

Greensborough Gossip

Greensborough Branch Newsletter

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November 2024 — Editor Marlene Goodyear

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Dear Members,

Welcome to the November Branch Meeting

This is the last Branch meeting for 2024 and how quickly the year has gone.

However, we have our Christmas function to look forward to with Entertainment, Good Company and lots of Festive Cheer.

November brought the Melbourne Cup Carnival, the race that stops the nation. Many people enjoyed the extra-long weekend.

I have just returned from a very successful Tasmanian Tour and my thanks to Ian and Lorraine for their input. **See detailed report of our Tasmanian Tour on page 6.**

Members also enjoyed a day visit in October to 'Caldermeade' - a working Dairy Farm. **See article & photos on page 5.**

The election of the US President is now underway with both candidates firing insults at each other. One will ultimately be leader of the free world which is a great concern.

Look forward to seeing you all at our Xmas function.

Peter Oaten, President

VIEWBANK GARDENS RETIREMENT VILLAGE

Up to 20 branch members have been invited to morning tea & a short tour of Viewbank Gardens Retirement Village 26-46 Rutherford Road, Viewbank on Thursday 21 November - 10.00 am. (You need to arrange your own transport.)

If you are interested please put your name down with Lorraine Oaten for this activity.

"A BIG WEEK OUTBACK IN LONGREACH & WINTON"

27 August - 1 September 2025

Tour cost ex Melbourne: fly Qantas \$5098.00/pp twin share, Single Supplement \$950.00).

Deposit of \$200/pp is due on booking. Final payment due no later Friday 20 June 2025.

Updated tour brochures & booking forms with Lorraine Oaten - Mob: 0449 594 301.

LIVE THEATRE SHOWS



Barbara has organised a booking for:

"SISTER ACT"

**Wednesday 11th December - 1.00 pm
Regent Theatre. Tickets: \$90.00/pp.
Final payment due on Tuesday 19th
November at Branch Meeting.**

**We have a number of members
already booked for this show.**

You can book with Lorraine Oaten at Branch meetings or contact Barbara on Mob: 0435 139 426. (Please note that tickets are non-refundable if you are unable to attend on the day.)

**NOTE FROM TREASURER:
Please note payments for all Branch
activities can be paid direct by EFT.
See Treasurer, Lorraine Oaten, for
Bank details.**



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Branch Meeting Manager

Lora Schiele

Travel Committee:

Marg Wood, Lorraine & Peter Oaten, Ian Schuck, David Hewett

To members celebrating a birthday this month



Greensborough Branch

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Branch Xmas Luncheon
10 December 2024

Greensborough RSL
(Function Room opens at 9.45 am)

Morning Tea (Scones) at 10.15 am

Entertainer: 'Bobby James'
at 11.00 am - 12.00 noon

Xmas Lunch at 12.00 - please advise any dietary requirements when booking with Lorraine.



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 new Welfare Officer, Marg Wood.

Marg's contact details are:

Mob: 0412 687 844

Email: margw46@gmail.com



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as at 30/09/2024	19,588.63
Plus Income:	
Sister Act	450.00
Mt Gambier	10,050.00
Longreach/Winton	400.00
RSL Xmas Lunch	1,320.00
NSA Q'land Commission	200.00
Attendance	253.80
Raffle	140.00
Total:	12,813.80
Less Expenses	
Broadway Travel (Caldermeade)	-96.00
Trade Travel	-400.00
Donation Speaker	-100.00
Xmas Hamper supplies	-70.00
Computer Cartridges	-56.82
Raffle/Door Prizes	-35.00
Total:	-757.82
Balance as at: 31/10/2024	31,644.61

COFFEE CLUB



Wednesday 4 December 2024 - 10.15 am
Greensborough RSL, Long Tan Café & Bar
111 Main Road, Greensborough

LUNCH CLUB



Thursday 12 December 2024 - 12.30 pm

Greensborough Hotel
Main Street, Greensborough

RSVP: By Monday 9 December November 2024
Lesley Bruce - 0409 232 988

DINNER CLUB



THERE IS NO DINNER CLUB IN DECEMBER

DINNER CLUB WILL BEGIN AGAIN
IN MARCH 2025



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

Mt Gambier Trip for 2025!

We now have a full bus for this trip, however people who may wish to go are encouraged to put their name down on the wait list in case someone needs to cancel.

If you are going on this trip and have not yet completed a booking form please do so **ASAP**. Forms can be obtained from the front desk or from Ian Schuck.

Final payment for the Mount Gambier trip is due by **31 January 2025**. As we do not have a branch meeting in January could please ensure that payment is made to Lorraine Oaten by the January date. See itinerary below.....

**Greensborough National Seniors
MT GAMBIER, SA, 5 NIGHT / 6 DAY TOUR**

Sunday 30 March to Friday 4 April 2025



Mt Gambier, half way between Adelaide & Melbourne, is the major service centre for the Limestone Coast. Take in many attractions in the area on this fabulous tour.

- All Transfers & Touring
- 1 night at Skenes Creek & 4 nights at the Motel Mt Gambier
- Breakfasts and 2-Course Dinners
- Visits including the Great Ocean Road, Blue Lake Tour, Umpherston Sinkhole, Feasts, Port MacDonnell Maritime Museum, Millicent Living History Museum, Tantaloona Cave, Mt Gambier, John Riddoch Centre, Mary MacKillop Centre, Yallum Park Homestead, Lady Nelson Visitor Centre, Glenelg Chocs, Hamilton & more

COST: \$1,650pp Twin/double share
 Single supplement \$340
 18-28 people on 28-seater bus
 35-48 people on 48-seater coach
supplement applies for numbers between 29-34 people
 \$350pp deposit due by October meeting
 Balance due by 31 January 2025



SPIRIT TRAVEL & TOURS



Our Walking Group wearing their hats for Cup Day

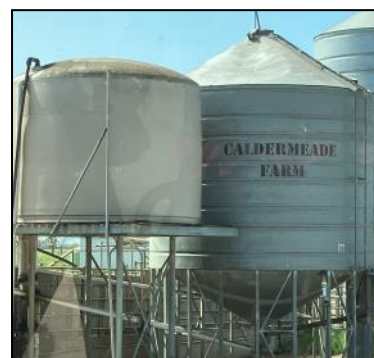


Well another great day on Thursday 10 October and thanks to all those who made it so. After an early start from Greensborough Memorial Park, we headed first for Tooradin for a great morning tea. Not just bikkies this time, but Italian sausage with savoy bikkies, sweet biscuits, cake, cheese, such an assortment along with our tea and coffee provided by the very sociable Jag, our driver. We picked the right morning as sharing the lawns of our morning tea was a very large number of bikies with their uniforms and magnificent bikes, and the sunshine was beautiful.

Then along to Caldameade Farm at KooWeRup where we were split into groups and taken for a tour of the beautiful brown eyed calves, had a pat for those who were close enough, then a little train ride out to the paddocks to feed the cattle alongside our vehicle.

Then inside for a beautiful meal of our choice, before the milking began. It was just fascinating to watch those cows head for their own stalls and try to push each other out to get first in line for the slots in the milking machine. When the machine finally got round to the exit they very calmly headed out and away, swinging a lot more easily than when they came in all heavy with milk. My first time actually arranging a trip for National Seniors with David Hewett and it went off without a hitch - a beautiful day and a great place to take your kids!

Yvonne DeMarchi, Activities Officer



HOBART & BEYOND TASMANIA TOUR

Departing Greensborough War Memorial Park on 20 October, we visited Queenscliff & Point Lonsdale before arriving at Corio Quay in time to board the Spirit of Tasmania. The trip across Bass Strait was 'rock & roll without the music' and we arrived early morning in Devonport.

We visited Mona (Museum of Old & New Art) to see the eccentric exhibits before checking into the Riverfront Motel for 5 nights.

Hobart on Saturday was a busy day with visits to Cascades Female Factory, Salamanca Market and the wonderful Botanical Gardens. Cascades Female Factory is the most significant site in Australia associated with the story of female convicts. The site was for punishment and reform with the treatment of women and children over 28 years was most inhumane.

We visited Russell Falls & Lake St Clair. A highlight was the Wall in the Wilderness. Panels which make up the Wall are mostly Huon Pine and span 100 metres in length. Each panel tells a story, it was quite amazing.

The major highlight was the ferry to Bruny Island. We had a conducted tour with a local guide pointing out features along the way. Bruny Island is rich in history with Captain Cook landing, Jurassic Capes, wild nature and rare birds. Home to 12 bird species the fluted Cape is one of the Highest Sea Cliffs in the Southern Hemisphere. Lunch was supplied by the CWA ladies and it was a delight.

Next, we visited Port Arthur with a walking guide and a cruise around the Isle of the Dead. Port Arthur was a punishment station for repeat offenders from all the Australian Colonies. Port Arthur was built on discipline & punishment, religious and moral instruction, training and education.

On the way to the Launceston airport, we visited Richmond, Ross and Oatlands. Oatlands an historical town has the most Sandstone Buildings in the world.

We arrived back in Greensborough after our flight having had a wonderful tour of Tasmania. A special mention to Tony from Spirit Travel who made the tour even more enjoyable. **Peter Oaten, Travel Committee**



A picturesque spot



Group on Bruny Island



Group & 'feathered intruder' in front of bridge built by convicts



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 Workshops Bunnings Eltham



There are two further Garden Workshops being held this year at Bunnings' Eltham store, cnr Bridge & Susan Streets, on **Tuesday 12 November & Tuesday 10 December at 11.00 am to 12.00 noon.**

Along with Garden workshops, Bunnings Eltham also have a number of other workshops and members are invited to attend.

**Bookings are required. Please contact:
Tel: 9430 0100 or preferably google 'Bunnings Eltham' to register on line.**

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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:
Leith Park Village Site Supervisor – Matthew Cattell on 9433 1100

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