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Dates to Remember

- **August 3**—Branch meeting at Maroondah sports club
- **August 6**—Walk along Heathmont Rail Trail
- **August 13**—Lunch at Kuranga Nursery, Mt. Evelyn
- **August 20**— Walk along Mullum Mullum Creek
- **August 27**— Coffee at Myer Eastland
- **August 29** - Breakfast at Café Torrente

JULY MEETING

Sue Thompson from Lilydale Historical Society joined us at the July meeting to speak about Dame Nellie Melba. Born Helen Porter Mitchell, Dame Nellie was the eldest of seven children born to Scottish immigrant and famous builder David Mitchell and his wife, Isabella. She took her stage name from her beloved home town, Melbourne, and was the first Australian to gain recognition as a classical musician. It was fascinating to hear from Sue that Melba was a pioneering single working mother, whilst performing in Europe and looking after her young son, George, following a short and unsuccessful marriage to Charles Armstrong in Australia.



Sue has agreed to return next year to speak to our group about David Mitchell, Melba's father, who has a fascinating story of his own.

AUGUST MEETING

Our next monthly meeting will be held on **Monday, August 3, 2015** at Maroondah Sports Club, Mt. Dandenong Road, Ringwood East. Entry to members and visitors is from 1:40 p.m. with the meeting commencing at 2:00 p.m.

A reminder that the August meeting, as well as presenting a visiting speaker, will be our Annual General Meeting. If you would like to nominate for the Committee, those of you with email addresses will have received a Nomination Form. Just complete the form with your name, membership number and signature. Don't worry if you don't have anyone handy to nominate or second your form. Just leave these fields blank and members of the current committee will complete them for you.

Return the form to:

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August Meeting speaker will be **Rosalie Ham** who is an Australian author, stage and radio play writer. She is best known for her debut novel, **The Dressmaker**, which has been adapted into a film with Kate Winslet in the lead role.

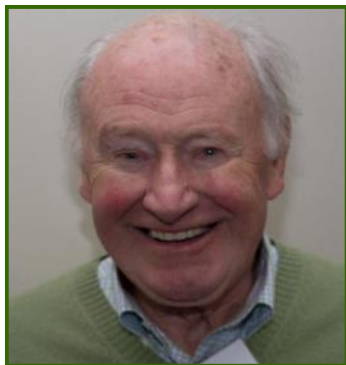
CORRECT MONEY PLEASE!

Thank-you to all those who remembered to bring along to our July meeting correct money for entry and outings. This makes things so much quicker and easier for you to check-in at the reception desk and pay for your social events.

So don't forget to save up all those one and two-dollar coins that you receive in your change.

Also, make sure that you have your name checked off at the reception table and don't forget to collect your lucky door prize ticket before entering.

GET TO KNOW YOUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Our Committee member for this month is Mel Lawrence. Mel is the organiser of our regular and special historical walks. He has researched and organised historical walks to Kew/Hawthorn and also to Moonee Ponds/Essendon, both of which have been well attended and most interesting and successful.

MISS FISHER COSTUME EXHIBITION AT RIPPONLEA

The date for this outing is now Tuesday, September 22.

Concession entry is \$15 which covers entry to Ripponlea as well as the exhibition (this is the same for everyone including National Trust Members).



Lunch is available at the cafe for a cost starting at \$8.50. You need to indicate when booking as to whether you are lunching in the café as we need to advise numbers for lunch (but not payment) and we need to pay the entrance fees in advance.

Other alternatives for lunch are to take it with you and picnic in the grounds or obtain something at the shops near the station.

Bookings and payment must be made for this event no later than our September meeting. Please book online or by phoning Gilda on **9870 0819**.



We plan to travel by train from Ringwood Station, arriving at Ripponlea around 10:00a.m., the opening time of the exhibition. More detailed travel arrangements will be provided later.

ARTS CENTRE AND EXHIBITIONS TOUR

On Tuesday, July 21, eighteen members enjoyed a guided tour of the Arts Centre. Jeannie, our guide, was knowledgeable and interesting and took us to each of the three theatres within the complex, The Playhouse, Fairfax Studio and the State Theatre, contributing fascinating anecdotes along the way. Each theatre has its own colour and texture scheme designed by John Truscott, an Academy Award winning costume and production designer. Following our tour we enjoyed a sandwich lunch at Café Vic and visited the current exhibition, *Theatres of War*.

We were fortunate to have fine, mild weather for our outing, following several very cold days.



Dine-outs Coming Up

Lunch: Wednesday, August 13 at 12:30 p.m. - Paperbark Café at Kurunga Native Nursery, 118 York Road, Mt. Evelyn.

Lunch bookings can be made on our **web site** or by telephoning **Trish Nixon** on **9725-5883**



Breakfast: Saturday, August 29, Café Torrente, 389

Maroondah Highway, Ringwood.

Breakfast bookings can be made on our website or by telephoning **Kathleen Jackson** on **9723-4919** (this time only, as Judith Griffith is not available).

Please refer to back page for details of our new Internet site.

A friendly reminder 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.

WALKING GROUP

Thursday, August 6 9:30a.m.— Heathmont Rail Trail

Starting out from Ringwood Lake car park off Mt. Dandenong Road, to Heathmont via the Heathmont Rail Trail.

Thursday, August 20, 9:30a.m.—Mullum Mullum Creek Walk

This is one of our longer walks—approximately 45 minutes each way— but is fairly flat.

Meet in the car park at the rear of Sofia's restaurant. We walk along the creek to Café Torrente for morning tea before returning to Sofia's.

Short version: - Meet the rest of the group as they cross Oban Road—approximately 20 minutes later than the walk starting time.

If there is heavy rain, the walk will be cancelled and we will meet at Myer Cafeteria, Eastland for coffee at 10:00 a.m.

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



MOVIE LUNCHEONS

We have been advised by Hoyts at Eastland that, for the remainder of 2015, there will be no further movie luncheons, due to renovations taking place at the cinema complex. As a result of this they will have no food preparation area. The cinema complex will still be in operation during this period and they are hopeful that the regular movie luncheons will be able to resume in 2016 at the completion of the upgrade.

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NEW INTERNET SITE

We now have a new website at:

www.maroondahnationalseniors.org.au

Please have a good look at it and if you encounter any problems please let Peter Feeny know or send an email to

webmaster@maroondahnationalseniors.org.au.



Our regular fourth Thursday coffee event is held at **Myer Cafeteria, Eastland**. No need to book, just come along for a friendly coffee, chat and perhaps a cake. Members and friends welcome.

Thursday, August 27, 2:00 p.m. We hope to see you there. Please note that we have returned to our original venue.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday, September 15—Morning Melodies at Karralyka - **Bette, Babs and Bassey**

Tuesday, October 13—train drip to Ballarat with visit to the Archibald Art Exhibition (more details later)

Tuesday, November 10—Morning Melodies at Karralyka—**How Sweet It is** with Frankie J. Holden and Michelle Pettigrove



Best wishes to our members who are unwell. If you know of anyone who is sick at home or in hospital please contact the Secretary, Carol O'Brien on 9722 9870 or President, Helen Fox on 98794058 so that we can send them personal messages.

It was lovely to see, at recent meetings, **Julie Boness** and **Peter Olney**, both of whom have been unwell and have spent some time in hospital.