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# Maroondah Message

## Dates to Remember

- **December 1**— Bayswater Walk
- **December 4**—Branch Meeting at Maroondah Club
- **December 14**—Lunch at Wild Cattle Creek
- **December 15**—Walk at Ringwood Lake
- **December 29**—Lillydale Lake Walk
- **December 31**—Breakfast at Gracious Grace
- **January 2**—Branch Picnic at Lillydale Lake
- **January 5**—Walk at Warrandyte
- **January 8**—Afternoon Tea at The Full Pantry

## Coffee

There will be no coffee gathering in **December** or **January** due to Public Holidays. Our regular fourth Thursday coffee events will re-commence in **February**.

## NOVEMBER MEETING

Our speaker, Clif Hardy, spoke about his recollections, as a child, of the London Blitz. Clif presented a very personal perspective of this devastating period, as he recalled such experiences as the bombing of his primary school while he was in attendance, the squalid conditions in the air-raid shelters and the sound of the aircraft and bombs overhead.

Clif speaks on several other topics from his life experiences and has offered to return to our group, so we will look forward to another interesting and informative presentation from him at a later date.



## NEXT MEETING

Our next monthly meeting will be held on **Monday, December 5**, at Maroondah Sports Club, Mt. Dandenong Road, Ringwood East. Entry to members and visitors is from 1:40 p.m. with the meeting commencing at 2:00 p.m. Entry cost is \$4 which covers administrative expenses including room hire, afternoon tea, gifts for guest speakers and donations to charitable organisations who provide speakers.

At our December meeting, members **John Jenz, Gilda Lawrenson** and **Xanthoula Wrigley** will speak about some of their personal life experiences.

Money will be collected for our **Christmas Lunch** at **Wild Cattle Creek Estate**.

**Sign in Please:** Remember if you are not a member of Maroondah Sports Club it is essential that you sign in at the front desk, as you would with any licensed club. Being a National Seniors members does not exempt you from this requirement.

*Dine-outs Coming Up*



**Breakfast: Saturday, December 31 at 9:30 am.—Gracious Grace,** 35 Castella Street, Lilydale

**Afternoon Tea: Sunday, January 8 at 2:00 p.m. –The Full Pantry Café,** 66-68 Maroondah Highway, Croydon.

**Breakfast and Afternoon Tea bookings** can be made on our **web site** or by telephoning **Judith Griffith** on **0413 472 697**.

**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.**

**BRANCH CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14**



Our Branch Christmas Lunch will be held at the picturesque **Wild Cattle Creek Estate**, at Woori Yallock, just a short, pleasant drive past Lilydale, on the Warburton Road.



The meal will consist of **shared antipasto platters** followed by a **two course meal** with two dishes served alternately around the table. Also included will be bread rolls with the meal, and tea/filtered coffee at the conclusion. The cost per person is \$55.

**A welcome glass of wine or soft drink will be included in the price.** Further drinks will be available at diners' own cost from the bar.

**Mains: Roast beef and pork** or **oven roasted chicken**, both served with roasted chat potatoes and seasonal vegetables.

**Dessert: Christmas pudding** or **fresh fruit salad.**

At present booking numbers are not as large as expected, so the venue may need to allocate us a smaller room.

Many thanks to those members who have already booked for this event. Early bookings do make things much easier for those organising special events.

**Christmas Lunch bookings** can be made on our **web site** or by telephoning **Trish Nixon** on **9725-5883**. **Bookings and payments must be finalised by our December Branch Meeting.**

If you can help with or require transport please meet at Sofia Restaurant car park, 99 Maroondah Highway, Croydon by 11:15 a.m. on the day.



Our best wishes go to the following members who celebrate their birthdays in November:

**Alan Floyd, Marilyn Hurst, Kathleen Jackson, Thelma Licheri, Des O'Brien and Rhonda Walker.**

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

## **WALKING GROUP**

**Starting time for summer walks is 9:00 a.m.**

**Thursday, December 1—Bayswater Walk**—Starting out from the car park at H E Parker Reserve in Heathmont (Melways Map 64 C2). This is an easy treed walk about 35 minutes each way.

**Thursday, December 15—Ringwood Lake walk**

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, December 29—Lillydale Lake Walk**—meet at the lake car park off Swansea Road. We walk around the lake before enjoying a refreshing beverage at a local café.

**Thursday, January 5—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, January 19—Croydon, Taralla Creek**—Park at the shopping centre, which is situated on the corner of Eastfield and Bayswater Roads. 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 wet weather days or days of extreme heat:**

**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 Mel on 9870 1597 for more details about any of the walks.**

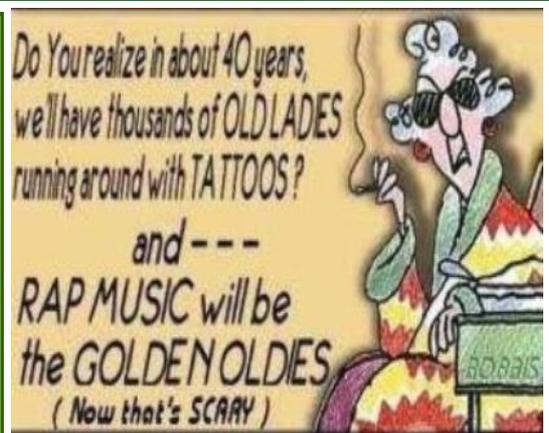
### **MAROONDAH SPORTS CLUB**

#### **MORNING MELODIES**

**Wednesday, December 7**

Knox Branch is making a group booking for this performance which includes lunch and show for **\$25**. The show is a Christmas Special featuring a Michael Bublé tribute. If you are interested in joining their group you can contact **Darryl Cowen on 0419 583 501**. Darryl says that he is happy for attendees to pay him on the day but you must book with him.

Arrive at 10:30 for an 11:00 a.m. start. Lunch is served at 12:00 noon.



*Fortunately, most of us will not be around to witness it!*

**MAROONDAH-RINGWOOD  
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**FAREWELL TO JULIE BONESS**

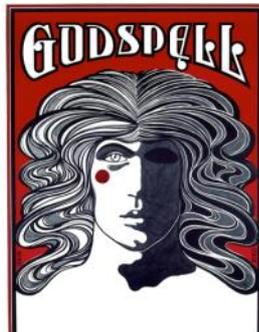
Julie's many friends at our group were deeply saddened to hear of her passing on Thursday, October 27 after a brave battle with cancer. Julie will be sadly missed at our meetings and social outings. Our deepest sympathy goes to Roger and all of Julie's family and friends.



**GODSPELL AT THE WHITEHORSE CENTRE**

**Date: Saturday, May 20—Matinee Performance beginning at 2:00 p.m.**

**Tickets: \$38 per person**



A group booking will be made for this event. Those who attended and enjoyed the *Evita* performance by the talented Nova Music Theatre in 2015 and other live performances such as *Les Miserables* in the city, can look forward to another equally enjoyable production.

You can book on our web site or at a Branch Meeting.

**MORNING MELODIES AT HAMER HALL—2017**

Gilda has organised four performances at Hamer Hall for next year at a cost of \$72 per person. All shows begin at 11:00 a.m. and last for about an hour. Three of these will be on our club meeting days but there is plenty of time to return for them.

Monday, February 6: Teddy Tahu and Greta Bradman

Monday March 6: Marina Prior

Tuesday, May 9: Australian Ballet School

Monday, November 6: Three Generations of Vaudeville

All **bookings** and **payments** need to be made by January 2 (our picnic day) and **must be made directly with Gilda**, either in person at our December meeting or January picnic or by telephoning **9870 0819**. Please note that bookings for this event will not be available on our web site. The four performances come as a package, so it will not be possible to book individual dates.

**BEST WISHES**



We send our very best wishes to those members who are unwell at home or in hospital. If you know of someone who is sick, please let Helen Fox or Carol O'Brien know so that we can send personal messages to them.