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Maroondah Message

Dates to Remember

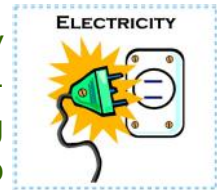
- **November 30**—
Breakfast at "23"
- **December 2**—**End-of-year lunch**
- **December 5**—**Taralla Trail Walk**
- **December 19**—
Beasley's Walk
- **January 6**— **Annual Picnic at Lilydale Lake**
- **February 5**— **First Branch Meeting for 2020 at Maroondah Sports Club**



There will be no monthly coffee gathering in December due to public holidays and difficulty in parking at Eastland Shopping Centre. Look out for details of the next coffee date.

NOVEMBER MEETING

At our November meeting, Amy Willett, the Officer for Victorian Energy Compare spoke about finding the best energy price offer. She also explained the structure of electricity accounts from various providers. She pointed out the items on accounts which should be compared from one provider to another. These included the price per kilowatt hour and the supply charge per day. Also, to be taken into consideration are your average daily usage and any discounts that you are already receiving. Amy also advised members to ensure that they are receiving the energy concessions that are available to those with various Centrelink concession cards.



You can go online to:

compare.energy.vic.gov.au

Just for comparing the various offers available you can also register on this website to claim your **Power Saving Bonus of \$50** –there are no strings attached!



FREE TRAVEL VOUCHERS

Please be aware that the Seniors Card free travel vouchers will not be automatically forward to you as in previous years. You need to register online at **www.ptv.vic.gov.au/vouchers** or complete the registration form that is sent with your Seniors Card magazine.

Fundraising

TRADING TABLE AND KEY SAFE RAFFLE

Many thanks to those people who contributed items to our October and November trading table and those who purchased tickets in the key safe raffle.

These two events raised just over \$110 for our Branch funds.

The lucky winner of the key safe was Alan Floyd.

Blackbird Maribyrnong River Cruise

On November 14th members enjoyed a leisurely cruise along the upper reaches of the Maribyrnong River aboard cruise vessel **Blackbird**.



<https://www.facebook.com/nsamaroondah/>

WALKING GROUP

Walks all at 9:30

Thursday, December 5— Taralla Creek Track. Park at the car park near the shops on the corner of Eastfield and Bayswater Roads, which is just a short way down 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).



Thursday, December 19—Beasley’s. Starting out from the carpark 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.

Please note arrangements for extremely hot or 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.

Dine-outs Coming Up



Breakfast : Saturday November 30 at 9:30 a.m.—23 Café Restaurant, Warrandyte Road, Ringwood North

Breakfast bookings can be made on line or, this month, by phoning **Gilda Lawrenson on 0425 755 357.**

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.

CASH PAYMENTS FOR SOCIAL EVENTS

From now on you are required, when paying for social events by cash, to present the correct amount, as change cannot be given. It has become too difficult to anticipate and provide for all denominations of change that may be required. So, from now on please present the correct amount or you can always pay by **personal cheque** or **via our website.**



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MORNING MELODIES

Look out for some exciting new Morning Melodies in 2020 with the usual scrumptious Morning Tea at Karralyka.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION LUNCH

Monday, December 2

Our lunch at **Rosebank** will take the place of our regular meeting in December. There will be the opportunity for those attending to win a delicious hamper as well as other door prizes.



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 a personal message.

JANUARY PICNIC

Monday, January 6

As usual, our January meeting will be replaced by a picnic lunch at Lilydale Lake. BYO everything—picnic or barbecue lunch, table and chairs (if available), drinks, nibbles, utensils, hats, sunscreen etc.



.....to those members who celebrate their birthdays in December:

Pamela Springett (4th) Peg Moore (5th), Edith Martin (20th)