

## Watson

31<sup>st</sup> January 2024

Hi to all,

Yesterday we held our first event for this year, our annual Meet & Greet. We had a great turnout of members, visitors and invited guests. Thank you to those who attended, your support is very much appreciated, also thanks to the committee for putting this most successful event together and a big thank you to the ladies in the kitchen.

There was lots of chattering amongst everyone before and after the formalities, our awesome volunteer Team Leaders gave a brief talk on their activities and morning tea was delicious.

Our invited guests, Sam Rae MP Federal member for Hawke and Di McAuliffe, Michaela Settle MP State member for Eureka, Robyn Ford Moorabool Shire Age & Disability Liaison Officer, Fatima El Samad Moorabool Shire Senior Community Development Officer, Michelle Venne-Rowe Moorabool Shire Community planner and Lachlan Ellis Journalist for Moorabool Newspaper were very impressed with our organisation and the activities we provide to our members in our community.

Our annual membership fees are now due, if you have already updated your membership, please disregard this notice. Our membership fees have not increased in the past 10 years, and are still \$30.00 per annum, for this small annual fee, you can join as many groups as you would like within our timetable, please be aware that some activities have a room hire fee that you will be expected to contribute to. Please ensure you are a current paid up member by the end of February otherwise we will remove you from our membership register and you will no longer receive emails or be entitled to attend our activities. Please see membership form in attachment.

At our Meet & Greet someone left their jacket behind in the supper room it is a reversible Navy & Multi blue sleeveless. If this is your's please contact Marie 0418 101 493 and arrange pick up.

Tomorrow's **Thursday Book Club** is at 2.00pm at the Lerderderg Library and will feature writer Rob M Smith, all members are invited to attend and meet the author as some of you may have read his books.

We have introduced a new activity on our Timetable:

**Healthy Ageing** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month, 10.30am to 12.00pm

At Darley Neighbourhood House, cost \$4.00.

If you would like to attend this activity, please contact Louise on 0415 105 655

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**Science** – The Doc (Pamela) is looking to start up the science group again, this time incorporating ‘environmental issues’ as per her short talk at our Meet & Greet. If you would like to attend this activity, can you please contact Pamela on 0400 387 841 and register your interest so arrangements can be made with Darley Neighbourhood House to accommodate these sessions.

We have a couple of updates to our Timetable, they are listed below and we will update our website shortly.

**Games -Cards and boardgames**, start time is 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

**Shakespeare/English Literature** – start time is 1.30pm not 1.00pm as stated on timetable.

**Painting for fun** – will now be co shared by Team Leaders, Christine 0413 545 875 and Susan 0433 292 605.

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Book Club** – New Team Leader Robyn 0403 060 696.

### **Dates for your diary**

#### **Garden Group:**

Are holding their first meeting for this year on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at Brenda’s place, 15 Candeloro Street Bacchus Marsh, it is the street behind the Avenue Bowling Club. It’s a 9.30am start and all members are encouraged to attend as we will be fielding any suggestions about changes to format etc.

Can you please bring a small plate to share for morning tea, also bring along any seeds, seedlings, preserves or any excess produce you may have from your garden to share.

#### **Movie & lunch:**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 @ 10.00am – movie is ‘The unlikely pilgrimage of Harold Fry’. A seemingly unremarkable man in his sixties named Harold one day learns that his old friend Queenie is dying. He goes to mail a letter, only to keep walking for over 700km until he reaches Queenie’s hospice, much to the despair of his wife Maureen. Lots of emotions in this movie from sad, community involvement to very funny. I am looking forward to watching this movie. Booking for movie is essential and please do not leave it to the last minute as there are limited seats available. Contact Juanita on 0490 251 952 to reserve your seat for movie and/or lunch.

That’s all for now, enjoy another year of socialising, fun and learning.

Any queries in regard to any of the above, please contact either:

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