

Greensborough Gossip

Greensborough Branch Newsletter

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March 2022 — Editor Marlene Goodyear

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hi Everyone,

It was great to meet up at our first branch meeting in February this year. Our numbers were down slightly. Some members were isolating prior to the King Island trip. Others had medical appts as hospitals are now open for elective surgery and a few members are still wary of large crowds.

Attendance numbers were 75 though!

At this time of the year we commence planning our day outings. Prior to Covid our members have visited many interesting venues and enjoyed extended day tours in Victoria, interstate and not forgetting overseas.

This year has been challenging as one of the local major bus companies is no longer doing group bus tours. Also Covid changes and restrictions have meant that some venues have ceased opening for tour groups and others are not up and running yet.

King Island Trips:

We have been fortunate to finally have our King Island tours go ahead - two trips to KI have now been completed (1-4 & 21-24 February) and our third & last group will be going on 4-7 March.

Marg Wood spoke at the February branch meeting of the wonderful time the groups have had, the beautiful scenery and the gourmet food they enjoyed.

The Travel Committee is willing to organise a 4th group tour later in the year and if anyone is interested please contact either Marg Wood or Lorraine Oaten. Min Nos 6x.

Blackwood Hotel & St Erth Garden:

A date has been confirmed for this activity for Monday 11 April. *Please see page 4 for details.*

I am pleased to advise that we have approx. 53 members confirmed for the trip. If anyone wishes to go on this activity we will have a waiting list available at the March meeting.

Regards. Bob Goodyear

PS:

Remember Nancy Grenness. Nancy was a member of our branch for many years and loved to dress up in costume when we held our 'Themed' Dinner Dances. She is now residing in Estia Nursing Home. Her daughter, Linda, says that Nancy misses everyone and would love a chat so if you have a spare moment maybe could you give her a call on 9404 8634.



Alias Shirley Temple at our 'Hollywood Nights' theme. Nancy performed a tap dance to 'On the Good Ship Lollipop'.

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Travel Committee:

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

Next Branch Meeting
19 April 2022

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

Speaker: TBA

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 birthdays this month

Happy Birthday
Greensborough
Branch Members



TREASURER'S REPORT
Lorraine Oaten

Balance as at 01/02/2022	27,288.47
Plus Income:	
King Island	83.05
Return Airport Bus Payments	65.60
Membership	125.00
Attendance	264.50
Raffle	116.00
Total:	654.15
Less Expenditure:	
King Island Refund	-400.00
Membership	-149.00
Speakers Gift	-30.00
Total:	-579.00
Balance as at 28/02/2022	27,363.62

Greensborough Branch Contact Info

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DINNER CLUB



Friday 1 April 2022 - 6.30 pm

Urban Grooves Restaurant

99 Grimshaw Street, Greensborough
Tel: 9434 5444

RSVP: By Monday 28 March 2022
Lorraine Oaten - 0449 594 301

LUNCH CLUB



Thursday 14 April 2022 - 12.30 pm

Hurstbridge Post Office Cafe

794 Hurstbridge-Kinglake Road, Hurstbridge
Tel: 9718 2911

RSVP: By Monday 10 April 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



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



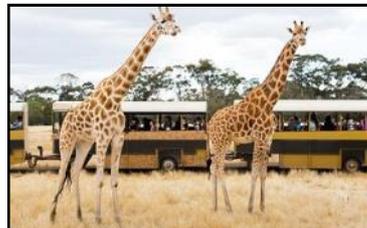
Monday 11 April 2022

**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, McDowell St carpark).

**Monday 16 May 2022
Werribee Open Range Zoo**



Incl coach Morning Tea at Victorian Rose Garden and safari tour of Werribee Zoo. 2-course Lunch at Koorungal Golf Club. Cost: \$75.00/pp. Time: 9.00-5.30 pm. Bus pick-up at Greensborough Memorial Park, McDowell St carpark).

**Wednesday 22 June 2022
(Tentative Booking)
Details TBA
Mulberry Hill House**



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.

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

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- **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

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