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Maroondah Message

Dates to Remember

- **February 5**— Club meeting at Ringwood Sports Club
- **February 11**— Walk at Warrandyte
- **February 11**— Afternoon Tea at Bosses Boots
- **February 13** —Lunch at Sage Hotel
- **February 14**—Walk from Ringwood Lake
- **February 19**— Ambulance Museum
- **February 22**—Dinner at Immanuel
- **March 1**—Walk at Lilydale Lake

JANUARY NEW YEAR PICNIC



Once again, our January picnic proved to be a pleasant occasion with 23 people enjoying a perfect day weatherwise. As usual we were entertained

by Rod Fox on the bagpipes with a range of tunes from his repertoire, including Amazing Grace. Many thanks again, Rod.



Everyone agreed that it was a most enjoyable and relaxing occasion.

NEXT MEETING



The next general meeting of our group will take place on Monday, February 5 at Maroondah Club, Mt. Dandenong Road, Ringwood beginning at 2:00 p.m. Entry to members begins at 1:40 p.m. Entry cost is \$4 which includes afternoon tea and entry into our lucky door prize competition.

The speaker at this meeting will be Claire Newman, a Ringwood ICU nurse. She will speak about her experiences with the Mercy Ship program, for which she has twice volunteered.

Coffee

Our next coffee event will be held on Thursday, February 22 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.



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WALKING GROUP

All walks starting at 9:00 a.m. for the summer months.

Thursday, February 1—Warrandyte. 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 re-turning to the carpark, stopping along the way for a break at a choice of coffee shops.

Thursday, February 15—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, March 1—Lilydale Lake walk

****Please note arrangements for wet or extremely hot 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.

2018 MORNING MELODIES AT KARRALYKA



The sessions begin at 10:30 a.m. preceded by a delicious morning tea at 9:45. The cost is \$21 for all live Morning Melodies performances in 2018 and \$11 for Movies.

Tuesday March 13 - featuring Sylvie Palladino. Let Silvie's incredible voice dazzle and uplift you, as she sings classics from popular musicals, well known hits by female vocalists and songs of inspiration. **Bookings and payments for this performance must be finalised by our February meeting.**

Tuesday, April 17—Great War Songs— In 2018 it will be the centenary of the end of World War I. To help commemorate this historic occasion listen to music from the eras of WWI, WWII and the Vietnam War set against slides on the big screen and featuring tenor, Roy Best and soprano Alison Jones.

Tuesday, May 8—Frankly Sinatra— This fantastic new show sees Australian musical theatre star Philip Gould and award-winning singer and actress Michell Fitzmaurice team up to sing and dance their way through the life and hits of the "Chairman of the Board", Frank Sinatra.

Tuesday, June 19—It's a Wonderful Life—classic movie starring James Stewart and Donna Reed.

Tuesday, July 10—Calamity Jane—classic movie starring Howard Keel and Doris Day

Tuesday, August 8—Dusty Springfield tribute— Join Aussie favourite Wendy Stapleton, backed by a talented group of musicians and dancers, for this outstanding tribute to the songs and career of Dusty Springfield.

Tuesday, September 11—Opera to Broadway—Take five of Australia's most talented performers: two sopranos, a tenor, a baritone and a talented young pianist. Add a dash of opera and a slice of cabaret, toss in your favourite Broadway hits and top it all off with a big dollop of comedy, a touch of class and a hint of magic and you have a supremely entertaining show!

You can book online via our website or at the February meeting. Remember that ticket numbers are limited so be sure to book early to avoid disappointment

Dine-outs Coming Up

Afternoon Tea: Sunday February 11 at 2:00 p.m. - *Bosses Boots*, 1 East Ridge Drive, Chirnside Park

Afternoon Tea bookings can be made on line or by phoning **Judith Griffith** on **413472697**

Lunch: Tuesday, February 13 at 12:30 p.m.—*Partake Restaurant, Sage Hotel*, Eastland Shopping Centre, Ringwood. A variety of light luncheon dishes are available.

Dinner: Thursday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m.—*Immanuel*, Arndale Shopping Centre, Croydon. Asian meals including a variety of cuisines at very reasonable prices.

Lunch and Dinner bookings can be made on line or by phoning **Kathleen Jackson** on **9723 4919** (please note—**NOT Trish Nixon**)



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.

MOONRAKER DOLPHIN CRUISE

Bookings are still available for the cruise but must be finalised by February 5. Travel and car sharing arrangements will be organised at our February meeting.

The boat departs from Sorrento Pier at 12:00 noon on Sunday, March 4. Adults \$25 Children \$10. (The regular price is \$45-\$60).

You can book via our website.



AMBULANCE MUSEUM VICTORIA VISIT

Monday, February 19

1/55 Barry Street, Bayswater

A visit to the Ambulance Museum has been arranged for Monday, February 19 beginning at 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$5 which includes a guided tour and morning tea.



The Ambulance Victoria Museum has an amazing car collection, with 18 vehicles for viewing. The museum has been developed and maintained voluntarily by retired ambulance officers and is a non-profit organization.

You can also see old medical equipment, uniforms, memorabilia, posters and documents from the past. There are over 3,000 items in the museum.

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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 personal messages.

KNOW YOUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Kathleen Jackson has taken over bookings for lunch and dinner following the resignation from the committee of Trish Nixon, due to health concerns. You can phone Kathleen on 9723 4919 to make or cancel bookings.

MORE SCAMS

Beware of tradespeople who knock on your door and tell you that work urgently needs to be done on your property (especially roofs). Before engaging anyone to complete repair works make sure that you obtain at least one quote from a reputable tradesperson in the local area (see your local newspaper or Internet for a list of tradespeople.)



Best wishes to members who celebrated their birthdays in January:

Sandra Price (5th), Graham Haack (6th) and Peter Feeny (10th)

If you have not yet registered your birthday, and would like to, you can do so at the next meeting you attend.

Congratulations also to **Val and Mel Lawrence** who recently celebrated their **50th Wedding Anniversary.**

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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