

# Greensborough Gossip

## Greensborough Branch Newsletter

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March 2021 — Editor Marlene Goodyear

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hi Members,

*Finally.....*

*"Light at the end of the tunnel".*



So happy that more restrictions are lifted and we are beginning to get back to some semblance of normal. Would you believe that it is over 12 months (February 2020 to be exact) since we last meet at the Greensborough RSL. As Marlene is working on this newsletter, we have fingers, toes, everything crossed hoping that we will be going ahead with the March meeting.

It is fair to say that we all accepted the lockdown in our own way. Depending on our circumstances it was more challenging for some than others.

Some of us have learnt new skills in lockdown - ours was an introduction to Zoom meetings - a great way to connect with family and friends.

The Committee is currently in the process of organising our activities and speakers for the 2021 year.

Activities we are considering are Werribee Zoo, Blackwood goldmining town, Garden of St Erth, Edgar's Mission Sanctuary, Barwon Park Homestead, and maybe some ideas from members.

We would also like to hear what topics you are interested to hear about. Jim Kindness has come up with interesting

speakers for this year, e.g. Climate Change & Renewable Energy, Mercy Ships, History of Horse Racing, etc.

We are looking to engage our members to assist us in this process by responding to a brief survey at the March meeting.

### **Branch Committee Meeting Date:**

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

**Regards.**

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

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**Lockdown Funnies:**

*Who's idea was it to sing "Happy Birthday" while washing your hands? Now every time I go to the bathroom my kids expect me to walk out with a cake.*

*After years of wanting to thoroughly clean my house but lacking the time, I now realise that wasn't the reason!*

*What's the best way to avoid touching your face? A glass of wine in both hands.*

*Ran out of toilet paper and started using lettuce leaves. Today was just the tip of the 'Iceberg'.....*



**Next Branch Meeting**

**Tuesday 20 April 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!*



**Greensborough Branch Contact Info**

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## COFFEE CLUB



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

## LUNCH CLUB



**Thursday 8 April 2021 - 12.00 noon**  
**Urban Grooves**

99 Grimshaw Street, Greensborough  
Tel: 9434 5444

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

## DINNER CLUB



**As Easter Good Friday falls on the 1st Friday in April we will not be holding our Dinner Club**

**Next Dinner Club will be held in May.**



## 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).

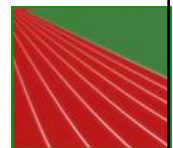
On 1st Tuesday of the month: Meet at Kalparrin (opp. Skateboard rink).

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



**Tuesday 27 – Friday 30 April 2021: Apollo Bay/Great Ocean Road**  
**(4 days/3 nights)**

Cost: \$780.00/pp 40x people. \$800.00/pp 35-39x people. **A non-refundable deposit of \$20.00/pp is due now.** Bus pick-up at Greensborough Memorial Park (Henry Street end).

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**Wednesday 26 May: Barwon Park Homestead, Winchelsea**

Incl Morning Tea, Tour of Homestead, Lunch at Winchelsea. Cost: \$79.00/pp. Time: 9.00-5.30 pm. Bus pick-up at Greensborough Memorial Park (Henry Street end).

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**Thursday 24 June: 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: 75.00/pp. Time: 9.00-5.30 pm. Bus pick-up at Greensborough Memorial Park (Henry Street end).



**There is no Treasurer's Report for this month**



## **KING ISLAND ITINERARIES**

### **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.

***PLEASE NOTE: A NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT OF \$400.00/PP IS REQUIRED BY THE APRIL MEETING. Money can be given to Lorraine Oaten or we will accept a transfer to the branch bank account - BSB633000 A/c 120893615. In the reference line please type your Surname and KI so that we can identify what the payment represents. Balance of payment required 1 month prior to departure. Travel Insurance is recommended if you cancel due to illness. If the trip is cancelled due to CoVID restrictions money will be refunded.***

### **TOUR 2:**

**2 days/1 night - "GOURMET FOOD WEEKEND" - 9 - 10 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](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**

## 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:**

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