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# Maroondah Message

## Dates to Remember

- **March 3**—Walk at War-randyte
- **March 7** —Branch Meeting at Maroondah Sports Club
- **March 9**—Dinner at International Lilydale
- **March 13**—Afternoon Tea at Chapter Too
- **March 17**—Walk at Croydon
- **March 22**—Yarra River Cruise
- **March 24**— Coffee at Myer Eastland
- **March 31**—Walk at Beasley's



## FEBRUARY MEETING

At our February meeting Geraldine Coy spoke about events in post-apartheid South Africa.

Her appointment as one of three commissioners to investigate crimes and atrocities in the area, occurring because of corruption in high places, led to death threats against Geraldine and her family.

She fled South Africa and settled in Melbourne and has since written a book, **Brave Truth**, based on the experiences of some of the people who suffered during this time.

Geraldine signed copies of her book for members following her talk.



## NEXT MEETING

Our next general monthly meeting will be held on **Monday, March 7, 2016** 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. Entry cost is \$4 which includes your **afternoon tea** and a **ticket for our monthly door prize**, as well as assisting with **administrative costs including room hire**.

At our **March** meeting, join **Micah** from **Eastern Regional Libraries** as we explore the amazing things that you can do with your free library card. Learn about:

Programs, Workshops and Events  
eBooks and Magazines on your device  
Family and Military History Resources  
Learning languages, reading overseas newspapers and much more

Bring along any questions you might have and you can even join the library on the day if you are not already a member.

## Coffee Shop

Our regular coffee event will be held on Thursday, March 24 at 2:00 p.m. at **Myer Cafeteria, Eastland**. No need to book, just come along for a friendly coffee, chat and perhaps a cake. Members and friends welcome.

We hope to see you there.

**SOUTHBANK TO WILLIAMSTOWN RIVER CRUISE**

**Tuesday, March 22**



A river cruise has been planned for the above date. We will leave Ringwood Railway Station on the 9:09 a.m. train (or the nearest train to this time as timetables are continually changing) travelling to Flinders Street, then take the short walk to Southbank to board our boat which departs at 10:30. Tickets

will be obtained individually on the day at a cost of \$25 concession for the return trip to Williamstown.

While in Williamstown we will purchase lunch at a local eatery (at own cost) or, if preferred, you may wish to take a picnic lunch. There is a recommended fish and chip shop close to the ferry terminal. We already have a large group booked for what promises to be a most enjoyable day, so why not add your name to the list if you have not already done so. It is important that we know how many will be participating, in order to notify the boat company.

**MORNING MELODIES**



**2016 Morning Melodies at Karralyka and Hamer Hall** are now listed on our web site and are open for online bookings. Get in quickly to avoid disappointment, as tickets are limited. You can also book at our monthly meetings.

**Monday, April 11 at Hamer Hall, 11:00 a.m.—Best of Broadway—** Experience the Victorian College of the Arts’ 2016 graduating class performing timeless show tune classics.

**Tuesday, April 12 at Karralyka—Big, Blonde and Beautiful— starring Martine Pavey.** Celebrate the music of history’s favourite blonde bombshells, from Mae West to Marilyn Monroe, Doris Day to Dolly Parton and our own Olivia Newton-John.

Bookings and payments for both of these sessions must be finalised by our March 7 meeting.

**TAKE YOUR SEAT AND YOUR NAME TAG**



**Name Tags:** Lately many of us (including your editor) have been a little remiss when it comes to wearing name tags at our meetings. New name tags will be available for all members at our March meeting, so none of us has any excuse for not wearing one. Name tags make it much easier for new members (and those of us whose memories are not what they used to be!) to call each other by name.

**Seating:** Another request to members may require some of us to get a little out of our comfort zone. We all enjoy sitting with people we are already friendly with and know well but, of course, this does not allow us to make new acquaintances and friends. Why not try sitting next to someone with whom you are not quite so friendly or familiar. Introduce yourself and have a brief chat prior to the meeting. You never know, you may even make a new friend.



## *Dine-outs Coming Up*

**Afternoon Tea: Sunday, March 13, 2:00 p.m.—Chapter Too,** 3/110 Canterbury Road, Heathmont.

**Afternoon Tea bookings** can be made on our website or by telephoning **Judith Griffith** on **0413 472 697**.



**Dinner: Wednesday, March 9, 7:00 p.m.—International Lilydale,** 471 Maroondah Highway, Lilydale.

**Please note:** This venue offers a wide range of meals at various prices, including a great value **Seniors' Menu**.

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

**In the event that you book for 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. This has occurred recently on a couple of occasions.**

## **WALKING GROUP**

**Starting time for walks from now on is 9:30 a.m. in order to avoid school traffic.**

### **Thursday, March 3, Warrandyte Walk**

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, March 17, Croydon Walk—along the Taralla Creek Track at Croydon.** Park at the shopping centre car park on the corner of Eastfield and Bayswater 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 track 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).

**Thursday, March 31, Beasley's Walk—**starting out from the car park 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.

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

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



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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 personal messages.

**TRADING TABLE**

Thank you to all those people who contributed to our trading table at the February meeting, making business quite brisk.



No doubt many of you will have some excess fresh and delicious garden produce at this time of the year. Fresh vegetable are always popular, so if you have too many, please bring them along to our March meeting.

**A FEW QUESTIONS TO PONDER**



If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?

If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, then doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?

Do Lipton Tea employees take 'coffee breaks'?  
Do Nescafe employees take 'tea breaks'?

Why is it that when someone tells you that there are one billion stars in the universe you believe them, but if they tell you there is wet paint you have to touch it to check?

Why do we press harder on the remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak?

**FEAST ASIA FESTIVAL AT THE IMMIGRATION MUSEUM**

400 Flinders Street, Melbourne



**Sunday, April 10—10a.m. to 5.00 p.m.**

This is an event that may be of interest to our members, although we are not planning a group outing.

Adult tickets are \$17 but for concession card holders they are free. You can easily book on line at their website (as I did) and the tickets will be forwarded to you via email at no cost.

Experience Asia in the city with a sample of culinary delights, vibrant performances and iconic traditions from one of the most captivating continents on earth.

**Newsletter**

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

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or hand them to me at the next meeting.