

Greensborough Gossip

Greensborough Branch Newsletter

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July 2024 — Editor Marlene Goodyear

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Dear Members,

Welcome to the July Branch Meeting.



The month of July is Winter at its worst with cold & bleak and making it a challenge to leave the warmth of our homes.

But all is not lost. July also means the Tour de France with exciting events and trials each day as these amazing athletes cycle around France. An added bonus is the magnificent scenery on display with a smattering of chateaus and vineyards.

Next it's time to prepare the strawberries and cream and settle back and watch Wimbledon with the traditional whites and the grass courts.

So, enjoy your time in doors, keep warm and stay safe.

*Guest Speaker today is
Annie Wysham - Topic: "Poems 'N' More"*

Regards. **Peter Oaten, President**

Following the success of the recent Cairns to Cape York tour (see article on page 2) the Travel Committee has come up with another part of Aussie to explore.

We are planning to go in August/September 2025. It seems a long way off, but time is speeding up for us every year now.

Would like to go? Then see insert on this page for more info about our Outback Tour to Longreach & Winton. ↙

"A BIG WEEK OUTBACK IN LONGREACH & WINTON"

6 Days/5 nights. Fully Escorted.
Tour departs Wed 27 August - Mon 1 September 2025.

Tour cost ex Melbourne: fly Qantas \$5098.00/pp twin share, Single Supplement \$950.00).

Deposit of \$200/pp is due on booking.
Final payment due no later Friday 20 June 2025.

Tour brochures & booking forms with Lorraine Oaten - Mob: 0449 594 301.

LIVE THEATRE SHOWS



Barbara Job, has organised bookings for the following shows:

"Sunset Boulevard" - Wed 31 July at 1.00pm, Princess Theatre, Dress Circle, A Reserve seats. Tickets: \$90.00/pp. Final payment due on Tuesday 16 July at Branch Meeting. We have 17x booked for this show.

"Six" (Musical) - Wed 2 October at 3.00 pm, Comedy Theatre. Tickets: \$90.00/pp. Final payment due on Tue 20 August at Branch Meeting.

"Sister Act" has been booked for November (no date set yet), Regent Theatre. Details to be advised.

You can book with Lorraine Oaten at Branch meetings or contact Barbara on Mob: 0435 139 426. (Please note that tickets are non-refundable if you cannot attend on the day.)

REPORT ON OUR CAIRNS TO CAPE YORK ADVENTURE

Branch members left a cold Greensborough very early on a Friday and flew to Cairns, a lovely warm 25 degrees.

The next day we began our 7-day Cape York drive with Heritage Tours. Our Driver/Tour Guide, Daryll, was excellent and we began to experience and appreciate the remote areas of the Outback.

There were lots of highlights:

- * Cooktown with all the history of Captain Cook and his involvement with the Indigenous Tribes with a balanced view from both sides.
- * Weipa a large mining town which exports thousands of tons of Bauxite to China.
- * Bramwell Station a TrueBlue Aussie Cattle Station with interesting accommodation and an amazing Singer/Poet/very funny joke teller providing nighttime entertainment.
- * Fruit Bat Falls where at last we could enjoy a swim – No Crocodiles.
- * At Cape York we stood at the very Tip of Mainland Australia.
- * Somerset one of the Greatest Historical places in Australia being the Earliest permanent white settlement on the Cape York Peninsula area, the most isolated and violent place in Australia.
- * Ferry to Thursday Island once home to the Romantic Pearl Lugger fleet, where some of us had lunch & a drink at the most Northern Hotel in Australia. Then a ferry to Horn Island & our flight back to Cairns.
- * We all enjoyed a Kuranda Scenic Rainforest Train & Sky Rail Cableway & a walk around the Kuranda Market. Very interesting.
- * Free day in Cairns for a Well-Earned Rest or Tours to Green Island & Great Barrier Reef.

A wonderful adventure enjoyed by all, but we now sorely miss the 27 degrees.

Lorraine Oaten, Travel Committee



Lunch at the most Northern Hotel in Australia situated on Thursday Island



At the tip of Australia



Group photo at Gulf of Carpentaria basin



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Marg Wood, Lorraine Oaten, Ian Schuck,
Bob & Marlene Goodyear, David Hewett



Next
Branch Meeting
20 August 2024

Greensborough RSL
Main Road, Greensborough
Commencing at 10.00 am
(Function Room opens at 9.30 am)

Speaker:
"Work done by Foodbank Victoria"



To members who are unwell
or recuperating, your
friends at Greensborough
Branch are thinking of
you and wishing you a
speedy recovery.

If you know of a member who is
unwell, please contact our
Welfare Officer - Johanna Jinnette
by text message to M: 0439 940 442
or by Email: jojinne@hotmail.com



TREASURER'S
REPORT

To members
celebrating
a birthday
this month



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Email Address:

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Balance as at 31/05/2024	20,831.53
Plus Income:	
Caldemeade Dairy Farm	80.00
Whittlesea High Tea	360.00
Sunset Boulevarde	100.00
RSL Commission	172.53
Attendance	279.00
Raffle	142.00
Total:	1,133.53
Less Expenses	
Donation Abound Commu- nities	-1,000.00
Donation Banksia Palliative Care	-2,000.00
Raffle/Door Prizes	-55.00
Total:	-3,055.00
Balance as at: 30/06/2024	18,910.06

COFFEE CLUB



Wednesday 7 August 2024 - 10.15 am
Greensborough RSL, Long Tan Café & Bar
111 Main Road, Greensborough

LUNCH CLUB



Thursday 8 August 2024 - 12.30 pm

Eltham Hotel
746 Main Street, Eltham
Tel: 9439 9224

RSVP: By Monday 5 August 2024
Lesley Bruce - 0409 232 988

DINNER CLUB



Friday 2 August 2024 - 6.30 pm

Greensborough Hotel
75 Main Road, Greensborough
Tel: 9435 1911

RSVP: By Monday 29 July 2024
Bev Sharp - 0431 255 512



GOLF CLUB

A small group play Golf on Mondays at Strathallen Golf Club. Strathallen now have an on-line booking system so anyone wanting play in our seniors group should contact Ian first on 0421 062 894.



WALKING CLUB



1ST Tuesday of the month:
Meet at 9.30 am - (Near Playground) Norris Bank Reserve, 135 McLeans Rd, Bundoora.

2ND Tuesday of the month:
Meet at 9.30 am - Henry Street end of Greensborough Memorial Park.

3RD Wednesday of the month:
Meet at 9.30 am as per venue for 2nd Tuesday of the month) **NOTE:** 3RD Tuesday is our Branch Meeting Day.

4TH Tuesday of the month:
Meet at 9.30 am at Lower Car Park, Lower Plenty Hotel.

A little confusing ???
Contact Coordinator:
Jane Fisher - 0408 129 914



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



“HIGH TEA IN JULY”

**Whittlesea Bowling Club
101 Church Street, Whittlesea**

Thursday 25 July - 12:00 noon

Cost: \$30.00/pp for a lovely High Tea.

(Make your own way there, or sign up as a driver or rider on the available sheet so you can be matched up for a ride.)



CALDERMEADE DAIRY FARM **Thursday 10th October**

A short drive from Melbourne, on the South Gippsland Highway, south of Pakenham.

We will have a 45-60 minute tractor guided tour around the farm, including visiting the calf shed (depending on the season) & a trip out to the paddocks to feed our milking herd.

**Cost: \$80.00/pp. Incl. Coach Travel, Morning Tea, 2-course delicious Lunch.
Pickup: 7:30am from Greensborough War Memorial Park & return: 5:00pm.**

Caldermeade Farm is a place where you can visit, taste, learn, laugh and feel better naturally.

[HOBART & BEYOND TOUR \(with Spirit Travel\)](#) [Thursday 24 - Wednesday 30 October 2024](#)

Dep Geelong on board ‘Spirit of Tasmania’ to Devonport. Return via Virgin Airlines from Hobart. 6-day touring Hobart & surrounds, including Bruny Island day tour.
Cost: \$2190.00/pp twin & \$2660.00/Single Supp. Final payment due August 2024.

As there have been some changes in relation to those going on the tour could you please check with Lorraine Oaten at the Treasurer’s desk to check that your details on the spreadsheet are correct, e.g. sharing/single supplement/withdrawals/additions/flying both ways etc. Booking Forms need to be completed.

Anyone else wishing to go on the tour, please see Ian Schuck ASAP.



NOTICE BOARD



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

Our free Book Exchange operates on Branch Meeting days.

Coordinator is Arlene Cates.

Members can browse/borrow books from the table located at the rear of RSL Function Room.



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.**

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:
Activities Organiser on Tel: 9430 0100

***This Workshop
Is currently suspended. Bunnings hope
to have this up & running sometime in the
near future.***

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Located at 339 St Helena Road, St Helena, Leith Park offers 140 independent living units and an 81 bed residential aged care facility including 1 respite room.

Liscombe House, our aged care facility, offers quality care and support to our residents in an environment that encourages and actively supports independence. All areas of the facility are open and available for residents to enjoy. We have an activities program that provides a broad range of activities to cater for both individual and group settings.

For all enquiries please contact:
Resident Relationship Manager – Darren Schier on 9433 1100

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