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Maroondah Message

Dates to Remember

- **March 29**—Breakfast at Café Torrente
- **April 3**- Walk at War-randyte
- **April 4**—Picnic at Rhododendron Gardens, Olinda
- **April 7**- Meeting at Federation Estate
- **April 8**—Morning Melodies—Seekers’ Songbook
- **April 17**—Walk at Beasleys’
- **April 23**—Lunch at Bianchet Winery
- **April 24**—Coffee at Café Zukka

MARCH MEETING



David and Shirley Williams returned to present “Small Towns—Big Stories”. Their presentation once again featured some of David’s excellent water colour paintings showing a selection of beautiful historical buildings in some of Victoria’s well-known towns such as Maldon, Valhalla, Dunolly and many more.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, April 7 at Federation Estate. Our speaker will be Bruce from Chocolatier in Ivanhoe. Hopefully he will bring along some delicacies for us to sample.



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, March 27 and Thursday, April 24.

We hope to see you there.

TRADING TABLE

We are always on the lookout for new items to sell, so bring along your pre-loved books and bric-a-brac, as well as your excess garden produce such as tomatoes, lemons and silver beet.

NEWS FLASH!

EXCITING NEW VENUE

The Committee is thrilled to announce that it has secured an exciting new venue for our meetings. Maroondah Sports Club in Mt. Dandenong Road has provided us with an excellent deal to hire its Balcony Function Room as part of its community support program. Included in the package is the provision of tea and coffee and a very reasonable room hire fee. The room is much more spacious and comfortable than Federation Estate and is ideal for our meetings.

As part of the arrangement, we have agreed to encourage our members to apply for membership at Maroondah Sports Club. Of course, membership at the club has a range of excellent benefits and will remove the necessity of signing in to meetings. To simplify this, we will have membership applications forms at our April meeting, as well as on our website, for those wishing to take advantage of this offer. We sincerely hope that you all enjoy this very pleasant new venue, beginning with our meeting on May 5.



Solution to last month's puzzle
Of course, if you re-arrange the letters it literally spells "just one word".

MORNING MELODIES

Tuesday, April 8—*The Seekers' Songbook.*
Tuesday, June 3—*Women of the Sixties*—book online or at the April meeting.

WALKING GROUP

Please note that the April walks will return to the later time of 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 3— Warrandyte. Meet at the car park 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 car park, stopping along the way for a break at a choice of coffee shops.

Thursday, April 17 — 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.

If there is heavy rain or the temperature at 9:00 am is over 25°C (in summer) the walk will be cancelled and we will meet at Myer Cafeteria for coffee at 9:30 am.

Walkers will be pleased to know that Mel is currently investigating some possible new walking routes.

Stay tuned for more information about these and the Kew Yarra Bend Park Walk in May.

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



COACH DAY TOUR

HERITAGE HILL HISTORIC PRECINCT & CRANBOURNE BOTANIC GARDENS

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2014

The tour departs from Sofia's restaurant car park in Maroondah Highway, Croydon. The tour visits **Heritage Hill Historic Precinct** which features the beautifully preserved Benga House in two acres of landscaped gardens. Benga house, built in 1936, is a great example of architecture from the early 20th century.

The afternoon will take us to Cranbourne where we visit the **Royal Botanic Gardens** which feature a range of native plants and landscapes, as well as Australian art and architecture.

The tour includes coach travel, morning tea, lunch and admissions.

The cost is \$57. Please book as soon as possible online or email Peter Feeney. Although the tour is not until May we do need to know numbers a.s.a.p. so that, if necessary, we are able to offer any spare places to members of other groups.



Dine-Outs Coming Up



Lunch: Wednesday April 23—12.30p.m.
Bianchet Winery, 187 Victoria Road, Chirnside Park.
 Alternating chicken or lamb shank main course with a glass of house wine for \$22.

Breakfast: Saturday March 29—9:30a.m.
Café Torrente, 389 Maroondah Highway, Ringwood.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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, afternoon tea** and **bowling** cancellations please call Judith Griffith on **9726 5494**.

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.

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

LUNCH AT THE MOVIES—APRIL

Join us for the Seniors Lunch at the Movies at Hoyts Eastland. It costs \$14.50 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, April 2— *The Monuments Men* focuses on an unlikely but real WWII platoon, tasked with going behind German lines to rescue artistic masterpieces stolen by the Nazis, before Hitler destroys them.

Cast: George Clooney, Matt Damon, Bill Murray, Cate Blanchett



SOME SECURITY HINTS THAT YOU MAY FIND USEFUL

We have all heard of people who have either lost their purse/wallet or had it stolen. In the unlikely event that this should happen to you, it is useful to know the exact contents of the missing item. A good way to record this is to photocopy everything that is in your wallet or purse—both sides of each item—and keep the copy in a safe place. By photocopying both sides of your credit cards you have all the card details as well as the emergency numbers to telephone **immediately** if they are lost or stolen.

It is important to let all card providers know if yours are lost, as cards such as Medicare, private health insurance cards and Driver's Licence may be used in cases of identity theft which, in turn, may be used to take out loans or apply for credit cards.

Hopefully you will never need to use the copies, but it is better to be safe than sorry.

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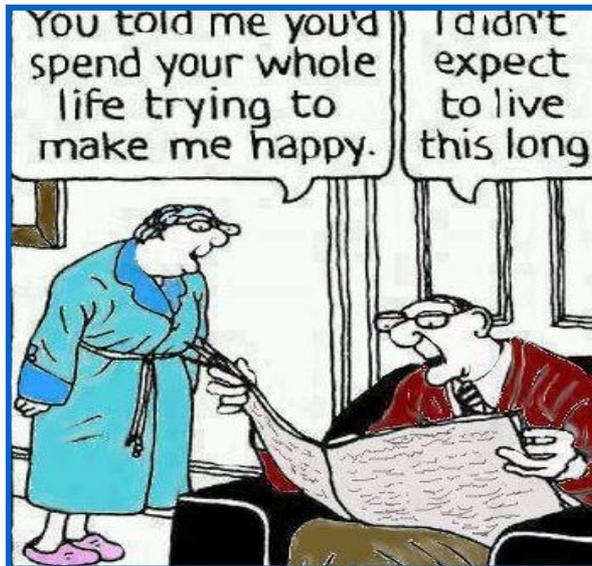
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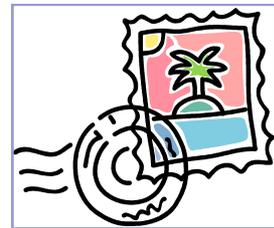
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POSTAGE STAMPS

Thanks to those who have passed on their used postage stamps to Helen Fox, whose friend donates them to charity. Please keep them coming, as this is an ongoing collection.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday, March 26 & May 7—Tenpin Bowling at Chirnside Park, 1:00 p.m.

Friday, April 4—Picnic at National Rhododendron Gardens, Olinda

Wednesday, April 23—Lunch at Bianchet Winery

Thursday, May 8—Coach day trip to Cranbourne Botanic Gardens

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.