



Maroondah Message

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Legal Ombudsman



At our May meeting Kate Hammond entertained us all with her fascinating experiences dealing with the legal profession.

She talked about the types of complaints that she has had to deal with and the more common shortcomings she has found in the legal profession.

She provided a number of valuable insights into choosing appropriate

legal advisors and explained the need for keeping your will current. She talked about choosing executors and explained the potential costs associated with using the public trustees.

At our next meeting, Robyn Anderson will recount her vivid memories of her time as civilian nurse in Vietnam.

What is coming up:

- **June 20th** Robyn Anderson a nurse in Vietnam
- **June 23rd** Mullum creek walk
- **June 30th** Coffee Club at Balsamic
- **July 11th** Dianne Wadsworth, Hearing Dogs
- **July 13th** Dine out at Henry's International, Bayswater

Potatoes, Paddock to Plate



Members from our branch joined with people from Doncaster, Greensborough and Whitehorse branches to visit the potato township of Thorpdale.

Our tour guide Val Murphy (pictured here in front with the bus driver) plied us with potato truffles, potato ice-cream and poetry! Interspersed with funny stories about life as a potato farmer in Gippsland.

Despite the poor weather, everyone had a very enjoyable time and we're looking forward to more combined bus trips.

Social Activities

DINNER CLUB - Wednesday 13th July

Our May dinner at *Sweet Chilli* Thai Restaurant in Heathmont was very successful. Our next dinner will be on 13th July at Henry's International Restaurant at 1/63 Stud Road, Bayswater. (Melway, 64 B5) No pre-payment is necessary but we do need to advise the restaurant of numbers. If you will be attending this please let one of the people on the Activities Committee know (see back page) .

Future dinners will be on September 15th at Phoolwari Tandoori Restaurant in Ringwood and November 16th at Casalinga Italian/Swiss, Croydon.

BUSHWALK - Thursday June 23rd

A small group of intrepid adventurers thoroughly enjoyed our walk through the Mullum Mullum Creek Linear Park.

Keeping the same formula, our next walk will be a 30 minute stroll along the Mullum Creek Walk to the Mullum Walk Café for morning tea.

We are meeting at 9.30am at the car park at the rear of Sofia's on Maroondah highway, Croydon.

For more information phone Rae Feeney 9876-1577.




COFFEE CLUB - Thursday May 30th



Pictured are in fact our intrepid walkers having morning tea, but if you would like to get together for afternoon tea and a chat, join our coffee club on the last Thursday of the month at 2:00pm at Balsamic (upstairs next to the cinema at Eastland).

You don't need to book just turn up for a cuppa and a chat.

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The Next committee meeting will be June 27th at Eileen McGregor's home commencing at 2:00pm.

Selling your property?



We have been approached by David Hausler, a local property developer and accountant, about a program which in brief provides the elderly or disadvantaged more for their properties when selling than what they would normally be able to obtain. Often older properties come on the market run down, as the owner is unable to maintain the property. They are usually snapped up by renovators or developers often for land value only.

David is proposing a program where the property owner shares in this process under a joint venture agreement.

The owner is guaranteed a set value for the house, based on an independent valuation. The property is then developed, whether that involves renovation, obtaining plans and permits or even fully developing the site. Once the property has sold, their share of additional development profits are returned to the owner.

You should of course consult with your solicitor and financial advisors before becoming involved with a scheme such as this, but it does seem worthwhile to at least talk to David.

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