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Maroondah Message

Dates to Remember

- **November 3—**
Heathmont Rail Trail Walk
- **November 4—**
Mooroolbark Theatre performance
- **November 7 —**
Branch Meeting at Maroondah Sports Club
- **November 13—**
Afternoon Tea, Moo Bar
- **November 15—**
Dinner at Club Ringwood
- **November 16—** *Sth. Melb Historical Walk*
- **November 21—**
Lunch at Banksia
- **November 24—**
Mullum Creek Walk

Coffee

Our regular coffee event will be held on Thursday, November 24, at Myer Eastland Café. 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.

OCTOBER MEETING

Beverley Moss entertained us with tales of her exploits in New York. She recalled departing from London on the day of the tragic death of Princess Diana and the grief expressed by the British public. On a lighter note, Beverley recounted being given a ticket, in the name of another person, to a presentation night at the Rainbow Room and her fear of being caught out as an imposter. Fortunately the evening unfolded with no disastrous consequences with Beverley enjoying a most unusual and entertaining experience.



NEXT MEETING

Our next monthly meeting will be held on **Monday, November 7**, 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 November meeting **Clif Hardy**, will speak about his experience, as a child, of the London blitz.

Money will be collected for **Morning Melodies** at **Karralyka** as well as 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



Lunch: Monday, November 21 at 12:30 p.m.—*Banksia Nursery Cafe*, 530 Burwood Highway, Wantirna South.

Dinner: Tuesday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m.—*Club Ringwood Bistro*, Cr. Maroondah Highway & Oban Road, Ringwood.

Lunch and dinner bookings can be made on our **web site** or by telephoning **Trish Nixon** on **9725-5883**

Afternoon Tea: Sunday, November 13 at 2:00 p.m. —*Moo Bar*, 91 Brice Avenue, Mooroolbark.

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.



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.



As previously, we will have our own separate, spacious function room with Christmas decorations and bonbons. You can book online or at a branch meeting.

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

WALKING GROUP

Starting time for November walks is 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, November 3— Heathmont Rail Trail

Starting out from Ringwood Lake car park off Mt. Dandenong Road, to Heathmont via the Heathmont Rail Trail.



Thursday, November 24 (Note that this is the 4th Thursday In November)—Mullum Mullum Creek short version.

Starting out from the Ringwood Lake car park.

Thursday, December 1—Bayswater Walk (Note changed starting time of 9:00 a.m.)

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.

****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.

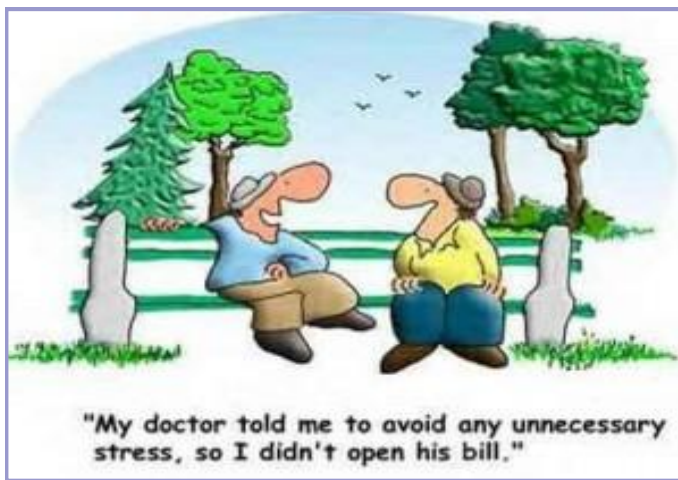
HISTORIC WALK—ALBERT PARK/SOUTH MELBOURNE

Wednesday, November 16

Mel has organised another special historic walk, this time in the Albert Park and South Melbourne area. The walk will take in the St. Vincent's Garden and Estate in Albert Park as well as shops and historic buildings in South Melbourne.

A visit to **South Melbourne Market** following lunch will be optional.

Meet at **Ringwood Railway Station** to take the 9:09 train, second carriage from the front. Mel will be there to guide participants on their journey from Southern Cross Station, by tram, to Albert Park and South Melbourne.



TRADING TABLE

A reminder that the final trading month will be December. Please do not bring along any more books or large items for sale. Any remaining goods will be donated to a local charity shop. Thanks to all those who have contributed by donating items and making purchases.

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ALOWYN GARDENS VISIT



The visit to Alowyn Gardens was voted by participants as a resounding success. Although the weather was somewhat unpredictable, it allowed a very

pleasant investigation of the gardens prior to lunch, during which the heavy rain arrived.

Lunch was delicious, with an assortment of gourmet sandwiches, fruit skewers and cakes.



Altogether a lovely outing.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays mark important milestones in our lives. Although some of us would rather forget about them, your committee members believe that it is important to celebrate your birthdays. Not in a razzamatazz kind of way but just a little acknowledgment in our newsletter.



When you sign in over the next few meetings those who greet you will ask you to divulge the date of your birthday. We don't expect to know the year, just the day and month. If you do not wish to participate it is, of course, not compulsory. Just a little bit of fun. If you have a very significant birthday coming up and would like to share it with the group, please let us know.

BEST WISHES



We send our very best wishes to those members who are unwell at home or in hospital. Special wishes go to **Margaret Webster** who we hear has been unwell. 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.