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# Maroondah Message

## Dates to Remember

- **October 31**— Ringwood Lake Walk
- **November 4**—Branch meeting at Maroondah Sports Club
- **November 7**— Lilydale Lake Walk
- **November 17**— Afternoon Tea at O'Tree
- **November 21**— Warrandyte Walk
- **November 30**— Breakfast at "23"
- **December 2**—End-of-year lunch
- **December 5**—Taralla Trail Walk

## OCTOBER MEETING

Jill Sanguinetti, author of ***School Days of a Methodist Lady***, spoke about her school days at Methodist Ladies' College. Jill grew up in the Victorian country town of Kyabram and went to Methodist Ladies' College in Melbourne as a boarder from 1958 to 1961. She spoke of the strict discipline of the era, the dreadful food served to boarders, cold and loneliness as well as the brighter aspects such as friendships and pranks.



Some of our members who attended similar schools could relate to Jill's stories and many in the audience were eager to ask Jill questions about her experiences and her life in general.



Our next coffee gathering will be held on **Thursday, November 28, 2:00 p.m.** at **Degani Café, Eastland**. This is situated in the same place as the former Café Zukka on the ground floor near the rear entrance to Myer.

## NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, November 4**. Our speaker will be **Amy Willet**, the Stakeholder Engagement Officer for Victorian Energy Compare at the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning. She will provide practical advice on finding the best energy offer, as well as addressing the structure of bills and different pricing options and concessions. Please bring along your latest **Electricity Account** which Amy will help you to decipher and give you more knowledge about comparing different energy companies.

**TRADING TABLE AND KEY SAFE RAFFLE  
TWO-MONTH ONLY SPECIAL EVENT**



Many thanks to those people who contributed items to our October trading table making it a success. The event will continue at the November meeting as will the **key safe raffle** which will be drawn at the November meeting.

Any items that are not sold at the November meeting will need to be reclaimed by their donors or we will donate them to a local charity.

***End-of-Year Celebration Lunch***



Our end-of-year celebration lunch on **Monday, December 2** will once again be held at **Rosebank**, Warrandyte Road, Ringwood North. The venue is again providing a special area for our group—the Chapel—which means that we will have the whole area to ourselves.

Rather than have a Christmas theme, the menu will reflect the fresh seasonal offerings.

It will commence with shared **antipasto entrée plates** per table which will be followed by **two different main courses** (served alternately).

To complete the lunch there will be **delicious dessert tasting plates** with something for everyone. Drinks will be available from the bar on an individual cost basis.



The cost will be \$49.00 per person after a subsidy from our Branch funds (the same price as last year.) If you pay by cash and present \$50 the price will increase to \$50. So you can either present the correct amount of cash, pay by cheque or by direct debit via the Internet.

Bookings can be made online or at our November meeting when payment is due. Special dietary requirements need to be made known to Kathleen Jackson by our November meeting.



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## **WALKING GROUP**

***Walks all at 9:30***

**Thursday, November 7— Lilydale Lake** Meet at in the car park off Swansea Road. We do a circuit of the lake before partaking of refreshments at a local café.



**Thursday, November 14 —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, 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).

**Please note arrangements for extremely 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

**Afternoon Tea: Sunday, November 17 at 2:00 p.m.—o’Tree Restaurant,** Cr. Maroondah Highway and Victoria Road, Lilydale

**Breakfast and Afternoon Tea** 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 **EFT as outlined on our website.**



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**MORNING MELODIES**

Tuesday, November 26—**Leading Man**—Ian Stenlake—Payments should now be finalised.

**REMINDER**

**BLACKBIRD CRUISES OUTING**

**Thursday, November 14**

**Travel arrangements**

Travel will be by train. We will meet at Ringwood Railway Station to catch the 10:40 a.m. train, second carriage from the rear.

You can bring your lunch along or there is a fish and chip shop nearby the venue if you wish to purchase your lunch.

**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.

**BELEURA HOUSE & GARDENS VISIT**



On Tuesday, October 22, a group of 13 people participated in a most enjoyable



visit to Beleura House and Gardens in Mornington.



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

Marilyn Hurst (4th), Alan Floyd (21st), Kathleen Jackson (23rd) and Des O'Brien (30th).