



# Maroondah Message

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## *Hearing Dogs*



At our July meeting we were fortunate to hear Dianne Wadsworth talking about the Lions Hearing Dogs program and the importance to her of her own hearing dog. It was fascinating to hear about these dogs which so many of us were not aware of and to see the difference it has made to Dianne's own life.



What is coming up:

- **August 8th** Kylie Brawn talks about Kids Under Cover
- **August 10th** Lunch Lakeside Cafe
- **August 18** the walk from Sofia's
- **August 25th** the coffee club meet at Mullum Walk Café
- **September 5th** Zone Meeting
- **September 12th** our **AGM** and Fran Sirio from Australian Pacific Travel

## *Walkers or Eaters - Maybe Both!*



**Gary demonstrates why the coffee club have joined the walkers at the Mullum Walk Cafe.** It appears that most of the branch activities revolve around food. In July one group had an excellent meal at

Henry's International. The walking group having walked to the Mullum Walk Café from Sofia's liked the food so much that in July they walked there again this time from Eastland. Then the coffee club having heard about Gary's dessert decided to move their meetings from the Balsamic to the Mullum Walk Café.

In August the lunch group are going to eat at the Lakeside Café and in September the dine-out group are dining at Phoolwarri Indian Restaurant near the Ringwood Library.

## *Social Activities*

### **DINNER CLUB - Thursday 15th September**

Our July dinner at *Henry's International* was very successful. The quality of the food was exceeded only by the quality of the company. Our next dinner will be on 15th September at Phoolwarri Indian restaurant Civic Place Ringwood (next to the library). To book ring Tricia on 9723-9389.

The group in the picture aren't actually diners; they are walkers refuelling at their half-way stop.



### **BUSHWALK - Thursday August 18th**



After refuelling our intrepid walkers set off to return to Eastland.

Keeping the same formula, our next walk will be a 30 minute stroll along the Mullum Creek Walk to the Mullum Walk Café for morning tea.

We are meeting at 9.30am at the car park at the rear of Sofia's on Maroondah highway, Croydon on Thursday 18th August

### **COFFEE CLUB - Thursday August 25th**

If what you really like to do; is just sit down for a good cup of tea (or coffee) and a chat then come along to the coffee club. The next meeting is at 2:00pm on Thursday August 25th at the Mullum Walk Café which is just east of KFC on the Maroondah Highway in Ringwood. This venue is becoming very popular but I suspect it has more to do with the cakes than the coffee.

**You don't need to book just turn up for a cuppa and a chat.**

### **THE NEXT BUS TRIP - November 6th**

It is a long way off but this is a trip not to be missed. We will be visiting Chateau Tabilk Winery and then cruising up the river to Michelton Winery for lunch. Even if you don't like wine; both of these wineries are worth visiting for their architecture and scenery. There will be more details in our next newsletter and at the meeting but put this date in your diary now and contact Gary on 9725-0891 for more details or to book.

Please note: In the notice going out about our AGM (in September) the date is given as the 13th. Ignore that because the date has definitely been changed to the 6th.

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The Next committee meeting will be August 22nd at Gino Barba's home commencing at 2:00pm.

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## Zone Meeting!

Our branch is hosting the September Quarterly meeting of Zone 106 at Federation Estate on Monday September 5th starting at 10:00. This will be attended by delegates from all of the other Victorian branches so it is our chance to show them Ringwood hospitality.

We need volunteers to help us setup the room and serve morning tea and lunch. It is also a good chance to meet people from other branches and to see policy making at work.

If you are willing to help out please let Gino Barba know on 9876-3619.

## August & September Meetings.

On **August 8th** we will once again meet at Federation Estate at 2:00pm and our speaker will be Kylee Brawn from the very worthwhile, but unfortunately not well known, charity Kids Under Cover.

On **September 12th** we will be holding our Annual General Meeting. It will be a chance for us to review our first year and plan for our second. It will also be a chance for new people to stand for positions on our committee. This is a great chance for everyone. You not only get a chance to contribute to our on going success but you also get a chance to practice some organizational skills and perhaps learn new skills and all the time you have the fun of participating in a friendly and dedicated team. Come on we need YOU!

To liven up the meeting our speaker will be Fran Sirio from Australian Pacific Travel. This should be interesting because I will have just returned from one of their tours in Europe so I will be able to tell you what sort of a job they do.