

# Greensborough Gossip



**Greensborough Branch Newsletter**  
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December 2021 — Editor Marlene Goodyear



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hi Everyone,

I am so pleased to be able to welcome back members to our December Branch Meeting — our last one was in May!

We have a few members who cannot attend the December meeting for various reasons but they hope to catch up with us in February 2022.

Some members have had medical issues and loved ones pass away during the various shutdowns. The restrictions have been so difficult and our thoughts are with them.

As you know, this year we needed to cancel many of our day trips and club activities due to constant shutdowns.

A small group of members were fortunate though to go on a 4-day trip to **Apollo Bay/ Great Ocean Road in April**. We also did a bus trip to **Barwon Park Homestead in May**.

We will endeavour to run the **Blackwood** trip next year as this proved very popular with members. It is too early to get dates and prices from the bus company, but hopefully we can organise the activity for the first part of 2022.

The three departures to **King Island** are now going ahead in **February/March 2022**.

The last couple of years have been difficult for many people in Australia and around the world. Who knows what future challenges we may face, but we 'Seniors' are a resilient bunch and will just get on with it!

On behalf of Marlene & I and the Committee we wish all our members and their families a great Christmas & New Year. What a JOY it will be to get together again with one another.

**Regards. Bob Goodyear**



## **Samaritan's Purse** **Operation Christmas Child**

Hi members,

This year was particularly difficult with regard to getting items and boxes for Samaritans Purse. Everything had to be in by 7<sup>th</sup> November as the boxes were being processed in South Australia this year because Victoria's lockdown status was too precarious. Despite lockdowns, several Greensborough National Seniors members still managed to get boxes, items and money to me to help us with making up the boxes.

The group I am involved with had a final tally of 353 boxes which is absolutely amazing as we had such a short time to get things done. I'll be able to let you know Victoria's and Australia's tallies early in the New Year.

We hope things will be back to "normal" next year and we can get back to filling more boxes. I'd like to thank everyone for their help and donations. We look forward to starting off again next year.

*Best Wishes, Dianne Klein*

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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**

**Book Exchange Coordinator - Ken Pickett**

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**Past Presidents:** Christina McDonald - 003/04  
Greg Fallon - 2004/07



**Next**  
**Branch Meeting**  
**15 February 2022**

**Held at Greensborough RSL**  
**10.00 am (doors open 9.30 am for registration)**

**Please note: We haven't locked in a Speaker for February next year, but will do so in the near future.**



**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**



**OUR SPONSORS HAVE KINDLY DONATED ITEMS TOWARDS OUR 2021 XMAS RAFFLE**

**We would like to acknowledge:**

- **Bunnings Eltham - Poinsettias**
- **Officeworks Bundoora - Coffee Pod Machine & Milk Frother**

**Gift Cards from:**

- **Coles Greensborough**
- **Woolworths Greensborough**
- **Dan Murphy's Eltham**

**Congratulations to member, Margaret Alcorn, who celebrated her 90th Birthday on 11 December. What a wonderful achievement!**



**Greensborough Branch**  
**Contact Info**

**Email Address:**  
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**C/o 6 Alex Court, Greensborough 3088**

**Postponed Dinner  
Club event from 2021**

**DINNER  
CLUB**



**Saturday 15 January 2022 - arrive by 6.00 pm**  
**The Meadows (Greyhound Racing)**  
80 Northcorp Blvd, Broadmeadows

Dinner - A La Carte. (No Buffet)  
(No prepayment) Pay as you go on the night

**RSVP:** By Saturday 8 January  
Bev Sharp - 9465 4128 or 0431 255 512

**DINNER  
CLUB**



**Friday 4 February 2022 - 6.30 pm**

**The Greensborough Hotel**

75 Main Road, Greensborough

Tel: 9435 1911

**RSVP:** By Monday 31 January 2022  
Bob Goodyear - 9435 2529

**LUNCH  
CLUB**



**Thursday 10 February 2022 - 12.00 noon**

**Summerhill Hotel**

13/830 Plenty Road

Tel: 9471 3255

**RSVP:** By Monday 7 February 2022  
Lesley Bruce - 0409 232 988



**GOLF CLUB**

*has resumed on Mondays*

**Golf enthusiasts can contact Ian Schuck for bookings  
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



## KING ISLAND TOURS

We have three fully booked tours in 2022 for "The King Island Experience" 4 days/3 nights. TOUR 1: 1-4 February, TOUR 2: 21-24 February, TOUR 3: 4-7 March. These tours were postponed this year due to Covid shutdowns.

Those going on the above tours please check your emails in due course for info on departure & return times. Also we are yet to organise bus transfers to and from Melbourne airport. **Contact: Marg Wood or Lorraine Oaten for further details.**

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***FOR THOSE MEMBERS NOT TRAVELLING TOO FAR.....We are attempting to run the Blackwood day trip again during the first half of 2022 - once the bus companies are up and running! It was a popular tour choice with members.***



## Blackwood Hotel (Gold Mining Town) & Garden of St Erth, Blackwood



Incl Morning Tea, guided tour of St Erth Garden. 2-course Lunch, followed by guided bus tour of the surrounding Blackwood area. Cost: TBA. Time: 9.00-5.30 pm. Bus pick-up at Greensborough Memorial Park, McDowell St).

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## Travel Committee Announcement



***The Travel Committee is considering conducting a 14-day tour of Western Australia in August/September 2022. WA was one of the destinations suggested by 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 in 2022 with regard to travelling within Australia.***

## 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.



**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.**



### **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**

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**

### **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:  
**Sarah Kellett, Activities Organiser - Tel: 9430 0100**

**Due to Covid restrictions this Workshop is currently suspended. Bunnings hope to have this up & running sometime in the near future.**



### **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.

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20 Wattletree Road, Eltham North.**

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**For all enquiries please contact:**

**Residents' Coordinator - Karen Ernest on 9433 1100**