



Maroondah Message

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At our meeting on Monday 14th February the main (Greenwood Ave) entrance to Federation Estate will be closed for roadworks. You will have to enter via Ellison Avenue which runs off Wantirna Road.

Happy New Year

We ended our first year with a very successful Christmas lunch at the Bird and Bottle. Everyone present enjoyed this opportunity to get to know one another better.

As we start a new year and one which will be our first full year as a group we look forward to many more such occasions but we are also aware of the challenges ahead. One challenge is keeping people informed. Printing and distributing a newsletter like this is more expensive than we can afford at this stage.

We have on this occasion posted a copy to people without e-mail so that they will be aware of our planned activi-



ties BUT if you wish to continue receiving printed copies you will need to subscribe to the newsletter. This will cost \$10 per year to cover printing and postage. Please send your money and name and address

to the Editor. (see back page for address)

Don't forget our next meeting on Monday 14th February at 2:00pm at Federation Estate.

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What is coming up:

- February 14th Sen. Const. Biljane Luccio Nunawading Police will talk about Personal safety
- February 23rd Dinner at La Porchetta
- March 15th Victorian Seniors Festival
- March 17th Day trip to Ballarat
- March 21st Evening Meeting
- April 11th Mel Higgins from RACV
- April 30th Karralyka Theatre

Our First Evening Meeting



Our first evening meeting was a great success and attracted some members who can't make it in the day time.

Our speaker was John Hutchinson from 98.1 Radio Eastern FM. John explained the workings and policies of our local community FM radio station and was full of interesting anecdotes about

the radio station and the role of volunteers in running it. If you don't already you should tune in to this valuable community resource.

On March 21st at 7:30pm we will have another evening meeting at which Gabi Byrne will talk about "My Love Affair with George" Don't miss it!

Social Activities - Carolyn Vagnkjaer

DINNER CLUB - Wed 23rd February 7pm

Interest was expressed by a number of members in having an ongoing 'Dinner Club'. To that end, I have kicked it off by booking a group of 10 at La Porchetta, 99 Maroondah Highway Croydon for Wednesday 23rd February at 7pm. The Manager has offered a 10% discount for a group of 10 or more. The average main course cost (eg Veal Parmigiana) is about \$15. While you will pay on the night, I will need to have an idea of numbers so ring me or see me at the February meeting.

"Come along and if you like the concept and enjoy yourself while you are there you can help plan the next diner"

BALLARAT BEGONIAS - Day Tour 17th March \$35



Includes return coach from Federation Estate Ringwood (leaving at 8:30am and returning late afternoon) , 2 course lunch at Western Hotel, tour of Ballarat including Lake Wendouree and entry to conservatory. We are going the week after the festival so the flowers will still be there but not the crowds. We would like you to pay in full at our February meeting. If there are members from other branches who would like to join us on the trip, please phone me as soon as possible to arrange booking and payment. We need more people for this so spread the word but let me know ASAP.

KARRALYKA THEATRE - 30th April 8pm

I have made a group booking for the play 'Quartet' for 20 people. Booking and payment of \$32 per person must be made by the meeting on March 21. *"If you're going to grow old with gusto and remember what theatre used to be like then Quartet is a must see! Cissy, Reggie and Wilf are in a home for retired opera singers. Years ago they all took leading roles in a performance of Verdi's Rigoletto, which has just been re-released on CD. Each year, on the 10th October, there is a concert at the home to celebrate Verdi's birthday. Jean, who used to be married to Reggie, arrives at the home and disrupts their equilibrium. She still acts like a diva and refuses to sing. But the show must go on.... Quartet is a heart warming comedy that proves ageing can be fun, hilarious, poignant and life affirming."*

Tarrawarra Museum of Art - Wed 18th May

You will need your own transport to visit this winery, restaurant and Museum of Art but we will organize a car pool. The admission to the Museum is \$5 and you can pay for your own lunch and glass of wine. Even though you are paying your own way I will need numbers to book the restaurant. Put this date in your diary and there will be more details in our next newsletter.

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The Next committee meeting will be February 28th at Gino's home commencing at 2:00pm.

Seniors Film Festival 2005

As part of the Victorian Seniors Festival, National Seniors are sponsoring the Seniors Film Festival to be held at the Australian Centre for the Moving Image at Federation Square from Tuesday 15th March to Friday 18th March. Jan Sparke is looking for people to assist with the promotion of your organisation to seniors who will be attending the SFF and/or to seniors who are 'passing by' it would be appreciated. Far better for potential members to hear from existing members about the benefits available to them by joining National Seniors.

People interested in helping are invited to a morning tea followed by an information session on TUESDAY 1 MARCH at 10:00am to find out more and to ask any questions you may have. We will be finished by 11.30 am .

The venue is the Meeting Room, COTA National Seniors office, Level 2, 3 Bowen Crescent, Melbourne 3004 (Melway ref, 2K J3). If you are coming by tram from the city, catch any one of trams 3, 5, 6, 8, 25 and 64 and alight at Stop 21. If you are travelling by car there is a Car Park next door and meter parking in the street.

Please contact the office to accept this invitation: Tel: (03) 9820 2655, Fax: (03) 9820 9886, E-mail: nsbdo@cota.org.au.

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