

PROBUS ASSOCIATION OF MONASH INC (A0061282W)

(Formally Monash Regional Probus Group)

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MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING – 1st July 2014

WELCOME: The Chairman, Jenny Day opened the meeting at 10.00 am and welcomed all present

APOLOGIES: Bill Johnson (Clayton Combined), Judith Sykes (Mount Waverley Ladies), Barbara Webster (Syndal Combined) and Marj Jordan (Waverley Ladies)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of the meeting held on 1st April 2014 had been circulated prior to the meeting and taken as read. Moved: - Pat Moore - Seconded: - Rex Markby - Carried

BUSINESS ARISING:

Incorporation: Secretary Robert advised that after submitting paperwork to Consumer Affairs in February that a Certificate of Incorporation arrived in the mail without imposing further conditions. This means that as the year will be more aligned with Probus, that our financial year will be ending each year on 31st December and our Annual General Meeting (when subs are due) will be February each year.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Due to awaiting CAV response to incorporation Robert Renshaw has been continuing acting in the Treasurer's role. When incorporated, account names, signatories etc., have to be changed which is the reason for this.) On behalf of the Treasurer Bill Johnson, Robert Renshaw read a Treasurer's Statement from 1st April to 30th June 2014 showing a Credit Balance of \$1,023.71 which comprises District funds of \$461.01 and Region funds of \$622.70.

Approve reimbursement of Secretary Expenses: Morning tea supplies – 4 meetings (Oct 2013 – Jul 2014) \$26.76 plus Incorporation fee of \$186.20 totalling \$212.96.)

Moved: Robert Renshaw – Seconded: Gary Pollard for acceptance of Treasurer's Report and reimbursement of expenses – Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1. Email from Bill Johnson advising of problems with viability of Clayton Probus
- 2. Monash Council Salenna Moutis (Positive Ageing Community Development Officer) wished to speak to the meeting.

REGIONAL OUTINGS – Pat Moore

The two Regional trips hosted by Syndal Ladies and Waverley Gardens Combined to WESTGARTHTOWN & DONNYBROOK which comprised a tour of Ziebel Farm, the historic former dairy farming settlement dating from 1850; a delicious smorgasbord lunch @ the Roxborough Park Hotel; and also tasting & purchasing opportunities of the award winning Donnybrook Cheeses. I personally felt that the Cheese visit was a little disappointing as they appeared unprepared for us and had only one cheese for tasting. But certainly the farm visit and lunch were excellent. Refer below for a listing of regional outings planned.

NOTE: There will be an opportunity for Outings Officers to meet at my home on Monday 28th July to discuss the programs for 2015/2016. Start @ 2pm.

WHERE? 52 Greenways Road, Glen Waverley. 9887 9191

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If you can get 15 - 20 for a bus trip, please consider being a host club (very little involved!). Choose your own destination, get it on the calendar and other clubs will offer it and 'top-up' for you. BUT it is important to get it on the first calendar so that we are not overlapping and clashing.

Remember the purpose of this initiative is:

- to help your club offer a range of outings to members (helping to attract would-be members too!).
- to lighten the load of your club's Outings Officer.
- to stop cancellation of planned trips due to insufficient numbers.

Here's to fun, fellowship, friendship AND FULL BUSES! Hope to see you on the 28th July!

GENERAL BUSINESS:

• Regional Information Days 2014 Robert Renshaw advised that 3 Information Days were run within the District being Bayside, Manningham and Monash with those in attendance being 50, 110 and 85 respectively.

CLUB REPORTS

CLAYTON COMBINED - Bill Johnson

Since the Changeover in March we have been unable to fill our committee requirements and have been operating with caretaker committee members until we could resolve this situation.

Unfortunately, things have not changed and the committee has decided to put forward the Special Resolution to surrender our incorporation. Notices of this resolution have been sent to all members and will be voted on at the July meeting on July 21st.

It is expected this resolution will be passed and proceeding to close the club will then proceed in line with the needs of Consumer Affairs of Victoria and Probus South Pacific. Discussions have been held with Clayton Rotary Club, our patron club, but no solution has been found to get new committee members.

Until the July 21st meeting and subsequent vote on the resolution, we are unable to give any firm answer. Because of all that's happening, I have not prepared any report for submission.

GLEN WAVERLEY LADIES – Pat Moore

SPEAKERS

- APRIL For ANZAC Day, Keith Darling gave us a most interesting talk on the historical development of the shrine, accompanied by a good visual presentation.
- MAY John Simpson from the RACV giving us a very interesting and informative talk on road safety for seniors. He gave us tips to make driving easier, informed us that new cars with their latest technology were safer than old ones and tested our knowledge of the road rules.
- JUNE Camille Savage from Red Cross gave us a talk on the history of the Red Cross and some of the services they offer.

OUTINGS

The following were well supported and enjoyed between end of March to June:

• A train/coach tour to Warrnambool, Mt. Gambier, Penola and Nelson. We were blessed by great weather and again enjoyed the easy-going, informative organisation of our Warrnambool based tour leader/guide, Bob Scarborough.

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- A Pinewood Cinema lunch to 'Mr. Morgan's Last Love' starring Sir Michael Cain
- A tour of Police Academy, followed by lunch @ Wheelers Hill Hotel.
- WESTGARTHTOWN & DONNYBROOK Historic former Dairy farming settlement (1850) with a tour of Ziebel Farm.
- Immigration Museum Faith Fashion Fusion Muslim women's style in Australia & lunch @ Casino Café
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A Peridot Theatre and two Whitehorse Centre items were our theatre outings. Members were offered the Bright 5 day tour in May and the MURRAY RIVER CRUISE – PROUD MARY in June, sadly no members supported these outings which were sponsored by other clubs.

COMING UP:

JULY

Sunday 13th, Encore theatre – 'Arsenic and Old Lace'.

Monday 14th, Morning Melodies – The Nat King Cole Songbook

Thursday 24th, Pinewood Cinema lunch – 'Gardening with Soul'

Wednesday 30th, 'Les Mis' @ 1pm with Syndal Ladies.

AUGUST

Monday 4th, Morning Melodies – The magic of Gilbert & Sullivan

Sunday 10th, Peridot theatre – 'House Guest'.

Tuesday 12th, 'The King & I' @ 1pm with Syndal Ladies.

Tuesday 19th, DARNUM MUSICAL VILLAGE. Tour of museum; lunch; entertainment.

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 4th – Love Desire & Riches -The Fashion of Weddings @ Ripponlea, includes light lunch. Monday 8th – Thursday 11th - LODDON VALLEY, by train and coach for 4 days and 3 nights. Monday 15th, Morning Melodies – a Tribute to Bing Crosby

MONASH CENTRAL - John Ingram

	OUTINGS	April	Sand sculptures and McClelland Gallery
		June	Victorian Parliament and Old Treasury Building
	WALKS	June	Winbarra Parade, Ashwood
	EXTENDED TOUR	July	Cook Islands for 7 nights
		October	Victorian Alpine Region
	DINE-OUTS	May	Breakfast at the Waverley RSL club
		July	Box Hill Golf Club for Birthday Lunch
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		May	David Spitteler – Asylum Seekers
		June	Geraldine Gannon – South East Volunteers
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MONASH COMBINED - Susan Hadfield

Our membership currently stands at 148, comprising 90 ladies/58 gentlemen

Activities for March, April, May and June 2014 included the following:

In March we held our AGM with the added activity of an emergency evacuation drill.

This had not been done for at least 5 years, and although there is room for improvement in the procedure, all attendees (about 90) were accounted for in the car park and returned in time for coffee, tea and scones within 40 minutes.

Although this is not a requirement of the Council they commended us on the initiative and support our plan to make this an annual event. The current Vice-President will be our "Safety Officer".

GUEST SPEAKERS: (nothing in March due to AGM)

- Barry Cairns topic: *Trading in China, Papua NG, Japan* as national manager of a chemical import/export company over 27 years.
- Twanny Farruga (and his Seeing Eye dog Valli) Topic: *My Fortunate Life* a kidney transplant patient's journey from diagnosis in Malta as a teenager, now in his 60s.
- Dr Debra Smith Topic: *Terrorism Myths and Misconceptions,* thought provoking.

OUTINGS AND WALKS: (nothing in April due to Easter)

- The Briers, Mount Martha
- Gardner's Creek Anniversary Trail a 2 hour walk to Burwood Highway with lunch at Lulabell's cafe – train to Elgar Rd – half hour walk back to cars at Gardner's Reserve. (Melway 60 J/8)

(Note: The Pinewood Walhalla trip on 8th April was advertised by us – no takers – sorry)

TOURS:

- Cook Islands 13-20th June.
- Taiwan 6-18th October, still need numbers (please contact Geoff Oldham 9802 8572) if interested.
- Six Day Murray & Kangaroo Island 14 19 November

THEATRE:

CLOC - 42nd Street, Nova - My Fair Lady, Babirra - Phantom of the Opera

Still to come – Encore Theatre – Arsnic and Old Lace.

MONTHLY LUNCHEONS:

Blackburn Hotel, Waverley RSL, Mountain View Hotel, Burvale Hotel

EVENING DINE-OUTS:

- Saigon Orchid (Vietnamese Syndal), HD Cafe Bar and Grille, Burwood
- HD Cafe Bar and Grille, Burwood

OTHER MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:

- Pinewood Cinema
- Music, held in private homes alternating between 3 hosts.
- Photography (mentoring by request by experienced photographer)
- Book discussion, following lunch. Assistance from Mount Waverley Library.

MT WAVERLEY LADIES - Jenny Day

SPEAKERS

April	Molly Sassoon - ASIO and Elephants
May	Monash Council - Aged Friendly Survey
June	Aileen Dibble – Companion Dogs

LOCAL OUTINGS

May May June September	5 day holiday to Bright and Victorian High Country. Great time away Trip to Tyabb Antiques via train Lunch at the Glass House at Caulfield Race Track. Very noisy Visit to Percy Granger Museum at Melbourne University	
DAY TRIPS		
JULY	Christmas in July at Hotel 520 in Tarneit. Transport, morning tea, 3 course lunch and an ho entertainment all for \$34.00	

SEPTEMBER Coach trip to Warrook Farm. Visiting Dandenong Market on way home

COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF NOTTING HILL – Freya Green

In April a group of 32 members spent 3 days in Bright. The weather was kind to us and the autumn scenery stunning. A side trip to Beechworth enlightened us all on the history of the area. All members had a great time.

During the past few months we have had lunch at the 'Mr Fox' cafe at the Ringwood Golf Club, a great meal with a great view and lunch at Paesano's Restaurant in Wheeler's Hill, where members enjoyed a substantial buffet.

Morning coffee at the Arena cafe where up to 32 members meet and chat, a very popular event, as are our card afternoons, where up to 28 members gather on the second and fourth Fridays of each month to play Crazy Whist. The substantial afternoon tea is a half time treat enjoyed by all.

Golfers hit off at a club golf day at the Waverley Municipal Golf Course, where the course won, but the tales of who did what produced many a chuckle.

Members attended two Whitehorse Theatre productions and also movies at Centre City Walk, Glen Waverley. A group of 22 members visited the State Theatre and saw 'The Beatles ' down under display, as well as had a tour of the Theatre.

We have enjoyed some interesting speakers namely, Simon Green, speaking on Cystic Fibrosis, being a sufferer himself Simon gave an interesting insight into the disease, a talk on Seniors Fire Safety by a retired Fireman Eric Daffey, who gave a humourous talk embedded with some very good advice. Also at our June meeting when our Guest Speaker called in sick on the morning of our meeting, a hastily put together program was really enjoyed by all our members. Our Past President, Wilf Seelig, spoke on what it was like being an 8 year old migrant, coming to Australia from Germany in the fifties, who spoke no English. Then four members, who were past Bank Managers, agreed to be part of a question and answer segment. The answers gave members an insight into their professional lives as well as a really good laugh at some of the responses.

In the pipe line for the coming months is visit to the Mission to Seafarers, a CUB tour, and a visit to Ripponlea to see a special exhibition. Dinner at Oggi's Restaurant in Glen Waverley, a golf day, a guest speaker on what goes on at the Chelsea Flower Show, and our regular monthly activities.

PINEWOOD COMBINED – Rex Markby

Pinewood Combined Probus Club Inc has settled in to their new home at the Waverly Community Centre and we have since celebrated our 1st birthday, the new arrangements are working well. I reported at the last meeting that we were expanding our membership from 80 to 90 which has now occurred with vacancies being filled very quickly and a waiting list of up to 10, it is not intended to expand the membership further at this stage.

We have just launched our own web site *Pinewoodprobus.org.au* which are very proud of and will include all club activities, calendars, news coming events, contact details and policies.

The most popular activities in recent months have been , Dinners, Trips (Yarra Valley, French Island,) Coffee mornings, Happy Hours, always very popular and walks weather permitting.

One aspect we are starting to pay more attention to is succession and committee participation to encourage members to be more proactive and prepared to assist by being part of sub-committees which gives them a better insight into the mysteries of being on a Probus Club committee, as an example the golf sub committee.

The PAV golf challenge entry forms have now been distributed and are on the PAV web site <u>www.probusvic.com.au/sport/golf</u> for those who wish to access directly and entries are being received steadily I have also left copies at this meeting for those who are interested.

We recently had John Gardiner, The Dunny Can Man as a guest speaker, those who have not booked him are missing out on not only a hilarious presentation but an insight into forgotten Melbourne history, we are to have an extended morning tea in July with various guests and Cliff Hardy in August who will talk to us about his experiences at the London Nautical School which was founded after the sinking of the Titanic.

SYNDAL COMBINED - Barry Cumming

SPEAKERS.

April

Rhonda McKenzie ...Cambodia Land of Hope.....Explains her family involvement in the plight of Cambodian children and what can be done to help. Great speaker.

May.

Jenny Harkness. Searching the family tree. Power point presentation

June

Brian Mc Farlane....Reel to Reel. A passionate film reviewer shares his interest.

OUTINGS

April 16th

Picnic at hanging Rock.Crown Bus Charter tour. 35 members toured. Cost \$25. BYO food. Picnic at Hanging Rock movie shown on bus on the way up. Fun and Games. Good day out. Page 7 of 11

May 21st

Waverley Park Tour. 19 members toured. Limit is 25. Cost \$10.pp. Self drive. Interesting guided tour of all areas relating to the football club. Close and good value for those interested in AFL football. Mike Warren. Foundation bequest officer & Museum assistant Hawthorn Football Club Ricoh Centre, Stadium Circuit Mulgrave VIC 3170 hawthornfc.com.au P | 03 9535 3063

June 18th

Dreamworks. ACMI. Federation Square. Public Transport Tour. 27 members toured. Cost \$14.50.pp. Lunch at In A Rush Restaurant. Interesting wet day tour. Were able to cut cost by purchasing tickets at the ticket office not through Tikatek as advertised.

FUTURE TOURS PLANNED.

July. Mystery Bus Tour. AUGUST Heidi Gallery Tour.

PAV Friendship Day, Cranbourne race meeting is listed for Friday the 30th of October. Our club has decided to cut costs by making the event self drive or car pool, as Cranbourne is only 30 minutes by car. Cost \$35.00.

CLUB NEWS.

Getaway Club Nagambie March trip was well supported with Bellerine Peninsular planned for 2015. Our Baltic States Tour members have returned safe and well after an enjoyable 37 day trip Next year......Southern USA and Florida Tour followed by Hawaiian Island Cruise- 3 options.

For further information contact Barry Cumming on 9802 8585 or mobile 0423966218.

SYNDAL LADIES – Elinor Lee					
OUTINGS April	City River Cruise, Lunch afterwards at Optic Kitchen & Bar				
Мау	Westgarthtown (Historic former Dairy settlement (1850) and tour of the Ziebel Farmhouse Donnybrook Cheese farm Lunch at RSL Club in Epping Birthday Luncheon at Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club celebrating our 25th Anniversary Entertainment by the OKEH Jazz Band				
June	5 Day Mighty Murray River Cruise and SA Discovery Tour				
SPEAKERS April May June where she atte	ANZAC day Celebrations with songs and poetry from the War years by the 'PSALMS' our very group. No Speakers Talk by Pam Downing (one of our members) about her experience on a recent trip to WA				
OUTINGS July	Christmas in July at the Wheelers Hill Hotel Musical 'Les Miserables' at 'Her Majesty's Theatre				
August	Musical 'The King & I' at the Princess Theatre				

	Darnum Musical Village – tour of Museum
September	Tour and sightseeing of the Loddon Valley – 4 days and 3 nights Travel by train to Bendigo and then local touring by Coach.
SPEAKERS July August	Anthony Cheeseman from the Mad Cap Cafe, who train and employ young people with disabilities for the Hospitality industry. Geraldine from the South Eastern Volunteers Centre (fomerly Monash Volunteer Resource Centre.

SYNDAL MEN'S – Gary Pollard

MEMBERSHIP

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Currently 62, including three inactive members. Monthly meetings are well attended, as will be our 27th birthday lunch later this month.

SPEAKERS

Each of our speakers has been well received by members. April – Karen Birchall – the Royal District Nursing Service May – Ian Crawford – the history of Crawford Production June – Lindsay Cox – the Salvation Army archives

OUTINGS

In recent years the club has not offered day coach trips in the winter months, opting for occasional visits to local attractions via public transport. A proposed trip to the Aztec Exhibition at the Melbourne Museum in July was cancelled because of a lack of numbers. Coach trips are planned for September and October.

WAVERLEY CITY LADIES - Elizabeth Cooper

We have 101 members at present.

We have had speakers from Ronald McDonald House and one who spoke on "A Guide for Packing when Travelling".

We continue to have monthly breakfasts, morning teas and lunches which are all very popular.

Our extended tour to Bright and surrounding areas was very successful and enjoyable.

We joined with Pinewood Combined for a trip to the Yarra Valley and are joining with Syndal Ladies for their trip to Warrock Cattle Farm in October.

We have a bus tri going to the Garden and Home Expo on Saturday 11th October at Lardner Park near Warragul costing \$33.00. This leaves from the Mountain View Hotel car park at 10 am returning around 4 pm. BYO lunch or purchase at the Expo.

Another bus trip is planned to the Melbourne Star wheel on Monday 10th November leaving from the Mountain View Hotel at 10 am returning at 2.30 pm. The cost is \$70 including a 2 course lunch at the Manningham Hotel, Bulleen.

WAVERLEY GARDENS COMBINED - Jill Trahair

GUEST SPEAKERS

Mrs Anne Miller – "Melbourne Streets, the characters behind the names". Tom Stirling – COTA for Older Australians – his presentation is titled 'Be Active Your Way'. Camille Savage – Red Cross – Her presentation will include a brief outline of the history of the Red Cross and their work. DINE OUT

Shavans (Indian) at 17-21 Pinewood Shopping Centre, Mt Waverley. 9887 6666 Sages Restaurant at Berwick which was very good.

REGIONAL TRIPS

We had members attend the Westgarth Town and Kerrisdale Mountain Railway & Yarra Valley Chocolaterie & Ice Creamery outings which they enjoyed.

THEATRE

Members attend various performances at the Drum Theatre at Dandenong and some went to 'The King and I'.

OUTINGS

We combined an outing with our walking group and went to the Sandcastles at Frankston. Lunch was included and was a good day.

WAVERLEY LADIES - Margaret Jordan

RECENT ACTIVITIES - Victorian Jazz Archives Tour which included entertainment from a small Jazz Group – a very enjoyable day.

Lunch at Olive Tree Restaurant in South Melbourne.

Extended Snowy Mountain Trip.

A guided tour of Hamer Hall.

Visit to an Islamic Museum (in July).

SPEAKERS - Rod Ingham from River Keepers.

Amber Partington – Orangutans.

Camille Savage – Red Cross.

Speakers coming up - Aileen Dibble - Therapy Dogs

Gerardine Gannon from Volunteer Service.

Molly Sasson – ASIO & MI5.

WAVERLEY CENTRAL LADIES - (No report)

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WHEELERS HILL COMBINED – Jenny Major

We have 139 members currently. A new member will be inducted at the July meeting. Our new waiting list has been formed.

SPEAKERS

January Dr. Margery Kennett "Towards Polio Eradication" February Jessica Hazelwood from Red Cross "International Humanitarian Law" March Dr. Sue Schofield "The Orang-utan Project" April Ken and Sue Rogers "Adventure before Adventure- Aussie pensioners in Palestine" May Warwick Duncan "Liver transplant does Kokoda Track" June Michael Nicholls Telstra NBN

OUTINGS March County Court April Rod Laver Arena May Carlton Brewery A Cruise to New Guinea in Feb 2015

DINE OUTS

January Wheelers Hill Hotel February Yokohama Restaurant Century City Walk March Colonial Tramcar restaurant April Tandoori Junction Restaurant May Rose of Thailand restaurant June Sandown Greyhounds Tabaret Springvale

THEATRE

March Inspector Drake and the Black Widow 1812 Theatre May My Fair Lady Whitehorse Centre Nunawading June King and I Princess Theatre

WHEELERS HILL LADIES - (No report)

WHEELERS HILL MENS - Alun Mantle

MEMBERSHIP (82.) We will induct another new member at the July meeting.

TOURS & ENTERTAINMENT:

May. Visit to St Pauls Cathedral, followed by lunch at Flinders Lane.

June. Cinema at Century City, followed by lunch at Glen Waverley R.S.L.

July. Christmas in July at Sandown Tabaret.

August. Lunch at Stamford, Rowville

September. Salvation Army Heritage Centre, 69 Bourke Street, City.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

April. History of the Shrine of Remembrance. John O' Reilly one of our own members delivered a very moving address. John is a former tour guide at the Shrine.

May. Jason Brack from the Monash Library Group gave a very interesting and informative insight into the Changing Face of Libraries.

June. John Mentha gave an interesting and entertaining presentation on; The History of Magic as a Performing Art.

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July. Eddie Creaney, Secretary of Writers Victoria will speak on the history and development of the organisation. August. Joe Goddard will speak about "Monash Link" and the Services they provide. September. Joanne Lambie MBA from 'Stay in Touch', will Speak on Internet Security. October. Peter Ferguson 'Orthopaedic Surgeon' will give an insight into the work undertaken at the Monash Medical Centre.

A belated message from Graham Findlay follows.

At yesterday's Regional Meeting I mentioned that Mulgrave Country Club was interested in providing these devices to Clubs.

I checked this morning and they are looking at providing defibrillator to Community Sporting Clubs, and investigations on how many Clubs do not have a device is being undertaken. In other words it is in the early stages of checking a Community need. If it proceeds any rollout would be approximately 12 months away.

I apologise for my misreading of an informal conversation with one of the Board members of the Mulgrave Country Club.

PROBUS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA – Les Barber

Les advised that he is responsible for both the PAV speaker's book and the tours book and that he would appreciate details of speaker contacts and whether they are agreeable to have their contact details listed.

He also spoke of the proposed raceday at Cranbourne on 30th October 2014 coinciding with their 30th anniversary. Besides prizes there will be entertainment provided by the nostalgic OK JAZZ BAND.

The PAV golf day being hosted by Pinewood Combined Monday 17th November 2014 at Churchill Park Golf Club. Endeavour Hills. For further details refer PAV website or contact Pinewood Probus.

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FUTURE MEETINGS FOR YOUR DIARIES:			
MEETING DATES FOR 2014:	7 th October.		
Assuming our Monash grant application has been approved.			
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MONASH REGIONAL OUTINGS FOR 2014

AUGUST DARNUM MUSICAL VILLAGE – Tour of museum; lunch & entertainment \$45

Wednesday 13 th – Syndal Ladies	Natalie Irvine - 9790 0149
Tuesday 19th - Glen Waverley Ladies	Pat Moore – 9887 9191

SEPTEMBER LODDON VALLEY Train to Bendigo, then coach and local touring.

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Monday 8th – Thursday 11th - Syndal Ladies

Elinor Lee – 9802 7944

We cannot emphasise enough: PLEASE NOTIFY THE HOST CLUB THAT YOU ARE ADVERTISING THE **REGIONAL EVENTS** in order that they can contact you if the spaces are becoming limited and a new date can be arranged.