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Maroondah Message

Dates to Remember

- **October 1**—Walk at Ringwood Lake
- **October 5**—Branch Meeting at Maroondah Sports Club
- **October 6**—Dinner at Café Republica
- **October 13**—Train trip to Ballarat
- **October 15**—Walk at Lilydale Lake
- **October 22**—Coffee at Eastland
- **October 29**—Walk at Warrandyte
- **October 31**—Breakfast at Littorio's

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our speaker was **Maureen Shand**, who has spent many years as a Church Secretary and wedding organiser at St John's Anglican Church, Heidelberg. Maureen brought along some interesting wedding paraphernalia including wedding dresses from each decade from around the 1930s.



She recounted several humorous events from a number of weddings she had been involved in, including the confusion between St John's Anglican church and St John's Catholic church which caused some guests to attend the wrong venue including one photographer who was late for his event, only realising his mistake when the bride arrived.

OCTOBER MEETING

Our next monthly meeting will be held on **Monday, October 5, 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.

October speaker will be Beverley Moss, One Saturday morning in 2001, Bev Moss decided to ignore the usual morning chores after a week at work and to have a coffee and read the paper instead. She didn't know why she was reading the employment section as she had a job in which she was happy. Not only that, she was approaching sixty and there was no reason to change as retirement beckoned. Learn how this deviation from her regular routine led her to an exciting new life. Hear her fascinating talk entitled ***In Buckingham Palace in My Underwear***.

Peter will collect money for November Morning Melodies. Payment may also be made for Christmas Lunch at Rosebank, Antiques Roadshow and any other social events for which you have booked.



Our regular fourth Thursday coffee event is held at **Myer Cafeteria, Eastland**. No need to book, just come along for a friendly coffee, chat and perhaps a cake. Members and friends welcome.

Thursday, October 22, 2:00 p.m. We hope to see you there.

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.

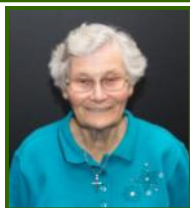
Judging by past dining experiences at Rosebank, this promises to be a very special event. You can book online or by telephoning Trish Nixon on **9725 5883**.

**THE LEGACY OF CATHERINE THE GREAT
EXHIBITION AT NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA**

Monday, October 26

If we have a group of 10 or more the cost will be \$23.40 person. You can book online but pay on the day at the ticket office.

Take the 9:09 train from Ringwood Station, second carriage from the front, to Flinders Street Station which is a short walk from the gallery. Reports from those who have attended the exhibition have been very positive. Reviews say that this is a very beautiful exhibition which is unique and unforgettable.



**GET TO KNOW YOUR
COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Judith Griffith is this month's featured Committee member. Judith is the very capable planner of our Afternoon Tea and Breakfast dine-outs. She road-tests various venues before deciding whether or not they are suitable for our members. Results indicate that she does an excellent job. If you have not yet participated in one of these outings why not give them a try.

ANTIQUES ROADSHOW



The date for this event has been confirmed as **Sunday, November 29 at 2:30 p.m.** The cost is \$35 which includes a decadent sweet and savoury High Tea and the appraisal, by an expert, of one item per person.

Many people expressed interest in attending this event so it is important to book early to avoid disappointment. Bring along your family and friends as well as your most prized possession for what promises to be a fascinating afternoon.

GOURMET FOOD HAMPER LUCKY NUMBER COMPETITION

Once again we have been fortunate to receive from our local member, Dee Ryall, a gourmet food hamper. Mel Lawrence and Peter Waters will sell tickets at the September 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. Please note that this was planned for last meeting but had to be postponed.



Dine-outs Coming Up

Dinner: Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m. - *Café Republica*, 1/25 Fletcher Road, Chirnside Park.

Dinner bookings can be made on our **web site** or by telephoning **Trish Nixon** on **9725-5883**

Breakfast: Saturday, October 31 at 9:30 a.m.— *Littorio's*, 168 Main Street, Croydon.

Breakfast bookings can be made on our website or by telephoning **Judith Griffith** on **0413472697**.

In the event that you book for an a dine-out event and are unable to attend, please let the person responsible for the booking know, as it is embarrassing for the organiser when the number of people attending does not match the booking.



WALKING GROUP

Thursday, October 1, 9:30a.m.— Ringwood Lake

Meet at the Lake car park. Access to this is from Mount Dandenong Road, 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 Road into Railway Parade, East Ringwood, for a refreshing coffee. We then retrace our steps back to the lake. A second circuit of the lake can be completed by the more energetic.

Thursday, October 15, 9:30a.m.— Lilydale Lake

Meet in the car park off Swansea Road for a walk around the lake and coffee at a local café.

Thursday, October 29, 9:30a.m.—Warrandyte

Meet at the car park at the bottom of Stiggant Road, Melways Ref. 23 D12. We head along the river trail as far as the *Stonehouse* café before returning to the car park, stopping along the way for a break at a choice of coffee shops.

If there is heavy rain, the walk will be cancelled and we will meet at Myer Cafeteria, Eastland for coffee at 10:00 a.m.

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



TRAIN TRIP TO BALLARAT FOR ARCHIBALD EXHIBITION

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13



The Ballarat train departs from **Southern Cross Station at 9:17 a.m.** Our group will take the train from **Ringwood Station at 8:00 a.m.** (second carriage from the front.) This will allow plenty of time for a change of trains and comfort stop or coffee at Southern Cross. The art gallery is an easy 250m. walk from Ballarat Station.

You should pre-purchase your ticket at a local train station. The ticket will entitle you travel to Southern Cross from Ringwood and on to Ballarat from Southern Cross and return. You may choose to use your Seniors' Free Travel Voucher when purchasing your ticket.

MAROONDAH-RINGWOOD BRANCH

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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

COOMBE COTTAGE GARDEN TOUR

The Home of Dame Nellie Melba

We have booked a tour at Coombe Cottage for 16 people (the maximum group allowed), commencing at **2:00 p.m** on **Thursday, November 12**. The cost is \$25 per person which includes Devonshire Tea at the conclusion of the tour.



For those wishing to partake of lunch prior to the tour, a group booking will be made at Museum Harvest Café, Castella Street, Lilydale.

As the group size at Coombe Cottage is limited, we suggest that you book early to avoid disappointment.

You can book online or at our monthly meeting. You will need to book separately for the tour and for lunch at Harvest Café. Lunch will be paid for individually on the day and the tour will require payment beforehand.

INTERNET SITE

Don't forget that we have an updated web site. If you haven't checked it out do so at:

www.maroondahnationalseniors.org.au



TRADING TABLE

New stock is urgently required to keep the trading table viable. Bring along your unwanted bric-a-brac (in good condition) and jewellery, as well as recently published books (especially those with larger type!) or other items that you think would sell well.

