

Greensborough Gossip

Greensborough Branch Newsletter

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May 2021 — Editor Marlene Goodyear

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hi Members,

From the feedback I received it seems that the 4-day tour down the Great Ocean Road went very well and the members who participated enjoyed the trip.

Thankyou to those members who attended. In these uncertain times I know that people are reluctant to book travels and we did struggle to get numbers for this one.

As I was not able to go on the trip, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Peter & Lorraine Oaten for taking over the leadership of this tour - they did an excellent job. Thanks Peter - Thanks Lorraine.

Peter has written an account of the trip and Marlene has included some photos taken by Faye Pickett. See page 6..... Don't forget to read the info re the fantastic model of a working miniature-scale Saw Mill made by member, Frank Beale.

Activities:

At our April meeting we were struggling to attract enough members to participate in the branch's one-day trips. Blackwood and Barwon Park Mansion were on the verge of being cancelled.

After my little 'pep talk' at the last meeting I can now report that Blackwood is nearly fully booked, however we still need a few more people for Barwon Park Mansion.

Note: Next Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 25 May 2021 - 2.00 pm at the Greensborough RSL.

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!

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Book Exchange Coordinator - Ken Pickett

Past Presidents: Christina McDonald - 003/04

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Don't Forget!!

Next Branch Meeting

Tuesday 15 June 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

To those celebrating a birthday this month



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LUNCH CLUB



Thu 10 June 2021 - 12.00 noon

Diamond Creek Hotel

25 Main Hurstbridge Road
Diamond Creek
Tel: 9438 1444

RSVP: Mon 7 June
Lesley Bruce - 0409 232 988

DINNER CLUB



Fri 4 June 2021 - 6.30 pm

Godfather's Pizza Restaurant

106 Mountain View Road
Briar Hill
Tel: 9434 4222

RSVP: Mon 31 May
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).

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



Wednesday 26 May: Barwon Park Homestead, Winchelsea

Incl Morning Tea, 2-course Lunch at Spinx Hotel in Geelong followed by Tour of Barwon Park Mansion in Winchelsea. Cost: \$79.00/pp. Time: 9.00-5.30 pm.
Bus pick-up at Greensborough Memorial Park (McDowell Street end).



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 at Blackwood Hotel, 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 Street end).





Tuesday 27 July: Werribee Open Range Zoo

Incl Morning Tea, 2-course Lunch. Exciting Safari Bus Tour of Werribee Zoo. Mansion Garden. Cost: TBA. Time: 9.00-5.30 pm.
Bus pick-up at Greensborough Memorial Park (McDowell Street end).

Treasurer's Report Lorraine Oaten



Balance as at 01/04/2021	28,054.74
Plus Income:	
Great Ocean Road Tour	770.00
King Island Tour	12,150.00
Barwon Homestead	1,696.00
Blackwood Hotel	580.00
Raffle	140.00
Membership	45.00
Attendance	276.00
Total:	15,657.00
Less Expenditure:	
Guest Speaker Gift	-24.00
Membership	-45.00
King Island Deposit	-12,800.00
Raffle/Door Prizes	-55.00
Refunds Great Ocean Road	-381.00
Total:	-13,305.00
Balance as at 30/04/2021	30,406.74

KING ISLAND ITINERARY

PLEASE NOTE:

We now have two tour groups going on the 4 days/3nights “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!

GREAT OCEAN ROAD TRIP - APRIL 2021

With members on board we headed to Warrnambool for our first accommodation stay. A guided tour of the town was followed by live music entertainment at our dinner venue - a great way to start the trip. Day two we travelled to Portland for a town tour and one-hour tram ride followed by a delicious lunch at the Tram Shed. After an early dinner we were off to the Light & Sound Show at the Flagstaff Hill Maritime Museum which was very good - the outdoor weather not too cold. Day three was a guided tour of Flagstaff Hill Maritime Museum which was very interesting with tales of the shipwreck coast. We listened to an informative talk on the welfare of Fairy Penguins and the Maremma Dogs that protect them - we also had the chance to get up close to one of these remarkable dogs. The bus travelled along the spectacular coastal road stopping at Loch Ard Gorge & the Apostles on the way to our Apollo Bay accommodation.

Continuing on.....

Day four we travelled from Apollo Bay to Lorne. We visited Frank Beale's miniature working model of a Saw Mill at the Lorne Community Centre. Then on to Angelsea and Chocolaterie for delicious chocolates and icecream.

Finally, we arrived home safely to Greensborough after a great tour, great weather & great company!



One of the Maremma Sheep Dogs who guard the Fairy Penguins from Foxes



Branch member, Frank Beale, was a young lad (14 - 17½ old) when he worked in a sawmill near Beech Forest in the Otway Ranges. It must have had a lasting impression on him as later in life he spent many hours building a miniature-scale working model of a "Saw Mill" which is now displayed by the Lorne Historical Society in Lorne's Community Centre.



Members on the Portland Cable Tram

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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Residential Aged Care Facility, incl 1 Respite Room.

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- **Liscombe Wing** - 39 rooms
- **Currie Wing** - 22 single rooms, 4 double rooms lo-
cated 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