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Surprise!

While travelling in New Zealand recently, Glenys and Joh Strugnell were pulled over by the police.

Glenys was handed a long stemmed red rose because she was wearing a seat belt.



December Meeting

The next meeting will be our Christmas Lunch - Monday 4 December at Casalinga, 11 Maroondah Highway, Croydon at 12.30 pm.

Outstanding payments should be made to Eileen as soon as possible. Contact her on 9876 3941.

Cemeteries and Genealogy

Helen Harris showed slides and spoke of the history of grave stones in the Melbourne General Cemetery, having gleaned her detailed knowledge over more than seventeen year's research into burials there.

She has also transcribed headstones throughout Victoria and overseas so was well qualified to talk on the subject she loves.

Tours to explore the cemetery with Helen or her friend Jane Davidson can be booked on 98909288 or 9872 5492.

Werribee Zoo Trip

Thanks must go to Gary for all his planning to make our trip a good day. We can't hold him responsible for the only really wet day in months. Interestingly, the rain gauge at Ringwood East for the day was 28 millimetres.

The motorised transport provided at the zoo prevented the rain from being any great deterrent to enjoying ourselves and the driver was both informative and entertaining, listing the quirks and habits of the various animal groups.

The occasional drizzle that followed the ride was still not enough to prevent most of us heading off on foot to see the other animals.

Well done and many thanks Gary. What do you have on the planning board for us next?

Stop Press

Fee reduction

Have you ever had a fee reduction?

The committee has decided that we will start 2007 by dropping the door charge at our meetings to \$2.00. This is a charge to cover administrative costs, door prizes, speakers' costs etc.

Notices

Walking Club Changes

The date of the final walk for **November** is Thursday 30th and the walk will commence at 9 a.m. at Ringwood Lake.

Walks for December will revert to the first and third Thursday (7th and 21st) of the month. Starting time is 9 a.m.

One for the lads...

How many Irish men does it take to change a light bulb?

None! It's women's work.

Dinner Group

Thursday, 11 January, 2007

The dinner group meets every second month, alternating between the 2nd Wednesday and the 2nd Thursday.

Our next dinner is at:

Venue: La Porchetta Restaurant,
 Address: 99 Maroondah Highway, Croydon
 Date: Thursday 11 January, 2007
 Time: 7 pm
 Bookings: Phone Tricia on 9723 9389



Walking Group

The walking group walks on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month.

On **7 December**, Rae believes we are up to the challenge of the Dandenong Creek Trail. We will meet in the carpark at the end of Marlborough Road, off Canterbury Road, Heathmont. **Note the start time of 9 a.m.**

On **21 December** we will walk at Lilydale Lake, again **starting at 9 a.m.** We meet in the main carpark off Swansea Road, not the "boaties" car park.

Coffee Club

The Coffee Club will not meet for December.

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Paddy and Sheamus were driving along the road between Dublin and Belfast when they came to a sign which said:

“Clean toilets ahead”

So they cleaned all the toilets between Dublin and Belfast.

Lunch Group
Thursday, 8 February, 2007

The lunch group alternates with the dinner group, meeting every other second month, and alternating between 2nd Wednesday and 2nd Thursday.

Our next lunch will be:

- Venue: All Smiles Cafe on the Course
- Address: Ringwood Golf Course, Canterbury Road, Ringwood
- Date: 8 February, 2007
- Time: 12.30 p.m.
- Bookings: See Marion at our February meeting (5 February) or contact her on 9879 7235.

January 2007 Meeting
8 January, 2007

Our first meeting for 2007, on 8 January, will take the form of a barbecue at Lilydale Lake from 12.30 p.m. onwards.

We will be situated on the far side of the play equipment, on the lawn near the community centre. Balloons will be in place to show our site (hopefully yellow balloons). Enter from Swansea Road and drive to the main car park (not the boating/launching one) and we will be to your right.

Members will need to BYO everything - chair, food, drink etc. Electric barbecues are available.

Book Club for 2007

If you are interested in joining a book club with our branch, please ring **Jan Black on 9870 8662** as soon as possible. The minimum number of participants required for the club is ten, so if you're sitting on the fence now, jump off and give Jan a call.

Submissions for Newsletter

Peter Feeney: Letters to the editor & National Seniors Committee
Business: email: peter@innsys.com.au

Marion Cairnduff: Notices, reviews, social events, activities, jokes etc. (PO Box 16, Ringwood East. 3135 or tel: 9879 7235)

Helen Classon: photography only, jpegs please (send to hmac4@optusnet.com.au)

Murphy's Other Laws...

A day without sunshine is like... well, night.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending Machine.

Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.

From Head Office

Community Branch Grants Program

Community Branch Grants Program is a National Seniors Foundation initiative. Members at Maroondah can select a local charity that aims to improve the quality of life for Australians over fifty years of age.

Average grants are up to one thousand dollars (\$1000).

Projects funded in the past include medical and mobility aids, support services - rehabilitation and physiotherapy equipment. Past grants have been made to Community Care, Care Hospices, Homes for the Aged, Nursing Homes, Alzheimers Australia, Respite Services, Palliative Care and Silver Chain Nursing Association.

Applications for grants close on 30 March, 2007. The Board of National Seniors Foundation assesses the grants and notifies those successful by 30 June.

For application thoughts and further details contact Peter Feeney.
