



Maroondah Message

What is coming up:

- **March 3rd**
meeting at **Ringwood RSL** "My Life in Kenya"
- **March 6th**
walk to Croydon
- **March 11th**
Committee meeting at Gino & Hanna's
- **March 12th**
dinner at Warrandyte Retreat
- **March 20th**
walk along Dandenong Creek to Heathmont
- **March 27th**
coffee club at Myers East-land
- **April 3rd**
walk around Lilydale Lake
- **April 7th**
meeting at **Ringwood RSL** "Consumer Affairs"

February Meeting

Our **February** speaker was **John Byrne** a registered celebrant. After telling us of his background and life up until becoming a celebrant, he gave us a history of celebrants, and their different titles, before his very humorous account of his years as a celebrant of marriages and of all events in ones life that can be celebrated..

It was fascinating to hear of the many and varied venues and ceremonies which can be performed and that 63% of marriages and 50% of funerals are not performed inside a church. He concluded with humorous stories of his years as a celebrant.



At our **March** meeting **Alan Wilkinson** will talk about his experiences living in Kenya

Our January Picnic

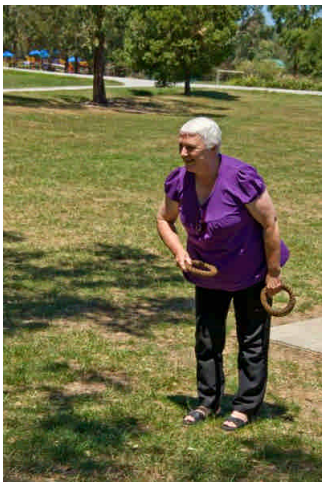
In January rather than a regular meeting we enjoyed a picnic at Lilydale lake. The weather was wonderful and the company and food magnificent. A group of about 30 of us took along our own food, refreshments and seating

I was amazed at how well prepared so many of our members were for a truly



gourmet picnic and we made the most of the free barbecues.

Most were happy to sit and chat but there was a group doing laps of the lake and the now annual Bocce Competition was won by Joseph Licheri while Rae Feeny turned out to be a star at quoits.



WHAT CAUSES ARTHRITIS?

A drunk man who smelled like beer, sat down on a subway seat next to a priest.

The man's tie was stained, his face was plastered with red lipstick, and a half empty bottle of gin was sticking out of his torn coat pocket.

He opened his newspaper and began reading. After a few minutes the man turned to the priest and asked, 'Say Father, what causes arthritis?'

The priest replies, 'My Son, it's caused by loose living, being with cheap, wicked women, too much alcohol, contempt for your fellow man, sleeping around with prostitutes and lack of a bath.'

The drunk muttered in response, 'Well, I'll be damned,' Then returned to his paper.

The priest, thinking about what he had said, nudged the man and apologized.

'I'm very sorry. I didn't mean to come on so strong. How long have you had arthritis?'

The drunk answered, 'I don't have it, Father. I was just reading here that the Pope does.'

FOR SALE

Peter Feeney is selling his notebook computer . It is a business model HP nc6000 but he needs something ultra light to fit in his backpack together with his new camera. It has a 14" screen 40GB disk and comes with lots of extras the best of which is two years free advice and support. It would be ideal for someone who wants a computer mainly for internet and email and would like something that doesn't take up any space and is easily transported to the beach house etc. It will cost you \$880. If you would like more information ring Peter on 9879-0622

Walking Group

The walking group walk on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month.

March 6th at 9:00 am we will meet next to the pre-school on Eastfield Road, near the corner of Bayswater Road, to walk along part of the Tarralla Creek trail into Croydon and return along the same route

On **March 20th at 9:00 am** we will meet in the car park at the end of Marlborough Road, Heathmont, for our walk along the Dandenong Creek into the Heathmont Shopping Centre.

On **April 3rd at 9:30 am** we return to Lilydale Lake, meeting in the main car park off Swansea Road. We circle the lake before heading off to the shopping centre for refreshments ,then return, usually via the longest route back to the car park

Dinner Group - Wednesday March 12th

The dinner group meet every second month alternating between 2nd Wednesday and the 2nd Thursday evenings.



Our next dinner is :

Venue: Warrandyte Retreat

Address: 104 Melbourne Hill Rd
Warrandyte

Date: Wednesday 12th March

Time: 7pm BYO Wine

Bookings: Contact Rita on 9876-1206 by 10th March

Lunch Group - Wednesday 9th April

The lunch group alternate with the dinner group meeting every second month alternating between the 2nd Wednesday and the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Twenty two of us enjoyed lunch at the Orchid Thai Cuisine Café (previously the Mullum Walk Café) earlier this month. Everyone enjoyed the lunch and the variety of food.

We will eat again at 12:30pm on Wednesday 9th April at Banks Café, 502 Canterbury Rd, Vermont

Book at the March meeting or by phoning Rae 9876-1577



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Bus Trips

Your committee is looking to plan some one day bus trips this year and we would like to hear if you have any where in particular that you would like to go or if you have heard good feedback from trips that other groups have gone on. Pass your ideas on to Peter or anyone else on the committee.

Recently, I was diagnosed with

A. A. A. D. D. Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder

This is how it develops:

I decide to water my garden.

As I turn on the hose, I look over at my car and decide my car needs washing.

As I start toward the garage, I notice that there is mail on the porch table that I brought up from the mailbox earlier.

I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car.

I lay my car keys down on the table, put the junk mail in the garbage can under the table, and notice that the can is full.

So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the garbage first.

But then I think, since I'm going to be near the mailbox, when I take out the garbage anyway, I may as well pay the bills first.

I take my cheque book off the table, and see that there is only 1 cheque left. My extra cheques are in my desk in the study, so I go inside the house to my desk where I find the can of Coke that I had been drinking.

I'm going to look for my cheques, but first I need to push the Coke aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over. I see that the Coke is getting warm, and I decide I should put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold.

As I head toward the kitchen with the Coke, a vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye -- they need to be watered.

I set the Coke down on the counter, and I discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning.

I decide I better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers.

I set the glasses back down on the counter, fill a container with water and suddenly I spot the TV remote Someone left it on the kitchen table.

I realize that tonight when we go to watch TV, I will be looking for the remote, but I won't remember that it's on the kitchen table, so I decide to put it back in the den where it belongs, but first I'll water the flowers.

I pour some water in the flowers, but quite a bit of it spills on the floor. So, I set the remote back down on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill.

Then, I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day:

---the car isn't washed,

---the bills aren't paid,

---there is a warm can of Coke sitting on the counter,

---the flowers don't have enough water,

---there is still only 1 cheque in my cheque book,

---I can't find the remote,

---I can't find my glasses,

---and I don't remember what I did with the car keys.

Then, when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all day long, and I'm really tired.

I realize this is a serious problem, and I'll try to get some help for it, but first I'll check my e-mail.

Do me a favour, will you? Forward this message to everyone you know, because I don't remember to whom it has been sent.

Don't laugh -- if this isn't you yet, your day is coming!

GROWING OLDER IS MANDATORY.

GROWING UP IS OPTIONAL.