



# Maroondah Message

## Dates to Remember:

- **August 29th** 9:30 am  
Walk Lilydale Lake
- **August 31st** 9:30 am Breakfast  
at Platinum
- **September 2nd** 2:00 pm  
Meeting at Ringwood RSL
- **September 5th** 9:30am  
Walk at Warrandyte
- **September 10** Lunch at Canticle  
Bakery
- **September 17** Morning Melodies  
at Karralyka—The Complete Beatles
- **September 19th** 9:30am  
Walk at Croydon
- **September 25** Dinner at Ringwood  
Chinese Restaurant
- **October 7th** 2:00pm  
Meeting at Ringwood RSL
- **December 2nd** 12:00 noon  
Christmas Lunch at Yarra Valley Lodge

## AUGUST MEETING

The speaker at our August meeting was Myra Fisher, author of *Cossacks, Cockneys and Colonials* and what an inspirational speaker she proved to be. She shared her family history with us in an interesting way, giving insights into her personal life, which has had its fair share of tragedies. However, she maintains an exceptionally positive attitude to life and a wicked sense of humour, as well as being such a natural public speaker, all of which kept us mesmerised and entertained throughout her whole presentation. A testament to the degree of interest shown in Myra's talk was the number of members who remained to speak to her and buy her book at the conclusion of the meeting



**Our Next Meeting** will be a 'show and tell' with speakers being members of our group. Joy Olney will speak about her interest in, and experiences with, genealogy. Peter Olney will discuss his advocacy representations and Robyn Potter will share some of her life's interesting moments.

## AGM REPORT

Prior to our speaker's presentation, the Annual General Meeting was held. The meeting was well attended with 51 present. As well as our regular members, we welcomed two potential new members as well as Bernadette Trahair from National Seniors Melbourne Office.



Also visiting was Bob Goodyear from Greensborough Branch. We thank our outgoing Secretary, Anne Hamilton, for all her hard work during the past three years. Thankfully, Anne has agreed to remain as a General Committee member, where her expertise will be greatly appreciated. All members who were nominated for the Committee were unanimously elected. We welcome new Committee members Kathleen Jackson and Gilda Lawrenson. Please refer to page 4 of this newsletter for a full list of Committee members and office bearers.

## *Christmas Luncheon - Monday, December 2*



This year's Christmas breakup will take place on Monday December 2. Christmas luncheon will be held at The Yarra Valley Lodge, 2 Heritage Avenue, Chirnside Park. There will be a delicious selection of roast meats and accompaniments served at the carvery by their chef. Roasts include turkey, lamb, pork and ham. Main course will be followed by a choice of sweets, including Christmas pudding and a selection of cheeses. This event will take the place of our regular December meeting. The cost of this event would normally be \$47, but it will be subsidised for our members by \$8 from our branch funds. This means that the price will be \$39. You can book and pay at any of our meetings up until November. Even better, book on-line. Payments for this event must be finalised by our meeting on November 4.



### **TENPIN BOWLING**

One of our newer social activities, and one that has proved to be very popular, is tenpin bowling. So far we have held two tenpin bowling outings at Oz Tenpin Bowling, Chirnside Park. The cost of \$15, for two games, includes a cup of coffee or tea and cake, if we have ten or more participants. We have yet to see championship skills demonstrated, but we have all had lots of laughs and a most enjoyable time. Next time, come along and join in the fun. Most of us are beginners, so you don't need any prior experience or skills. Look out for our next tenpin bowling outing, scheduled for October. The date is yet to be finalised.

### **MESSAGE FROM THE (NEW) EDITOR**

Many thanks to Tricia Kristensen who has produced our newsletter for a number of years. Taking over from her will be a difficult act to follow. The newsletter will be looking a little different from now on, as I will be using a different computer program to produce it. Here's hoping for a successful outcome. If you have any items to contribute please let me know at the monthly meetings, or email me at [carol.obrien6@gmail.com](mailto:carol.obrien6@gmail.com). Also, a big thankyou to Hanna and Gino Barba who have kept the trading table in action for three years.

Fortunately, Des has agreed to take over from them, so keep the goodies coming in, especially books, which seem to be the most popular items. Any items which do not sell in a reasonable time will be recycled via one of our local charity op-shops.



### **Coffee Anyone?**

**Thursday September 26th, 2:00pm** Members and their friends are invited to meet at Cafe Zukka inside Eastland, at the rear of Myer, near the stage. No need to book just come along for coffee (and maybe cake) and a chat.

## *Dine-Outs Coming Up*

**Tuesday, September 10— Lunch** at Canticle Bakery, McAdam Square (opposite Luther College) Croydon Hills 12:30

**Wednesday, September 25—Dinner** at Ringwood Chinese Restaurant, Shop 5, 68-72 Maroondah Highway, Ringwood, 7:00

You can book on our website or get more information or book by contacting Trish at the September meeting or on 9725-5883.



### JUST A COUPLE OF IMPORTANT REMINDERS

If you need to cancel a booking that you have made for a dine-out, please contact Trish Nixon on **9725-5883**.

Please bring cash to pay at dine-outs as credit card payments are not acceptable.

For breakfast bookings and cancellations please phone Judith Griffith on 9726 5494.

Recently, it has occurred that people have failed to arrive at some events for which they have booked, without letting anyone know. This not only causes problems for the venue concerned, but also embarrassment for the organiser.

Also, remember that it is your responsibility to pay for events by the due date. Where possible, please bring the correct money to the meeting. Despite our best efforts, sometimes it is necessary to queue up in order to pay at meetings. Please be patient and don't walk away, as we will assume that when a payment is not received, you are not attending the function.

### **LUNCH AT THE MOVIES—SEPTEMBER 4 & 11**

Join us for the Seniors Lunch at the Movies at Hoyts Eastland on Wednesday September 4 and/or September 11. It costs \$14.50 for the cinema entry and a basket lunch. The movie starts at 10:30 followed by the lunch and bottomless tea and coffee. Meet at the theatre at 10:00 am.

The films are **Gambit** on September 4. starring Cameron Diaz, Colin Firth and Alan Rickman.

An art curator decides to seek revenge on his abusive boss by conning him into buying a fake Monet.

**Red 2** on September 11 stars Bruce Willis, Helen Mirren, John Malkovich and Catherine Zeta-Jones. Retired black-ops CIA agent Frank Moses reunites his unlikely team of elite operatives for a global quest to track down a missing portable nuclear device.



### **WALKING GROUP**

**Thursday 5th September 9:30 am Warrandyte.** Meet at the carpark at the bottom of Stiggant Road, Melways Ref. 23 D12. We head along the river trail as far as the *Stonehouse* café before returning to the carpark, stopping along the way for a break at a choice of coffee shops.

**Thursday 19th September 9:30 am Croydon along the Taralla Creek Track at Croydon.** Park at the pre-school carpark, which is situated in Eastfield Road, just a short way down from Bayswater Road. We walk along the trail through to Croydon Main Street, for a coffee break at one of the many cafes.— before returning along the trail to our cars.



**Short version**—park at the end of Lusher Road and join the walk as it comes past (approx. 10-15 minutes later).

**Please contact Mel 9870 1597 for more details.**

**If there is heavy rain or temperature at 9:00 am is over 25°C (in summer) walk will be cancelled and we will meet at Myer's Cafeteria for coffee at 9:30 am.**



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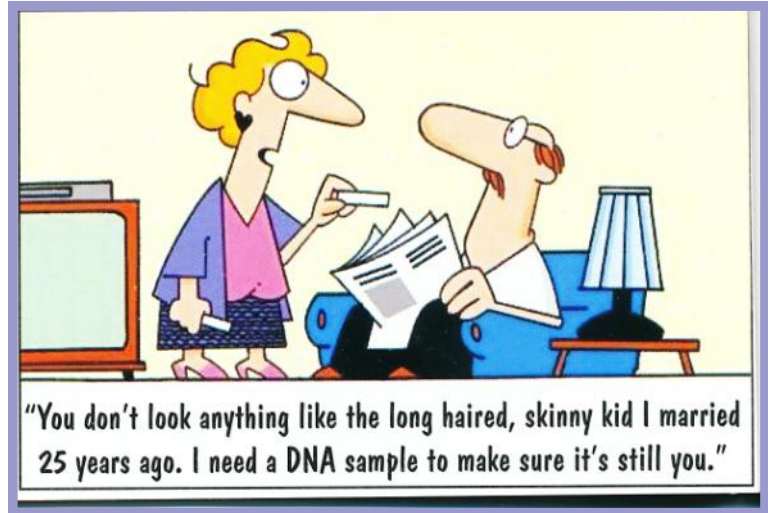
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*Dates for Your Diary*

**Thursday August 29** 6:15p.m. Electoral forum with Michael O'Neill from NSA and candidates for Deakin. Come along and show the candidates that their policies are important to seniors.

**Thursday October 17** Visit to the National Rhododendron Gardens at Olinda combined with lunch at **Cloud Hill**.

**Monday October 28** 9:00am to 5:00pm there will be a Seniors Wellbeing Expo at Eastland. This will be well worth looking in on and we will be manning a stand promoting National Seniors for which Peter Feeny wants volunteers. If you can spare a couple of hours on that day please contact him.

**September 4 and 11**—Lunch at the movies, 10.00 a.m.

**October 31** –Special historical walk. Exact location TBA.



Don't forget, if you need transport to a meeting or social outing, just call a committee member.


If you know of a member who is unwell, please let us know so that we can send our best wishes. Call the President, Helen Fox on 9879 4058 or Secretary, Carol O'Brien, on 9722 9870.

**VIRUS ALERT**

Just got this in from a reliable source. It seems that there is a computer virus out there called the C-nile Virus that even the most advanced programs from Norton, and suchlike cannot take care of, so be warned.

It appears to affect those of us who were born before 1958!

1. Causes you to send the same e-mail twice... twice...twice
2. Causes you to send a blank e-mail.
3. Causes you to send to the wrong person.
4. Causes you to send back to person who sent it to you.
5. Causes you to forget to attach the attachment.
6. Causes you to hit "SEND" before you've finished the



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We are always on the lookout for contributions. You can send articles, jokes, news, and especially pictures. Just e-mail them to Carol at carol.obrien6@gmail.com or hand them to me at the next meeting.