



What is coming up:

- **June 2nd**
meeting at **Ringwood RSL**
"Our Police Overseas"
- **June 5th**
walk into Croydon
- **June 12th**
COBA visit to Telstra Dome
- **June 13th**
Mooroolbark Theatre
- **June 19th**
Walk to Heathmont
- **June 26th**
Coffee Club Myers
- **July 7th**
Meeting at Ringwood RSL
- **July 9th**
Dinner at Magenta
- **July 24th**
Xmas in July at
Templestowe Hotel

What common English word is 9 letters long, and each time you remove a letter from it, it still remains an English word, from 9 letters all the way down to a single remaining letter? That word is:

"STARTLING"

Remove "L" - Starting

Remove "T" - Staring

Remove "A" - String

Remove "R" - Sting

Remove "T" - Sing

Remove "G" - Sin

Remove "S" - In

Remove "N" - I

May Meeting

May speaker Marge Hookey gave us a humorous account of being a Friends of the Zoo Guide at the Healesville Sanctuary and telling us about its history; beginning as a research facility for Sir Colin McKenzie in 1927

through the birth of the first platypus in captivity in the 1940s to the opening of the Australian

Wildlife Health Centre in 2005. This

facility treated 1600 animals, birds and reptiles in its first year and now treats more than 2000 a year in a Veterinary Hospital that is better equipped than many 3rd world people hospitals.

Healesville Sanctuary continues to grow with the recent addition of Tasmanian Devils to its animal collection. Captivating presentations and tours such as Birds of Prey, Parrots in Flight and the Burra Burra Yan ensure visitors connect in meaningful ways with wildlife in its natural habitat

In June Shaun Young, Senior Sergeant with the Victoria Police will talk about Australian Policing in PNG Solomon Islands and the Middle East.



The Australian Wildlife Centre with views of interior

Walking Group

Thursday June 5th 9:30 am

We will walk into **Croydon** along the Tarralla Creek Trail starting from the Pre-School Car Par in Eastfield Rd Near the corner of Bayswater Rd.

Thursday June 19th 9:30am

We will walk into **Heathmont** along the Dandenong Creek starting from the carpark at the end of Marlborough Road, off Canterbury Road, Heathmont.

For more information, or to let us know you are coming, please ring Judith on 9726-5494



Coffee Club

The coffee club meet on the 4th Thursday of every month at **2:00pm** at the coffee shop inside Myers Eastland. You don't need to book anyone is welcome to just show up for a cuppa and a chat (and perhaps a nice cake).

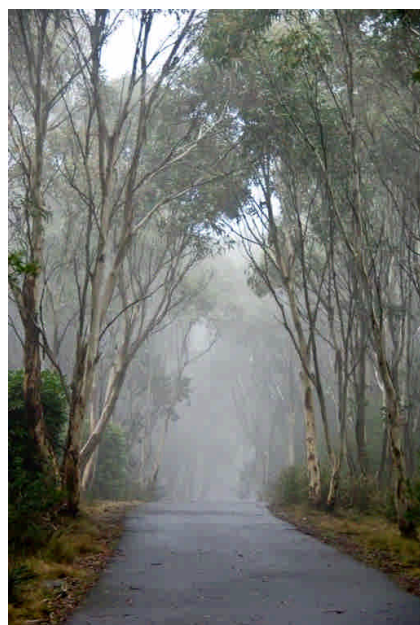
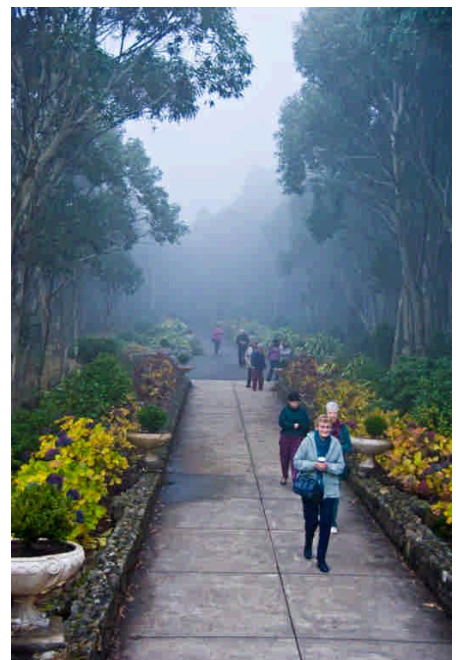
Why not come along this month for a chat and a coffee. They could do with some more males, **as could the walking group**. Just think if there were some more men there we could solve the problems of the world rather than swap grand-child stories.

Next coffee club days is **June 26th**.



Our Bus Trip to Mt Macedon

The day was quite cool at times; and very foggy at the top of the mountain, but the rain stayed away and everyone had a great time.



Dinner - Wednesday July 9th

The dinner group meet every second month alternating between 2nd Wednesday and the 2nd Thursday evenings.

Our next dinner is :

Venue: Magenta Cafe

Address: 454 Whitehorse Road
Mitcham

Date: Wednesday July 9th

Time: 7pm BYO Wine

Bookings: Contact Rita on 9876-1206 by 5th July



Career Choices

Like many young men, the boy didn't really know what he wanted to do, and he didn't seem too concerned about it. So one day, while the boy was away at school, his father, decided to try an experiment. He went in the boy's room and placed on his study table four objects. A Bible, A Dollar, A Bottle of Whiskey, and A Playboy Magazine. 'I'll just hide behind the door, I'll see which object he picks up. If it's the Bible, he's going to be a preacher. If he picks up the dollar, he's going to be a businessman. But if he picks up the bottle, he's going to be a no-good drunkard. And worst of all, if he picks up that magazine he's going to be a skirt-chasing bum.'

The man waited anxiously. The boy tossed his books on the bed, and as he turned to leave the room he spotted the objects on the table. With curiosity in his eye, he walked over to inspect them. He picked up the Bible and placed it under his arm. He picked up the dollar and dropped it into his pocket. He uncorked the bottle and took a drink while he admired this month's centrefold. 'Lord have mercy,' the father disgustedly whispered, 'He's going to be a politician!'

The Joy of Aging

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking and one said "Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly."

The other gentleman asked, "What is the name of the restaurant?"

The first gentleman thought and thought and finally said, "What is the name of that flower that you give to someone you love? You know ...the one that's red and has thorns."

"Do you mean a rose?"

"Yes that's the one" replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"

- **Don't take life too seriously; No one gets out alive**
- **Consciousness; That annoying time between naps**
- **Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?**
- **A hangover is the wrath of grapes.**

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Newsletter

I am always on the lookout for contributions. You can send me articles, jokes, news, and especially pictures. Just e-mail them to me at peter@innsys.com.au or hand them to me at the next meeting.

COBA

Combined Branch Activities are organized by the COBA Committee made up of representatives of several branches. They are excellent opportunities to meet National Seniors from other branches as well as an enjoyable outing.

CANBERRA - Enjoy a Taste of the Spring Floriade

A further deposit of \$200 is due by 14th July with the final payment of \$399 due by 14th August.. You can pick up these forms at the April meeting or download them from the COBA page on our web site

Telstra Dome / DFO / Police Museum - 12th June

Day starts with a tour of the Telstra Dome which lasts about 1 hour starts at 10:00 am cost \$9. Meet at the Customer Service Centre on the external apron opposite Gates 2 & 3 (Bourke St Footbridge side). Following this we will visit the DFO precinct at Southern Cross Station to shop and have lunch (all at your own cost) and then at 2:00pm we will visit the Police Museum (free entry).

We will be travelling in on the train which leaves Ring wood Station at 8:54 am and we will be in the second last carriage. Please note this is a change to my original advice. You should also pay for this at the June Meeting.

COBA Festive Season Lunch - Thur 20th November

Curve Restaurant at the Vibe SavoyHotel [same place as last year]. The cost is \$26 which should be paid in full by our October Meeting. This covers an excellent smorgasbord lunch including a glass of wine.

For more information on any COBA event call Peter Feeney on 9879-0622.



Other Dates for the Diary

- 13th June** - Theatre Night with Mooroolbark Theatre Group
- 24th July** - Christmas in July Lunch at Templestowe Hotel
- 19th October** - New date for Proposed bus trip to Walhalla

If you would like more information about any of these events or if you have any other suggestions for us then please speak to any of the committee members listed on the left