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## Christmas in July

Christmas in July was off to a flying start on the 25th with everyone leaving on time from Sofia's. The only problem was that the bus driver didn't have directions to the Templestowe Hotel and had to backtrack. Going by the comments, it seemed all the seniors knew the way...



A hostess welcomed us to the hotel and encouraged everyone to try as much as they wanted from the smorgasbord. The selection of food provided was excellent.

Those who wished to were able to play the poker machines using the \$3.00 voucher provided by the hotel while others used it to obtain a drink from the bar.



As the luncheon started at 11.30 a.m. most found that the departure time of 2.30 p.m. allowed plenty of time for all to enjoy the outing. Fortunately, the trip home by bus was uneventful.



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Some days we are the flies; some days we are the windscreens.

### *They walk among us...*

One day I was walking down the beach with some friends when one of them shouted, "Look at that dead bird!" Someone looked up at the sky and said, "Where?"

### *They walk among us...*

I used to work in technical support for a 24/7 call centre. One day I got a call from an individual who asked what hours the call centre was open. I told him "The number you dialled is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. He responded "Is that Eastern or Pacific time?"

### *They walk among us...*

My colleague and I were eating our lunch in our cafeteria, when we overheard one of the administrative assistants talking about the sunburn she got on her weekend drive in a convertible, but "didn't think she'd get sunburned because the car was moving..."

### *They walk among us...*

In her car, my sister has a lifesaving tool designed to cut through a seat belt if she gets trapped. She keeps it in the boot.

### *...they walk among us.*

## *The speaker in August*

Peter and Pam Beaver from Ringwood Jewellers addressed the meeting on the 6 August. Pam outlined her family's history and experience in this business, also mentioning that Ringwood Jewellers had started ten years ago and had won a number of awards over the years.

Peter described the various ways diamonds are coloured, graded and priced and also how they procure diamonds for their own business - by purchasing them directly and personally from Antwerp. He also described how difficult it can be to detect man-made diamonds from those naturally formed and discussed some of the reasons for price differences in jewellery.

The seniors weren't short on questions for Peter Beaver at the end of his presentation. Unfortunately for Marion and other optimists, no samples of diamonds were on offer, though each member did receive a "showbag" from Ringwood Jewellers.

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## *September Meeting*

### **The Annual General Meeting**

Our next meeting is at 2 p.m. on **Monday 3 September**. This meeting is Maroondah Seniors' Annual General Meeting and members should note that all nominations for the committee must be in to Peter Feeney by 20 August.

Joe Parsons will be the speaker at the September meeting and his presentation will be about animal toys, "shoes for elephants", and the like according to Garry.

## *October Meeting*

At our meeting on **Monday, 1 October**, we will hear about the Royal Flying Doctor Service though we do not have the speaker's name to date.

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## *Dinner Group*

**The dinner group alternates with the lunch group, meeting every second month, also alternating between the second Wednesday and second Thursday.**

Our next dinner is as follows:

Venue:	Mykonos Greek Tavern
Address:	Shop 14/ 14 Jackson Court, Donaster East
Date:	13 September, 2007
Time:	7 p.m.
Bookings:	Book with Tricia at our September meeting or by ringing her on 9723 9389.

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**Thoughts for this month...**

If you think nobody cares whether you're dead or alive, try missing a couple of mortgage payments.

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Good judgment comes from experience; experience comes from bad judgment.

**Lunch Group**

On Wednesday 8 August, 10 hardy souls braved the wind and enjoyed each other's company over a bite of food at Yarra Blue Restaurant in North Ringwood. Some of us probably had a little too much to eat and should have taken a long walk afterwards.

Our next lunch is on **Thursday 11 October**. Hopefully, What's A Name's Restaurant will be back in business by then, after the fire.

**Walking Group**

**The walking group walks on the first and third Thursday of each month. All walks will start at 9.30 a.m.**

**Thursday 6 September** is our Heathmont walk. We will meet in the carpark at the end of Marlborough Road, Heathmont for our walk into the Heathmont shopping centre, where we will take refreshments, before heading back to the car park.

**Thursday 20 September** we return to Lilydale Lake, meeting in the main car park off Swansea Road. We circle the lake before heading off to the shopping centre for refreshments, then return, usually via the longest route back to the car park.

On **Thursday 4 October**, we will be walking along the track beside the Yarra River at Warrandyte, starting from the Stiggant Road car park. Refreshments are taken at the shopping centre before returning.

**For your Grandchildren...**

Q. What happened to the cat that swallowed the ball of wool?

A. She had mittens.

Q. What two words have the most letters?

A. Post Office.

Q. Have you heard about the footballer who only comes out at night?

A. He is the star player.

Q. Why does a dog chase its tail?

A. To make both ends meet.

**Coffee Club**

**The Coffee Club meets on the fourth Thursday of each month.**

The Coffee Club will meet on Thursday, **27 September** at 2 pm at the coffee shop in Myer Eastland. There's no need to book; just come along for a cuppa and a chat.

**COBA Lunch**

COBA has organised its Christmas Lunch early this year. It will be held on 15 November, 2007. The cost is \$30.00 for those wishing to attend and a deposit of \$10.00 will need to be paid at our next meeting.

## *Old poodle...*

A wealthy old lady decides to go on a photo safari in Africa, taking her faithful aged poodle named Cuddles along for company.

One day the poodle starts chasing butterflies and before long, Cuddles discovers that he's lost.. Wandering about, he notices a leopard heading rapidly in his direction with the intention of having lunch.

The old poodle thinks, "Oh, oh! I'm in deep doo-doo now!"

Noticing some bones on the ground close by, he immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat. Just as the leopard is about to leap the old poodle exclaims loudly, "Boy, that was one delicious leopard! I wonder if there are any more around here?"

Hearing this, the young leopard halts his attack in mid-strike, a look of terror comes over him and he slinks away into the trees. "Whew!", says the leopard, "That was close! That old poodle nearly had me!"

Meanwhile, a monkey who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the leopard. So off he goes, but the old poodle sees him heading after the leopard with great speed, and figures that something must be up.

The monkey soon catches up with the leopard, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the leopard. The young leopard is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here, monkey, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine!"

Now, the old poodle sees the leopard coming with the monkey on his back and thinks, "What am I going to do now?", but instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet, and just when they get close enough to hear, the old poodle says, "Where's that damn monkey? I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another leopard!"

Moral of this story....

Don't mess with old farts...age and treachery will always overcome youth and skill! Bullshit and brilliance only come with age and experience.