

Greensborough Gossip

Greensborough Branch Newsletter

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September 2021 — Editor Marlene Goodyear

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hi Members,

Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions our October meeting will not going ahead and the November one is doubtful.

Please Note:

- ✪ **The October trip to Edgar's Mission Sanctuary & Silkies Rose Farm has been cancelled by the bus company. We will endeavour to run this activity next year (2022).**
- ✪ **Tuesday 14 December - Branch Xmas Lunch at Greensborough RSL. This is still a possibility.....but doubtful.**

King Island Trips:

The two departures to King Island are now postponed to **11-14 & 18-21 November**. We have vacancies on these two trips if anyone is interested. If November doesn't work out they will be rescheduled for next year.

Lunch & Dinner Clubs / Golf Club:

These clubs are cancelled for October.

Treasurer's Report:

There has been no spending so no Treasurer's Report this month.

If members wish to obtain a refund for cancelled excursions, please contact Lorraine Oaten - otherwise your money will be carried over to 2022 excursions.

It is so difficult to make plans with any certainty at this stage. The continual shutdowns are beginning to take their toll. Hopefully we will reach the required vaccination numbers soon.

I hope everyone is OK.

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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Marg Wood - **Coordinator**

Bob Goodyear, Marlene Goodyear, Lorraine Oaten, Ian Schuck

Speakers Gifts & Door Prizes, Coffee Club Co-ordinator - Gaylynn Pinniger

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FYI:

AS A RESULT OF THE SHUTDOWN, THE DAYS OF THE WEEK ARE NOW CALLED YESTERDAY, TODAY, THAT DAY, OTHER DAY, THIS DAY, NEXT DAY, SOME DAY!



Next Branch Meeting ???

Please note:
Branch Meetings for October & probably November 2021 have been cancelled at this stage due to Covid lockdown restrictions!



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 birthdays this month

Remember when we all used to eat birthday cake after someone had blown out all the candles on it.

So now when its my birthday if I blow the candles out my cake, does that mean I can eat the whole cake and no-one else can?

DINNER CLUB



There will be no Dinner Club in October.

Please note that Bev Sharp is taking bookings for Dinner Club in November on Melbourne Cup Eve
See details below.....

LUNCH CLUB



There will be no Lunch Club in October.

DINNER CLUB - Monday 1st November 2021 (Cup Eve) Please arrive by 6.00 pm

The Meadows (Greyhound Racing), 80 Northcorp Blvd, Broadmeadows

All monies to be paid on the night. Therefore there will be no need to refund money if the event is cancelled due to Covid restrictions.

There will no Smorgasboard. Dinner will be either a Set Menu or A La Carte.

To place a booking: Please phone Bev Sharp (**prior to 21st October**)
on 9465 4128 or 0431 255 512



At the time of issuing this newsletter the Strathallan Golf Club is closed due to Covid restrictions.

However we anticipate Golf will be on the agenda soon.

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



WALKING CLUB



PLEASE NOE: Change to Walking Routes:

FIRST & LAST Tuesdays of the month:
Meet at 9.30 am - Bottom Car Park, Lower Plenty Hotel, Main Road, Lower Plenty.

SECOND & THIRD Tuesdays of the month:
Meet at 9.30 am - Henry Street end of Greensborough Memorial Park (**except on Branch monthly meeting days when the group will walk on Wednesday**).



Still just 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



We are doubtful whether this activity will go ahead due to restrictions. Also it will be difficult to organise tables & numbers, etc. if we do not have a branch meeting prior to the event.



Travel Committee Announcement

The Travel Committee is considering conducting a 14-day tour of Western Australia in 2022. WA was one of the destinations suggested by some members in the branch survey conducted earlier this year. If anyone thinks they could be interested we would appreciate an indication from you.

You can contact Lorraine Oaten or Ian Schuck - see page 2 for their details. We have not set a date or finalised an itinerary as it's early days, but we are ever hopeful that things will be better next year with regard to travelling within Australia.

KING ISLAND ITINERARY
4 days/3 nights "King Island Experience"
(Now being conducted in November)

PLEASE NOTE:

We have spaces available for the two tours below. If anyone is interested in going on these trips, please contact Lorraine Oaten or Marg Wood.

TOUR 1:

4 days/3 nights - "THE KING ISLAND EXPERIENCE" departing 11 - 14 November 2021.

TOUR 2:

4 days/3 nights - "THE KING ISLAND EXPERIENCE" departing 18 - 21 November 2021.

Accommodation:

King Island Wilderness Retreat. Single Supplement cost: \$240.

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.

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.

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.)

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!

Photos from our November 2015 trip

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.



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**



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.

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.



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
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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