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Maroondah Message

Dates to Remember

- **January 7, 2019**— Picnic lunch at Lilydale Lake
- **January 15**—Dinner at Croydon Hotel
- **January 17**—Walk at Warrandyte
- **January 31**—Walk along Taralla Creek Trail
- **February 4**—Branch Meeting at Maroondah Sports Club
- **February 10**—Afternoon Tea at Barclay's

DECEMBER CELEBRATION LUNCH

AT ROSEBANK



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS TO ALL
MEMBERS AND
THEIR FAMILIES**

May you all have a very happy and safe festive season and good health in 2019.



Forty members enjoyed an end-of-of-year lunch at Rosebank in Ringwood North on December 3. Many thanks to all those who attended, making this occasion a great success.

Congratulations to Helen Handreck who won the gourmet hamper donated by state member, Dee Ryall, and Judith Griffith who won the Cadbury chocolate hamper supplied by Michael Sukkar.

**PICNIC AT LILLYDALE LAKE,
MONDAY, JANUARY 7**

As in past years, our January meeting will be replaced with a picnic which will take place on Monday, January 7 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 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.

NEXT MEETING



Our next general meeting will be on **Monday, February 4** at Maroondah Sports Club, Mt. Dandenong Road, Ringwood beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Entry to members and visitors begins at 1:40 p.m. Entry cost is \$4 which includes afternoon tea and entry into our lucky door prize competition.

Our speaker for this meeting will be our Robin Williams. The title of his presentation will be "**A Conversation with Robin Williams**" which will feature an audio visual presentation.

FUTURE SPEAKER



An early notification for your diary. We promised that Annette Allison OAM would speak to us about **Royal Flying Doctor Service**. This has now been confirmed to take place on **Monday April 1, 2019**. As this should be another most informative and entertaining session make sure you reserve the date in your diary.

WALKING GROUP

Beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, January 17—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.

Thursday, January 31—Croydon along the Taralla Creek Track at Croydon. Park at the 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 cafes— 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 extremely hot or wet 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, for more details about any of the walks.



Dine-outs Coming Up

Breakfast: Saturday, December 29 at 9:30 a.m.—Gracious Grace, Castella Street, Lilydale.

Afternoon Tea: Sunday, February 10 at 2:00 p.m.—Barclays Café, 196 Canterbury Road, Heathmont.

Breakfast and Afternoon Tea bookings can be made on line or by phoning **Judith Griffith on 0413472697.**

Dinner: Tuesday, January 15 at 7:00 p.m.—Croydon Hotel, 47 Maroondah Highway, Croydon.

Dinner bookings can be made on line or by phoning **Kathleen Jackson on 9723 4919.**

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.



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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.



Circus Oz - Wednesday, March 20, 2019 - The details of a visit to this iconic performing group are currently being finalised. Put the date in your diary. Travel and booking details will be available later.



Our first coffee gathering for 2019 will be held on **Thursday, February 28, 2:00 p.m.** at **Degani Café, Eastland**. This is situated in the same place as the former Café Zukka on the ground floor near the rear entrance to Myer.

BELEURA HOUSE & GARDEN - MORNINGTON

We are in the process of organizing a visit to this historic property. Look out for further information, including date of visit in the next newsletter. We anticipate the outing will take place in late February, 2019.



.....to those members who celebrate their birthdays in January:
Sandra Price (5th) Graeme Haack (6th), Peter Feeny (10th)