

Membership Officer/Zone 121 Dep Delegate

Ken Pickett 9435 0076

Fundraising Officers

John Brook 0488 968 654

Ian Schuck 9434 3839

Asst. Membership Officer/Travel Committee

Coordinator

Marg Wood 9438 4219

Speakers Sub-Committee

Bob & Marlene Goodyear, Gaylynn Pinniger

Welfare Officer

Judy Harvey 9401 6752

Door Attendant/Registration

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

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

Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When little Johnny received his plate, he started eating straight away. "Johnny, wait until we've said our prayer" his mother reminded him.

"I don't have to" replied Johnny. "Of course you do" his mother insisted. "We say a prayer before eating at our house."

"That's at our house" Johnny replied, "But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook!"



Next Branch Meeting

Tuesday 17 August 2021 - 10.00 am
(doors open at 9.30 am for registration)

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

Speaker: Keith Burrows
"Climate Change"



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:

greensboroughnationalseniors@gmail.com

Postal Address:

C/o 6 Alex Court, Greensborough 3088

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

LUNCH CLUB



Thu 12 August 2021 - 12.00 noon

Nari Thai

597 Grimshaw Street
Bundoora
Tel: 9467 1204

RSVP: Mon 9 August
Heather Hannigan -
0408 388 456

DINNER CLUB



Fri 6 August 2021 - 6.30 pm

Peking Inn Chinese Restaurant

3 Daly Place
Bundoora
Tel: 9467 5045

RSVP: Mon 2 August
Lora - 9435 7264 /
0411 786 820



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



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



Tuesday 27 July: Werribee Open Range Zoo

CANCELLED DUE TO COVID SHUTDOWN

For a refund of monies paid, please contact Lorraine Oaten at: oatlan@bigpond.com or Tel: 9434 6795 / Mob: 0449 594 301



Wed 15 September: Tesselaar Tulip Festival

Details TBA



Thu 28 October: Edgar's Mission Sanctuary & Silkies Rose Farm

Details TBA



Tuesday 14 December: Branch Xmas Luncheon

Details TBA

Travel Committee Announcement

The Travel Committee are 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.

Treasurer's Report

Lorraine Oaten



Balance as at 01/06/2021	34,794.33
Plus Income:	
Barwon Homestead	144.00
Blackwood Hotel	413.00
Werribee Zoo	40.00
Memberships	149.00
Total:	
Less Expenditure:	746.00
Memberships	-149.00
Mees Bus re Barwon Park	-2,592.00
King Island Deposit	-800.00
Refunds Blackwood Hotel	-225.00
Flowers re Jim Kindness	-60.00
Total:	-3,826.00
Balance as at 30/06/2021	31,714.33

KING ISLAND ITINERARY

PLEASE NOTE:

We now have two tour groups going on the 4 days/3 nights "King Island Experience".

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.

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.

Accommodation:

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

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.

One person can share a guesthouse and have a separate bedroom at no extra charge.

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

If you have any queries please 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!

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.**



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
10.00 am - 3.00 pm
20 Wattletree Road, Eltham North.**

ADVERTISERS

ACL Plumbing



Our Services Include:

Maintenance & Repairs	Leaking Fixtures
Burst Pipes	Gas Leaks
Blocked Drains	Hot Water Services
Water Tanks	Appliance Installation
Emergency Service	Storm Water Drainage
Roofing Repairs	Quality Workmanship

Contact: Andrew Leeson

Mob: 0418 585 116

Email: service@aclplumbing.com.au

www.aclplumbing.com.au



W & J Painters & Decorators

Providing Painting & Maintenance
Services for over 35 years
Interior/Exterior Painting
Handyman Services

Call for free quote: Wayne Keenan
Mob: 0411 883 569



Garage Doors

***REPAIRS *SERVICE *SALES**

Remote control your existing or new
Garage Door

Roll-A-Door Tilt-A-Dor Panelift

Over 30 years experience in the industry

Contact: Tony Ross

Mob: 0438 342 122 / After Hrs: 9434 2122



Old Colonists' Association of Victoria

is a charity serving elderly Victorians
needing affordable, safe, dignified
independent community living and
appropriate, practicable continuing care.

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