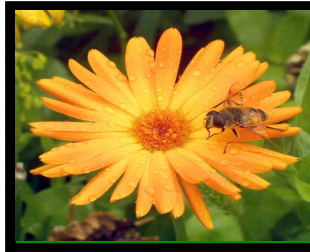


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Maroondah Message

JULY meeting - Karin Koeppen from the Cuckoo Restaurant arrived with her 'entourage' to entertain us. No one knew quite what to expect, and at first thought that a sing along was to be the order of the day; not our usual format. However we were soon to discover our mistake, as Karin, proceeded to give us the story of the Cuckoo, from its early beginnings to the present day. Full of interest, but not without some tragedy, she told us of the early struggles, the disappearance of her husband and of the family moving to help her continue building the Cuckoo to the successful restaurant it is today.



Laced with amusing incidents, it gave us a very entertaining afternoon.

The real star of the show, however, proved to be the Russian accordionist, who imparted some hilarious stories of his early time in Australia, whilst driving a tourist bus, with only a limited knowledge of English. None of us will think of Ballarat quite the same way again.



Entertainment
award

At our AUGUST meeting Arline and Tom Myers from the Mooroolbark Theatre group will be along to entertain us

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday August 2nd at 10am - Breakfast/Brunch at the Warren Glen nursery
Monday August 3rd at 2pm - Meeting at the RSL, Ringwood
Thursday August 6th at 9.30am - Walk along the Mullum Mullum Creek
Tuesday 11th August at 12.30pm - Lunch at Yarra Blue Cafe
Wednesday 12th August at 10.a.m. - Lunch at the movies
Thursday August 20th at 9.30am - Walk at Ringwood Lake
Thursday August 27th at 2.00pm - Coffee at Myer

August Eats

Saturday August 2nd
Time 10.am for breakfast/ brunch

Warren Glen Nursery

Warrandyte rd. Warrandyte

Bookings - Phone Judith on 9726 5494



Our coffee group is on once again this month on
Thursday August 27th

If you are in the vicinity of Myers' Cafe
pop in and see who is around for a chat. Enjoy a
cuppa and cake. No need to book - all welcome

Tuesday August 11th
Time 12.30pm at :-

Yarra Blue Cafe

194 Warrandyte
rd. Ringwood North



Licensed and BYO wine only

Bookings - Eileen on 98763941 or at the August meeting



Walking Group

Our walking group meets on the first and third Thursday of the month at 9.30am ; with an extra walk when there are five Thursdays in the month.

A shorter version of the walks is being included for those who would like to join in, but wish to walk a shorter distance

Our first walk this month is on Thursday August 6th along Mullum Mullum creek.

This is one of our longer walks [approx. 45 mins each way], but is fairly flat.

We meet in the carpark at the rear of Sofia's restaurant.

We walk along the creek to the Orchid Thai [the old Mullum walk cafe] for morning tea before returning to Sofia's.

For those wishing a shorter walk ; join the walk at Oban rd entry to the creek approximately 20 minutes later [9.50am]

Our second walk is on Thursday August 20th at Ringwood Lake

This is an easy walk, with no shorter version.

Meet at the Ringwood Lake carpark. The entrance is off Mt. Dandenong road, just before Daisy's and the Ampol service station when heading towards Ringwood.

We walk around the Lake and proceed up to Railway Parade at East Ringwood for morning refreshments.

We then walk back to the Lake where the more energetic can do a second circuit round the Lake before returning to the car park, or just return directly to the car park..

For more information or to book in for a walk contact Judith on 97265494

Inclement weather : - If there is heavy constant rain or the temperature is over 25° at 9.00am [summer], then the walk will be cancelled.

**My wife walked into the study and asked 'What's on the tv'
I replied 'Dust'
And that's how the fight started**



LUNCH AT THE MOVIES

Meet in the foyer at Hoyts Eastland at 10am. The cost is \$12 for the movie and a basket lunch.No need to book; just turn up and join the group. **Our monthly selection is:-**

My Sister's Keeper Wednesday 12th August

Director: Nick Cassavetes

Cameron Diaz, Abigail Breslin, Sofia Vassilieva, Alec Baldwin, Joan Cusack

Sara and Brian live an idyllic life with their young son and daughter. But their family is rocked by sudden, heartbreaking news that forces them to make a difficult and unorthodox choice in order to save their baby girl's life.



Information on other lunch/movie choices for the month are available in Hoyts Foyer

Any queries?...Problems? regarding our activities.

Most activities come with a relevant phone number. If not, choose an appropriate number from the yellow box at the bottom of this page. Any of our committee will be happy to help



Thanks to Sandra Price who proof reads this newsletter and prevents you all from having to read my mistakes every month. Thanks also to all who have sent me jokes or witty sayings. They are filed away to use as needed to fill up the odd spaces in the newsletter.



Christmas Lunch at Tokar Estate on Monday

December 7th

Cost \$34 per head

We have visited this venue for the past two years and have received positive feedback.

We have consequently rebooked for this years celebration. The cost includes a two course meal, coffee and a glass of wine.

Further details to come regarding taking names and payment.

Watch this space.

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