

Greensborough Gossip

Greensborough Branch Newsletter

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February 2024 — Editor Marlene Goodyear

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Dear Members,

Welcome to 2024!



The Branch Christmas lunch was a great success and thanks to all concerned with a late thankyou to Jill Sanders for her wine donation.

We have seen the best and worst of mother nature with storms, floods in Cairns, Gold Coast & various parts of Victoria. On a positive note, most gardens have enjoyed almost tropical conditions at various times and my fuchsias have been flourishing.

The wonderful news that our great grandchildren (twins Jackson & Miley)) were born while we were enjoying the Branch Xmas lunch bringing much excitement and relief to both families with the birth.

Today it's



so heads down and enjoy the games.

Special thanks to Margaret and Ian for organising this event for our first meeting this year.

Peter Oaten, President

A big thankyou to Bunnings Eltham for once again donating the Poinsettias for our Xmas Lunch. Bunnings have been doing this for many many years and we do appreciate their support.

For the first time there were 6 women & 6 men winners. No gender bias at our branch.



**Very proud *Great* Grandparents.
Lorraine with Jackson and Peter with Miley.
(Adorable Double-Trouble!)**

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PHOTOS - OUR BRANCH XMAS LUNCH & THE WALKING GROUP



We booked a singing group "The Treblettes" to entertain us. Unfortunately one took ill the night before so only two showed up. The girls also perform as a duo & then call themselves "The Duo Treblettes".

THEY WERE FABULOUS!



The guys got in the groove with percussion instruments to accompany the song "Chapel of Love". They are supposed to be wearing wedding veils, but being men they put them on backwards. No surprise there!!!



You can't keep some girls down! If they are not bopping along to the music they are willing to come up on stage to assist with the sound effects.



The Walking Group relaxing after their walk and celebrating Tony & Ian's birthdays. I count 19 heads. How is your eyesight?



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*To members
celebrating
a birthday
this month*



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**Next
Branch Meeting
19 March 2024**

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

**Speaker: Elana McKinley
Topic: "Sparkle Darlings....The
Show Must Go On."**



*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 30/11/2023	26,179.08
Plus Income:	
Branch RSL Xmas Lunch	60.00
Cruise Bus	17.40
Total:	77.40
Less Expenses	
Chocolates For RSL Staff	-14.00
Plenty Valley Radio 88.6	-66.00
RSL Xmas Lunch	-3,596.00
Xmas Lunch Entertainers	-450.00
Total:	-4,126.00
Balance as at: 31/12/2023	22,130.48

**Did you hear about the cannibal CPA?
He charges an arm and a leg!**

**I bought a book titled "How To Scam People
Online" about three months ago.
It still hasn't arrived.**

**I walked past a homeless guy with a sign that read,
"One day, this could be you." I put my money back
in my pocket, just in case he's right!**

COFFEE CLUB



Wednesday 6 March 2024 - 10.15 am
Greensborough RSL, Long Tan Café & Bar
111 Main Road, Greensborough

LUNCH CLUB



Thursday 14 March 2024 - 12.30 pm

Commercial Hotel

820 Plenty Road, South Morang
Tel: 9407 1082

RSVP: By Monday 11 March 2024
Lesley Bruce - 0409 232 988

DINNER CLUB



Friday 1 March 2024 - 6.30 pm

Urban Groves

99 Grimshaw Street, Greensborough
Tel: 9434 5444

RSVP: By Monday 29 February 2024
Marlene Goodyear - 0418 974 095



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



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:
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



“ 1ST ACTIVITY FOR 2024 ”

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 need 25x for this trip to go ahead.

Please book with Lorraine Oaten at Branch meeting or on Mob: 0449 594 301.

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.

PLEASE NOTE:

Final payment for above trip needs to be paid to Trade Travel by 1 March 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.
Cost: \$2190.00/pp twin & \$2660.00/Single Supp.

Deposits of \$400.00/pp must be paid at 20 February 2024 branch meeting, with 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:
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