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Maroondah Message

Dates to Remember

- **January 30—**
Breakfast at Platinum
- **February 1—***Branch Meeting at Maroondah Sports Club*
- **February 4—**
Ringwood Lake Walk
- **February 16—***Lunch at Yering Meadows*
- **February 18—**
Lillydale Lake Walk
- **February 25—***Coffee at Myer Eastland*
- **March 3—**
Warrandyte Walk
- **March 22—***Yarra River Cruise*



JANUARY PICNIC AT LILLYDALE LAKE

Once again our picnic at Lillydale Lake was a most enjoyable occasion, with very pleasant mild weather conditions. There was plenty of good humour and good cheer with an excellent attendance of around thirty members. The weather was perfect, not only for picnicking, but also for

our post-lunch game of bocce as well as Rod Fox's stirring bagpipe performance. Thanks, once again, for adding this special highlight to our January picnic, Rod.



Coffee Shop

Our regular coffee event will be held on Thursday, February 25 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.

NEXT MEETING

Our next general monthly meeting will be held on **Monday, February 1, 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**.

The February meeting will feature our guest speaker, **Geraldine Coy**, author of **Brave Truth**, powerful stories of the struggle for freedom in post-apartheid South Africa. Geraldine is a renowned truth activist and motivational speaker so we can look forward to a very special presentation from her.

Peter Feeney will be collecting payments for 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.

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 train 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. Write this date into your diary so that you do not miss what promises to be a most enjoyable day.

BRANCH CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT ROSEBANK



Thanks, once again, to Trish Nixon for organising another most successful Branch Christmas Lunch, this time at Rosebank. Sixty members enjoyed a delicious meal and great company. All in all, a very pleasant occasion.

Also, many thanks to Max Brooks for his outstanding photography.

Dine-outs Coming Up

Breakfast: Saturday, January 30, 9:30 a.m.—Platinum, (modern Australian cuisine)
1 East Ridge Road, Chirnside Park.

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



Lunch: Tuesday, February 16, 12:30 p.m.—Yering Meadows, Victoria Road, Yering.

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

In the event that you book for a 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 is 9:00a.m. for summer season.

Thursday, February 4, 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.

Thursday, February 18, Lillydale Lake Walk Meet in the car park off Swansea Road, Lillydale for a brisk walk around the lake followed by a refreshing beverage at a local café.

Thursday, March 3, Warrandyte Walk
Meet at the carpark 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 carpark, stopping along the way for a break at a choice of coffee shops.

****Please note new 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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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.



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

We will require some new stock for the trading table to begin the year. Bring along the books that you have read over the holiday period, especially ones which are recent publications and whose print is not too small, as these are the most popular with members. Also, your unwanted special items of jewellery and bric-a-brac which are in good condition. A large part of the funds raised during 2015 was used to purchase items for our lucky number prizes at the Christmas lunch. It is good to know that your donations go towards benefitting our members. They also help to pay donations to charitable organisations who provide speakers for our meetings and who request a donation in return.



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.

COBA 2016 PROGRAM

We have received information about two COBA activities that may be of interest to members. On Thursday 12 and Friday 13 May, 2016 there will be a **Beleura House and Garden, Mornington**, day tour with pick-up from various points. Cost is \$56 including lunch. Two separate dates are available due to a limit of 50 people per visit to Beleura House.

Lakes and High Country Tour—two dates available:

- Friday, August 26—Thursday, September 1** and
- Friday September 30—Thursday, October 6.**

Cost is \$595.00. A \$100 deposit per person is payable prior to March 25, 2016. Each tour is limited to 35 people. One, not mentioned above, is already sold out.

More information about both these events will be available at our February meeting or you can phone or email Carol O'Brien.