



Maroondah Message

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Gilmour's Shoes

At our July meeting, John Gilmour educated and amused us with his tales of shoes. We learnt about the history of shoes and future trends as well, what to look for in a good shoe and what to avoid in a bad shoe.

What could have been a dull topic was turned into a fascinating one by John's obvious expertise and his passion for shoes.

Our next meeting is Monday September 4th at the RSL and features Gaye Gay talking about Live Theatre Production



What is coming up:

- **September 4th** at **Ringwood RSL** "Live Theatre Production"
- **September 7th** walk in Warrandyte
- **September 14th** dinner at De Fazio's
- **September 21st** walk along Tarralla Creek to Croydon
- **September 28th** coffee club at Myers Eastland
- **October 2nd** meeting at **Ringwood RSL** "Arthritis and Dinosaurs"

Puffing Billy



At our August meeting Laurie Bunn spoke about Puffing Billy, the Puffing Billy Preservation Society and his experiences while working as a volunteer in their ticket office.

He was a very interesting and amusing speaker and we all discovered much that we didn't know before about this Melbourne institution. I learnt that, as well as an army of volunteers, Puffing Billy employs 40 paid staff. To run the train on any day requires a minimum of 27 volunteers and to provide flexibility most of the volunteers are multi-skilled.

We also learnt through Laurie's endless supply of amusing anecdotes just how challenging dealing with the public can be for someone working in a ticket office.

The options for special outings and dining on these old trains has certainly changed since the last time I travelled on it and Laurie offered us a special discount if we organized a group outing. So if you think this would be a good outing then let Garry or someone else on the committee know.

Walking Group - Thursday September 4th & 21st

The walking group walk on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month.

September 7th we will walk along the river in Warrandyte starting out from the car park at the end of Stiggant Street (Mel M23 C12) at 9:30am.

September 21st we will be walking into Croydon along the Tarralla Creek Trail starting from the car park in Eastfield Rd

If you are coming on a walk please let Rae know on 9876-1577



Dinner Group - Thursday September 14th



The dinner group meet every second month alternating between 2nd Wednesday and the 2nd Thursday evenings.

Our next dinner is at 7:00pm

De Fazio's Restaurant (Italian)

155 Whitehorse Rd, Blackburn

Book with Tricia by September meeting (9723-9389)

Lunch Group - October 12th

The lunch group alternate with the dinner group meeting every end month alternating between the 2nd Wednesday and the 2nd Thursday of the month.

We will eat again at 12:30pm on Thursday October 12th at All Smiles Café on the Course at Ringwood Golf Course.

Book at the October meeting or by phoning Marion 9879-7235



Theatre Night - November 10th



On Friday November 10th at 7:30pm a group will attend a performance by the Mooroolbark Theatre Group. The play, a hilarious spoof of the best of the Agatha Christie traditions, twists and turns with side-splitting antics and ever-increasing merriment and confusion. The last time we attended a play by the same group it was a great night that everyone enjoyed.

The cost is \$15 and we are limited to 20 people so book early.

Book at the September meeting or by phoning Tricia 9723-9389

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The next committee meeting will be 28th August at Thelma Licheri's home commencing at 2:00pm.

Coffee Club Thursday September 28th.

The coffee club meet on the 4th Thursday of each month at 2:00pm.

This month the Coffee Club are meeting at the coffee shop inside Myers Eastland. There is no need to book just come along for a cuppa and a chat.

Werribee Zoo Thursday November 2nd

The bus will leave Sofia's Restaurant in Croydon at 8.30am for Werribee Open Range Zoo where you will experience a unique wildlife safari.

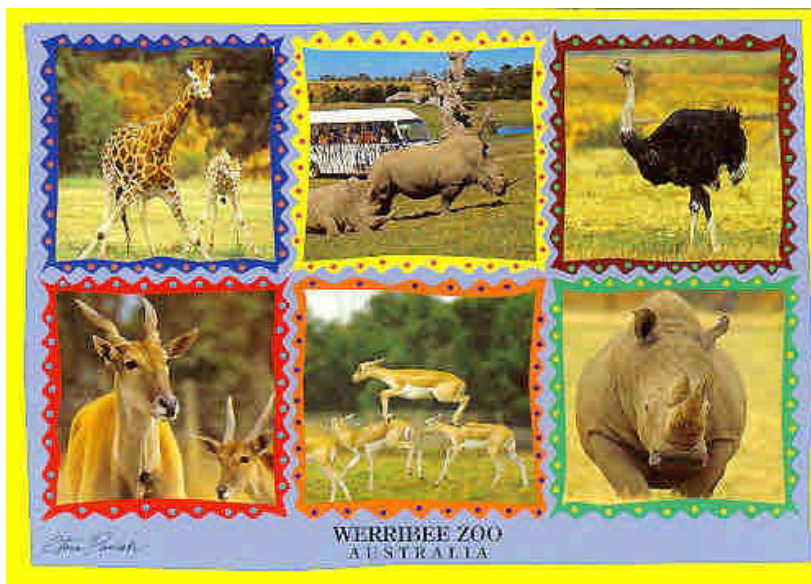
See open grassland animals from around the world, explore the walking trails and enjoy a guided safari bus tour of the 200 hectares of grassy plains.

Lunch is provided 2 course and tea and coffee at the Werribee Park Golf Club with great views of cliffs and ocean

Price includes Zoo entry & safari bus tour, 2 course lunch and luxury coach travel.

The cost will be \$45.00. You can book at the September or October meetings or by ringing Garry on 9725-0891.

If you need a ride to and from Sofia's just let Garry know and we will arrange to have someone pick you up.



Annual General Meeting

As previously advised, our next meeting on September 4th will be our Annual General Meeting. If you wish to nominate for a position on our committee you should return a signed nomination form to the secretary immediately. If there is anything you wish added to the agenda for discussion please advise Peter Feeney on 9879-0622.