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Maroondah Message

Dates to Remember

- *January 2 Walk in Croydon*
- *January 6 Picnic at Lilydale Lake*
- *January 14 Dinner at Lindos*
- *January 15 Tenpin Bowling at Chirnside Park*
- *January 16 Walk at Beasley's*
- *January 19 High Tea at Yering Meadows*
- *January 29 Lunch at the Movies*
- *January 30 Walk at Heathmont*

JANUARY PICNIC AT LILYDALE LAKE

A picnic at Lilydale Lake on January 6 will take the place of our regular monthly meeting. We will meet at the pavilion at the top end of the car park from 12:00 noon. Look out for the balloons marking our territory! Bring along a barbecue or picnic lunch and don't forget the sunscreen and your hat, especially if the weather is hot. Also, BYO chairs and small picnic table if you have them. Be prepared for a post-lunch brisk walk (or leisurely, if you prefer) around the lake or a game of bocce, weather permitting. Or, for the less energetic, sit and relax with a refreshing drink and enjoy the company and the scenery!

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our lunch at Yarra Valley Lodge turned out to be a resounding success.



It was most pleasant, on an extremely hot day, to have a private, air-conditioned function room.

The occasion was marked by good company, great food and lots of good cheer, with sixty people in attendance.

Many thanks, again, to Trish Nixon for her very thorough organisation.

Solution to last month's puzzle

A Man and His Money

The man originally had \$54.

This Week's Puzzle

If you put a coin into an empty bottle and then insert a cork into the neck of the bottle, how can you get the coin out of the bottle without taking out the cork or breaking the bottle?

WALKING GROUP

Please note that, from December 5 until late autumn, walks will commence at 9:00 a.m.

Walks in January will be:

January 2—Croydon - along the Taralla Creek Track at Croydon. Park at Eastfield Shopping Centre, Cr. Bayswater and Eastfield Roads (Melways 50G7). We walk along the Taralla Creek Track 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).

January 16—Beasley's - starting out from the carpark at the rear of the Hockey Centre on Reynold's Road, near the intersection of Springvale Road, Melways Map 34 G7. We walk along the scenic Mullum Creek Linear Park to this popular nursery to partake of a refreshing tea or coffee, before returning along the park.

January 30—Heathmont - via the Heathmont Rail Trail starting out from the Ringwood Lake car park off Mt Dandenong Rd.

If there is heavy rain or the temperature at 9:00 am is over 25°C (in summer) the walk will be cancelled and we will meet at Café Zukka at the rear of Myer, near the stage, for coffee at 9:30 am.

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

Everyone is welcome to join in the walks so, even if you have not participated before, come along and give it a go.



SPECIAL WALK

Coming up

If you are a keen walker, mark Sunday, March 30 in your diary. Mel, in conjunction with Kew Historical Society, is planning a walk from the Kew Boathouse, along the Yarra. This walk is for serious walkers only, as it is quite strenuous. Stay tuned for more details about this event.

THANK YOU MEL!

A special thanks to Mel for all the great organisation he has done for regular and special walks. The longer walks which have been held have been a great success, thanks to Mel's very thorough research and planning.

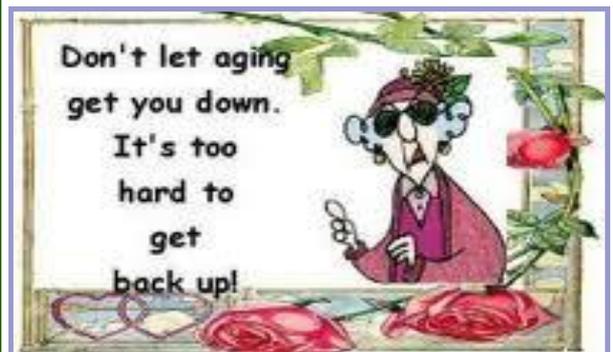
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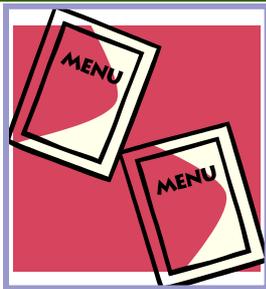


Don't forget our regular fourth Thursday coffee event at Café Zukka, at **2.00p.m.** in Eastland, near the stage at the rear of Myer. No need to book, just come along for a friendly coffee, chat and perhaps a cake. Come one—come all.

Date: Thursday, January 23.

We hope to see you there.





Dine-Outs Coming Up

**Tuesday, January 14
—7:00 p.m.**

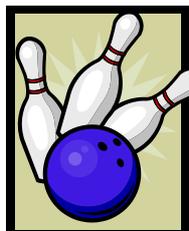
Dinner at Lindos Café Restaurant and Bar, 305 Maroondah Highway, Ringwood (opposite Ringwood Lake) Lindos is fully

licensed. Book online or telephone Trish on 9725 5883.

Sunday, January 19—3.00 p.m.

High Tea at Croydon Golf Club, Yering Meadows, 178 -180 Victoria Road, Lilydale. There is a set price of \$25 for this very special afternoon tea with a selection of sweet and savoury treats.

Book online or telephone Judith on 9726 5494.



TENPIN BOWLING

Our next tenpin bowling session will be on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. This will be held at Oz Tenpin Bowling, Chirnside Park. Come along for some fun on the lanes followed by coffee and cake.

Book online or telephone Judith on 9726 5494.

Speaking of Tenpin Bowling, Afternoon Teas and Breakfasts . .

This is a good time to thank **Judith Griffith** for organising these functions for us. Her extensive research on new places to enjoy breakfast and afternoon tea has been well rewarded with some most enjoyable outings.

Thanks Judith!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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

For **breakfast, afternoon tea** and **bowling** cancellations please call Judith Griffith on **9726 5494**.

Please also remember that credit card payments are not acceptable at dine-outs, so make sure that you bring along enough cash to pay for your share of the bill.

The Computer Swallowed Grandma

The computer swallowed Grandma,
Yes, honestly it's true!
She pressed 'control and 'enter'
And disappeared from view.
It devoured her completely,
The thought just makes me squirm.
She must have caught a virus
Or been eaten by a worm.
I've searched through the recycle bin
And files of every kind;
I've even used the Internet,
But nothing did I find.
In desperation, I asked Mr. Google
My searches to refine.
The reply from him was negative,
Not a thing was found 'online.'
So, if inside your 'Inbox,'
My Grandma you should see,
Please 'Copy, Scan' and 'Paste' her,
And send her back to me.

Anon.

Courtesy of Xanthoula Wrigley

LUNCH AT THE MOVIES—JANUARY

Join us for the Seniors Lunch at the Movies at Hoyts Eastland. 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.

Wednesday, January 29, 2014—Philomena

Cast: Judi Dench, Steve Coogan, Sophie Kennedy Clark

A world-weary political journalist picks up the story of a woman's search for her son, who was taken away from her decades ago after she became pregnant and was forced to live in a convent.



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Newsletter

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.

HAUTE CUISINE

A resident in a rather swanky hotel breakfast room called over the head waiter one morning. He smiled charmingly and said, "Good morning to you. What a beautiful day it is." The waiter nodded agreement and asked, "What can I get you Sir?" "Well, I'd like two boiled eggs, one undercooked so that it is running all over the place and one overcooked so that it is too hard to eat. Also, grilled bacon that has been left to stand so that it is a bit on the cold side; burnt toast that crumbles as soon as you touch it with a knife; butter straight from the freezer so that it's very difficult to spread and a pot of very weak coffee, lukewarm."

The waiter frowned slightly and said, "That's a complicated order Sir. It might be a bit difficult."

The guest replied, "Oh, it shouldn't be that difficult, you managed it exceedingly well yesterday."

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday, January 14, 2014—Dinner at Lindos, 305 Maroondah Highway, 7:00p.m.

Sunday, January 19, 2014—High Tea at Yering Meadows, 3.00 p.m.

Monday, February 3, 2014—Meeting at Federation Estate, Greenwood Avenue, Ringwood, 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 30, 2014—Special Walk along the Yarra River, combined with Kew Historical Society

FUTURE MEETINGS

In the absence of any other suitable venues at a reasonable cost, our meetings from now on will be held at Maroondah Federation Estate in Greenwood Avenue, Ringwood. We are, at present, completing negotiations with Maroondah Council for this venue. Our February meeting, on Monday, February 3, 2014 will be held at Federation Estate at 2:00p.m.



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.

STAMP COLLECTION

Don't forget to save all your used postage stamps to pass on to Helen Fox. A friend of hers is packaging them for charity.