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Maroondah Message

Dates to Remember

- **September 30—**
Breakfast at Gracious Grace
- **October 2—***Branch meeting*
- **October 5—**
Bayswater Walk
- **October 8—**
Afternoon Tea at Barclay's
- **October 19—** *Ringwood Lake Walk*
- **October 19—***Lunch at Banksia Nursery Cafe*
- **November 2—**
Lilydale Lake Walk

SEPTEMBER MEETING



Retirement villages and owners' corporations were the subjects discussed by Brian Williams from Consumer Affairs Victoria.

Brian's presentation was unbiased and informative. He talked about different types of retirement villages and the facilities they provide as well as the ingoing, ongoing and exit fees that may be involved. He emphasised the fact that entry into a retirement village should not be considered a financial investment, but rather a lifestyle decision.

Most importantly, before signing a contract, you should seek specialist professional advice to help you determine what is at stake and how much you could be liable for in ongoing maintenance charges and exit fees.

You can obtain further information from Consumer Affairs offices or by visiting the website - consumer.vic.gov.au.

Coffee

Our next coffee event will be held on Thursday, October 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.

NEXT MEETING

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, October 2 at Maroondah Sports Club, Mt. Dandenong Road, Ringwood East.

October speaker will be Heather Burge, cyclist, who will speak about her travels in Central Asia and Russia.



You can pay for any bookings that you have made for Morning Melodies, Yarra Glen Trots and the Jazz Museum.

We look forward to seeing you at the October meeting.

WALKING GROUP

All walks starting at 9:30.

Thursday, October 19—Ringwood Lake - Starting out from Ringwood 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, November 2—Lilydale Lake —Meet in the car park off Swansea Road. We walk around the lake before enjoying a cuppa at a local café.

Thursday, October 5—Bayswater - starting from H.E. Parker Reserve (Melways Map 64 C2) - This is an easy treed walk about 35 minutes each way with time for a cuppa at Glen Park Community Centre midway.



****Please note arrangements for wet weather 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.



Best wishes to the many members
September including:

who celebrate their birthdays in

John Hogan, Mel Lawrence, Tricia Kristensen, Rita Thomas and Judith Griffith

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

DIOR EXHIBITION at National Gallery of Victoria Tuesday, October 24

A group outing is planned for the Dior Exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria on the above date. There will be a booking sheet on our website and at our next meeting.

Participants will need to purchase their own tickets at the venue on the day. Pensioner concession price is \$23.50. No seniors discount applies on Tuesdays.

We will take the 9:09 a.m. train from Ringwood Station and travel to Finders Street Station in the second carriage from the front. The Gallery is just a short walk from the station.



Dine-outs Coming Up



Lunch: Thursday, October 19 at 12.30p.m.– Banksia Nursery Café, 530 Burwood Highway, Wantirna South.

Lunch bookings can be made on line or by phoning **Trish Nixon** on **9725 5883**.

Breakfast: Saturday, September 30 at 9:30 p.m.–Gracious Grace at Lilydale Muesum, Castella Street, Lilydale.

Afternoon Tea: Sunday, October 8 at 2:00 p.m.– Barclay’s Café, 196 Canterbury Road, Heathmont.

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.

LATEST SCAMS



The ACCC is warning the community that scammers are pretending to be from NBN (National Broadband Network) to con victims out of their money and personal information. The three common scams reported to Scamwatch that involve scammers impersonating NBN are:

signing victims up to fake accounts – scammers will ring victims to ‘connect’ them to the NBN network for a low price. They will often demand payment be made through iTunes gift cards

gaining remote access to computers – scammers pretending to be from NBN will call a victim with claims there are problems with their computer. The scammer uses this ruse to gain remote access to the victim’s computer to steal valuable personal information, install malicious software or demand payment to fix ‘problems’ they have discovered

phishing – scammers impersonating NBN will call victims to steal valuable personal information like their name, address, Medicare number, licence number. The scammer may tell the victim they’re entitled to a new router, for example, and say they need these personal details to confirm the victim’s identity.

NBN will never phone you out of the blue to try to sign you up to a service over its network. NBN is a wholesaler meaning they don’t sell direct to the public. If you get an unsolicited call like this, it’s a big red flag that you’re dealing with a scammer. If in doubt about any unsolicited telephone calls, just hang up.

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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 the Secretary, Carol O'Brien on 9722 9870 or President, Helen Fox on 9879 4058 so that we can send them personal messages.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY AT CLUB RINGWOOD



A large group from our Branch combined with members from Lilydale to enjoy a Christmas in July get-together at Club Ringwood on Wednesday, July 12.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

My sincere apologies to **Lyn Paten** for omitting to mention that she has returned to our Committee. Lyn has been a Committee member in the past and we thank her for agreeing to join us once again.

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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