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Maroondah Message

Dates to Remember

- **March 2**—Mullum Mullum Walk
- **March 6**—Branch Meeting at Maroondah Sports Club
- **March 8**—Lunch at Platinum
- **March 12**—Mister Fox Afternoon Tea
- **March 16**—Bayswater Walk
- **March 23**—New Turtle Den Dinner
- **March 30**—Ringwood Lake Walk

Coffee

Our first coffee event for 2017 will be held on Thursday, March 23 at 2:00 p.m. at **Café Zukka, 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.

FEBRUARY MEETING

Our speaker, Robin Bowles, has been dubbed 'Australia's True Crime Queen', with 19 books published over the past two decades.



We were entertained with humorous stories of her earlier life, then later, her investigations into widely reported murders which had grabbed the public interest.

Robin has interviewed convicted murderers and even re-enacted crime scenes when she perceived anomalies, cover-ups and bungled investigations. Another book is currently being written.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be held at Maroondah Sports Club on Monday, March 6. Entry for members is at 1:40 p.m. with a \$4 entry fee which covers room hire and administrative costs, as well as afternoon tea and a ticket into our lucky door prize competition.

Speaker, **Heather Burge**, will share some of her amazing experiences while **Cycling the Silk Road**.

You can make payments for **Godspell** and any **Morning Melodies** sessions that you have booked. Don't forget, if you do not wish to queue up to pay, simply place your payment in an envelope with your name and that of the event for which you are paying, and place it in the tray provided. You can then collect your receipt from Peter at the conclusion of our meeting.

If you are not a member of **Maroondah Sports Club** please remember to sign in at the front desk.

Dine-outs Coming Up



Lunch: Wednesday, March 8, at 12:30 p.m. - *Platinum*, 1 East Ridge Drive, Chirnside Park.

Dinner: Thursday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m.—*New Turtle Den*, Railway Avenue, Ringwood East

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

Afternoon Tea: Sunday, March 12 at 2:00 p.m.—*Mister Fox*, 352 Canterbury Road, Ringwood.

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

MORNING MELODIES AT KARRALYKA—2017

Tuesday, June 20—Movie Screening: *South Pacific* The romantic musical film adaptation of the famous Rodgers and Hammerstein musical.

Tuesday, July 11—Movie Screening: *My Fair Lady* The unforgettable Audrey Hepburn and Rex Harrison grace the screen of Karralyka in this classic movie.

Tuesday, August 8—Lanza Sings Again Tenor Roy Best stars as Mario, along with soprano Alison Jomes as Kathryn Grayson. Experience the incredible life story of Mario Lanza featuring some of his most well-known songs.

Tuesday, November 21—Great Composers of London’s West End—Philip Gould leads a talented cast of performers in this wonderful narrative tribute to Lloyd Webber, Elton John, Richard Rogers and many more.

All of these performances will be preceded by a delicious morning tea beginning at 9:45 a.m.

Film screenings cost \$11 including morning tea.

Live performances are \$19.50 including morning tea.

As the number of tickets is limited to 8 for live performances and 10 for movies, book early to avoid disappointment. Book online or at a monthly meeting.



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

Gilda Lawrenson, Helen Handreck, Delma Haack, Peter Waters and Eileen McGregor



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. April walks will return to 9:30 start.

Thursday, March 2—Mullum Creek Walk—This is the short version starting out from Ringwood Lake Car Park accessed from Mt. Dandenong Road, just before the Caltex Service Station.

Thursday, March 16 —Bayswater Starting out from the car park at H E Parker Reserve in Heathmont (Melways Map 64 C2) This is an easy treed walk about 35 minutes each way.

Thursday, March 30—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, where we partake of morning refreshments at one of the local coffee shops.



We then retrace our steps back to the lake. A second circuit of the lake can be completed by the more energetic.

Thursday, April 6—Lilydale Lake (9:30 a.m.)—Meet in the car park off Swansea Road. We walk around the lake before enjoying a cuppa at a local café.

****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.

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

TELECOMMUNICATION MUSEUM VISIT

Wednesday, April 5

A group visit has been organised to the **Telecommunication Museum, 375 Burwood Road Hawthorn**. Our group will meet at **Ringwood Railway Station** in time for the **9:45 train** (second carriage from the rear) to take us to **Glenferrie station** which is just a short walk from the museum. This train begins at Belgrave so you should check departure times for previous stations should you wish to travel from one of them, or connect with a train from Lilydale.

Our guided tour is booked to begin at **10:30 a.m.** Admission to the museum is by **gold coin donation** and, as there is a limited number of participants, you should book at a meeting or online. There are several cafes nearby for those who wish to partake of lunch after the visit.

BEFORE SMS texting there were dots and dashes over the airwaves. Morsecodians showcase the early years of telecommunications with a live demonstration of the art of transmitted text at the historic Hawthorn Telephone Exchange.



You can also see the workings of a mini telephone exchange that features original dial tones and rings and manually clicks around as the numbers are dialled.

Another highlight at the volunteer-run museum is the mechanical speaking clock of the 1950s made from rotating glass discs. As some of its parts are no longer in production, digital technology has been adapted to plug in to its valve sockets to get the clock working.

MAROONDAH-RINGWOOD BRANCH

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A Johannesburg filling station has become quite a landmark in Gauteng with its daily #PetrolPump Wisdom – uplifting quotes written on a chalkboard. Here



are a couple that are particularly relevant in today's world.

COBA CITY SITES TOUR

Thursday, July 27

Meet at the Arts Centre at 10:00 a.m.

Includes Morning Tea and 3 course Lunch—\$39

For further information and bookings contact Laurie Vipont on 9878 5623.



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 the Secretary, Carol O'Brien on 9722 9870 or President, Helen Fox on 98794058 so that we can send them personal messages.

FAREWELL JAN BLACK

We were deeply saddened to hear that **Jan Black** passed away on Monday, February 6th. Jan, who was a foundation member of our branch and served on the first committee, had suffered poor health for many years. Our sincere condolences to Doug and all the family.



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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