

# Greensborough Gossip

## Greensborough Branch Newsletter

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hi Everyone,

At the April meeting the Committee conducted a comprehensive survey of the Greensborough branch canvassing the reasons why people joined the branch, what they thought of the branch, activities, trips, speakers, etc.

I am very happy to report that Greensborough branch passed with flying colours. *There is a summary of survey answers on page 5 .....*

We received 34 returns which at first I thought was disappointing until I realised some surveys were completed by couples and members on a few tables collated their answers to complete one survey per table.

The majority of members wrote that they were satisfied with the branch, speakers, activities, trips - local & overseas, and general organisation. Overall comments were - friendly group, companionship, making friends, good social clubs within the branch, willing to listen to suggestions etc.

However we did receive some comments/ complaints of members talking during the running of the meeting and while speakers are presenting on stage. Some cliques existed on tables. Mobile phones ringing during the meeting - *we will be reminding members to turn off their phones at the beginning of meetings in future.*

On a positive note we did receive many good ideas, e.g. board games day, bingo & trivia quizzes. Also suggestions for speakers on various topics of interest and venues for day trips (some of which we have been to, but are willing to repeat as we get new members). The committee will look at these suggestions and attempt to introduce them during the coming years. We are always looking at ways to improve the branch.



### Return of the Coffee Club - Yay!

Jane Fisher suggested a venue for the monthly Coffee Club. How about we try the Long Tan Café & Bar at Greensborough RSL? The Walking Group meet there after their walk on Tuesdays.

The Committee thought this was a good suggestion, so Marlene ran it by the CEO and he was happy to oblige.

We will restart in June & meet on 1st Wednesday of the month. Just come along - no need to book - *see notice on page 3 for new start time.*

**Regards. Bob Goodyear**

*Some members asked to have a list of the sayings from the April meeting so here they are:*

- *I used to be lumberjack - but I couldn't hack it so they gave me the axe.*
- *I tried to be a tailor - but I wasn't suited for it. It was sew sew job.*
- *I used to work in a muffler factory - until I got exhausted.*
- *I wanted to become a barber - but I just couldn't cut it.*
- *I used to be a doctor but I didn't have the patients.*

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Ian Schuck, Bob & Marlene Goodyear

*To members celebrating a birthday this month*



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**Next Branch Meeting**  
**21 June 2022**

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

**Speaker: Adrian Carter**  
**Topic:**  
**North East Link - Project Update**



*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](mailto:judy.harvey43@yahoo.com)**



**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Lorraine Oaten**

Balance as at 01/04/2022	29,326.89
<b>Plus Income:</b>	
W A Tour Deposits	14,000.00
Werribee Zoo	745.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>14,745.00</b>
<b>Less Expenditure:</b>	
Raffle/Door Prizes/ Feb	-35.00
Dyson Bus Co. Blackwood Hotel Trip	-3,370.04
W A Deposits to Hello-World	-14,000.00
BSG Aust - Bingo Cage & Balls	-120.45
<b>Total:</b>	<b>-17,525.49</b>
Balance as at 30/04/2022	26,546.40

*If you boil a funny bone it becomes a laughing stock. That's humerus!*

*I have a pencil that used to be owned by William Shakespeare. He chewed it a lot and I can't tell if it's '2B or not 2B'.*

## COFFEE CLUB



**Wednesday 1 June 2022 - 10.15 am start**  
**Greensborough RSL, Long Tan Café & Bar**  
111 Main Road, Greensborough  
Tel: 9435 1884

**“This will be our regular venue - note later start which was requested by RSL”**

## LUNCH CLUB



**Thursday 9 June 2022 - 12.00 noon**

**Four Leaves Cafe**  
37 Greville Road, Rosanna  
Tel: 9459 7227

**RSVP:** By Monday 6 June 2022  
Myrna Macneil - 0431 742 802

## DINNER CLUB



**Friday 3 June 2022 - 6.30 pm**

**Peking Inn Chinese Restaurant**  
3 Daly Place, Bundoora  
Tel: 9467 5045

**RSVP:** By Monday 30 May 2022  
Lora Schiele - 0411 786 820 / 9435 7264



## GOLF CLUB

*A small group of members play Golf on Mondays at Strathallen Golf Club*

**Golf enthusiasts - can contact Ian Schuck on 9434 3839 / 0421 062 894 for details**



## 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 **SECOND Tuesday of the month**).



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



**Wednesday 27 July 2022  
The Heights Heritage &  
Barwon Grange Houses,  
Geelong**



Incl Morning Tea, Guided Tour of The Heights & Garden. 2-course Lunch at Geelong Bowls Club. After lunch a Guided Tour of Barwon Grange. Cost: \$70.00/pp. Time: 8.15 am - 4.30 pm. Coach pick-up at Greensborough Memorial Park, McDowell St carpark.



## 14-day 'Wonders of the South West' Tour 2-15 October 2022

*We have a number of members booked for this tour.*

*Please contact Lorraine Oaten or Ian Schuck - see page 2 for their contact details. A few Twin Share rooms are available, but no Single rooms left.*

## "King Island Experience" - 4 days/3nights

We are running a 4th tour later this year - departing 7 November 2022. If you are interested in going on this tour, please contact Marg Wood on Tel: 0412 687 844 or Email: [margw46@gmail.com](mailto:margw46@gmail.com) Minimum of 6 people for the trip to go ahead. Currently we have 3 people booked. (If we reach 10x we will get discounted airfares.)



Photo is a little "fuzzy"



*Walking Club numbers are getting back to normal. Following their walk members catch their breath with a coffee at the RSL.*

*(Needed to split the photo in two to get it on the page - spot Phil's arm all by itself!)*

*Below is a summary of the responses we received from the Survey that was handed out to Members at the April branch meeting. We thank you for your input.*

## **NSA GREENSBOROUGH BRANCH MEMBERS SURVEY RESULTS** **APRIL 2022**

### **Questions 1-4 produced very similar responses:**

#### **Positives:**

Socialising, companionship, catch up with friends, meeting people, great group, very friendly people, well organised, happy with meetings, enjoy activities and excursions/travel options, enjoy speakers - cover a variety of topics & themes, happy with everything, repeat previous activities, Walking Group great, Lunch Club, use NSA card to receive discounts.

#### **Negatives:**

Some trips expensive, some activities expensive, cliques in groups, members talking when members and speakers on stage, more information about National Seniors, need to attract younger members.

### **Question 5 & 6 – cost of trips/suggestions to reduce costs:**

Some a bit pricey. Majority said not high, most realise that costs have gone up. Comparable with Probus. Reduce cost of trip by using Myki cards. Carpool – meet at Greensborough RSL.

### **Question 7 – suggested activities:**

Board Games Day, Trivia Quiz, Bingo, Movie days, Live Theatre, return of monthly Coffee Club.

### **Question 8 – day trips:**

Exhibitions in Bendigo, Tesselaar Tulip Farm, Silos Benalla, Gardens, Cranbourne Botanic Gardens/McClelland Sculpture Park Langwarrin, Arthurs Seat, Ballarat Wildlife Park/Begonia Festival, Confectionery Capers, Edgars Mission, Healesville Sanctuary, Ziebels Farmhouse, Exhibition Building, Melbourne Town Hall, Old Treasury Building, Sovereign Hill (Night Tour), Ferry to Portarlington, Portsea, Queenscliff, Cactus Country – Strathmerton, Maldon/Castlemaine, Barwon Park & The Heights - Geelong, Rushworth (old town), Trentham, Tahbilk Winery with cruise.

### **Question 9 – extended trips:**

Philip Island, Port Fairy/Warrnambool, Port Douglas, Cairns, Mildura, Canberra, Norfolk Island, Kangaroo Island, Flinders Ranges (again), Echuca, Buchan Caves, Lakes Entrance.

### **Question 10 – overseas trips:**

New Zealand (4x), cruising, mini-cruise around Australia's coast, Pacific cruise, Europe, Britain, River cruises.

### **Question 11 & 12 – guest speakers/topics:**

Doherty Institute, mental health/dementia, environment, local physical activities, TV personalities, travel, dietitian, naturapath, music, Zoo or animals, vaccinations – Covid, End of Life Decisions – Austin Health. Branch members could have stories to tell, ex-Principal, Camberwell High School.



## NOTICE BOARD



**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.**



### **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 on  
Tel: 9430 0100**

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



### **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.**



### **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  
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**For all enquiries please contact:**

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

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