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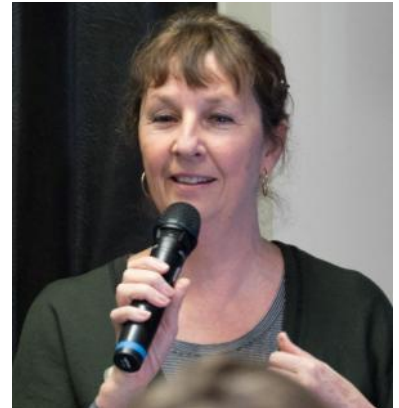
Maroondah Message

Dates to Remember

- **September 7**—Branch meeting at Maroondah Sports Club
- **September 3**—Walk along Heathmont Rail Trail
- **September 9**—Dinner at Club Ringwood
- **September 17**— Walk from H.E. Parker Reserve
- **September 20**— Afternoon Tea at Yerling Meadows
- **September 24**— Coffee at Myer Eastland

AUGUST MEETING

This year we held our **11th Annual General Meeting**. All of the established Committee members stood for re-election and we also welcomed new Committee members, Marilyn and Peter Waters and Rhonda Walker who will, no doubt, contribute some fresh ideas to our social calendar.



Our speaker was **Rosalie Ham**, author of **The Dressmaker**, the novel which has recently been made into a film starring Kate Winslet, Hugo Weaving, Liam Hemsworth and Judy Davis, among a large cast of other well-known Australian actors.

Rosalie entertained us with tales of her youth in the country town of Jerilderie and snippets of information about some of the people on whom she based her characters, who are mostly composites of several real-life people.

As an author, Rosalie is understandably very proud and excited to have had her first novel made into a world acclaimed film. Many of us will be on the lookout for its local release in October. The official trailer on the Internet certainly looks very entertaining. Check it out if you haven't already done so.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our next monthly meeting will be held on **Monday, September 7, 2015** at Maroondah Sports Club, Mt. Dandenong Road, Ringwood East. As always, entry to members and visitors is from 1:40 p.m. with the meeting commencing at 2:00 p.m. Cost of entry is \$4 which includes afternoon tea and a ticket for our lucky door prize. Please remember we request that you have the correct change to pay.

September speaker, Maureen Shand, a wedding organiser will discuss **Funny things that happen at weddings**. This should be a most entertaining subject.

Please check that all your **contact details** are correct when you register as we have found that some **addresses** and **telephone numbers** are out of date, making it difficult to contact people regarding changes of arrangements for outings.



Our regular fourth Thursday coffee event is held at **Myer Cafeteria, Eastland**. No need to book, just come along for a friendly coffee, chat and perhaps a cake. Members and friends welcome.

Thursday, September 24, 2:00 p.m. We hope to see you there. Please note that we have returned to our original venue.

BRANCH CHRISTMAS LUNCH



It may seem a little early to mention **Christmas**, but we are excited to announce that Trish has organised a very special lunch for us on Thursday, December 17 at **Rosebank**, Warrandyte Road, Ringwood North. **Rosebank** is well known to many of us, as we have enjoyed several delicious meals there in the past and it is a very convenient venue for most members. They have put together an excellent package for our group at a most reasonable price, so be on the lookout for more details later and don't forget to put this date in your diary.



GET TO KNOW YOUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Our Committee member for this month is Anne Hamilton. Anne has been a Committee member for many years and was our previous Secretary. Say 'hello' to Anne when you arrive, as she is frequently one of the members at the reception desk for our monthly meetings.

MISS FISHER COSTUME

EXHIBITION AT RIPPONLEA



Tuesday, September 22

Concession entry is \$15 which covers entry to Ripponlea as well as the exhibition (this is the same for everyone including National Trust Members).

Bookings and payment for the exhibition must be made no later than our September meeting. Please book online or by phoning Gilda on **9870 0819**. Lunch is available starting at \$8.50 and should also be booked separately online, but paid for individually at the venue.

We plan to travel by train from Ringwood Station, taking the 9:09 train (second carriage from the front). Gilda has booked the exhibition for 11:00 a.m. so this should provide enough time for travel and a look around Ripponlea prior to entering the exhibition.

ANTIQUES ROADSHOW

Many people registered their interest in attending an **Antiques Roadshow** event at **Rosebank** which would include afternoon tea and the appraisal of one item. No



definite date has been organised but the event will be held on a Sunday, probably fairly late in November. Be on the lookout for further details about this occasion.



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GOURMET FOOD HAMPER LUCKY NUMBER COMPETITION

Once again we have been fortunate to receive for our local member, Dee Ryall, a gourmet food hamper. Mel will sell tickets at the September meeting, for \$1 each or 3 for \$2. Don't forget to bring along your gold coins so that you can be in the running to win this delicious hamper which contains a variety of gourmet treats. All proceeds will go to our branch.



Dine-outs Coming Up

Dinner: Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m. - Club Ringwood, Cr. Maroondah Highway & Oban Roads, Ringwood. (Please note the new trial time of 6:30 p.m.)

Dinner bookings can be made on our **web site** or by telephoning **Trish Nixon** on **9725-5883**



Afternoon Tea: Sunday, September 20, Yering Meadows, 178-180 Victoria Road, Yering 3770

Afternoon Tea bookings can be made on our website or by telephoning **Kathleen Jackson** on **9723-4919** (this time only, as Judith Griffith is not available).

In the event that you book for an a dine-out event and are unable to attend, please let the person responsible for the booking know, as it is embarrassing for the organiser when the number of people attending does not match the booking.

WALKING GROUP

Thursday, September 3, 9:30a.m.— Heathmont Rail Trail

Starting out from Ringwood Lake car park off Mt. Dandenong Road, to Heathmont via the Heathmont Rail Trail. This walk was scheduled for August but was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Thursday, September 17, 9:30a.m.— Bayswater

Starting out from the car park at H.E. Parker Reserve in Heathmont (Melways Map 64 C2). This is an easy treed walk about 35 minutes each way along the Dandenong Creek Walking Track to the Glen Park Community Centre and return.

If there is heavy rain, the walk will be cancelled and we will meet at Myer Cafeteria, Eastland for coffee at 10:00 a.m.

Please contact Mel on 9870 1597 for more details about any of the walks.



AUTRALIA CALLS

Whitehorse City Council is conducting a Heritage Week (September 10-17) to celebrate the centenary of the Gallipoli Landing. Discover the stories of those who fought in faraway lands and those who contributed to the war effort from home.

One event that may be of interest to members is a Schwerkolt Cottage Heritage Family Day on Sunday, September 13 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Deep Creek Road, Mitcham. Melways ref. 49 D7 free of cost. For more information visit [www:whitehorse.vic.gov.au](http://www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au) or phone 9262 6478.

MAROONDAH CITY COUNCIL SENIORS FESTIVAL AT KARRALYKA

As a part of the festival, there will be a Celebration Lunch on **Thursday, October 8** with **Guest Speaker Denise Drysdale** from 11:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bookings are essential for this event and they open at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, August 31. To book telephone the Social Inclusion and Wellbeing Office on 9294 5531. Spaces are limited so you need to book early.

The **Seniors Wellbeing Expo** will be open on the day from 10:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

**MAROONDAH-RINGWOOD
BRANCH**

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INTERNET SITE

If you haven't already used our new website check it out at:

www.maroondahnationalseniors.org.au



Best wishes to our members who are unwell. If you know of anyone who is sick at home or in hospital please contact the Secretary, Carol O'Brien on 9722 9870 or President, Helen Fox on 98794058 so that we can send them personal messages.

Val Lawrence, who spent some time in hospital recently, is now at home and sends the following message:

" Many thanks to our friends in the club for their support and kindness during my recent stay in hospital. The flowers sent to the hospital were beautiful. Again, many thanks."

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday, October 13—train trip to Ballarat with visit to the Archibald Art Exhibition. This will require an early start leaving Ringwood Station around 8:00 a.m. The precise time will be announced in the September Newsletter.

Tuesday, November 10—Morning Melodies at Karra-lyka—**How Sweet It is** with Frankie J. Holden and Michelle Pettigrove

Thursday, November 12— Tour of **Coombe Cottage** (Dame Nellie Melba's Home in Lilydale)

Thursday, December 17— Branch Christmas Lunch at **Rosebank**

Monday, October 26—**The Legacy of Catherine the Great Exhibition at N.G.V.** More details later.

TRADING TABLE

New stock is urgently required to keep the trading table viable. Bring along your unwanted bric-a-brac (in good condition) and jewellery, as well as recently published books (especially those with larger type!) or other items that you think would sell well.

