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# Maroondah Message

## Dates to Remember

- **October 3**—Mullum Mullum Walk
- **October 7**—Branch meeting at Maroondah Sports Club
- **October 15**—Seniors' Festival Day at Maroondah Council
- **October 17**—Bayswater Walk
- **October 22**—Beleura House & Gardens Tour
- **October 29**—Ra D'oro Dinner
- **October 31**—Ringwood Lake Walk



Our next coffee gathering will be held on **Thursday, October 24, 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.

## SEPTEMBER MEETING

Whilst we were initially disappointed to hear that our anticipated speaker, Dr Geoff Crawford, was unable to attend due to illness, everyone enjoyed our stand-in speaker, Peter Feeney.



We were very fortunate that Peter agreed to step in and make a most entertaining presentation about his recent trip on the Ghan from Darwin to Adelaide.

Peter accompanied his talk with several picturesque photos taken during his travels including some very stunning scenery in Katherine Gorge and Coober Pedy.

We were also entertained by Peter's tales of his epicurean experiences and tipples during his most enjoyable journey.

Many thanks, Peter, for being willing to entertain us at very short notice.

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### **TRADING TABLE**

#### **TWO-MONTH ONLY SPECIAL EVENT**



Don't forget that for our October and November meetings only, we will be holding a special trading table to raise funds for our branch.

On these two meeting days you can bring along your pre-loved novels (only those of recent vintage please) and your unwanted jewellery, bric-a-brac in good condition, fruit and vegetables and plants. Any items that are not sold at the October and November meetings will need to be reclaimed by their donors or we will donate them to a local charity.

### **FUND RAISING RAFFLE**

Our guest speaker in August, Sharon Meek, from **safeTcare**, donated to our branch a portable key safe and suggested that we raffle it to raise funds. Accordingly, tickets will be on sale at our October and November meetings. Tickets will be \$1 each or three for \$2.

The key safe can be securely attached to a variety of fixtures around your property to ensure that you are never locked out and that, if the need arises in an emergency, someone you trust can gain access to your home.

The prize will be drawn at our November meeting and you will not have to be in attendance to win the prize. Carol will be selling the tickets so bring along your spare gold coins and make sure that you enter your name and phone number on the raffle butt so that we can let you know if you are the lucky winner.



### **NEXT MEETING**

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, October 7**. Our speaker will be Jill Sanguinetti, who will be speaking about her book, **School Days of a Methodist Lady**. Jill will also talk about the process of memoir writing to encourage people to have a go at documenting the experiences of their youth, either for friends and family or possible publication.

Entry to members and guests is at 1:40 p.m. with an entry fee of \$4 which includes a ticket in our lucky door prize competition.

Peter Feeney will collect any outstanding payments for Morning Melodies at Karra-lyka, outings to Blackbird Cruises and the visit to Beleura House and Gardens.

## **WALKING GROUP**

**Walks all at 9:30**

**Thursday, October 3— Mullum Mullum medium walk.** Park in the Ringwood Lake car park. We walk along the Mullum Creek trail to Oban Road where refreshments are enjoyed at Club Ringwood before returning along the trail.



**Thursday, October 17 —Bayswater from H.E. Parker Reserve** - 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.

**Thursday, October 31— 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 before retracing our steps back to the lake. A second circuit of the lake can be completed by the more energetic.

**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*



**Dinner: Tuesday, October 29 at 7:00 p.m.—Ra D’oro Italian Restaurant**, 18 Hewish Road, Croydon. (Serving a variety of pizzas, pasta, seafood, risotto etc.)

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

**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.**

### **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.

Special good wishes to committee member, Judith Griffith, who is undergoing treatment for a medical condition.



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

Helen Fox (10th) and Emise Madai (16th)

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**MORNING MELODIES**

Tuesday, November 26—**Leading Man**—Ian Stenlake—Payments are due by our October meeting.

**REMINDERS AND DEADLINES**

**BELEURA HOUSE AND GARDENS**

**Tuesday, October 22**

**Entry \$39**—includes morning tea on arrival, tours and light lunch.

Bookings and payments are to be finalised by our next meeting

**BLACKBIRD CRUISES OUTING**

**Thursday, November 14**

**Cost:** \$30 per person

It is not too late to book for this outing but you will need to pay directly to the cruise company on the day.

**Walking Cricket - Come & Try Day**

**Tuesday 17 September 2019 from 12.30pm - 2.30pm at Saxons Sports Centre, Unit 7 37 - 51 Lusher Road (adjacent to Hope City Church).**

Walking Cricket is a fun and social modified version of cricket that doesn't involve running. The game involves modified equipment and is played in a small enclosed area.

The game is open to anyone over 50 - so come along and bring your friends and neighbours.

The event is free and refreshments will be provided as part of the launch.

A weekly Walking Cricket program will commence from **Tuesday 8 October 2019.**

You can call **9294 5720** to register.

**A SAD FAREWELL**

Members and friends were sad to hear of the sudden passing of **Svend Kristensen** on Saturday, September 21. Svend and his wife Tricia have been members of our branch since its inception. Svend recently celebrated his 85th birthday with a large group of family and friends including many from our National Seniors branch. Our heartfelt condolences go to our friend Tricia and all her family at this very sad time.