



# Maroondah Message

## Dates to Remember:

- **September 25** Dinner at Ringwood Chinese Restaurant
- **October 3** 9:30 am Walk Beasley's Nursery
- **October 7** 2:00pm Meeting at Ringwood RSL
- **October 17** 9:30 am Walk Heathmont Rail Trail
- **October 21** 12.30 Lunch at Torrente
- **October 31** Historical Walk North Fitzroy
- **November 12** Morning Melodies Victoria Police Show Band
- **December 2** 12:00 noon Christmas Lunch at Yarra Valley Lodge



## NATIONAL RHODODENDRON GARDENS VISIT

On Thursday, October 17, we will visit the gardens in The Georgian Road, Olinda, and then lunch at Cloudhill Garden & Nursery, 89 Olinda—Monbulk Road, Olinda. Those wishing to carpool or needing transport meet at Sofia Restaurant carpark, Maroondah Highway, Croydon, at 9.30a.m.

## SEPTEMBER MEETING

Many thanks to our three member-speakers at the September meeting.



**Joy Olney** spoke of her experience in researching her family history. Her research took her far and wide as she endeavoured to visit as many family historical sites as possible. Her travels took her to locations in Tasmania, churches in New Zealand and her family's ancestral home in England.

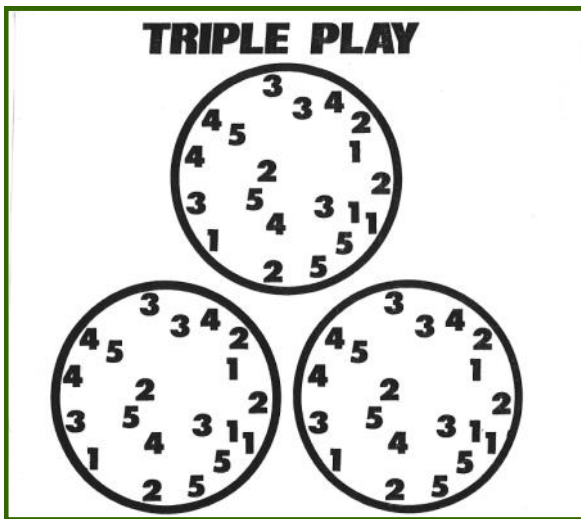
**Robyn Potter** entertained us with tales of her childhood on the shores of Lake Macquarie as one of twelve daughters in her family. She also spoke about the trials and tribulations of raising three children as a single mum, and her travels abroad and within Australia.

Our final speaker, **Peter Olney**, shared some of his experiences in advocacy, particularly those in the mental health system, assisting people who were compulsorily administered medication, which they did not require.

All three speakers are to be congratulated on their presentations and their willingness to present to their peers—not an easy task! Their topics provided a diverse and interesting range of subjects and we have received many very positive comments from members. Given the success of this concept, it looks like becoming a regular feature on our annual calendar of events.

## NEXT MEETING

We look forward to an entertaining presentation by 'The Dunny Man', John Gardner.



**A PUZZLE TO SOLVE IN YOUR SPARE TIME!**

Each of these circles contains an identical arrangements of numbers. Your challenge is to divide each circle in a different manner. 1) Using two straight lines divide the first circle into three pieces which each total twenty. 2) Using two straight lines divide the next circle into four pieces which each total fifteen. 3) Using three straight lines divide the last circle into five pieces which each total twelve.

Solution next month.

**WALKING GROUP**

**Thursday 3rd October** 9:30 am **Beasley's** starting out from the carpark at the rear of the Hockey Centre on Reynold's Road, near the intersection of Springvale Road, Melways Map 34 G7. We walk along the scenic Mullum Creek Linear Park to this popular nursery to partake of a refreshing tea or coffee, before returning along the park.

**Thursday 17th October** 9:30 am starting out from Ringwood Lake carpark, off Mt. Dandenong Road, along the **Heathmont Rail Trail**.

If there is heavy rain or the temperature at 9:00 am is over 25° C (in summer) walk will be cancelled and we will meet at Myer Cafeteria for coffee at 9:30 am.

Please contact Mel 9870 1597 for more details about any of the walks, including the special North Fitzroy Historical Walk.



**NORTH FITZROY HISTORICAL WALK**



**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31**

Meet at Ringwood Station to catch the 9.09 a.m. train. Travel in second last carriage to Parliament Station, then take the Collins Street tram to North Fitzroy. We will spend around two to two-and-a-half hours looking around, based on an existing tour of the suburb, then catch the tram to Brunswick Street for lunch at a local restaurant.

**COFFEE AT CAFÉ ZUKKA**

**Thursday October 24, 2:00pm** Members and their friends are invited to meet at Cafe Zukka inside Eastland, at the rear of Myer, near the stage. No need to book, just come along for coffee (and maybe cake) and a chat.



## *Dine-Outs Coming Up*

**Thursday, October 17—Lunch** at *Cloudbill*, Olinda, following our exploration of the Rhododendron Gardens

**Monday, October 21— Lunch** at Torrente, 389 Maroondah Highway, Ringwood, 12:30

**Monday, December 2—**Christmas Lunch at Yarra Valley Lodge. Bookings and payments (\$39 p.p.) to be finalised by November meeting.



### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

If you need to cancel a booking that you have made for a dine-out, please contact Trish Nixon on **9725-5883**.

Please bring cash to pay at dine-outs as credit card payments are not acceptable.

Also, remember that it is your responsibility to pay for events by the due date. Where possible, please bring the correct money to the meeting. Despite our best efforts, sometimes it is necessary for members to queue up in order to pay at meetings. Please be patient and don't walk away, as we will assume that when a payment is not received, you are not attending the function.

**LUNCH AT THE MOVIES—OCTOBER** Join us for the Seniors Lunch at the Movies at Hoyts Eastland on Wednesday October 9 and/or Wednesday October 30. It costs \$14.50 for the cinema entry and a basket lunch. The movie starts at 10:30 followed by the lunch and bottomless tea and coffee. Meet at the theatre at 10:00 am.

**Wednesday, October 9—*The Best Offer*** starring Geoffrey Rush, Jim Sturgess and Donald Sutherland. A world renowned antiques expert at a leading auction house, who leads a solitary life, is appointed to oversee the valuation and sale of a mysterious woman's art collection.

**Wednesday, October 30—*The Family*** with Robert De Niro, Michelle Pfeiffer and Tommy Lee Jones. The Manzoni family, a notorious mafia clan, is relocated to Normandy, France, under the witness protection program, where fitting in soon becomes challenging, as their old habits die hard.



### **LATROBE'S COTTAGE AND GOVERNMENT HOUSE VISIT**



Our visit to Latrobe's Cottage and Government House was very successful. We were divided into two groups, each with a very informative guide. After touring Latrobe's cottage and its kitchen, and learning much about its history we took a short stroll through the gardens to Government house where we were given a very comprehensive tour. Afterwards we enjoyed a very pleasant lunch at the Observatory Café before catching our tram back to Flinders Street.

### **TENPIN BOWLING**

Come along for some fun, bowling and coffee with cake. The next scheduled session is at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 23. Phone Judith on **9726 5494** book.



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*Dates for Your Diary*

**Thursday October 17** Visit to the National Rhododendron Gardens at Olinda combined with lunch at **Cloud Hill**.

**Monday October 28** 9:00am to 5:00pm there will be a Seniors Wellbeing Expo at Eastland. This will be well worth looking in on and we will be manning a stand promoting National Seniors for which Peter Feeney requires volunteers. If you can spare a couple of hours on that day please contact him.

**Wednesday October 9 and 30** —Lunch at the movies, 10.00 a.m.

**Wednesday, October 23** 1:00 p.m. -Tenpin Bowling at Chirnside Park.

**Thursday October 31** —Special historical walk, North Fitzroy.

**Monday December 2**—Christmas Lunch at Yarra Valley



Don't forget, if you need transport to a meeting or social outing, just call a committee member.

If you know of a member who is unwell, please let us know so that we can send our best wishes. Call the President,

Helen Fox on 9879 4058 or Secretary, Carol O'Brien, on 9722 9870.



**Newsletter**

We are always on the lookout for contributions. You can send articles, jokes, news, and especially pictures. Just e-mail them to Carol at carol.obrien6@gmail.com or hand them to me at the next meeting.