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Never miss a good chance to shut up.

July Speaker

June Tyrell spoke on the history of the Melbourne's Royal Botanical Gardens, including the significant contributions made by individuals involved in their establishment and their development to the present day.



She described particular features of the gardens' design and the reasons for that design as well as the botanical aspects which make the gardens notable. Her talk was well presented with slides illustrating these points.

June is a guide for the Royal Botanical Gardens and invited the seniors to make use of the guiding service when visiting the gardens to obtain a more comprehensive appreciation of them.



August and September Meetings

Our next meeting is on **Monday 6 August, 2007** at 2 pm when our guest speakers will be from Ringwood Jewellers. Pam and Peter Beaver will be doing a presentation on "Diamonds". If samples are on offer most ladies attending will be competing with Marion to stand at the head of the line.



Our speaker for September will be Joe Parsons from Animal Education. Further details in the next newsletter.

Bon mots...

A thief in Paris planned to steal some paintings from the Louvre. After careful planning, he got past security, stole the paintings and made it safely to his van.

However, he was captured only two blocks away when his van ran out of gas. When asked how he could mastermind such a crime and the make such an obvious error, he replied, "Monsieur, that is the reason I stole the paintings. I had no Monet to buy Degas to make the Van Gogh."

(...And you thought I didn't have De Gaulle to pass this on to someone else. Well, I figure I have nothing Toulouse.)

...they walk among us...

I walked into a Blimbie's with a buy-one-get-one-free coupon for a sandwich. I handed it to the girl and she looked over at a little chalkboard that said "buy-one-get-one-free".

They're already buy-one-get-one-free", she said, "so I guess they're both free". She handed me my free sandwiches and I walked out the door.

...they walk among us and many work retail...

Walking Group

The walking group walks on the first and third Thursday of each month. During winter all walks start at 9.30 a.m.



On **Thursday, 2 August** we meet in Sofia's car park, Maroondah Highway, Croydon for our walk along Mullum trail. Refreshments will be at Mullum Walk Cafe before we return to Sofia's car park.

On **Thursday 16 August** we will meet in the car park off Mt. Dandenong Road to walk at Ringwood Lake. This is a relatively short walk which has been extended to include East Ringwood Shopping Centre where we have coffee before returning.

On **Thursday 30 August**, we will meet next to the Pre-School on Eastfield Road near the corner of Bayswater Road so we can take the walk along part of the Tarralla Creek trail into Croydon before returning.

Dinner at Kublai

Our July dine-out at the Kublai was a great success. Everyone opted for the Mongolian Barbecue and with great relish assembled their own dishes and sauces. Only a few of us were foolish enough to disregard our attentive host's warnings about the chilli sauce and we are not sure when one wife poured a large glass of water over her husband, whether this was an accident or an attempt to douse an internal chilli fire.



It was a pity that none of the "Italians" were present since the abundant supply of sauces and fresh ingredients meant they could have whipped up an Italian Barbecue.

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Lunch Group

The lunch and dinner groups dine in alternate months. They also alternate the days of these dining experiences, meeting the second Wednesday one month and the second Thursday the following month. In August we'll be enjoying lunch on a Wednesday.

Details of the next lunch are:

- Day & Date: Wednesday 8 August
- Venue: Yarra Blue Cafe
- Address: 194 Warrandyte Road, North Ringwood
- Time: 12.30 p.m.
- Bookings: Book at our August meeting or by ringing Marion on 9879 7235.

Please note that the lunch venue listed for August in our last newsletter has had to be changed. What's A Name's restaurant had a fire which damaged its interior so was no longer available for that day.

Let's just hope that the restaurants we list as venues for our lunch/dinner groups will not continue on in this manner as I believe Korona Restaurant which was listed for May was also unexpectedly closed.

Coffee Club

The Coffee Club meets on the fourth Thursday of each month.

The Coffee Club will meet on Thursday, **23 August** at 2 pm at the coffee shop in Myer Eastland. There's no need to book; just come along for a cuppa and a chat.

Thoughts for this month...

The quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it back in your pocket.

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There are two theories about how to win an argument with a woman. Neither one works.

Two bored casino dealers were waiting at the craps table. An attractive blonde from Dublin arrived and bet \$20,000 on a single roll of the dice.

She said, "I hope you don't mind, but I feel much luckier when I'm completely nude."

With that, she stripped from the neck down, rolled the dice and yelled, "Come on baby, Mama needs new clothes!"

As the dice came to a stop, she jumped up and down and squealed..."YES! YES! I WON! I WON!"

She hugged each of the dealers and then picked up her winnings and her clothes and quickly departed.

The dealers stared at each other dumbfounded.

Finally one of them asked, "What did she roll!"

The other answered, "I don't know - I thought you were watching."

MORAL OF THE STORY: Not all Irish are stupid, not all blondes are dumb but all men are men.