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Maroondah Message

March Meeting - Our speaker was from the Victoria Police Air Wing Auxiliary who gave a slide and video demonstration on 'The Air Wing Today'.

The Air Wing provides helicopter support to routine ambulance operations, as well as providing cost-effective air transport for police personnel in operational duties.

Twin and single-engine helicopters are involved in observation work, with their roles including traffic surveillance, location of stolen cars and detection of drug crops. The videos that we saw illustrated the usefulness of this kind of surveillance.

Although the subject matter was interesting, some at the back found the talk hard to follow as the presenter expected the audience to read many details from the screen instead of including them in the talk.

April Meeting - Geoff Conreau will be visiting us. He is a celebrant who is also a member of a musical group and also dabbles in magic. Many bows with which to entertain us.

Please note -Admittance to the meeting is \$4.00 - This is to cover room hire , guest speaker gift, door prize and general admin costs

Admittance to the meeting room is 1.40pm.

It would also greatly assist us if the correct change could be tendered where possible for entry fee and events



Trading Table

Hanna will be once again supervising the highly successful trading table. If you have any suitable items of bric a brac that would like a new home, please bring them along to keep the table operating.

It would also help if you could price the items to make it easier for Hanna.



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"My doctor told me to start my exercise program very gradually. Today I drove past a store that sells sweat pants."

APRIL CALENDAR

Monday April 2nd at 2.00pm - Meeting at the RSL Ringwood
Thursday April 5th at 9.30am - Walk along Mullum Mullum Creek
Friday April 13th at 12.30pm - Lunch at Da Ricardo's
Tuesday April 17th at 10.00am - Simon Gallagher at the Karralyka
Wednesday April 18th at 10.00am - Lunch at the movies
Thursday April 19th at 9.30am - Walk at Ringwood Lake
Thursday April 26th at 2.00pm - Coffee at Myers
Thursday May 3rd at 9.30am - Walk at Lilydale Lake

April eats

Cancellations -Members please take note . If you wish to cancel a lunch or dinner booking during the last two days prior to the event ,please ring the restaurant directly using the phone number provided as the booking will have already been made.

Bookings can now also be made online.

Friday April 13th - 12.30pm

Lunch at Da Ricardo's

122, Bayswater rd. Croydon

South

Phone 9725 0112



Bookings- Phone Rita on 9876 1206 at the meeting or online

Our coffee group will meet at Myer on Thursday April 26th at 2.00pm. No need to book. Just come along if you are in the area.



THIS IS HAPPENING RIGHT HERE IN OUR OWN COUNTRY!

[We Must Stop This Immediately!!!](#)

Have you noticed that stairs are getting steeper, groceries are heavier and, everything is farther away.

Yesterday I walked to the corner and I was dumbfounded to discover how long our street had become!

Also, people are less considerate now, especially the young ones. They speak in *whispers* all the time! If you ask them to speak up they just keep repeating themselves, endlessly mouthing the same *silent message* until they're red in the face! What do they think I am, a lip reader? I also think they are much younger than I was at the same age. On the other hand, people my own age are so much *older* than I am. I ran into an old friend the other day and she has aged so much that she didn't even recognise me. I got to thinking about the poor dear while I was combing my hair this morning, and in doing so, I glanced at my own reflection? Well, REALLY NOW - *even mirrors* are not made the way they used to be!

Another thing, everyone drives so *fast* these days! You're risking life and limb if you happen to pull onto the freeway in front of them. All I can say is, their brakes must wear out awfully fast, the way I see them *screech and swerve* in my rear view mirror.

Clothing manufacturers are *less civilized* these days. Why else would they suddenly start labeling a size 10 or 12 dress as 18 or 20? Do they think no one notices? The people who make *bathroom scales* are pulling the same prank. Do they think I actually 'believe' the number I see on that dial? HA! I would never let myself weigh that much! Just who do these people think they're fooling?

I'd like to call up someone in authority to report what's going on but the *telephone company* is in on the conspiracy too: they've printed the phone books in such *small* type that no one could ever find a number in there!

All I can do is pass along this warning:

WE ARE UNDER ATTACK!

Don't forget to call a committee member if you require any transport or assistance.

If anyone knows of a member who is unwell please let us know, so that we can send our best wishes. Just contact a committee member or

President Helen on 9879 4058



Walking Group

NOTE - Our walks once more commence at 9.30am
Our first walk this month on Thursday April 5th is at Mullum creek.

This is one of our longer walks [approx. 45 mins each way], but is fairly flat. Meet in the car park at the rear of Sofia's restaurant.

We walk along the creek to the Orchid Thai for morning tea before returning to Sofia's.

Short version:- Meet the rest of the group as they cross Oban rd. [approx 20mins later than the walk starting time.]

Our second walk on Thursday April 19th at 9.30am is at Ringwood Lake.

Meet at the Lake car park. Access to this is from Mt.Dandenong rd., down a driveway just before the Caltex petrol station when heading towards Ringwood.

This is a pleasant walk around the Lake and up to Dublin rd. going into Railway parade, East Ringwood, where we partake of morning refreshments at one of the local coffee shops.

The first walk in May is on Thursday May 3rd at Lilydale Lake commencing at 9.30am

Meet in the main Lake car park off Swansea rd. This is a medium length walk and is fairly flat.

After a circuit of the Lake we walk through to Hardy st. for morning tea / coffee and cake etc. before returning to the Lake. Once more, a second circuit is on offer for the more energetic .



For more details phone Judith on 9726 5494

Morning Melodies on April 17th - Cost \$16

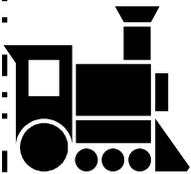
Time - 10.00am - Simon Gallagher

Still some tickets available

Book at the meeting or online or phone Peter on 9879 0622

Monday May 28th - 12.00 noon at puffing Billy station

A lunch trip on Puffing Billy



This will cost \$50pp for the train trip and the 'Natter Platter' - A quality selection of cold meats, salmon, bread etc followed by scones jam and cream.

Bookings and pyment by May meeting. Book at the meeting or online or ring Kevin on 9727 3352

Smith climbs to the top of Mt. Sinai to get close enough to talk to God. Looking up, he asks the Lord... 'God, what does a million years mean to you?'

The Lord replies, 'A minute.'

Smith asks, 'And what does a million dollars mean to you?'

The Lord replies, 'A penny.'

'Smith asks, 'Can I have a penny?'

'The Lord replies, 'In a minute.'

A man goes to a shrink and says, 'Doctor, my wife is unfaithful to me. Every evening, she goes to Larry's bar and picks up men. In fact, she sleeps with anybody who asks her! I'm going crazy. What do you think I should do?'

'Relax,' says the Doctor, 'take a deep breath and calm down. Now, tell me, exactly where is Larry's bar?'

Lunch at the Movies

Wed April 18th

Salmon Fishing in the Yemen



Main cast - Ewan McGregor and Emily Blunt

Synopsis - A fisheries expert is approached by a consultant to help realise a sheik's vision of bringing the sport of fly fishing to the desert. He embarks on an upstream journey of faith and fish to prove the impossible possible.

On May 2nd We are proposing to view "Albert Nobbs" starring Glen Close and Mia Wasikowska - More details in April Newsletter.

Cost \$13.50 for the movie and a basket lunch. Meet in the foyer at 10.00am. No need to book.
We will go in at 10.10am to ensure good seats.



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