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Maroondah Message

Dates to Remember

- **December 3**—Walk from Ringwood Lake to Heathmont
- **December 7**—Branch Meeting at Maroondah Sports Club
- **December 10**—Mullum Mullum short walk
- **December 17**—Branch Christmas Lunch at Rosebank
- **January 4**—Branch Picnic at Lilydale Lake

NOVEMBER MEETING



A beautiful Town Square, library and business centre, new high quality retailers, extra customer services and environmental issues were all covered in the presentation by Deanna Hitchman from the Eastland Project Office.

Following the recent opening of Stage 1 of the redevelopment we now have greater insight into how the \$665m development will look on completion.

DECEMBER MEETING

Our next monthly meeting will be held on **Monday, December 7, 2015** at Maroondah Sports Club, Mt. Dandenong Road, Ringwood East. As always, entry to members and visitors is from 1:40 p.m. with the meeting commencing at 2:00 p.m. Cost of entry is \$4 which includes afternoon tea and a ticket for our lucky door prize. Please remember we request that you have the correct change to pay.

December speaker will be **Jacqueline Dinan** author of **Between the Dances**. The World War II stories of more than 300 amazing women inspired the Ivanhoe East author to record their special yarns in her book which she will have for sale on the day.

All payments for our Branch Christmas lunch at Rosebank must be finalised at the December meeting. Please see notice on Page 2 regarding Priority Payment arrangements at meetings.



Please note that there will be no coffee date in December. Coffee gatherings at Myer Eastland will return on Thursday, January 28, 2016.

GOURMET FOOD HAMPER LUCKY NUMBER COMPETITION

Once again we have been fortunate to receive from our local member, Michael Sukkar, a gourmet food hamper. Tickets will be sold at the December meeting, for \$1 each or 3 for \$2. Don't forget to bring along your gold coins so that you can be in the running to win this delicious hamper which contains a variety of gourmet treats. All proceeds will go to our branch.



MORNING MELODIES AT HAMER HALL

A new and exciting addition to our social calendar for **2016** is a selection of Morning Melodies at Hamer Hall, Victorian Arts Centre. Bookings are limited to eight (8) tickets for each session with all beginning at 11:00 a.m. Tickets cost \$17, a saving of \$3 on the normal price of \$20. The sessions are as follows:

Monday, March 7—The Tap Pack: Enjoy cool classics with a fresh twist with four of Australia's best tap dancing performers.

Monday, April 11—The Best of Broadway: Experience the **Victorian College of the Arts'** 2016 graduating class perform timeless show tune classics.

Tuesday, May 10—The Australian Ballet School: In a showcase of works by talented students, this performance celebrates the art of ballet: the sublime meeting of dance and music.

Monday, August 15—Mirusia: Mirusia's dreams came true when **André Rieu** invited her to tour the world with him as his star soprano.

Monday, October 24—Best of British through to the 50s and 60s: A celebration of British music through to the '50s and '60s ranging from music hall, to jazz and pop.

Booking arrangements for these sessions are already on our web site with their related **payment deadlines**, so book early to avoid disappointment. Bookings can be made at our monthly meetings if tickets are still available.



IMPORTANT CHANGES TO BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOCIAL EVENTS

Most of you will have received an email from Peter Feeney outlining important changes regarding bookings for social outings. Please read the following new guidelines for making, paying for and cancelling bookings:

Limited Bookings – where the number of bookings to a paid event is limited to a specific number, the bookings will be closed once that number of bookings have been paid for. i.e. priority will be given to people who pay earlier.

Payment Date – where a final payment date has been set any bookings where payment has not been made by that date will be cancelled unless arrangements have been made with the treasurer.

Refunds – up to two weeks **BEFORE** the final payment date you can cancel a booking and obtain a refund by emailing treasurer@maroondahnationalseniors.org.au and advising your banking details (BSB, Account No, Account Name) and of course the event you have booked. The booking will be cancelled and a refund will be made direct to your bank account. (members without email can phone the treasurer). Once it is within two weeks of the final payment date (or any time after the final payment date) **no refunds will be issued** and it will be your responsibility to find someone to take your booking and reimburse you.

Priority Payment at Meetings – if you wish to pay at the meetings you can avoid delays in the payment queue by sealing the CORRECT payment amount in an envelope and PRINTING on the outside of the envelope, your name, the amount enclosed, and the event you are paying for. Then place the envelope in the tray provided on the payments desk. Receipts for these payments will be written out later during the meeting and then handed out when the meeting finishes.

Dine-outs Coming Up

BRANCH CHRISTMAS LUNCH

This year's Branch Christmas Lunch will be held on **Thursday, December 17, 12:00 noon at Rosebank Receptions**, Warrandyte Road, Ringwood North. The cost per person is \$44 which includes a delicious two course Christmas lunch (main course and dessert), a drink on arrival, plus tea or coffee following the meal.



If you have not booked, as many people already have, you can still book online or by telephoning Trish Nixon on **9725 5883**. All payments must be finalized by our December meeting.

WALKING GROUP

Please note change of starting time for walks to 9:00a.m. for summer season.

Thursday, December 3, 9:00a.m. Heathmont Rail Trail

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

Thursday, December 10, 9:00 a.m. Mullum Mullum short walk. Meet at Ringwood Lake Car Park. Access from Mt. Dandenong Road just before Caltex petrol station.

Thursday, December 17—NO WALK DUE TO OUR CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT ROSEBANK.

Thursday, January 7, 9:00a.m. Bayswater -Walk along the Taralla Creek Track at Croydon. Park at the shopping centre car park, at the corner of Bayswater and Eastfield Roads. We walk along the trail through to Croydon Main Street, for a coffee break at one of the many cafés before returning along the trail to our cars.

Short version—park at the end of Lusher Road and join the walk as it comes past (approx. 10-15 minutes later).

Thursday, January 21, 9:00 a.m. Bayswater Starting out from the car park at H E Parker Reserve in Heathmont (Melways Map 64 C2). This is an easy treed walk about 35 minutes each way.

Please note new arrangements for days of extreme heat or wet weather:

We will meet at the usual meeting place for the walk of the day and then drive to the café we would have walked to.

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

MORNING MELODIES AT KARRALYKA—PROGRAM FOR 2016

April 12—*Big Blonde and Beautiful*

June 11—*Singing in the Rain (movie)*

August 9—*Minelli with an M*

May 10—*Welsh Male Choir*

July 19—*High Tea with High Society (movie)*

November 22—*Belles of Broadway*



Booking arrangements for these are already on our website along with their related payment deadlines or you can book and pay at our monthly meetings.

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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.

We send a special message of support to Mel Lawrence who will undergo a further medical procedure at Epworth, Richmond on Sunday, November 29.

JANUARY PICNIC AT LILYDALE LAKE

As in past years, our January meeting will be replaced with a picnic. This coming January we will return to our regular venue at Lilydale Lake. This will take place on Monday, January 4 beginning at 12.00 noon. B.Y.O. everything—picnic or barbecue lunch, drinks, chairs, table (if you have one). Don't forget hats and sunscreen if the weather is hot.



We look forward to seeing many of you there. This is always an enjoyable and relaxing day following the hectic pace of Christmas festivities.

AN ENJOYABLE TOUR OF COOMBE COTTAGE

took place on Thursday, November 12



TRADING TABLE

As we don't wish to carry too much stock over the holiday period, we request that you don't bring along any books or bric-a-brac to the December meeting. Please keep these until our next monthly meeting in February. Fresh garden produce would, of course, still be welcomed. So if you have any excess herbs, vegetables or fruit, please bring them along to boost our funds which will go directly to providing hamper prizes for our Christmas lunch at Rosebank on Thursday, December 17