

# Greensborough Gossip

## Greensborough Branch Newsletter

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October 2023 — Editor Marlene Goodyear

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Dear Members,

Following the September **Branch Meeting**, we held our **AGM** and presented cheques to representatives from our two nominated charities - Leith Park, Abound Communities, and Banksia Palliative Care Service.

The representatives spoke about their organisations and how they would be using our donations to assist and enrich the lives of their clients. See photos opposite.....

We have two new Committee members for the 2023/2024 year - Yvonne DeMarchi and Nunzio Gionfriddo. I welcome them both and look forward to their input on the Committee.

The Book Exchange Table is available each meeting and a thankyou to Arlene & Robin Cates for providing this service to our branch members.

The Federal Government's White Paper has been released. National Seniors have welcomed the changes to the work bonus pension scheme that will allow pensioners to work considerably more hours without affecting their payments.

Many of our members will have enjoyed the Newcastle Tour a week prior to our October Branch meeting. No doubt we will see some photos in our November newsletter.

**Regards. Peter Oaten, President**



*Smiles all around after presentations!*



*Above:  
Nabila Yusof - Community Engagement Officer & Mandy Williamson - Lifestyle Coordinator, Leith Park, Abound Communities with Peter Oaten - Branch President.*



*On Right:  
Michelle Wood - CEO Banksia Palliative Care Service with Peter Oaten.*

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Ian Schuck, David Hewett, Marlene Goodyear

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**Travel Committee:**

Marg Wood, Lorraine Oaten, Ian Schuck,  
Bob & Marlene Goodyear, David Hewett

*To members  
celebrating  
a birthday  
this month*



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Branch**

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**Next  
Branch Meeting  
21 November 2023**

**Greensborough RSL**

**Meeting commences at 10.00 am  
(Function Room opens at 9.30 am)**

**Speaker: Bev Moss**

**Topic:**

**"Come Fly with Me"**



*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  
Welfare Officer - Johanna Jinnette  
by text message to M: 0439 940 442  
or by Email: jojinne@hotmail.com**



**TREASURER'S  
REPORT**

<b>Balance as at 31/08/2023</b>	<b>19,538.58</b>
<b>Plus Income:</b>	
Branch Xmas Lunch	490.00
Attendance	274.60
Raffle	125.75
Bus To Kangaroo Island Cruise	732.80
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,623.15</b>
<b>Less Expenses</b>	
Bus To Kangaroo Island Cruise	-800.00
Consumer Affairs Registration	-63.60
Refund Newcastle tour	-200.00
Speakers Lunch/Petty cash	-43.00
Door/Raffle Prizes	-20.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>-1,126.60</b>
<b>Balance as at: 30/09/2023</b>	<b>20,035.13</b>

I have finally found a diet plan that works.  
It's called - "The Cost of Food".

I have put something aside for a rainy day.  
It's an umbrella.

Money talks, but all mine ever says is "good-bye".

## COFFEE CLUB



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

## LUNCH CLUB



**Thursday 9 November 2023 - 12.30 pm**  
**Diamond Creek Hotel**  
29 Main Hurstbridge Road, Diamond Creek  
Tel: 9438 1444

**RSVP:** By Monday 6 November 2023  
Lesley Bruce - 0409 232 988

## DINNER CLUB



**Monday 6 November - Arrive by 6.00 pm**  
**The Meadows Greyhound Racing Assoc.**  
80 Northcorp Blvd, Broadmeadows Tel: 9355 5222  
Free Entry & Racing Guide - mention  
'Greensborough National Seniors' at Gate  
**A La Carte Menu**

**RSVP:** By Monday 30 October 2022  
Bev Sharp - 9465 4128 / 0431 255 512



## 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.*



## 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



**Ho!**  
**Ho Ho**



## **Branch Christmas Lunch**

**Tuesday 12 December 2023 @ Greensborough RSL**

**Entertainers - 'The Treblettes'**

**10.15-2.00 pm (venue open at 9.45 am)**

**Incl. Devonshire Morning Tea, 1 hour entertainment**

**2-course Lunch - (Roast Turkey & Xmas Pudding) Cost: \$30/pp**

## **CAIRNS TO CAPE YORK (with Trade Travel)**

**11 Days/10 Nights. Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

Cost: \$7,448.00/pp ex Melbourne. Single Supp: \$1,595.00.

\$1,000/pp deposit due on booking. Final payment due in February 2024.

*For any queries please contact: Ian Schuck Mob: 0421 062 894 and Lorraine Oaten Mob: 0449 594 301.*

## **HOBART & BEYOND TOUR (with Spirit Travel)**

**Thursday 24 - Wednesday 30 October 2024**

Dep Geelong on board 'Spirit of Tasmania' to Devonport. Return via Virgin Airlines from Hobart. 6-day touring Hobart & surrounds, including Bruny Island day tour.

We have 26 names down for this trip. We are taking deposits of \$400.00/pp now and all deposits must be paid by February 2024, with balance of payment due August 2024.

*For any queries please contact: Ian Schuck Mob: 0421 062 894.*



## NOTICE BOARD



### **Fred Hollows Foundation**

The Foundation uses second-hand spectacles, cases & sunglasses to improve the sight of people in deprived communities in our Far North & Australian Islands.

#### **MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE:**

Carolyn Matthews is no longer collecting these articles.

Members can now drop these off at any SpecSavers store.



### **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.*

### **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  
20 Wattletree Road, Eltham North.**

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Abound Communities (*trading name: Old Colonists' Association of Victoria*) is a charity serving elderly Victorians needing affordable, safe, dignified independent community living and appropriate, practicable continuing care.

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:**  
**Resident Relationship Manager – Darren Schier on 9433 1100**

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