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# Maroondah Message

## Dates to Remember

- **February 3-** Meeting at Federation Estate
- **February 6 -** Walk at Mullum Mullum Trail
- **February 17 -** Lunch at Georges Gourmet Food Store
- **February 20 -**Walk at Ringwood Lake
- **February 26 -** Tenpin Bowling at Chirnside Park
- **February 27—**Coffee at Café Zukka
- **March 4 –**Morning Melodies—Pirates to Pinafore

## Coffee Shop

Don't forget our regular fourth Thursday coffee event at Café Zukka, at 2.00p.m. in Eastland, near the stage at the rear of Myer. No need to book, just come along for a friendly coffee, chat and perhaps a cake. Members and friends welcome.

Thursday, February 27

## JANUARY PICNIC AT LILLYDALE LAKE

Our annual picnic at Lillydale Lake was a most enjoyable event once again, in spite of quite cold conditions. There was plenty of good humour and good cheer and an excellent attendance of



around thirty members. Whilst it was too chilly and wet for our usual game of bocce, the day was brightened up considerably by Rod Fox's melodious bagpipe performance. It seemed most appropriate to hear the strains of the bagpipes drifting across the lake as the weather emulated that of the Scottish Highlands. Thanks for your excellent recital, Rod.



## NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, February 3, at Federation Estate. Conditions at Federation Estate will, obviously, be considerably different from those at the RSL. One of the major differences is that our group will be responsible for supplying all afternoon tea and coffee requisites. Once again, Thelma has kindly volunteered to make sure that we have everything we need. Another change will be the expectation that all cups, saucers etc. are cleared away and stacked in the dishwasher (yes, thank goodness there is one). Eventually, we hope to draw up a roster so that all members take a turn at helping out with this task. For the time being, until we all adjust to our new home, please be willing to lend a hand with tidying up. Many hands make light work!

The speaker at our February meeting will be Brian O'Halloran from the Royal Botanic Gardens who will talk about the history of the gardens and some of the features about which many of us are unaware.

**Solution to last month's puzzle**

**The Coin in the Bottle**

The solution is to push the cork so that it drops into the bottle and then remove the coin.

**This month's puzzle**

The sum of the squares of two consecutive numbers is 1105. What are the two numbers?

**WALKING GROUP**

**Please note that, from December until late autumn, walks will commence at 9:00 a.m.**

**Thursday, February 6—Mullum Mullum Creek Short Walk**

Meet in the car park at Ringwood Lake off Mt. Dandenong Road. Walk along the Mullum Creek trail to Café Torrente. After a refreshing cup of coffee, we return to Ringwood Lake car park.

**Thursday, February 20—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.



**If there is heavy rain or the temperature at 9:00 am is over 25°C (in summer) the walk will be cancelled and we will meet at Myer Cafeteria for coffee at 9:30 am.**

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

**TRADING TABLE**

Remember to bring along all those great paperback novels that you have read, especially recent editions. Also popular on the table is your excess garden produce, such as rhubarb, lemons, parsley and silverbeet.



**MORNING MELODIES**

Don't forget that payment of \$18.50 for the March 4 Morning Melodies, *Pirates to Pinafore*, is due at the February meeting.

Check out our website for future Morning Melodies sessions. We have some great performances booked for the rest of the year. Get in early, as ticket numbers are limited. First in, first served.



**OLD IS WHEN:**

- Happy Hour is a nap
  - Things you buy won't wear out
  - People call at 9:00 p.m. and ask if they woke you
- Thankfully, we have not reached that stage yet!

*Dine-Outs Coming Up*

**Lunch:** Monday, February 17—Georges Gourmet Food Store, 22 Hewish Road, Croydon—12:30p.m.

**There is no dinner planned for February**



**BLUE LOTUS WATER GARDENS VISIT**



A visit to the Blue Lotus Water Gardens at 2628 Warburton Highway, Yarra Junction, has been planned for Friday, February 7. The special lunch package is priced at \$23 per person. This includes entry, a talk on arrival and lunch consisting of a delicious sandwich, made with local produce, a locally made cake, fruit platters presented on lotus leaves and tea and coffee. You can book online, or by phoning Helen Fox on 9879 4058. There will be car pooling available for this event. If you can provide transport, or require it, please meet at Sofia’s Restaurant car park in Maroondah Highway, Croydon at 10:00 a.m. An early start will enable us to take full advantage of all the features of the gardens. Payment for this event will be required at the February meeting.

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

If you need to cancel a booking that you have made for a dine-out, please contact Trish Nixon on **9725-5883**.

Please note that, from now on, Trish Nixon will check with each dine-out establishment, on arrival, regarding its preferred method of billing. Some restaurants allow patrons to pay individually, while others prefer to bill per table or for the whole group. If you are unsure about this please check with Trish in order to avoid any misunderstandings and confusion. In the event of Trish not being in attendance another Committee member will take on this responsibility.

For **breakfast, afternoon tea** and **bowling** cancellations please call Judith Griffith on **9726 5494**.

**LUNCH AT THE MOVIES—FEBRUARY** Join us for the Seniors Lunch at the Movies at Hoyts Eastland. It costs \$14.50 for the cinema entry and a basket lunch. The movie starts at 10:30 followed by the lunch including tea and coffee. Meet at the theatre at 10:00 am.

During February there are many good movies scheduled , so they are all listed below for your consideration.

**Wednesday, February 5—Saving Mr Banks** with Emma Thompson, Tom Hanks and Colin Farrell

**Wednesday, February 12—The Book Thief** with Stophie Nelisse, Geoffrey Rush and Emily Watson

**Wednesday, February 19—The Railway Man** with Nicole Kidman, Colin Firth and Jeremy Irvine

**Wednesday, February February 26—August: Osage County**—with Meryl Streep, Julia Robert and Dermot Mulroney.





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**Newsletter**

We are always on the lookout for contributions. You can send articles, jokes, news and especially pictures. Just e-mail them to me at carol.obrien6@gmail.com or hand them to me at the next meeting.

**Caught in a Lie**

When a woman called 000, complaining of difficulty breathing, the ambulance carrying two paramedics rushed to her home. One of them placed a sensor on her finger to measure her pulse and blood oxygen. Then he began to gather her information. "What's your age?" he asked. "Fifty-eight," answered the patient, eyeing the beeping device on her finger. "What does that do?" "It's a lie detector," he answered with a straight face. "Now, what did you say your age was?" "Sixty-seven," answered the woman sheepishly.



**TENPIN BOWLING**

Come along for some fun, bowling and coffee with cake. The next scheduled session is at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 26. Book online or phone Judith on **9726 5494**.



Don't forget, if you need transport to a meeting or social outing, just call a committee member.



If you know of a member who is unwell, please let us know so that we can send our best wishes. Call the President, Helen Fox on 9879 4058 or Secretary, Carol O'Brien, on 9722 9870.

*George joins a health club*

