

Yarra Ranges Grapevine



The Journal of the National Seniors Australia Yarra Ranges Branch Inc
Incorporation No. A0048800C Branch No 100132

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2023

PLEASE NOTE: Membership Renewals & Joining Members

Please ensure you use the 'Yarra Ranges NSA Application Forms' at the end of this 'Grapevine' & give to the Branch Secretary. By using our form, this informs NSA that you are a member of this Branch. The Branch receives an annual payment for your Membership.

[Click here for Membership Form](#)

Branch Meetings 2023

Monday – 13 November

7.00pm for 7.30pm start

**VIEW Clubs supporting
The Smith Family 'Learning
for Life' Program**

**Guest Speaker:
Hazel Austin**

Monday – 11 December

7.00pm for 7.30pm start

'End of Year Picnic'

**BYO Picnic, Drinks, Chair
Tea & Coffee available**

Come & share a relaxing evening with friends on the lawn outside the Lakeside Community Room (depending on weather!)

(Speaker ideas please)

**If you have a suggestion for a
'Guest Speaker' please let a
Committee Member know**

President's Report

Hi Members,

Our AGM Monday 11 September with 'Grocery Bingo' at the Lakeside Community Room was great fun!

We would like to welcome a new Member onto the Committee Kathy and look forward to her input.

The Bayswater Hotel's food was tasty with around fourteen attending and the Dinner Meeting at The Crown Hotel in October was well attended too.

Wednesday 25 October was our 'Terrific Trivia' day at the lawn Bowling Club in Hardy Street Lilydale. It was well attended with 46 contestants. Steve was our 'Quizmaster' and did an excellent quiz again. Thanks Steve. Thanks to Chris and the 'Catering Crew' for organising scones, sandwiches, slices, cakes, tea and coffee, which was much appreciated after all the 'brain power' we had used during the quiz. A huge thank you to Elaine for donating first prize in the Raffle of a Hand Made Quilt & Table Runner. Plus, all the members who decorated tables, collected entry fees, sold raffle tickets, sorted table seating and sound.



Christmas Hamper Donations - Please bring your donations to the November Meeting at the Lilydale Lake Community Centre. (Also please check 'Used By' dates on food items)

Happy reading Trevor President

Yarra Ranges NSA Branch Committee

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Welfare Officer Please contact our WO if you know of anyone who is unwell, having an operation, in need of help or has passed away within the family. Vice President & Welfare Officer Pamela on ☎ 9735 5449



Congratulations to!

13 November Valda 11 December Helen

18 November Colleen 14 December Lorraine Se

We would like to celebrate your day!

Don't forget to email / phone your birthday & month to Lyn

DIARY DATES

'WELCOME' to our BRANCH MEETING DATES - 2nd Monday of the Month

Meet at: 'Lilydale Lake Community Room', Lilydale Lake Rd, off 435A Swansea Rd Lilydale @ 7:00pm for 7.30pm start

Monday 13 November @ 7.00pm for 7.30pm Start

'Learning for Life' Program **Guest Speaker:** Hazel Austin



Monday 11 December @ 7.00pm for 7.30pm Start

'End of Year Picnic on the Lakeside Lawn' – BYO Picnic, Drinks, Chair Tea & Coffee available Hope it is good weather otherwise we will be in the Lakeside Room

Monday 12 February @ 7.00pm for 7.30pm Start

TBC

Please email your ideas for Guest Speakers or Activities to – yarrarangesnsa@gmail.com

COMMITTEE MEETINGS - 1ST Monday of Month

@ Trevor's place for September & October Meet @ 7.30pm

Monday – 6 November 4 December 2023

Monday – 5 February 2024



*** NOTE FROM CHRIS ***

Everyone needs to please **text or email** Chris - ☎ 0419 528 446

Email: chrishill3@bigpond.com.au

with any changes they want to make after they have put their name down for an 'Outing & About' / 'Dining Out' / 'Morning Melodies'.

Also, if you put their name down for an 'Outing & About' / 'Dining Out' / 'Morning Melodies' please make sure you **put it in your diary**, so you don't overlook or forget what you have made a commitment that date.



'OUT & ABOUT' - BLUE

'DINING OUT' - PINK

'MORNING MELODIES' - GOLD



Activities

Please Contact Chris 'Activities Coordinator' to Book and to cancel in time

Please Note: All payments in an **envelope** with **name**, amount of **payment** and **Activity name**. This will be a great help. Thank you, Chris

'Out & About' - Blue

'Dine Outs' - Pink

'Morning Melodies' - Gold

MORNING MELODIES @ The International Hotel Maroondah Highway Lilydale
Please note: Order lunch before show at 11.00am. Lunch 12.00noon

Wednesday 4 Nov @ 10.30am

'Morning Melodies' - Col Perkins

Friday 10 November @ 7.30pm

'Farndale Ave ... Production of "A Christmas Carol" - Mooroolbark Theatre at Mooroolbark Community Centre Bryce Avenue Mooroolbark

Contact Lyn by 1st November -

Ticket Booking Essential (Sharing finger food for dinner at venue)

Thurs 16 November @ 12.30pm

'Kilsyth Club' Lunch corner Canterbury & Colchester Rds Kilsyth

Saturday 18 November 9am - 5pm

'Lilydale & District Show' - Tent & Lost Children - Roster

Sunday 19 November 9am - 5pm

'Lilydale & District Show' - Tent & Lost Children - Roster

Saturday 2 December 10.30pm - 4pm

'Lilydale Street Fair' - Tent & Children's 'Lucky Dip' - Roster

Sunday 3 December @ 5.30pm

'Christmas Break Up' - Yering Meadows Golf Club 178 Victoria Road Yering Please make sure you place your dinner order for your main and dessert with Chris via email or text

Wednesday 6 Dec @ 10.30am

'Morning Melodies' Christmas Special - Alex Kyle

'SATURDAY WALKS' - Contact Chris 'Activities Coordinator' for details

Please Note - Walks start 9.00am

These 2 photos are from the same walk - do you know where? Answers in next 'Grapevine'
Photos 1 & 2 in 'September & October' Grapevine' was from the Mullum Mullum Walk

Sat 4 November

Wandin to Seville

Sat 11 November

Lilydale to Mount Evelyn

Sat 18 November

Lilydale Lake

Sat 25 November

Killara to Seville

Sat 2 December

Lilydale to Mount Evelyn

Sat 9 December

Wandin to Seville

Sat 16 December

Barneong Reserve Croydon North

Sat 23 December

Lilydale Lake



Sat 30 December

Norton Road Croydon

Sat 7 January

Mooroolbark Community Centre

Sat 14 January

Lilydale to Lilydale



Note: If there is an **all day 'Out & About'** organised, we won't be walking

OTHER NEWSY BITS!

Contributions to our Newsletter



Have you been travelling?

Have you attended a good show?

Have you read a good book?

Is there something you have experienced, that you would like to share with the members of the Branch?

A story?

One-liners?

Photos from outings?



The Lighter Side of Life!

The Irish Medical Dictionary

Artery -
study of paintings

Bacteria -
Back door of a Café

Genitals -
Not a Jew

Barium -
What doctors do when a patient dies

Bowel -
A letter like a,e,i,o,u

Enema -
Not a friend

Fester -
Quicker

Caesarean Section
A neighbourhood in Rome

Cat Scan
Seeking for Kitty

Varicose
Nearby

Secretion
Hiding something

Dear Dad,

I am coming home to get married soon, so get your cheque book out.

I'm in love with a boy who is far away from me. As you know, I am presently living in New Zealand... and he lives in Scotland. We met on a dating website, became friends on Facebook, had long chats on Whatsapp. He proposed to me on Skype, and now we've had two months of a relationship through Viber.

My darling Dad, I need your blessing, and a lovely wedding.
Lots of love and thanks.
Your favourite daughter, Lilly

DAD'S RESPONSE:

My Dearest Lilly,

Really?

I suggest you two get married on Twitter, have a honeymoon on Tango, buy your kids on Amazon, and pay for it all through PayPal. Then when you get fed up with this new husband, sell him on eBay.

Love, Your Dad.



A 98-year-old Mother Superior from Ireland was dying.

The nuns gathered around her bed trying to make her last journey comfortable. They tried giving her some warm milk to drink but she refused it.

One of the nuns took the glass back to the kitchen and remembering a bottle of Irish Whiskey received as a gift the previous Christmas, she opened it and poured a generous amount into the warm milk. Back at Mother Superior's bed, she held the glass to her lips. Mother drank a little, then a little more and before they knew it, she had drunk the whole glass.

"Mother," the nuns asked earnestly, "please give us some wisdom before you die."
She raised herself up in bed and said, "Don't sell that cow! "

A police recruit was asked during the exam, 'What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?'
He answered, 'Call for backup.'

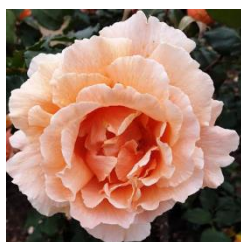
High Tea / Coffee at the Mornington Botanical Rose Garden



Twelve Members, some car sharing, drove to the beautifully maintained *Mornington Botanical Rose Garden*. Not all the roses were in bloom, but there was still over half had burst into bloom. We arrived early so we could slowly walk amongst the beds of roses marveling at the amazing magic of nature with roses of every shape, style and colour.

Every garden bed had the name of the roses at one end. There is also a ramp leading up to a viewing platform for an overview of the area. Below is a cross section of the magnificent roses that were on show.

The High Tea / Coffee was enjoyed by all who attended with very tasty home-made sandwiches, tarts and cakes. The 'Just Joey' roses in a bowl at the door to welcome every one and also in vases on the tables were beautiful.



What fun we had at the '*Terrific Trivia*'!!

Six tables of enthusiastic participants were primed and ready to test our memories against Steve's questions. Some we remembered well and others we had to chat amongst our coconspirators to scratch for answered.

After four rounds of questions with a 'brain teaser' otherwise known as 'The Stinker' at the bottom of each card for extra points, the results were in.

- 1st with 49 points was Table No 6 'Black'
- 2nd with 48 points was Table No 3 'Fletcher'
- Equal 3rd with 47 points was Table Nos 2 'Deschamp & 5 'Gardiner'
- Equal 4th with 40 points was Table Nos 1 'Ryrie' & 4 'Lithgow'

After all that brain work it was time for a cuppa and some sumptuous home-made sandwiches, scones jam and cream and slices – it was as good as any High Tea I have ever been to.



- 1st Prize Raffle winner was a Child's Quilt hand made by Elaine. Ann has 5 grandchildren who will love it. There was also a handmade Table Runner for Ann.
- 2nd Prize a Gift Pack of Red Door was won by Emese
- 3rd Prize was 2 Coffee & Cake Vouchers donated by *The Olinda Creek Hotel*

Thank you to everyone that contributed to the smooth running of such a great morning.



The Ferny Creek Horticultural Society Inc



Flower Festival 2023

Last Sunday I spent a lovely afternoon at the Ferny Creek Horticultural Society's 'Flower Festival 2023'.

It was a great explosion for the senses with colours of every huge!

Each category was judged and awards displayed. There is a \$5 entry fee which helps support the enthusiastic volunteers who run and attend to the 4-hectare ornamental garden which was first established in 1957 on an old quarry site. With a cool climate, abundant rainfall and rich volcanic soil it creates an ideal growing



conditions for a wide range of plants. There is also a well-established section of older growth trees.

The Society holds four events a year – *Plant Collectors Expo, Autumn Show, Spring Show & Flower Festival*.

They also have 5 Specialists Groups – *Australian Plants, Propagation Training, Rhododendron & Camelia, Craft & Rock Garden*.

Refreshments of light lunches, sausage sizzle and guided garden walks are available at the four events.

Update your medicines list now – you'll need it if you go to hospital



A medicine list is a complete list of all your prescriptions, over the counter and complementary medicines.

Now is the time to make sure you have that list up-to-date and easy to find in case you unexpectedly have to go to hospital or visit a doctor or pharmacist who is not familiar with your health status.



Please ensure you have this app installed on your phone – it could save lives and maybe even your own.

Emergencyplus is an app you can put on your mobile. (It was recommended by a trainer who trained the staff at my school.)

You can choose to load onto an Apple or Android system (2nd choice). When loaded the right-hand screen will appear.



The **000 Emergency, SES & Police** are live buttons that will automatically call that service when pressed.

Also, you will note your '*location coordinates*' appear so you can pass the information to the service concerned as to where your location is.

Yarra Ranges National Seniors Australia Branch
Membership Application (NSA ABN 89 050 523 003)

PERSONAL DETAILS

Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / Dr First name _____ /
Last name _____ Date of birth _____ /
Address _____
Suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____
Phone _____ Mobile _____
Email _____ Membership Number: _____

JOINT MEMBER DETAILS

Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / Dr First name _____
Last name _____ Date of birth _____ / _____ / _____
Phone _____ Mobile _____
Email _____ Membership Number: _____

MEMBERSHIP AND PAYMENT DETAILS

*Yarra Ranges Branch
No. 100132*

I / we would like to join for: (please tick) includes GST

1 Year Single \$49.50 Joint \$80 2 Year Single \$88 Joint \$143
3 Year Single \$120 Joint \$180 5 Year Single \$220 Joint \$325

TOTAL PAYABLE: \$ _____

Cheques / Money Order enclosed (payable to: National Seniors Australia)
 Please charge my credit card: Visa Master Card

Card number:

Cardholder's Name: _____ Expiry: _____ / _____

Cardholder's Signature: _____

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