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## George Haddon

At our last meeting, George Haddon showed us samples of his work as a cartoonist over his long and diverse career. He answered questions and gave us new insight into the difficulties that a cartoonist faces. Then he quickly whipped up a caricature of yours truly. I can't see the resemblance myself!

Our new venue, Ringwood RSL (16 Station St Ringwood) was a great success. It is convenient, very comfortable and you can even have lunch there before the meeting.

Our next meeting is Monday March 6th at the RSL and features John and Isobel Mentha talking about and demonstrating magic.

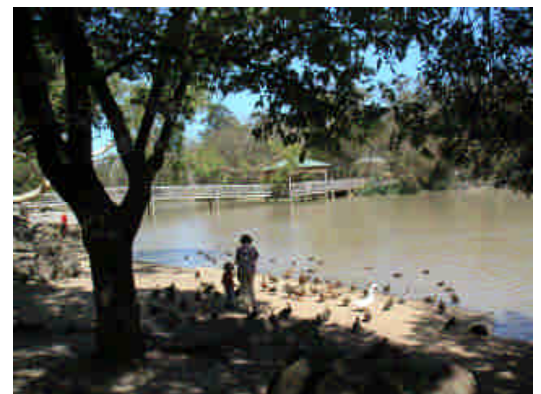


### What is coming up:

- **March 2nd** walk at Ringwood Lake
- **March 6th** meeting at Ringwood RSL "The History of Modern Magic"
- **March 8th** Dinner at Lakeside Café
- **March 16th** walk in Warrandyte
- **March 23rd** the coffee club meet Myers Eastland
- **April 3rd** meeting at **Ringwood RSL** "Sailing with the Russian Tall Ships"

## Our New Website.

I have redone our website to make it an easy way for you to keep up-to-date with what is happening in our branch and in National Seniors. As well, we can use it to publish information of interest to members and even issues that you want to discuss. I know that some of you do not have computers at home but you will find these days that there are computers at the library and community centre. You are never too old to learn how to use the internet and there are courses available from a number of sources or you can ask the grandchildren to show you our website at [www.seniorsmaroondah.com](http://www.seniorsmaroondah.com)



Ringwood Lake, site of our next walk and just across the road from our next dinner venue

### Walking Group - Thursday March 2nd & 16th

For Summer we are moving the time forward and the next walk (this Thursday) will start at 9:00 am from the Ringwood Lake car park off **Mt Dandenong** Road (Mel M49 K8). When driving towards the Maroondah Highway the entrance to the car park is well before Daisy's (see green section in photo). We are walking around the lake then to East Ringwood for morning tea at All Smiles.

On Mar 16th we will be walking in Warrandyte meeting at the car park at the end of Stiggant Street in Warrandyte. (Mel Map 23 C12). Once again it is a 9:00 am start.

**Book with Rae 9876-1577**



### Our Dine-Out Groups

Our very popular and successful evening dine-out group are eating every second month as follows. The time for all nights is 7:00pm and bookings are essential.

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> March - Lakeside Café, Ringwood [Opp. Ringwood lake]

Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> May - Café Giggeto [Italian] - Warrandyte

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> July - Chiraag [Nepalese] - Ringwood

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> September - De Fazio's [Italian] - Blackburn

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> November – Thai [Name to be advised]

**Book at the meeting prior or by phoning Tricia 9723-9389**

### Lunch Club

Our next lunch will be on Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm at Karanga Paperbark Cafe, York Road Mt Evelyn

If you wish to join us please tell **Marion Cairnduff** at the next meeting or phone her on **9879-7235**. All Welcome.

### COBA (Combined Branch) Activities

#### Friday 21st April Tour of Old Melbourne Gaol & State Library

10:30 or 11:30 am: Old Melbourne Gaol Tour \$7.00 Please arrive 15 minutes before tour start.

Lunch at own cost

2:00 or 3:00 pm one hour Library Heritage Tour (\$1 fee to cloak largish bags)

If you are interested in attending please book with one of our committee at the March meeting or phone 9879-0622.

During the year the COBA committee have other events planned - more details in our next newsletter but keep free the following dates

**Saturday 8th July** - National Seniors 30th Anniversary lunch

**Sunday 1st to Sunday 8th October** - Victorian Seniors Festival

**Thursday 23rd November** - Festive Season Buffet Lunch

### Coffee Club Thursday March 23rd 2:00pm.

This month the Coffee Club are meeting at the coffee shop inside Myers Eastland. There is no need to book just come along for a cuppa and a chat.

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## Our Committee

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The Next committee meeting will be March 20th at  
Rae & Peter's home commencing at 2:00pm.

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## A course of action for caring citizens

I was reading this article (see below) about the tragedies that have occurred in New South Wales recently and was quite shocked, and had feelings of shock that these citizens, whomsoever they may be, having to die alone and be undiscovered for quite some time.

It is a thought that each of you recipients of this email may find it in your soul and activity to be more aware of those who live around you so that each of you may be better citizens and have a more caring attitude in your life.

This is a shocking situation and one that I would beg you to see change in and around your life.

Kindest regards  
Les Cooper

A new appeal has been issued to public housing tenants to look out for their neighbours following the third discovery of skeletal remains in NSW in just over a week.

In the latest discovery, the remains of a 64-year-old man were found last night in a unit in George Street in the inner-city suburb of Waterloo.

Police say the body may have been there for more than six months.

A review of checking procedures for public housing tenants was announced by the NSW government following the February 12 discovery of a skeleton in the Northcott housing commission block in Sydney's Surry Hills.

The 62-year-old pensioner - who is yet to be formally identified - was found by three neighbours investigating a strong odour.

Four days later, a 79-year-old woman was found dead in her bed at her house at Umina, on the NSW Central Coast, after postal workers alerted police following publicity over the Sydney death.

A spokeswoman for NSW Housing Minister Cherie Burton today said department staff checked on public housing tenants twice a year, but neighbours were encouraged to look after each other.

"The minister and department encourage ... tenants to be good neighbours and build a sense of community in those areas where there are large concentrations of public housing," she said.

"No amount of government checking or department of housing checking can replace neighbours knowing each other and knowing each others' routines.

"Neighbours are there on the spot everyday, whereas frontline staff at the department of housing are responsible for over 200,000 tenants."

The spokeswoman said if the tenant did not answer, the housing department applied to the Consumer Trader and Tenancy Tribunal to gain access to the house.