

Greensborough Gossip

Greensborough Branch Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Dear Members,

Welcome to our November Branch Meeting.

Apparently we have just had some of the coldest November days on record this year, so it's been really hard to "shake a leg" and leave the house these mornings.

However, we did have a beautiful day in October for our ride on the Puffing Billy Train in the Dandenongs - what a trip! Great people, including 17 visitors from other clubs who joined us on the day to make up our numbers. They appreciated our welcome.

We also had our last Dinner Club (on Cup Eve) for this year. Bev Sharp excelled herself once again with her organisation of the sweep for the Greyhound racing at "The Meadows".

The Dinner Club will be restarting in February 2026 and a notice will be in our December newsletter.

Next we will be enjoying our Christmas Lunches for the festive season. Enjoy everyone!

Yvonne De Marchi, President.

Last meeting to book Xmas Lunch to be held Tuesday 9 December @ Greensborough RSL:
2-course Lunch, plus Scones, Jam & Cream for Morning Tea.
Entertainer: Retrojosh the best of 50s & 60s.
Cost \$35pp. Please advise any dietary needs when booking with Lorraine Oaten.

LIVE THEATRE SHOWS



"Anastasia" @ Regent Theatre - 18 February 2026, 1.00 pm. Price: \$71.00/pp. Payment required by December meeting.

"Pretty Woman" - July 2026 (Dates, Price & Venue TBA).

"A Beautiful Noise" Neil Diamond @ Princess Theatre - 7 October 2026, 1.00 pm. Price: \$90.00/pp.

Book with Lorraine Oaten at Branch meetings or contact Barbara - Mob: 0435 139 426.

Please note:

- Tickets are non-refundable if you cannot attend on the day.
- Stall Seats can be booked instead of Dress Circle if stairs are a problem.

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Walking Club Coordinator:

Jane Fisher - 0408 129 914



Christmas Branch Luncheon

Tuesday 9 December 2025

Greensborough RSL
(Function Room opens at 9.45 am)

Morning Tea (Scones) at 10.15 am

Entertainer: Retrojo show

at 11.00 am - 12.00 noon

Xmas Lunch at 12.00 - please
advise any dietary requirements
when booking with Lorraine.



*To members who are unwell
or recuperating, your
friends at Greensborough
Branch are thinking of
you and wishing you a
speedy recovery.*

**If you know of a member who is
unwell, please contact our new
Welfare Officer, Marg Wood.**

Marg's contact details are:

Mob: 0412 687 844

Email: margw46@gmail.com



TREASURER'S **REPORT**

*To members
celebrating
a birthday
this month*



Greensborough **Branch**

Email Address:

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Postal Address:

6 Alex Court, Greensborough 3088

Balance as at 30/09/2025	30,820.53
Plus Income:	
Puffing Billy	300.00
Mildura & Swan Hill	600.00
Theatre	896.00
RSL Xmas Lunch	1,650.00
NSA Q'land Commission	200.00
Membership	50.00
Attendance	260.00
Raffle	133.00
Total:	4,089.00
Less Expenses	
Door/Raffle Prizes	-55.00
Theatre-Michael Jackson Tickets	-805.00
Spirit Travel - Deposit Mildura	-13,200.00
NSA Q'land - Membership	-49.50
Donation PICCSI -- Oct Speaker	-100.00
Total:	-14,209.50
Balance as at: 31/10/2025	20,700.03

COFFEE CLUB



Wednesday 3 December 2025 - 10.15 am
Greensborough RSL, Long Tan Café & Bar
 111 Main Road, Greensborough

LUNCH CLUB



Thursday 11 December 2025 - 12.30 pm

Urban Grooves
 99 Grimshaw Street, Greensborough

RSVP: By Monday 8 December 2025
 Lesley Bruce - 0409 232 988



**THERE WILL BE NO FRIDAY DINNER CLUB
 IN DECEMBER 2025**

**THE DINNER CLUB WILL RECOMMENCE
 IN FEBRUARY 2026**

Our three "Sweep" Winners at the
 November Dinner Club at "The Meadows".
 A big thankyou to Bev Sharp who
 organises this night.



GOLF CLUB

*A small group play Golf on Mondays at Strathallen Golf Club.
 Strathallen now have an on-line booking system so anyone wanting
 play in our seniors group should contact Ian Schuck first on 0421 062 894.
 Please arrive at Golf Club prior to 8.45 am if you have booked to play.*



WALKING CLUB



1ST Tuesday of the month:

Meet at 9.30 am - (Near Playground) Norris Bank Reserve, 135 McLeans Rd, Bundoora.

2ND Tuesday of the month:

Meet at 9.30 am - Henry Street end of Greensborough Memorial Park.

3RD Wednesday of the month:

Meet at 9.30 am as per venue for 2nd Tuesday of the month) **NOTE:** 3rd Tuesday is our Branch Meeting Day.

4TH Tuesday of the month:

Meet at 9.30 am at Lower Car Park, Lower Plenty Hotel.

A little confusing ???

Contact Coordinator:

Jane Fisher - 0408 129 914



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



BRANCH "CHRISTMAS" LUNCHEON - TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER
 held in the Function Room, Greensborough RSL
Entertainer: Retrojosh the best of 50s & 60s

HOME FROM A "PUFFING BILLY" TRAIN TRIP - 23 OCTOBER



*Group photo, including some members from other senior organisations.
 We also stopped for morning tea at Yarra Valley Chocolaterie - hence the pink & striped bags full of chocolate goodies!*

2026 TOUR

Greensborough National Seniors Mildura & Swan Hill Tour	
	Sunday 19 – Friday 24 April 2026
	
<p>COST: \$1,690pp twin/double share Single Supplement \$400 Cancellation conditions apply *Minimum 30 people on coach 18-26 people on bus with Tony \$300pp deposit due upon booking Balance by 27 Feb 2026</p>	
<p>Bookings & Enquiries Ian Schuck</p>	<p>SPIRIT TRAVEL & TOURS email: debbieb@spirit-travel.com.au</p>

Message from Ian Schuck:

- * *Members who have their name down for the 2026 tour above need to pay the deposit ASAP. Please see Lorraine Oaten to make arrangements.*
- * *Please check with Lorraine to confirm if you are listed as a single supplement.*
- * *Please also fill in your booking form - these are available from Lorraine.*

LONGREACH AND WINTON TOUR

After a very early start on Thursday 28 August, we travelled to Brisbane and then on to Longreach where we were met by our tour hosts, "Aussie Outback".

That afternoon we gained an insight of living and working the land at the Camden Park Station. With nibbles and refreshments, we watched the sunset then on to an exclusive dinner at the Agricultural College.

Friday was a very busy day. We travelled on the Heritage Rail Motor from Longreach for a one-way Great Darr Rail Run Tour including a bushwalk to learn about bush medicines and sand ridge secrets. Then on to Darr River Downs Station where we learnt about the evolution of the pastoral industry and the station's history, its cattle, sheep and an amazing collection of fire-arms. Listened to the bush poet, Gregory North, and his story of Banjo Patterson. Then dinner at the iconic North Gregory Hotel followed by a film under the stars at the Winton Royal Theatre.

Saturday in Winton was full of highlights. Firstly, we visited Heritage Truck and Machinery Museum, then on to the Waltzing Matilda Centre a museum that tells the story of Waltzing Matilda, the Winton region and the outback, followed by a town tour including the musical fence.

Next we visited the Australian Age of Dinosaurs perched on a magnificent Mesa overlooking the plains where Dinosaurs once roamed, amazing! Displays and collection room by Dinosaur enthusiasts a truly enlighten experience. Nibbles and dinner at the Age of Dinosaurs, then an Astronomy Tour, various telescopes and moon crater sightings.

Sunday, we returned to Longreach and visited the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and museum. Stories of the stockmen, pioneers, settlers, Jackaroo and Jillaroos. Live sheep dog display and the history of horses and their roles played in war and the outback. The afternoon we boarded the MV Longreach Explorer for a Drovers Sunset Cruise on the Thomson River. Back on land under the stars we had table service dining including live on-stage entertainment by a country & western singer.

Monday, we visited the Qantas Founders Outback Museum. This was amazing as we able to enter the various planes on display from modern to yesteryear. We also had a guided tour where we were taken behind the scenes to hear amazing stories of pioneer aviation.

Tuesday, the last day of the tour, we visited the historic Rosebank Station for a picturesque tour, morning & and stories of yesteryear. Originally a sheep/cattle station some 100 years ago Rosebank was famously visited in 1959 by Princess Alexandra and Princess Alice.

Our outback adventure came to an end as we boarded the plane for our flight home. A truly amazing and informative tour of the outback and the challenges the communities faced yesteryear, now and in the future. *Lorraine Oaten - Travel Committee*



*Group photo at Qantas
Outback Museum*



*Lois playing
"Drums" at the
"Musical Fence"
Winton*



Heather & Tony at Australian Age of Dinosaurs



One of many Group Lunches! Page 5



NOTICE BOARD



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

Our free Book Exchange operates on Branch Meeting days.

Coordinator is Arlene Cates.

Members can browse/borrow books from the table located at the rear of RSL Function Room.



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.**

Garden Workshops



Along with Garden workshops, Bunnings Eltham also have a number of other workshops and members are invited to attend.

**Bookings are required. Please contact:
Tel: 9430 0100 or preferably google 'Bunnings Eltham' to register on line.**

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Located at 339 St Helena Road, St Helena, Leith Park offers 140 independent living units and an 81 bed residential aged care facility including 1 respite room.

Liscombe House, our aged care facility, offers quality care and support to our residents in an environment that encourages and actively supports independence. All areas of the facility are open and available for residents to enjoy. We have an activities program that provides a broad range of activities to cater for both individual and group settings.

For all enquiries please contact:
Leith Park Village Site Supervisor – Matthew Cattell on 9433 1100

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