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Maroondah Message

JUNE MEETING - This month Stancea Vichie from Good Shepherd Social Justice Network came to talk to us about human trafficking. I am sure some of the audience found this a little confronting and had no idea it was actually happening in Australia. Stancea related to us instances that she had been involved with; mainly girls that had been rescued from prostitution. These girls are brought to Australia and they think they are going to work in the domestic area or in restaurants, only to find themselves virtually prisoners and being used as prostitutes.

If people are found to be human trafficking in Australia they are dealt a very long sentence but most of the people trafficked are too frightened to speak out.

Stancea told us of many other instances throughout the world and that people trafficking is second only to the drug trade. Stancea also told us about The Trading Circle, which is a retail store in Abbotsford selling items made by marginalized women in developing countries. A number of leaflets were left by Stancea, so if you would like one and you were not at the meeting just speak to one of the committee.



JULY MEETING - This month Karin Koeppen from the Cuckoo Restaurant in the Dandenongs is coming to entertain us.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday July 2nd at 9.30am - Walk to Beasleys Nursery

Monday July 6th at 2pm - Meeting at the RSL, Ringwood

Wednesday July 8th at 7.00pm - Dine out at Casalinga Swiss / Italian Restaurant

Wednesday July 15th at 10am. -Lunch at the movies - Bottleshock

Thursday July 16th at 9.30am - Walk at Mooroolbark Creek

Tuesday July 21st at 11am - Xmas in July

Thursday July 23rd at 11am - Xmas in July

Thursday July 23rd at 2.00pm - Coffee group

Thursday July 30th at 9.30am - Walk at Warrandyte

July Eats

Wednesday July 8th
Time 7.00pm for dinner at

Casalinga Swiss / Italian Restaurant



11, Maroondah Highway, Croydon

Fully Licensed and Byo wine

Bookings - Phone Rita on 9876 1206 or at July meeting

Our coffee group is on once again this month on Thursday July 23rd, but may be somewhat depleted due to the Xmas in July.



However, if you are in the vicinity of Myers' Cafe it could be worth your while to pop in and see who is around. No need to book - all welcome

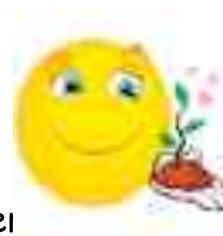
Myers Cafe - 2nd floor
Myers Eastland



Best Wishes for a speedy recovery to.....

Nancy Daenen - We hear that Nancy has had a fall which has left her very stiff and sore and with a twisted ankle.

We all wish her well and believe she is making a good recovery



If any member knows of anyone who is at present unwell ; please let a committee member know so that we can pass on our best wishes

Walking Group

Our walking group meets on the first and third Thursday of the month at 9.30am ; with an extra walk when there are five Thursdays in the month.

A shorter version of the walks is being included for those who would like to join in, but wish to walk a shorter distance

Our first walk this month is on Thursday July 2nd and is the very popular 'Beasley's' walk, along the walking track from Reynolds Rd. through to Warrandyte; partaking of morning tea at Beasley's nursery, before heading back along the track.

This is a flat, pleasant, medium length walk.

A shorter option for this walk is not available.

Meet at the carpark behind the Hockey centre at the corner of Reynolds Rd and Springvale Rd. Melways Ref. 34 G7

Our second walk is on Thursday July 16th at Mooroolbark Creek

This is an easy walk. It is relatively flat along a good track by the creek. We walk along the track to Bellara Drive and then return to finish off the morning at the Neighbourhood Church on Manchester rd. , who run a coffee shop with excellent coffee and a selection of freshly baked cakes.

No shorter version is offered as this is already a fairly short , easy walk.

Meet in the IGA car park in Charles st.(off Manchester rd.) - Melways Ref. 51 F/G1

Our third walk this month is on Thursday July 30th at Warrandyte .

This is a pleasant fairly easy walk along the river.

Meet at the carpark at the bottom of Stiggant road. Mel. Ref. 23 D12

We head along the river trail as far as the 'Stonehouse' before returning to the carpark, stopping along the way for morning tea at a choice of coffee shop.

For more information or to book in for a walk contact Judith on 97265494

Inclement weather : - If there is heavy constant rain or the temperature is over 25° at 9.00am [summer], then the walk will be cancelled.



LUNCH AT THE MOVIES

Meet in the foyer at Hoyts Eastland at 10am. The cost is \$12 for the movie and a basket lunch.No need to book; just turn up and join the group.

Wednesday July 15th - BOTTLESHOCK [M] - Director: Randall Miller

Alan Rickman, Chris Pine, Bill Pullman, Rachael Taylor, Freddy Rodriguez, Dennis Farina, Eliza Dushku, Bradley Whitford, Miguel Sandoval

Based on a true story, "Bottle Shock" chronicles the events leading up to the famous Paris Tastings of 1976, wherein Napa wines bested the exalted French wines in a blind tasting and put California wines on the map for good.

Information on other lunch/movie choices for the month are available in Hoyts Foyer



Queen Vic Market - Coba outing.



A group of 25 from our branch joined this tour. We travelled down by train and just had time for coffee before the tour commenced. We were shown around in groups of approximately a dozen, spending most of the time in the food sections, enjoying tastings in the Deli hall. The guide gave us some of the history of the market and its' location as we walked around,

finally taking us back to the food court where we were supplied with French pastries and tea or coffee. It proved to be a really enjoyable morning, with many of us spending extra time exploring the many



goods on offer and picking up a bargain before heading home. Max Brooks took some great pictures of the day - Thanks Max



Q: How can you avoid that terrible curse of the elderly wrinkles?

A: Take off your glasses..

Q: Is it common for 60-plus year olds to have problems with short term memory storage?

A: Storing memory is not a problem, Retrieving it is the problem.

Any queries?...Problems? regarding our activities.

Most activities come with a relevant phone number. If not, choose an appropriate number from the yellow box at the bottom of this page. Any of our committee will be happy to help

The following are some of the results from an OZ-words Competition, where entrants were asked to take an Australian word, alter it by one letter only, and supply a witty definition. Clearly, you need to be an Aussie to understand.

Billabonk - to make passionate love beside a waterhole

Bludgie - a partner who doesn't work, but is kept as a pet

Dodgeridoo - a fake indigenous artefact

Fair drinkum - good-quality Aussie wine

Flatypus - a cat that has been run over by a vehicle



Thought for the month

It's never too late to have a happy childhood, but the second one is up to you and no one else

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