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Maroondah Message

Dates to Remember

- **August 4**—Branch Annual General Meeting at Maroondah Sports Club
- **August 5**—Morning Melodies at Karralyka, Sit Down You're Rocking the Boat
- **August 7**—Walk at Beasley's
- **August 13**—Lunch at Thyme on the Terrace
- **August 17**— Afternoon Tea at Platinum
- **August 30**—Breakfast at Table Talk
- **August 21** - Walk at Heathmont
- **August 28**—Coffee at Café Zukka

JULY MEETING



Bruce Wickham and William Johnson told us about their voluntary work with the SES, helping Victorians during storms, floods, earthquakes, searches and rescues.

SES workers are not paid and give up their time, often braving drenching rain and strong winds to help others.

SES crews are trained to respond to flood and storm emergencies, including rescuing people trapped or injured in damaged buildings. Where appropriate, SES workers may carry out temporary repairs to reduce further storm or water damage, e.g. placing tarps over damaged roofs. It is subsequently the owner's responsibility to organise permanent repairs.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting on August 4 is the **Annual General Meeting** for our branch. Following the formalities of the meeting and afternoon tea we will be entertained by three of our own members.

Rod Fox will present a bagpipe recital and tell us about his memorable experience as the Lone Piper during the Edinburgh Tattoo. Those of us who heard Rod play at our January picnic look forward eagerly to his repeat performance.



Roger Boness will speak about some fascinating and unusual experiences he has had whilst on holidays.

Mel Lawrence will share his recollections of what it was like for a young boy growing up during World War II.

Our previous member presentation occasion was enormously successful, so come along and enjoy another interesting session.

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, August 28

We hope to see you there.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US



This year marks the 10th Birthday of our branch. To celebrate this occasion we will hold a birthday lunch at Maroondah Sports Club on Friday, September 5. Keep this date free so that you can come along and join in the fun.

MAROONDAH SPORTS CLUB



If you are not already a member of Maroondah Sports club, join up to save yourself the hassle of signing in for every meeting. There are significant benefits for members including 10% discount on bar prices as well as special members' nights with a host of giveaways. Membership costs \$16.50 single and \$22.00 double. Find out more at: www.maroondahclub.com.au

WALKING GROUP

Thursday, August 7—Beasley's starting out from the car park 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, August 21 - Heathmont Rail Trail

Starting out from Ringwood Lake car park off Mt. Dandenong Road, to Heathmont via the Heathmont Rail Trail.

If there is heavy rain the walk will be cancelled and we will meet at Myer Cafeteria for coffee at 9:30 am. Current regular walks begin at 9:30 a.m.

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

LUNCH AT THE MOVIES IN AUGUST

Join us for the Seniors Lunch at the Movies at Hoyts Eastland. It costs \$14.00 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.**

Wednesday, August 13—And So It Goes Oren Little is an obnoxious, self-centred and greedy realtor. His life is turned upside-down when his estranged son suddenly drops off a granddaughter he didn't know existed. Stars Michael Douglas and Diane Keaton.



Wednesday, August 20—The Hundred-Foot Journey A story centred on an Indian family that moves to France and opens an eatery across the street from a Michelin-starred French restaurant run by Madame Mallory. Stars Helen Mirren and Manish Dayal.

TRADING TABLE

The trading table urgently needs to update its stock of items for sale. Bring along your paperbacks, especially later editions which sell well. It has been noticed that books with small print are not very popular with our members (for obvious reasons!). Also popular is excess garden produce such as rhubarb, parsley etc. Make sure that you browse through items for sale as you may pick up a real bargain.



Dine-Outs Coming Up



Lunch: Wednesday August 13, 12:30 p.m.
Thyme on the Terrace, 238 Yarra Street, War-randyte.

Afternoon Tea: Sunday, August 17, 2:00 p.m.
Platinum, 1E East Ridge Drive, Chirnside Park

Breakfast: Saturday, August 30, 9:30 a.m.
Table Talk, 14/401 Maroondah Highway, Croydon North (near the corner of Exeter Road).

Bookings can be made on our web site, at the August meeting or by telephoning **Trish Nixon** for lunch and dinner dine-outs or **Judith Griffith** for breakfasts and afternoon teas. (See phone numbers below.)

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Please remember that it is most important, if you have booked for an event and are unable to attend, that you cancel your reservation as soon as possible. It can cause embarrassment to the organizer if people who have booked do not attend and the venue has prepared for a larger group.

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

For **breakfast** and **afternoon tea** cancellations, please telephone Judith Griffith on **9726 - 5494**.

Also, don't forget to bring along enough cash to pay for your share of the bill as credit card payments are not acceptable, due to many establishments not accepting bill-splitting.



MORNING MELODIES AT KARRALYKA

There are still tickets available for the next Morning Melodies on Tuesday, August 5. The show is **Sit Down, You're Rocking the Boat** featuring hits from Guys & Dolls, Funny Girl, South Pacific, Les Miserables, The Sound Of Music, Show Boat, The Phantom of the Opera, Carousel, My Fair Lady and many more. You can book on line or by contacting Peter Feeny. Bookings must be made by July 31 so that tickets can be obtained for our August meeting. Final payments are due by August 4 at our AGM. The cost is \$18.50 which includes a sumptuous morning tea which is served at 9:45 followed by the show commencing at 10:30 a.m.

BRANCH WEB SITE INNOVATION

If you visit our web site you will find that the "What's On" page now uses a new calendar tool. If you open any item you will find that you now have the ability to automatically add it to your calendar or to share it on social media. You can also access the calendar by visiting www.tockify.com/maroondahnsa and if you do this on a smart phone you will find it comes up as a smart phone friendly application. Peter Feeny will welcome any feedback or suggestions about this calendar .



MAROONDAH-RINGWOOD BRANCH

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, September 5 –Branch 10th Birthday Celebration Lunch—12:30, Maroondah Sports Club.

Tuesday, October 7 –The Swing Spectacular, Melbourne Town Hall, followed by dinner. More details to follow.

Thursday, December 4—COBA Christmas Lunch at Sky High, Mt. Dandenong

Thursday, December 18—Branch Christmas Lunch. (More details later.)

PROPOSED RAIL JOURNEY



We are currently in the process of planning a day trip, by train, to Bendigo. The date for this journey is Wednesday, September 10, so make sure that you make note of it in your diary. More details regarding times, tickets etc. will be provided later.

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.

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.