

# Greensborough Gossip

## Greensborough Branch Newsletter

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June 2021 — Editor Marlene Goodyear

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hi Members,

At our April branch meeting we were down on numbers. However at the May meeting people were back in the swing again and we almost had a full-house with 98 attending.

At time of writing this report we are in lockdown again due to Covid and have now received advice that there will be some lessening of restrictions from Friday 11 June.

Greensborough RSL has informed us they won't be re-opening until Wed 16 June (the day after our branch meeting) and can only accommodate limited numbers inside which certainly rules us out.

So, unfortunately, **we need to cancel our Tue 15 June branch meeting.** This is getting to be a habit.....

Marlene will email members of the cancellation and send out our June newsletter.

Also, in case you think gremlins have got into this newsletter, just letting you know that our Lunch & Dinner Clubs for July will be held at the same venues we had planned for June.

**Day Activity: Blackwood Hotel & Surrounds + Garden of St Erth - Thursday 24 June.**

*This is still on the agenda - See page 4.*

*Some members haven't paid the full amount, can you please contact Lorraine Oaten to arrange payment. Please see page 2 under Committee for her contact details.*

**Looking forward to seeing everyone in July.  
Regards. Bob Goodyear**

*PS: Thank you to members who expressed concern for my health at our May meeting. After some hiccups from an operation I had in May, I am "slowly" on the road to recovery.*



### 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!**

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Marg Wood - **Coordinator**  
Bob Goodyear, Marlene Goodyear, Lorraine Oaten, Ian Schuck

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

**Book Exchange Coordinator** - Ken Pickett

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

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Federal Member for Jagajaga*

I like wearing a mask. Now I can talk to myself in peace.

When quarantine is over, let's not tell some people.

I asked a supermarket worker where I could find Nuts. He said they are in the Toilet Paper aisle.

I stepped on my scales this morning and it said "Please use social distancing.... one person at a time!"



**Next Branch Meeting**

**Tuesday 20 July 2021 - 10.00 am**  
(doors open at 9.30 am for registration)

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

**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**

*To those celebrating a birthday this month*



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## LUNCH CLUB



**Thu 8 July 2021 - 12.00 noon**

**Diamond Creek Hotel**  
25 Main Hurstbridge Road  
Diamond Creek  
Tel: 9438 1444

**RSVP: Mon 5 July**  
**Lesley Bruce - 0409 232 988**

## DINNER CLUB



**Fri 2 July 2021 - 6.30 pm**

**Godfather's Pizza Restaurant**  
106 Mountain View Road  
Briar Hill  
Tel: 9434 4222

**RSVP: Mon 28 June**  
**Ken Pickett - 9435 0076**



## 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](http://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.

# Upcoming Branch Activities



## Thursday 24 June: Blackwood Hotel (Gold Mining Town) & Garden of St Erth

Incl Morning Tea, guided tour of St Erth Garden. 2-course Lunch at Blackwood Hotel, followed by guided bus tour of the surrounding Blackwood area. Cost: **71.00/pp**. Time: 9.00-5.30 pm. *Bus pick-up at Greensborough Memorial Park (McDowell Street end).*  
**Note: People who have paid \$75.00/pp will receive a refund or credit provided we hold our numbers.**

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## Tuesday 27 July: Werribee Open Range Zoo

Incl Morning Tea, 2-course Lunch. Exciting Safari Bus Tour of Werribee Zoo, plus Werribee Garden. Cost: \$84.00/pp. Time: 9.30-5.00 pm. *Bus pick-up at Greensborough Memorial Park (McDowell Street end).*

### 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



<b>Balance as at 01/05/2021</b>		<b>30,406.74</b>
<b>Plus Income:</b>		
King Island Tour	2,920.00	
Barwon Homestead	514.00	
Blackwood Hotel	1,167.00	
Werribee Zoo	200.00	
Memberships	215.00	
Attendance	296.00	
Raffle	150.00	
RSL Commission	45.59	
<b>Total:</b>		<b>5,507.59</b>
<b>Less Expenditure:</b>		
Memberships	-215.00	
Raffle/Door Prizes/Speakers Gift		-76.00
Speakers Lunches	-29.00	
King Island Deposit	-800.00	
<b>Total:</b>		<b>-1,120.00</b>
<b>Balance as at 31/05/2021</b>		<b>34,794.33</b>

## ***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](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!***

## Barwon Park Mansion, Winchelsea - 6 May 2021

On a very cold and overcast morning branch members (including some members from Greensborough Probus) took off for Geelong. After morning tea and a bus tour of the Geelong foreshore we headed to the Spinx Hotel for lunch. Following lunch we travelled to Winchelsea where we were given a guided tour of Barwon Park Mansion. The house had no electricity when built and some rooms are still kept this way. It and cold in the winter with only fire-

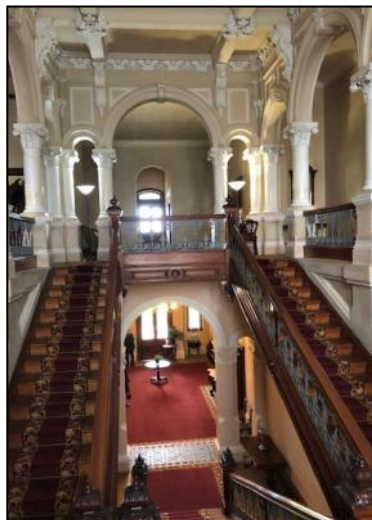
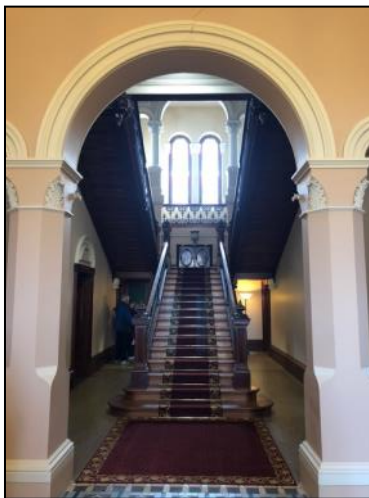


Thomas & Elizabeth Austin mansion at Barwon Park in died and Elizabeth continued at 89.

built the lavish 42-room bluestone 1869-71. Only months later, Thomas to reside at the mansion until her death

Thomas Austin is renowned for introducing the rabbit to Australia; his wife Elizabeth for founding the Austin Hospital.

Elizabeth was a great philanthropist who endowed hospitals in the state of Victoria. Witnessing the death of a servant from an incurable disease she offered £6,000 from her inheritance towards the setting up of a hospital for 'Incurables' in Melbourne. The Austin Hospital for Incurables was opened on 21 January 1882 and in 1892, with her continued financial support, a children's ward was established. She supported this institution (which today is known as Austin Hospital) for the rest of her life and created similar hospitals in other parts of Victoria. Elizabeth also founded the Austin Homes for Women at South Geelong.



**Not all rooms in Barwon Mansion have been restored**

## 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:  
**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.**



### **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.

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**For all enquiries please contact:**

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