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Maroondah Message

Dates to Remember

- **December 21**—
Heathmont Rail Trail Walk
- **December 30**—
Breakfast at Gracious Grace
- **January 8**—*Picnic at Lilydale Lake*
- **January 18**—*Mullum Mullum short walk*
- **January 24**—*Lunch at Yering Meadows Café*
- **February 19**—
Ambulance Museum Visit

END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION LUNCH

Forty members enjoyed a delicious 3-course lunch at Tokar Estate on Monday December 4, preceded by an informative wine tasting.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

May you all have a very happy and safe festive season and good health in 2018.



NEXT MEETING

The next general meeting of our group will take place on Monday, February 5 at Maroondah Club, Mt. Dandenong Road, Ringwood beginning at 2:00 p.m. Entry to members begins at 1:40 p.m. Entry cost is \$4 which includes afternoon tea and entry into our lucky door prize competition.



The speaker at this meeting will be from **Mercy Ships**, a global charity, staffed by volunteers, that uses hospital ships to provide world class health care to people who would otherwise not have access to it.

WALKING GROUP

All walks starting at 9:00 a.m. for the summer months.

Thursday, December 21—Heathmont Rail Trail - Starting out from Ringwood Lake car park off Mt. Dandenong Road, to Heathmont via the Heathmont Rail Trail.

Thursday, January 18—Mullum Mullum Trail short walk—Starting out from Ringwood Lake Park car park. We walk along the trail to Café Torrente for morning refreshments before returning along the trail.

****Please note arrangements wet or extremely hot days:**

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 Peter Feeney, 9876 1577, this month for more details about any of the walks.



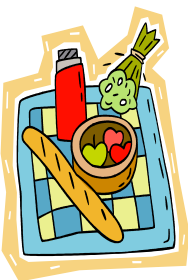
Happy Birthday

Best wishes to members who celebrate their birthdays in December:

Pamela Springett, Peg Moore and Edith Martin

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

PICNIC AT LILLYDALE LAKE, MONDAY, JANUARY 8



As in past years, our January meeting will be replaced with a picnic which will take place on Monday, January 8 beginning at 12.00 noon at Lillydale Lake Reserve 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.

This is always an enjoyable and relaxing day following the hectic pace of Christmas festivities so come along and join us.

Dine-outs Coming Up



Breakfast: Saturday, December 30 at 9:30 a.m. - *Gracious Grace*, Castella Street, Lilydale

Breakfast bookings can be made on line or by phoning **Judith Griffith** on **413472697**

Lunch: Wednesday, January 24 at 12:30 p.m.—*Yering Meadows Café*, Victoria Street, Lilydale.

Lunch bookings can be made on line or by phoning **Trish Nixon** on **9725 5883**.

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.

Please book early to assist with the organisation of the outing.

MOONRAKER DOLPHIN CRUISE

Our friends at Lilydale branch have invited us to join them for a one and a half hour cruise aboard ***Moonraker*** to see the dolphins and seals in Port Phillip Bay.

The boat departs from Sorrento Pier at 12:00 noon on Sunday, March 4. Adults \$25 Children \$10. (The regular price is \$45-\$60).

This outing is available to anyone you know—family, friends etc.

You can book via our website. Bookings close on February 5.



AMBULANCE MUSEUM VICTORIA VISIT

Monday, February 19

1/55 Barry Street, Bayswater

A visit to the Ambulance Museum has been arranged for Monday, February 19 beginning at 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$5 which includes a guided tour and morning tea.



The Ambulance Victoria Museum has an amazing car collection, with 18 vehicles for viewing. The museum has been developed and maintained voluntarily by retired ambulance officers and is a non-profit organization.

You can also see old medical equipment, uniforms, memorabilia, posters and documents from the past. There are over 3,000 items in the museum.

You can book via our website or at the February meeting.

MAROONDAH-RINGWOOD BRANCH

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GET WELL WISHES...



to all our members who are unwell. If you know of anyone who is sick at home or in hospital please contact our Welfare Officer, **Anne Hamilton** on 0408 382 608 so that she can send them personal messages.



KNOW YOUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Trish Nixon is one of our Committee members. Trish researches and books our Lunch and Dinner venues. Those who attend these outings will agree that she does an excellent job in choosing some most enjoyable venues. If you haven't attended one recently, why not come along to one in the New Year.



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MORNING MELODIES AT KARRALYKA



The first Morning Melodies session for 2018 will be on **Tuesday, March 13** featuring Sylvie Paladino. Let Silvie's incredible voice dazzle and uplift you, as she sings classics from popular musicals, well known hits by female vocalists and songs of inspiration.

The session begins at 10:30 a.m. preceded by a delicious morning tea at 9:45. The cost is \$21 for all live Morning Melodies performances in 2018.

You can book online via our website or at the February meeting. Remember that ticket numbers are limited so be sure to book early to avoid disappointment.

Newsletter

We are always on the lookout for contributions. You can send small articles, jokes, news, travel tips and pictures. Just e-mail them to Carol at:

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