

Presidents Report

Standing orders – Sandra reported we are now able to change our Constitution and standing orders as the Victorian Government in conjunction with PSPL have reduced the cost for submitting a new constitution. This will be available at the next General Meeting for voting on.

Secretary Report

Secretary asked the members to welcome the visitors and new members, and to make them feel welcome and to have a chat to them.

Asked members to wear their name badges on outings and asked could they fill in the emergency contact forms which are on the desk.

Secretary spoke on an invite from PAV to attend their 50th anniversary high tea at Chirnside Park Country Club on 30th July. Only 10 members can attend until more tables are released. Note on bench for names please.

Treasurer: – Lindsay thanked Harish for all his efforts as club treasurer. Lindsay advised the meeting that Harish will still take Tyro payments this month as the system had not been changed over by the bank yet. Lindsay advised the members that the Bank Balance is \$15,504 but \$10,696 was for outings and tours already paid for by members. Our available funds is \$4535.00

Moved: Lindsay

Seconded: Ken Pakes

Carried

Speakers – Dot advised today's speaker is Lincoln Elmsey from Keyton Retirement Villages. Dot advised they have 28 villages.

Guest Services – Rachel thanked Kath Thompson for all her mentoring and assistance. The morning tea today will be hot cross buns and easter treats.

Newsletter – Doug advised all well with newsletter and asked if anyone had any suggestions on the bulletin to speak to him.

Wellbeing: Ree spoke on the members who had been ill. She has contacted them during the month and advised the club members on how they are all progressing.

Activities/ Outings: -

It was reported that not many had turned up for the Coffee at the Round. People who had their names on the list did not attend.

Ree asked could you please take a photo of the event you are attending so you have the time and date on your phone to help as a reminder.

Celtic Festival was very good, and Ree especially enjoyed the playing of the Uilleann which are the Irish bagpipes.

Sound of Music at the Round – Nova theatre, Ree advised how beautiful the singing was and the production was excellent.

Ree spoke on the current outings we are having and asked members to please fill in the forms on the bench if they are interested, please make payment to the treasurer via Tyro, pay into the Bendigo Bank account which is on the top of the bulletin, or give cash to the treasurer.

Upcoming events: Happy Hour 22nd April at 4.00pm at the Chase Hotel at Forest Hill. Tram Boat Cruise– could all attendees who are catching the 75 tram, be at the

stop at 8.45am. Ree went and did the trip and advised us of the tram route and where it stops outside the Pier from which the boat leaves. If you are going another way, could you please indicate on the form on the bench, so Ree is not waiting for you at the tram stop.

Morning Melodies 11th May Club Ringwood. Movie Day Devil Wears Prada No. 2, 14th May at Pinewood Shopping centre we will have a basket lunch after the movie. On 20th May the outing is to Duldig Studio and Museum, in Bourke Road, Self-drive outing, Racecourse Hotel for lunch. Ree asked for those interested to please see the booking sheets on the bench, she is happy to answer any queries re these outings and hoped to see lots of people attending. Please speak to Ree if you need a lift to any of these events.

Tours: Sandra spoke on the tours we are organising for this year, Bright Chalets, spaces still available, please see Sandra today if you are interested. We have been asked to pay \$30 each extra for petrol as they will have to send their big bus to pick us up.

Another tour to Barham has been arranged, this time it is the Murray Magic Riverina Tour October 18th – Friday 23rd 2026. Details and itinerary on bench or in newsletter.

Webmaster – Doug advised all is o.k. with the website.

Discussion Group: Mike spoke on the discussion group which is held at the Vermont South Club 3rd Tuesday of the month 2-4pm. Many items to discuss, finishing with fun topics and a cuppa. Great brain stimulation. All welcome to attend, booking sheet on bench or contact Mike for further information.

Book Club: Secretary spoke that there will be no book club in April due to the Bright Trip, next one in May.

Coffee Afternoon: Sandra spoke on the coffee meet up on Fridays at the Moon and Spoon and advised that everyone is welcome to attend 3.00pm 2nd Floor Forest Hill Chase. Sandra spoke on the new time for this meet up.

AFTER MEETING LUNCH: Sandra announced that the lunch will be at the Club Ringwood and invited everyone to attend and to raise their hands if wanting to attend, approximately 28 people indicated they wished to attend.

Secretary asked the life members who were present to please stand, and she introduced these to all the new members who may not know who these gentlemen are, Ron Henderson, John Hally and Ken Pakes were present.

Meeting was then adjourned for Morning tea and members were advised that it would be an Easter morning tea with Hot cross buns and chocolate.

After Morning Tea: Dot welcomed Lincoln Elmsey and he gave an interesting talk on the new Retirement Village development on Burwood Hwy and members got a chance to ask questions and Lincoln on behalf of Keyton gave away 3 boxes of chocolates.

Meeting closed at 11.50am – Next meeting 6th May 2026

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**President. Sandra Knight OAM
May 2026**