

Seniors@Monash

The Newsletter of the Monash Branch NSA - Your guide to our information and events
December 2019

*Meetings: 1.15 for 1.30pm start on 1st Wednesday of the Month,
Community Centre, Miller Cres, Mt Waverley.*

From the President

Hello everyone,

Have you booked for the January outing to **GULF STATION** - the National Trust working farm, on the left hand side of the Melba Highway, just through Yarra Glen?

We are meeting at 11 am at the Farm. Remember to bring along your picnic lunch or if you would rather buy something on the way, there is a good bakery in Yarra Glen.

The date is **TUESDAY 21ST JANUARY**

Add your name to the list at the lunch or call me on 9790 5073.

A big thank you to Phil for organising our visit to the Synchrotron last month - what an amazing place and the work they perform, for clients from around the world, is something else. Also a big thank you to Len who has organised our Christmas Lunch for Wednesday 4th December. We have over 60 members joining us on the day which is something of a record!

You will see that new members to our Branch now have small stars on their name tags and we still continue to have red name tags for our visitors. Please make sure you get to know these people and make them feel welcome to our Branch meetings and our activities.

I look forward to catching up at our February meeting (Wednesday 5th) with everyone refreshed and ready for an interesting 2020. Remember to let Committee members know if there is any activity you would like introduced for next year - it's your Branch and input is always appreciated.

Best wishes for a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year

Regards.....*Elaine*

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OUR 2019 CHRISTMAS LUNCH!

Bookings have **CLOSED** for our Christmas Lunch, with a record attendance scheduled. If you have booked and paid, please **DON'T FORGET TO COME**; and if for some reason you are prevented on the day, please let Len Walker (9560 7424) know.

Coming Events – Make a Note in Your Diary!

For details, see the individual notices.

- 1st Wednesday:** Our Regular Meeting
2nd Wednesday: Wednesday Lunch Group
2nd Saturday: Evening Dine Out
4th Wednesday: Investment Group and Arm Chair Travel
4th Sunday: Sunday Lunch Group

Wed	04 Dec	Christmas Lunch Mulgrave Country Club
Thu	09 Jan	Theatre Outing – “Chicago” the fabulous Musical
Tue	21 Jan	Visit to Gulf Station
Sat	08 Feb	Evening Dine Out
Wed	26 Feb	Theatre Outing – “Come from Away”
Wed	26 Feb	Investment Group

Investment Group

We meet at 10 am on the 4th Wednesday of the Month.



It has been a good year for the markets in general, even if not for the Banks, and we have had some excellent discussions and contributions from members of our Group, led with great panache by our indefatigable Danny Ward. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 26 February 2020, so if you would like to participate, please ring Danny on **9807 1524** before the date of the meeting.

Mid-Week Lunch Group

Members have recently not shown much interest in our mid-week lunches as lives get very busy in the lead up to Christmas. But these outings have been very popular in the past, so

If you have any ideas for venues for 2020, then please Contact Anne Walker: 9560 7424.



Saturday Evening Dine Outs

Our next Dine Out will be at Wantirna Club, 359 Stud Road, Wantirna on Saturday 8th February 2020 at 7.00 pm

To book, please call Patricia Mills on 9764-4415 or email to russmills36@bigpond.com

Sunday Lunch Group

If you have any ideas for venue for next year, please
Contact: Win Murphy, 0421 467 995 or win.murphy42@gmail.com

Meet and Greet – Make Newcomers Welcome

It is very pleasing to see new members and visitors attending our meetings, but have you met and spoken to any of these people? The round tables were introduced so that we had an opportunity to speak not just to the person sitting next to you, but to others at the table.

Could I please ask that, at the next meeting you sit next to someone you don't know and that you chat to someone over coffee that you have not spoken to before?

We do want to be known as a friendly group, with everyone knowing (almost) everyone.

January Outing to Gulf Station

We are meeting at 11 am at the Farm. Remember to bring along your picnic lunch or if you would rather buy something on the way, there is a good bakery in Yarra Glen.

Please add your name to the list at the Christmas lunch or call me on 9790 5073 and note down if you need a ride to Yarra Glen.

The date - **TUESDAY 21ST JANUARY 2020**

“Coffee and Chat”

Our **Coffee and Chat** mornings will be continuing next year and will be held on alternating Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays at various locations. Watch for details of the next get together in our February newsletter and let us know if you have a favourite spot we should visit.



*To all members who have been unwell,
we hope you feel better soon.
Best Wishes for a speedy recovery and we look forward to you being back with us fit and well.
If you know of a member who is unwell, please contact our welfare officers
Danny and Christina Ward on 98071524*

VALE:

Our Condolences to Shirley Campbell on the recent passing of her husband, Norman.
We will be thinking of them on Wednesday when Norm's funeral is being held.

Our Thanks to Monash City Council

NSA Monash Branch greatly appreciates the support of Monash City Council in funding our meeting venue, arranging the seating and for the use of audio visual equipment

Our Visit to the Australian Synchrotron



On 14 November a group of 20 members visited the Australian Synchrotron to see the largest Scientific Installation in the Southern Hemisphere. It's fair to say we were all impressed by its size and its capabilities. The explanation of the various aspects of its operation by our tour guide certainly was excellent with many questions being raised. Our group thought the visit to be really worthwhile and rewarding.

So what is the Synchrotron?

The Australian Synchrotron is a major research facility located in Clayton. It is one of Australia's most significant pieces of scientific infrastructure. Scientific research and innovation using synchrotron light span hugely diverse areas of activity and has led to advances that bring benefits to Australia and internationally.

How it works

A synchrotron is a very large, circular, giga electron-volt technology installation about the size of a football field. From outside, the Australian Synchrotron looks very much like a roofed football stadium; on the inside it's very different. Instead of grass and seating, there is a vast circular network of interconnecting tunnels and high tech apparatus.

The Synchrotron produces powerful beams of X-rays that are used at individual experimental facilities to examine the molecular and atomic structures of a wide range of materials. The advanced techniques are applied to research in many important areas including health and medical, food, environment, biotechnology, nanotechnology, energy, mining, agriculture, advanced materials and cultural heritage.

Outcomes

Experiments with synchrotron light offer several advantages over conventional techniques in terms of accuracy, quality, and the level of detail that can be achieved, and are much faster than traditional methods.



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More than 5000 researchers a year from around the world use the synchrotron instruments. The facility has been directly involved in the generation of more than 3000 publications in refereed journals.

Monash Theatre Lovers – Future Theatre Events



Contact Leonie: leonietlc@y7mail.com or 9899 1990
(leave message with your name and contact details)

Once a Month – Enjoy a recent movie release with tea/coffee/snack at Palace Cinema, Whitehorse Rd, Balwyn, or Hoyts Cinema, Forest Hill Chase, Canterbury Road, Forest Hill.

PUT YOUR NAME ON THE LIST to be contacted by email/phone with movie/date/time etc.

There is a Tram stop in front of the Cinema. Street Parking is available.

Join us for a movie/coffee/chat...**Contact Leonie re: Bookings/Payments/Session Time.**

Sandwiches/snacks, Wine/Coffee available from the Coffee Shop/ Box Office.

Thursday 9th January, 2020... Matinee 12:30 for 1pm.

The Fabulous Musical "**CHICAGO**"

State Theatre, Arts Centre.

Starring: Jason Donovan, Natalie Bassingthwaight, Casey Donovan, Alinta Chidzey

The Musical has been honoured with 6 Tony Awards, 2 Oliver Awards and a Grammy.

There is one ticket in the stalls A Reserve available at the group discounted price \$73 (regular price \$118+). The 12 tickets we needed for the Group Discount have been paid for.

We will have to share the costs of the ticket between the 11 of us who have booked already if not sold.

Note: Meet before the show 11:30 in Café Vic, ground floor of the Arts Centre for a Coffee & Snack.

Please Book with me for seating.

Wednesday 26th February 2020 Matinee 12:30 for 1:00 pm

The new musical "**COME FROM AWAY**"

has been playing at The Comedy Theatre for months, *to rave notices and standing ovations.*

I have some A Reserve Stalls Seats reserved 2020 ...

... Discounted tickets \$78 (Full price \$120) – but need 12 for Group Discount

NOTE: MUST receive bookings and payments by 8th JANUARY 2020

New show for 2020 the fabulous

Cirque du Soleil – "KURIOS" Under the Big Top - FLEMINGTON.

Currently checking out weekend dates/seats/costs.

If you are interested please put your name on list at next meeting or email Leonie.

2020 - Date to be advised

The Musical – "**BILLY ELLIOT**" Music by Elton John

Regent Theatre

. Group of 16+

Irish Fire Insurance

A man and his wife moved back home to Cork from London.

The wife had a wooden leg and to insure it in Britain was £2000.00 a year!

In Cork, they went to an Insurance Agency to see how much it would cost to insure the wooden leg.

The agent looked it up on the computer and said to the couple: '39 Euros.'

The husband was shocked and asked why it was so cheap here in Ireland to insure, because it would cost him £2000.00 in England!

The agent turned his computer screen to the couple and said,

'Well, here it is on the screen, it says:

Any wooden structure, with a sprinkler system over it, is €39.00.'



Trade Persons Register

Many members need jobs done and are looking for reliable and economical Tradespersons.

We have a list covering the various trades. Please add to the list if you have used someone recently whom you can recommend; However please keep in mind that we will be having only one person in each category.

Some of the Tradespeople have advertised below. Other Trades are shown on the following list:

Garden Maintenance; Plumber; House Painter; TV Service; Pest Control; Auto Mechanic Mobile Service; Upholsterer; Curtain Maker; French Polisher; Handyman.

For the details of the relevant tradesperson, contact *Elaine Forde* on 9790 5073

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