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Maroondah Message

Dates to Remember

- **March 31**—Breakfast at Platinum
- **April 3**— Meeting at Maroondah Sports Club
- **April 5**— Heathmont Rail Trail Walk
- **April 9** —Yarra Glen Harness Racing & Lunch
- **April 18**—Lunch at l'Auberge
- **April 19**—Mullum Mullum short walk
- **April 26**— Dinner at Thor-ra-Nee

FEBRUARY MEETING



We were once again entertained by speaker, Clif Hardy, this time with tales of English farmer, Horace Taylor, who migrated to Australia from England in 1913 aboard the German passenger ship SS Scharnhorst.

Horace had led a fairly sheltered life until his voyage, the story of which was mainly told through excerpts from his diary and letters. Horace obviously found the trip quite daunting and conditions aboard the ship left much to be desired. He seemed, at times, to be totally overwhelmed by some of the exotic ports of call throughout the journey. Once again, a most entertaining talk by Clif with nice touches of humour.

NEXT MEETING

The next general meeting of our group will take place on **Tuesday, April 3** 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 sat this meeting, James Clarke and Heather Howarth, from Bethel Funerals a 'not-for-profit' company will speak about their **community engagement projects (NOT funerals!)**. Their presentation will include real stories about projects they support.

Peter Feeney will collect money for any Morning Melodies sessions that you have booked.

Coffee

Our next coffee event will be held on Thursday, April 26 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.



WALKING GROUP

All at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 5—Heathmont Rail Trail - Starting out from Ringwood Lake car park off Mt. Dandenong Road, to Heathmont via the Heathmont Rail Trail.



Thursday, April 19— Mullum Mullum Trail short walk—Starting out from Ringwood Lake Park car park. We walk along the trail to Café Torrente for morning refreshments before returning along the trail.

****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.

Please contact Peter Feeney, 9876 1577, this month for more details about any of the walks.

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, 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

MERCY SHIPS LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Those members who heard Claire Newnham from Mercy Ships talk about the charity will be pleased to know that we received a letter of thanks from the organisation. Altogether we contributed \$466 (\$50 from our branch and a very generous \$416 contribution from attendees and at the meeting).

Dine-outs Coming Up

Dinner: Thursday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m.—Thor-ra-Nee, Burnt Bridge Shopping Centre, 434 Maroondah Highway, Croydon. (Thai Cuisine) BYO wine only.

Lunch: Wednesday, April 18 at 12:30 p.m.—L

***l'Auberge*,** 44 Castella Street, Lilydale. (French style café serving light lunches with gluten free options.)



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

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.

ACMI MATINEES

Sunday, May 20, 11:00 a.m.—Bye Bye Germany Holocaust survivor David Bermann enlists a rag-tag band of concentration camp survivors to sell over-priced linens to guilt-ridden Germans to finance his one-way passage out of Europe.

Sunday, June 3, 11:00 a.m.—Monkey Business: The Adventures o Curious George's Creators. German-born Hans ad Margret Rey were ewish émigrés who reinvented themselves in '50s America. Ema Ryan Yamazaki's wonderfully engaging documentary traces their personal histories and literary fortunes. 82 minutes

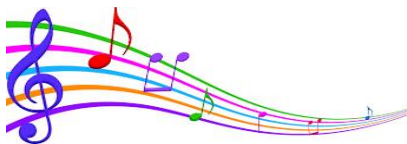
Matinee price for Seniors is \$8. You can book online but purchase your own ticket when arriving at ACMI which is just a short walk from Flinders Street Station.

Meet at Ringwood Railway Station to catch the 10:05 train to Flinders Street for each matinee screening.

MORNING MELODIES AT MAROONDAH SPORTS CLUB

Wednesday, July 11

Karen Carpenter Tribute Show—11:00 a.m. to 12 noon
followed by lunch.



The cost is \$20 for the show and a two-course seniors' meal of main and dessert. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. You can book online and pay your own entry cost on arrival.



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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.



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday, July 18—10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Winter Morning Tea at Parliament House

Parliament House has offered Seniors special morning tea for winter—menu is similar to High Tea including:

Ham & cheese croissant

Cumberland sausage roll

Spiced carrot & walnut cake

Chocolate panna cotta

Fat rascals & Parliament scones w raspberry & vanilla jam

With espresso coffee & tea from the T2 range

The normal cost is \$35 but there is a **special offer for seniors of \$25.**

Although it is some time away mark this special event in your diary. You can book online or at a monthly meeting. Train travel arrangements will be announced closer to the date.



Best wishes to members who celebrate their birthdays in March:

Robin Williams (6), Joe Licheri (13), Lyn Paten (18), Rod Fox (30)

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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