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# Maroondah Message

## Dates to Remember

- **August 2**— Lilydale Lake Walk
- **August 6**— AGM and General Meeting at Maroondah Sports Club
- **August 12** — Afternoon Tea at Black Work
- **August 16** — Walk at Warrandyte
- **August 23**— Dinner at Tokyo Sake
- **August 30**— Walk along Taralla Trail
- **September 3**— Meeting at Maroondah Sports Club

## JULY MEETING

Joy Olney spoke about her experience in researching Peter's and her own family trees. She focused particularly on members of the family who had been sent to Norfolk Island as convicts.

Joy became interested in researching their family histories in 1999 when she inherited her grandfather's diaries written from 1895-1948. This sparked her interest and she has gathered since then, through her research, a great deal of information which she has shared in an online blog.

Many thanks to Joy for sharing her experiences with us.



## Coffee

Our next coffee event will be held on Thursday, August 23 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.



## NEXT MEETING

The **Annual General Meeting** of our branch will take place on **Monday, August 6** at Maroondah Sports Club, Mt. Dandenong Road, Ringwood beginning at 2:00 p.m.



The AGM will be followed by our usual General Meeting. 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.



Our speaker at this meeting will be **Jan Wallage** from the National Gallery of Victoria. She will speak about the history of the gallery as well as various upcoming events.

## **WALKING GROUP**

**All at 9:30 a.m.**

**Thursday, August 2—Lilydale Lake** - Meet in the car park off Swansea Road. We walk around the lake before enjoying a cuppa at a local café.

**Thursday, August 16— 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, August 30—Croydon—along Taralla Creek Trail**

Park at the car park at the shops on the corner of Eastfield and Bayswater Roads, which is just a short way from Taralla Creek Trail. We walk along the trail through to Croydon Main Street, for a coffee break at one of the many cafes, before returning along the trail to our cars. Short version—park at the end of Lusher Road and join the walk as it comes past (approx. 10-15 minutes later).

**\*\*Please note arrangements for very wet 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.**



**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 a meeting.**

## **AGM—Monday, August 6**

Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Monday, August 6**, prior to our usual General Meeting.

We are always on the lookout for new members on our Committee, so if you think you would like to be involved talk to a current committee member. We meet on the second Monday of each month. Meetings generally last for a little over an hour and are held at Club Ringwood, Cr. Oban Road and Maroondah Highway, Ringwood. Nomination forms will be available at our meeting.

*Dine-outs Coming Up*



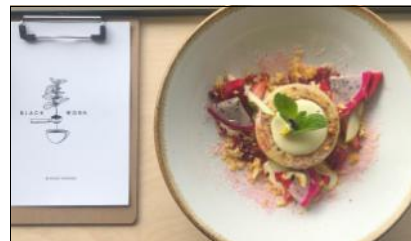
**Dinner: Thursday, August 23 at 7:00 p.m.—Tokyo Sake Restaurant**, 174 Warrandyte Road, Ringwood North. (Japanese Cuisine with gluten free options.) BYO wine only.

**Dinner bookings** can be made on line or by phoning **Kathleen Jackson on 9723 4919**.

**Afternoon Tea: Sunday, August 12 at 2:00 p.m.—Black Work**, 11 Hewish Road, Croydon. (Vegetarian and vegan options available.)

**Afternoon Tea** bookings can be made on line or by phoning **Judith Griffith on 0413472697**.

**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.**



**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

**BIG BOUQUET GERBERA & ALPACA FARM, HEALESVILLE**

**Friday, September 14**



We are currently arranging a visit to this iconic venue in Barak Lane, Healesville for Friday, September 14. With over 60,000 flowering Gerbera plants it is the biggest glass house of its kind producing these happy flowers 365 days of the year. The farm is also home to a friendly herd of alpacas, with alpaca food available to purchase to feed these furry friends, so they will be very pleased to meet you.



The cafe has a delicious home cooked menu showcasing local produce for breakfast, lunch and Devonshire tea and the largest range of Alpaca wear and South American style giftware available in the gift shop.

Travel arrangements and time will be included in the August Newsletter.

**FUTURE SPEAKERS**

**Make a note in your diary so you don't miss the speakers at future meetings.**

**September 3— John Douglas** (Shrine of Remembrance) will return to speak about Sir John Monash

**October 1—Heather Burge** (cyclist) will return to complete the story of her travels

**November 5—Annette Allison** (OAM and former TV presenter) will speak about the **Royal Flying Doctor Service** of which she is Public Affairs Manager.



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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. Special good wishes go to Gilda Lawrenson who is recovering from surgery and Xanthoula Wrigley who is now on the mend following an illness.



**ACMI MATINEES**

**Sunday, September 2 at 11:00 a.m.—Phantom Thread** - Reynolds Woodcock (Daniel Day Lewis) and his sister Cyril (Lesley Manville) rule the sartorial roost in post-war London fashion circles dressing royalty, movie stars and debutantes in this slyly comic Hitchcockian drama. 130 minutes

**Sunday, September 30 at 11:00 a.m.—Dr. Knock—Omar Sy (*Chocolat*)** plays the titular Dr. Knock, a small-town medic whose ebullient charm belies a painful past. 114 minutes (French with English subtitles)

**Matinee price for Seniors is \$8.** You can book online but purchase your own ticket when arriving at ACMI which is just a short walk from Flinders Street Station.

Meet at **Ringwood** railway station to take the **9:55 a.m.** train which comes from Belgrave via Heathmont. This arrives at Flinders Street at 10:37. Travel in the second carriage from the front.



Best wishes to members who will celebrate their birthdays in August:

**Max Brooks, John Strugnell, Gillian Gilmore and Svend Kristensen**

**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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