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Maroondah Message

Dates to Remember

- **December 29—**
Lillydale Lake Walk
- **December 31—**
Breakfast at Moo Bar
- **January 2—***Branch Picnic at Lillydale Lake*
- **January 5—***Walk at Warrandyte*
- **January 8—**
Afternoon Tea at The Full Pantry
- **January 18—***Dinner at Lindos*
- **January 19—***Tarralla Creek Trail Walk*

DECEMBER MEETING

Many thanks to our three members who spoke at our December meeting.

John Jensz entertained us with stories from his days in the Diplomatic Corps.

Gilda Lawrenson spoke about the growth and needs of the many young families in what was once the "Outer East" during the 1970s.



Xanthoula Wrigley shared her experience of attending an award ceremony at which families of veterans of the Greek campaign during WW2 were awarded the Greek Medal of Honour. The medal was awarded to her late husband Herbert (Slim) Wrigley.



WISHING ALL
OUR MEMBERS,
THEIR FAMILIES
AND FRIENDS A
HAPPY CHRIST-
MAS AND A SAFE,
HAPPY AND
HEALTHY NEW
YEAR



NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Our next general monthly meeting will be held on **Monday, February 6, 2017** at Maroondah Sports Club, Mt. Dandenong Road, Ringwood East. Entry to members and visitors is from 1:40 p.m. with the meeting commencing at 2:00 p.m. (Speaker to be announced in January newsletter.) Entry cost is \$4 which includes your **afternoon tea** and a **ticket for our monthly door prize**, as well as assisting with **administrative costs**.



Coffee

There will be no coffee gathering in **December** or **January** due to Public Holidays. Our regular fourth Thursday coffee events will re-commence in **February**.

Dine-outs Coming Up

Breakfast: Saturday, December 31 at 9:30 am.—Moo Bar, Brice Avenue, Mooroolbark.

Afternoon Tea: Sunday, January 8 at 2:00 p.m. –The Full Pantry Café, 66-68 Maroondah Highway, Croydon.

Breakfast and Afternoon Tea bookings can be made on our **web site** or by telephoning **Judith Griffith** on **0413 472 697**.



Dinner: Wednesday, January 18 at 7:00 p.m.—Lindos Restaurant, 305 Maroondah Highway, Ringwood.

Dinner bookings can be made by phoning **Trish Nixon** on **9725 5883** or you can book at our January Picnic.

In the event that you book for a dine-out and are unable to attend, please let the person responsible for the booking know as soon as possible.

Bookings for these events are not currently available on our website.

**PICNIC AT
LILLYDALE LAKE, JANUARY 2**

As in past years, our January meeting will be replaced with a picnic which will take place on Monday, January 2 beginning at 12.00 noon.

Our picnic will once again be held at Lilydale Lake which has excellent facilities including barbecues, a gazebo, picnic tables and toilets, as well as plenty of shaded areas.

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.

Be prepared for a brisk post-lunch walk around the lake or a game of bocce. Or just relax and enjoy the environment and the company. We look forward to seeing many of you there.



Our best wishes go to the following members who celebrate their birthdays in December:



Edith Martin, Peg Moore, Pamela Springett,

If you have not yet registered your birthday, and would like to, you can do so at the next meeting you attend.

WALKING GROUP

Starting time for summer walks is 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 29—Lillydale Lake Walk—meet at the lake car park off Swansea Road. We walk around the lake before enjoying a refreshing beverage at a local café.

Thursday, January 5—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 coffee break.

Thursday, January 19—Croydon, Taralla Creek—Park at the shopping centre, which is situated on the corner of Eastfield and Bayswater Roads. We walk along the trail through to Croydon Main Street, for a coffee break 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).

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

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.



BRANCH CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT WILD CATTLE CREEK ESTATE



Thanks, once again, to Trish Nixon for organising another most successful Branch Christmas Lunch, this time at Wild Cattle Creek Estate. Members enjoyed a delicious meal and great company. All in all, a very pleasant occasion.

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BRANCH**

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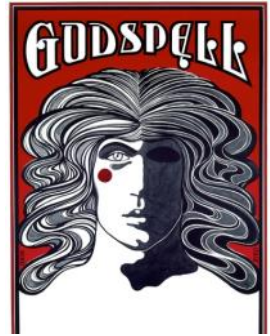
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GODSPELL AT THE WHITEHORSE CENTRE

**Date: Saturday, May 20—Matinee
Performance beginning at 2:00
p.m.**

Tickets: \$38 per person

A group booking will be made for this event. Until further notice please book for this event by contacting me (Carol O'Brien) on 9722 9870 or book at a Branch meeting.



KNOX BRANCH FUNCTIONS

Knox Branch has offered our members places at some of their social events. These are:

1812 Theatre performance of *Steptoe and Son* on **Friday, March 3**. Cost is \$24 each for a group booking of 10+.

Coach Trip to Point Nepean Quarantine Station, Tuesday, February 7. Limited seats available. \$20 for the coach travel. Lunch and morning tea at your own cost. Enquire about further details

Morning Melodies and Buffet Lunch at The Middle Hotel, Ferntree Gully, Friday February 17.

For these events you can call Helen Fox on 9879 4058 or Darryl Cowen (Knox Branch) 0419 583 501.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Approaching the conclusion of 2016, which has been another successful year for our club, I would once again like to thank my fellow committee members for their hard work throughout this year.

Without their continued dedication to planning for social outings, historical and local walks, organising for speakers at our meetings, collecting money and keeping financial records, maintaining our website and many more tasks, our branch would not be able to function.

Many thanks also to all our members who support our monthly meetings and social events, helping to make our branch one of the most successful National Seniors groups.

BEST WISHES to all our members who are currently unwell.

You will all be pleased to hear that **Peter Feeney** is now at home and recuperating from his three week stay in hospital. It will be some time before Peter regains his full strength and is able to resume all the activities he was involved in prior to his illness. Best wishes, Peter.