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AGM on 17 March 2021:

Annual subscriptions (Notice of Motion)

The Committee is recommending "that the 2021 subscription for *current* members be \$30 (after applying a \$20 discount due to the impact of the Covid restrictions during 2020), and \$20 for In-active members." New members joining after the AGM will pay \$50. Following their ratification at the AGM, it is expected that the subscriptions will become due and payable by the 30th April, preferably by bank transfer.

March birthdays: We wish the following members good health and many Happy Returns: Marie Bolger; Ed Patrick; Gwen Secomb; John Morgan; Ken Launder; Pat Farrelly; Marie Keat; Steve McColl; Sue Harding; Wendy Crawford.



It is really pleasing to see most of the activities recommencing after so much time off. The Book Group, Walking Group, Craft, Mah-jong, Men's Petanque and Day Trips are all up and running. (See the notices on pages 2-3).

Thursday 25th February saw 30 eager day trippers arrive at Cranbourne for a wander around the gardens. A large number caught the garden bus for a very informative commentary from one of the guides. Afterwards a short drive to *Trios Bistro* at the Cranbourne Racecourse for a very leisurely lunch.

March is shaping up to being a busy month, with lunch at the Golf Club on the 3rd, AGM on the 17th, Bowles on the 18th and the trip to Clunes on the 19th.

I hope to see you all at some of these activities.

Geraldine McGann Activities Coordinator

Book Group (Convenor: Jan Storey)

Members of the book group were very pleased to learn that the Bayside Library has resumed their lending system for book groups. During 2021, the group will meet on the second Tuesday of the month at the Cheltenham Golf Club, at 11.00 am.

Craft Group (Convenor: Helen Scott) meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 1.30pm.

Mahjong meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 2.00pm at the Golf Club.

TWILIGHT BOWLS & DINNER - IT'S GOING AHEAD

Venue:	Sandringham Bowls Club, Tulip Street, Sandringham
Date:	Thursday 18 th March 2021
Time:	5.00pm
Dress:	Casual, flat soled shoes to be worn
Equipment:	Lawn bowls will be supplied or bring your own. Members of the bowls club will be there to offer tuition.
Refreshments:	All Beers \$6.00 Wine (glass) \$8.00

Payment will be collected on the night (please have correct money to avoid the need for change – Steve has notified each participant of the amount.)

If you have any questions regarding this notice please call me on (0418) 544 671.

Steve McColl (Vice President)

WALKING GROUP (Convenor: Ken Launder Ph. 9584 1432)

March 2021 Walk

On this lovely morning eleven of us regular attendees met at the North Point Café at the end of North Road. The area is one of Melbourne's beautiful hidden gems. The morning was mild and cloudy and a slight sea breeze accompanied us as we set out for an invigorating walk along the foreshore to Point Ormond admiring the magnificent view across the bay to Williamstown, Westgate Bridge and the high rises of the city. After a short rest we retraced our footsteps and returned to the North Point Café for a much-desired coffee and chat. All too soon it was over and time to go home. We thank Liz and Ken for another enjoyable walk.

Helga Anderson

So as to avoid the Easter Monday holiday, the April walk will be held on the second Monday, i.e., *April 12*, when we will meet at 10.00am on the grassed area behind the Black Rock clock tower directly opposite the junction of Balcombe Road and Balcombe Road (Melway 85 K4). From here we will walk in a northerly direction to beyond Half Moon Bay. On our return to Black Rock, we will visit

one of the local cafes. Free parking for Bayside residents with a Beach Parking Permit is available in a car park on the beach side of Beach Road, south of Balcombe Road. For others, two hours of parking is available in the car park in Balcombe Road at the end of the shops opposite Ebden Avenue. There are also car parks nearby on both sides of Bluff Road as well as signed street parking.

M.E.N (Men's Education Network)



Introduction to the game of Petanque

A reminder that we will have another session of Petanque next week on *Wednesday March 10.* We will meet again at 10.45am at the same place (Beaumaris Reserve located behind the Beaumaris Library in Reserve Road, Beaumaris.)

Welfare March 2021 (Helga Anderson)

It is March and a whole year has passed since Covid 19 has engulfed us.

It seems our patience and compliance with the rules has paid off. As I write this message, we had the good news that the sudden strict lock-down restrictions imposed on us last month are being relaxed. Well, that alone must lift our spirits and feelings of wellbeing as well as the mild and pleasant summer we have so far enjoyed.

What a contrast from last year! We can now be more optimistic about the future and look forward to more activities in the club.

Regrettably, some of our members, although spared the Covid 19 infection, have suffered ill health. We wish them well and send our best wishes for their recovery.

Keep smiling

March is also the beginning of Autumn and here is a verse to remind us, the poet is unknown.

Autumn

The leaves are falling one by one The sunny days will soon be gone. Yellow, orange, brown and green, The colours of Autumn can be seen. The wind, the rain, the sun shines through, It's colder now for me and you.

Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne, Thursday 25th February 2021



Some of the Club's members at the look-out in the Cranbourne Botanic Gardens (above) and several photos of the garden beds, including Kangaroo Paw (below right).





Thanks to Geraldine McGann for contributing the photos and to her and Liz Paige for organising a very enjoyable outing to the Cranbourne Gardens and the lunch afterwards.