

Greensborough Gossip

Greensborough Branch Newsletter

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March 2024 — Editor Marlene Goodyear

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Dear Members,

Welcome to the March Branch meeting.



Apart from a short burst of sweltering heat over the Moomba holiday weekend, we can look forward to cooler stable weather and leaves changing colour. The town of Bright is a beautiful place to be at this time of the year as the trees are awash with a variety of colours.

Also, there are a lot of events to enjoy around our great city at this time of the year. The Grand Prix, AFL Premiership Season starts, Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show, various Stage Productions just to name a few. So get out there and enjoy what Melbourne has to offer.

*Our Guest Speaker today is
Elana McKinley & her Topic will be
"Sparkle Darlings...The Show must go on".*

The Treasurer & I will absent from today's
Branch meeting celebrating our
55th Wedding Anniversary

but all will be well in hand by my very
capable Committee!

Regards.

Peter Oaten, President

*To Lorraine & Peter
Happy 55th 'Emerald' Anniversary*



from your friends at Greensborough Branch

KANGAROO ISLAND CRUISE - APRIL 2024

On Tue 13 April, 22 members & friends arrived at Station Pier for a 4-night cruise to Kangaroo Island. For those on the smooth bus ride so far, the next navigation got interesting. Once inside the terminal proceedings were suddenly disrupted by severe storms in Gippsland that cut power across the state, incl. the P&O counters used to process us to board. It was 2-3 hours until they found an alternative using the ship's power.

Once on board, we relaxed and started enjoying ourselves. We could do what we liked, some lazing in their cabins with others quite active. Of course for many of us keen to start, over-indulging, eating and drinking were relatively high priorities. We looked forward to meeting up for three of the four dinners. Other times, for breakfast & lunch, people could access the buffet or any of the other three restaurants - A la Carte, Italian & Asian.

Ship life had many events to enjoy, including nightlife entertainment in the ship's bars. One group was found playing scrabble while others enjoyed reading & relaxing by the pool. Not sure if anyone went to the gym, played table tennis or mini golf. Walking from one end of the ship or using the stairs instead of elevators added to our vascular workout.

After dinner most made a rapid exodus to get a seat at the nightly shows. The great talent performed with an impressive backdrop of stage laser lighting special effects. There were two dress-up nights. For the Gatsby night one of our group looked fabulous in feathers, sparkles & pink pointy shoes & others looked great too. On White night easy - just wear White!

Many went ashore at KI, some explored on their own, others took tours. KI was a treasure trove with abundant protected wildlife, having no rabbits, foxes, or wild pigs. Feral cats are a big problem though. It was breeding season so it was a treat to spot a mother sea lion & her newborn pup and many sun-basking seals. "Oh, what a life!" There were koalas in trees and of course many kangaroos wandering freely. Well why not? After all, we were on Kangaroo Island!

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*To members
celebrating
a birthday
this month*



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**Next
Branch Meeting
16 April 2024**

**Greensborough RSL
Main Road, Greensborough
Commencing at 10.00 am
(Function Room opens at 9.30 am)**

**Speaker: Orianna Edmonds
Topic: "My Journey as a Young
Business Owner"**



*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**

Balance as at 31/12/2023	22,130.48
Plus Income:	
Hobart & Surrounds Tour	10,400.00
Portarlinton & Ferry	1,010.00
Attendance	302.00
Raffle	156.10
Total:	11,868.10
Less Expenses	
Bingo Cards	-47.33
Raffle/Door Prizes	-55.00
Spirit Travel - Hobart	-12,800.00
Total:	-12,902.33
Balance as at: 28/02/2024	21,096.25

SHOPPING:

"It's amazing how fast 'later' comes when you 'buy now...'"

The cops busted me for pinching clothes people had hung out to dry. They called it theft. I call it online shopping.

COFFEE CLUB



Wednesday 3 April 2024 - 10.15 am
Greensborough RSL, Long Tan Café & Bar
111 Main Road, Greensborough

LUNCH CLUB



Thursday 11 April 2024 - 12.30 pm
Diamond Creek Hotel
29 Main Hurstbridge Road, Diamond Creek
Tel: 9407 1082
RSVP: By Monday 8 April 2024
Lesley Bruce - 0409 232 988

DINNER CLUB



Friday 5 April 2024 - 6.30 pm
Armanii's Unihill
6/30 Janefield Drive, Bundoora
Tel: 0386 799 001
RSVP: By Monday 1 April 2024
Vyonne DeMarchi - 0407 525 497



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 first on 0421 062 894.



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



FERRY CRUISE TO PORTARLINGTON Thursday 11 April 2024

Cruise across the bay from Melbourne taking in the scenic vistas. Portarlington Golf Club will take care of the rest with bus transfers and a leisurely two-course lunch at the Golf Club.

Incl:

- Depart Greensborough Memorial Park at 8.00 am with Panorama Coaches who will transport us to & from Docklands, returning to Greensborough approx. 6.00 pm.
- Return Ferry Trip - Docklands to Portarlington with Port Phillip Ferries.
- Two-course Lunch at Portarlington Golf Club with courtesy bus transfer.

Cost: \$80.00/pp. We have 31x booked for this trip so it's a goer!

For further info contact: David Hewett Mob: 0418 974 095

CAIRNS TO CAPE YORK (with Trade Travel) 11 Days/10 Nights. Friday 7th June – Monday 17th June 2024

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

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.

Cost: \$2190.00/pp twin & \$2660.00/Single Supp.

Final payment due August 2024.

As there have been some changes in relation to those going on the tour could you please check with Lorraine Oaten at the Treasurer's desk to check that your details on the spreadsheet are correct, e.g. sharing/single supplement/withdrawals/additions/flying both ways etc.

Booking Forms for the above tour need to be completed ASAP.

Anyone else wishing to go on the tour, please see Ian Schuck ASAP.



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 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:
Activities Organiser on Tel: 9430 0100

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

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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:
Resident Relationship Manager – Darren Schier on 9433 1100

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