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Maroondah Message

Dates to Remember

- **September 29**—
Breakfast at Yarra Valley Deli Café
- **October 1**— *Branch meeting at Maroondah Sports Club*
- **October 4** — *Ringwood Lake Walk*
- **October 18**—*Lilydale Lake Walk*
- **October 14**—
Breakfast at Gracious Grace
- **October 18** —*Dinner at Thor-ra-Nee*
- **November 1** — *War-randyte Walk*

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Ian Douglas, a volunteer guide at the Shrine of Remembrance, returned to speak to us about the life and times of Sir John Monash.



He spoke of John's childhood when, aged 9, his family moved to Jerilderie where he attended school until, recognising his intelligence, the school advised his family to take young John back to Melbourne so his full potential could be realised. He studied at Scotch College and Melbourne University.

John was involved in the Gallipoli Campaign of WWI and in 1918 was knighted on the battlefield by King George V for his part in the Battle of Hamel Hill in France.

After the First World War, he returned to engineering and became Chairman of Victoria's new State Electricity Commission.

In his last years, he supervised construction of Melbourne's Shrine of Remembrance and oversaw the public appeal for funds.

Coffee

As Café Zukka has moved from Eastland we will meet at the **Myer Café**, Eastland, on the ground floor at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 25. All members and friends welcome—no need to book. Just come along and enjoy a cuppa, chat and a bite to eat.



NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, October 1** at Maroondah Sports Club, Mt. Dandenong Road, Ringwood beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Entry to members and visitors begins at 1:40 p.m. Entry cost is \$4 which includes afternoon tea and entry into our lucky door prize competition.

Our speaker at this meeting, **Heather Burge**, cyclist, will return to present the final stage of her epic journey—Tehran to Paris.

Peter Feeney will collect money for **Yarra Glen Trots** and **Melbourne Male Welsh Choir** bookings.



WALKING GROUP

All at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, October 4—Ringwood Lake - 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 the lake can be completed by the more energetic.

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Thursday, October 18— Lilydale Lake—Meet in the car park off Swansea Road. We walk around the lake before enjoying a cuppa at a local café.

Thursday, November 1—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.

****Please note arrangements for very 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.

Please contact Peter Feeney, 9876 1577, for more details about any of the walks.

SILOS TOUR

Organised by Lilydale Branch



Chris Hill at Lilydale is organising a Silos Tour, which is up Wycheproof, Sea Lake, Lake Tyrrell, Swan Hill, Kerang area. It is run by Day-tripper Tours, a company based in Mornington that caters for Seniors. Her Mum has been on their tours. It is from Monday 6th May to Friday 10th May next year. \$1099 includes accommodations, breakfast and tea and entry fees. If anyone is interested please let Chris know a.s.a.p. chrishill3@bigpond.com Lilydale members have been advised that she wants \$100 deposit at their November meeting. (they meet same day as us but in the evening).

GOODBYE MEL

Members and friends will be saddened to hear that our long standing member Mel Lawrence passed away on Thursday, September 20 after a long illness.



Mel served as a Committee member for many years and was co-ordinator of our weekly walks.

He also organised some very enjoyable and informative historical walks to various places around the Metropolitan area of Melbourne.

Mel will be sadly missed by his friends in our branch.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Mel's wife, Val, and all of their family.

Dine-outs Coming Up



Dinner: Thursday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m.—Thor-ra-Nee, Burnt Bridge Shopping Centre, 434 Maroondah Highway, Croydon. (Thai Cuisine) BYO wine only.

Dinner bookings can be made on line or by phoning **Kathleen Jackson on 9723 4919.**

Breakfast: Saturday, September 29 at 9:30 a.m.—Yarra Valley Deli Café, 372 Warburton Highway, Wandin North.

Afternoon Tea: Sunday, October 14 at 2:00 p.m.—Gracious Grace, Castella Street, Lilydale.

Afternoon Tea and Breakfast bookings can be made on line or by phoning **Judith Griffith on 0413472697.**



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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Branch End of Year Lunch this year will be held at **Rosebank**, Warrandyte Road, Ringwood North on **Monday, December 3** (in place of our regular meeting). We have previously held a most successful and enjoyable end of year celebration lunch at Rosebank. Further details regarding menu and price will be provided in the October newsletter. So make sure that you put this date in your diary.

Circus Oz - Wednesday, March 20, 2019 - The details of a visit to this iconic performing group are currently being finalised. Put the date in your diary. Further information will be provided when available.



FUTURE SPEAKER

November 5—Angel Flight Australia is a charity which coordinates non-emergency flights to assist country people to access specialist medical treatment that would otherwise be unavailable to them because of vast distance and high travel costs. Pilot, Reg Shiel, and his offsider will speak at our **November** meeting.



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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 our Welfare Officer, **Anne Hamilton** on 0408 382 608 so that she can send them personal messages.



MELBOURNE WELSH MALE CHOIR
MELBOURNE TOWN HALL
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11 AT 3:00 P.M.
Features special guests **Mike Brady** and **Marina Prior.**

We are organising a group booking to this celebration concert which will take place on the 100th Anniversary of the WWI Armistice.

This Concert has a wider significance, as it will be celebrating the joyful ending of both World Wars, and the solemn commemoration of the thousands of combatants who lost their lives in such conflicts.

The concession price is \$45. Proceeds go to RSL and Legacy.

You can book online via our website.

COBA END-OF-YEAR LUNCH

WILLIAM ANGLISS RESTAURANT
550 Little Lonsdale Street Melbourne

Wednesday, November 28 at 12:00 noon

If you would like to attend the COBA end of year lunch please telephone **Bob Goodyear** on **9435 2529** directly. The cost for the lunch is \$37 per person.



.....to those members who celebrate their birthdays in September and October.

Judith Griffith, Emese Madai, Tricia Kristensen and Helen Fox