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# Maroondah Message

## Dates to Remember

- **March 2**— Branch Meeting at Maroondah Sports Club
- **March 5**— Bayswater Walk from H.E. Parker Reserve
- **March 15**—Afternoon Tea, Yering Meadows
- **March 18**—Dinner at Thien Long
- **March 19** —Ringwood Lake Walk
- **March 23**—Picnic at Lillydale Lake



Our next coffee gathering will be held on **Thursday, March 26 at 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. No need to book. Just come along and enjoy a coffee and chat.

## FEBRUARY MEETING

Our February meeting provided some fun and frivolity at our games day with members and guests learning the intricacies of the game **Beetle**. The table seating also allowed more social interaction than at our regular speaker meetings. Thanks to Gilda for her organisation for this activity.

## NEXT MEETING

At our meeting on Monday, March 2, Dr. Geoff Crawford, microbiologist, will discuss **what lies beneath**. Sounds fascinating! Geoff was scheduled to speak at an earlier meeting but was forced to cancel his presentation due to illness.

Entry to members and guests is at 1:40 p.m. with an entry fee of \$5 which includes a ticket in our lucky door prize competition and afternoon tea.

Peter Feeney will collect for any Morning Melodies bookings that you have made.

## CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS

### Members—have you changed any of your contact details?

If so, could you please notify the Committee members on the registration desk at a monthly meeting. This includes changes to your address, email address or telephone number. Keeping these details up-to-date will ensure that you receive your newsletter, changes to travel arrangements for outings and alterations to dine-put arrangements.



- ◆ You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive more than once!
- ◆ Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- ◆ I was always taught to respect my elders but it is getting harder and harder to find them.
- ◆ Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting tomatoes in a fruit salad.



### ***JANUARY PICNIC - IN MARCH***

***(Our variation on the Christmas in July theme!)***

***MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2020***

Don't forget that, as a result of the cancellation of our January picnic, we will be holding a picnic on March 23 at Lillydale Lake from 12:00 noon. Hopefully we will be blessed with more clement weather and improved atmospheric conditions on this date.



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 should be a relaxing day and will help to make up for the January cancellation.

### ***NBN FREE INFORMATION SESSIONS***

There will be free information sessions presented by the NBN (who do not sell anything direct to the public). The sessions will include:

- ◆ What to expect from the NBN
- ◆ What technology is available to you
- ◆ Understanding how to connect



Wednesday, March 25—6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 31— 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Venue: REALM (Ringwood Library), 179 Maroondah Highway, Ringwood.  
(at the front of Eastland Shopping Centre, opposite Ringwood Station.)**

## **WALKING GROUP**

***Walks all at 9:30a.m.***

**Thursday, March 5 – 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 19 – Ringwood Lake Walk.** 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.

**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.**

## *Dine-outs Coming Up*



**Afternoon Tea : Sunday, March 15 at 2:00 p.m.—Yering Meadows Golf Club,** Victoria Road, Yering.

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

**Dinner: Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. - Thien Long Vietnamese,** 718-720 Bayswater Road, Bayswater.

**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 a personal message.

**.2020 MORNING MELODIES**

This year the Karralyka Concerts were very quickly booked out and, for some of the events, we are on a waitlist. However, based on past experience, our waitlist bookings will be fulfilled and this is definitely your best chance of seeing these shows if you don't already have a ticket.



While you may be able to add your name to a booking sheet at our meetings, the website contains a description of each show and details of when the cut-off is for payment or for cancelling your booking. Preference will be given to online bookings.

**WHITEHORSE THEATRE NUNAWADING**

The following production may be of interest to you:

**Mamma Mia** – Saturday, June 13 at 2:00 p.m.  
**Concession \$42**

Those interested in this production should contact **Gilda** directly at one of our meetings or by phoning 9870 0819



.....to those members who celebrate their birthdays in March:

Robin Williams (6th), Lyn Paten (18th), Rod Fox (30th)