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# Maroondah Message

## Dates to Remember

- **February 2**—*Beasley's Walk*
- **February 6**—*Branch Meeting at Maroondah Sports Club*
- **February 9**—*Lunch at Bianchet*
- **February 16**—*Heathmont Rail Trail Walk*
- **February 20**—*Pub Lunch Croydon Hotel*
- **February 28**—*Police Museum Visit*
- **March 2**—*Mullum Creek Walk*

## JANUARY PICNIC

Our January picnic was again held at Lillydale Lake and, although the weather was not particularly kind, a convivial gathering was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Members celebrated, a little prematurely, Peter Feeney's 70th birthday with his birthday cake being piped in by Rod Fox on the bagpipes.



Rod also entertained us with several other melodies from his repertoire. His performance at our January picnic has become quite a

tradition.

Thanks to all those who attended for making this another successful event.



## Coffee

Our first coffee event for 2017 will be held on Thursday, February 23 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 meeting will be held at Maroondah Sports Club on Monday, February 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, **Robin Bowles** is a well-known investigative crime writer known as 'The True Crime Queen'. Robin will have some of her books for sale at the conclusion of her talk.

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.

*Dine-outs Coming Up*

**Lunch: Thursday, February 9 at 12:30 p.m. *Bianchet Winery*, 187 Victoria Road, Chirnside Park. (Modern Australian menu)**

**Pub Lunch: Monday, February 20 at 12:30 p.m. *Croydon Hotel*, 47 Maroondah Highway, Croydon. (Large choice of seniors' meals or pizza)**

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

**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.**



**MORNING MELODIES AT KARRALYKA—2017**

**Tuesday, April 11—Burt Bacharach: Magic Moments** The performance features more than 22 of Burt Bacharach's most popular hits backed by the San Jose band.

**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 Jones 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 January:

***Sandra Price, Peter Feeney and Graham Haack***



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.**

**Thursday, February 2—Beasley's** Starting out from the carpark 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.

**Thursday, February 16—Heathmont Rail Trail** Starting out from Ringwood Lake car park off Mt. Dandenong Road, to Heathmont via the Heathmont Rail Trail.

**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.

**\*\*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.**



## **VICTORIA POLICE MUSEUM VISIT**

**Tuesday, February 28**

A group visit has been organised to the **Victoria Police Museum, 637 Flinders Street, Docklands**. Our group will meet at **Ringwood Railway Station** in time for the **9:58 train** (second carriage from the rear) to take us to Southern Cross station which is just a short walk from the museum. This train begins at Lilydale so you should check departure times for previous stations should you wish to travel from one of them.

Our visit is planned to begin at 11:00 a.m. with a maximum group of 20. Admission to the museum is free and there are several cafes nearby for those who wish to partake of lunch after the visit.



From the largest collection of Kelly Gang armour in Australia to forensic evidence from some of Melbourne's most notorious crimes, the Victoria Police Museum presents visitors with an intriguing insight into the social history of policing and crime.

You can book online or at our February meeting.

## **NICE TO KNOW THAT ANTIQUITY IS APPRECIATED**

*Fifty Plus* magazine noted a comment once made by the great author Agatha Christie:

**"An archaeologist is the best husband a woman can have. The older she gets, the more interested he is in her."**

**— Agatha Christie**

**MAROONDAH-RINGWOOD BRANCH**

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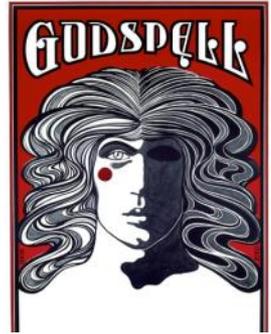
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**GODSPELL AT THE WHITEHORSE CENTRE**

**Date: Saturday, May 20—Matinee Performance beginning at 2:00 p.m.**

**Tickets: \$38 per person**

A group booking will be made for this event. You can book online or at our February meeting. Bookings for this event close on **February 10.**



**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.

**SIGN IN PLEASE**



Please note that it is a requirement of **Maroondah Sports Club** that, unless you are a club member, you must sign in at the front desk when you arrive for our meetings, as with all licensed clubs. Being a member of **National Seniors** does not negate this requirement. Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

**A wise man once said:**

REMEMBER, WOMEN ALWAYS HAVE THE LAST WORD IN AN ARGUMENT.

ANYTHING A MAN ADDS AFTER THAT IS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ARGUMENT.

**A wiser man once said:**

*NOTHING*

**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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