



# Maroondah Message

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## *Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year*



I would like to extend to all of you, my best wishes for you and your families, for this festive season and the coming New Year.

This year has just flown by in a blur for me, as can be witnessed by how late this newsletter is; but it has been a successful one for our group through which we have all met new friends and have been able to share experiences with our 50+ peers.

For those of you that

missed it we all had a great time at our Christmas lunch and, while some of us might have chosen different entertainment, we all enjoyed good food and great company.

Unfortunately, I forgot my camera or the front page would have had a picture of Eileen doing the chicken dance to the musical accompaniment of someone who I suspect was Vera Lynne's mother.

... Peter Feeney

### What is coming up:

- **January 5th** walk to Beasleys for morning tea.
- **January 9th** meeting at Federation Estate "Time in New Guinea"
- **January 12th** Dinner at Sofias
- **January 19th** walk to Mullum Walk Cafe
- **January 26th** the coffee club meet at Balsamic
- **February 6th** meeting at **Ringwood RSL**

## *Our November Meeting!*

At our November meeting, our speaker from the MFB's RetireEd Fire Safety Program for Older Adults, opened our eyes to the many potential fire hazards in our homes. He was particularly emphatic about the risk from electric blankets and the dangers of deadlocking ourselves in.

If you missed this presentation, you can download their brochures by going to the web site [www.mfb.org.au](http://www.mfb.org.au) and visiting the Community Information section.

Our next meeting, at Federation Estate 2pm Monday January 9th 2006, will feature Claire Wilkinson talking about her time in New Guinea.



### Walking Group - Thursday January 5th



Our walking group (pictured here walking along the Dandenong Creek) are now walking twice a month.

The next walk will be through the Mullum Mullum Creek Linear Park from Reynolds Rd to Beasley's Nursery for morning tea on January 5th .

We will meet at the carpark (behind the Hockey Centre off Reynolds Rd (Mel. 34 G7) at 9:30 am.

On Jan 19th we will walk from Sofias to the Mullum Walk Café meeting behind Sofias at 9:30 am.

Book with Rae 9876-1577

### Our November Bus Trip

Everyone voted our November Bus trip the best yet. We travelled by bus to Michleton Winery and after wine tasting we had time to visiting their art gallery, climb the lookout tower and stroll around the scenic grounds before boarding a boat to Chateau Tabilk Winery. On board we enjoyed a barbecue lunch.

My discoveries for the day included a very nice Sauvignon Blanc and learning that one of our ladies is a midnight skinny dipper.



### LUNCH CLUB

In October we had a very pleasant time - great company, good food and a very pleasant outlook at Smiles Café on the Course.

The lunch club will eat again in February 2006, date and venue to be decided. For more information contact Marion Cairnduff on 9879-7235

### DINNER CLUB - Thursday 12th January

November's dinner at Casalinga was very successful.

In January we will be dining at Sofia's on the Maroondah Hwy Croydon on Thursday 12th January at 7pm. Sofias is an inexpensive casual restaurant offering a choice of pizza pasta and other mains.

It would help if you ring Tricia 9723-9389 if you wish to attend or tell her at the January meeting.



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The Next committee meeting will be January 23rd at Tricia & Sven's home commencing at 2:00pm.

If you are interested in attending any event in this newsletter please phone one of the Activities Committee above or e-mail [peter@innsys.com.au](mailto:peter@innsys.com.au)

## Convention 2005!



Rae & I had a great time at the National Seniors Convention at the beautiful Peppers Fairmont Resort (see pictures below). That of course is not Rae with me but our Zone Chairman Les Cooper, getting in touch with his feminine side, at the MASH Dinner on the Saturday Night.

The keynote speakers, were thought provoking and brilliantly entertaining, the different activities were interesting and educational but as usual the best part was meeting so many friendly and vibrantly alive seniors from all over the country.

If you get the chance you won't regret attending one of these conventions.

