MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING – 4th February 2014

WELCOME: The Chairman, Jenny Day opened the meeting at 10.00 am and welcomed all present. (Refer appendix attached.)

APOLOGIES: Janice Pittorino and Joan Goff (Glen Waverley Ladies), Jean Booth (Waverley Ladies), Natalie Irvine (Syndal Ladies), Wilf Seelig (Notting Hill Combined), Lorraine Woolmore (Waverley Central Ladies) and Bill Norquay (Glen Waverley Mens)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of the meeting held on 1st October 2013 had been circulated prior to the meeting and taken as read. Moved: - Pat Moore - Seconded: Gary Pollard - Carried

BUSINESS ARISING: Accreditation as an incorporated entity. Refer below.

TREASURER’S REPORT: On behalf of the Treasurer Bill Johnson, Robert Renshaw read a Treasurer’s Statement from 1st October 2013 to 4th February 2014 showing a Credit Balance of $984.06 which comprises District funds of $371.37 and Region funds of $612.69. Moved: Robert Renshaw – Seconded: Robin Evans - Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:
1. City of Monash – Hall booking to end June 2014

NOTICE OF MOTION
An explanation was provided by the Secretary, Robert Renshaw, as to the reason for the Region to become incorporated
- Change of name to Probus Association of Monash Inc. Moved Robert Renshaw – seconded Bill Johnson - CARRIED
- Adoption of Constitution for Incorporation as an Association (as provided by PSPL) - Moved Robert Renshaw – seconded Pat Moore - CARRIED.
- Appointment of Auditor Robert Renshaw moved that Ken James (Pinewood Combined) be appointed Auditor – seconded Robin Evans - CARRIED
- Adoption of Standing Resolutions (as distributed) - Moved Robert Renshaw – seconded John Ingram - CARRIED
- Approval to meet the CAV lodgement fee of $186.20 - Moved Robert Renshaw – seconded – Robin Evans - CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS:
- Regional Information Day 2014 Robert Renshaw explained that an invitation had been sent to all clubs within the District to attend either of three information days being run during April.
- Co-operative Outings Sub-Committee Pat Moore advised that the Region’s outings are well attended. She also suggested that all outings officers email her their outings calendar for the year in order that she may coordinate outings amongst clubs resulting in better communication.

Break for morning tea.
On resumption of the meeting a number of Club Reports were presented verbally together with those emailed as below.

**CLUB REPORTS**

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**MONASH REGIONAL OUTINGS REPORT** – Pat Moore

The Regional outings for 2014 are being well supported and should prove to be a great day out with like-minded, friendly people who mix well as previously.

Our tour providers have been most reliable and the destinations have been varied and interesting. Our first for 2014 is Kerrisdale mountain railway & Yarra Valley Chocolatier & Ice Creamery with lunch @ Yea @ own expense for $50. The two advertised dates have been filled – March Wednesday 5th & 18th. Response has been so good that another opportunity March Thursday 13th has been organised. This trip requires only 22 participants, so please encourage your members.

This situation, underlined the necessity for protocols to make the organisation of the outings easier for the host Officer and to ensure your members are not disappointed. Please put the program on your notice board each meeting and continue to advertise one or both of the dates. There will this change however:

Your members should contact the host club DIRECT, giving details of names and emergency contacts and ensuring the money reaches that club by the date assigned.

We think the 2014 program is again interesting and varied. We know several of the outings have already been included in previous programs of some clubs and it is on their recommendation that these have been included; this is a chance for any members who missed out initially to ‘come on board’.

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.

We look forward to your club’s participation in the program.

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**CLAYTON COMBINED** - Bill Johnson

Speakers:

November: Talk on Parkinson’s Disease  
December: Christmas Breakup at Pastels Restaurant, Noble Park  
January 2014: Stuart Wright filled in our scheduled speaker with a very interesting talk About Australian Bush Poets  
February: Speaker from Deakin University will talk on studies upon ageing.  
March: Annual General Meeting

Outings:

November: Visit to Flemington Racecourse to see the Roses  
December: Christmas Breakup at Pastels Restaurant  
January: No Outing  
February: BBQ at Jells Park  
February Movie “Backyard Ashes” at Pinewood Theatre.  
March: Some 10 members have decided to attend the Kerrisdale Railway Outing.

Our lodgement for our new Constitution has now been lodged, and accepted by Consumer Affairs and now appears to be finalised.
October we had a speaker from Fair Share – Sandy Dukov who told us of the great work they do feeding homeless with the help of many volunteers making 600,000 meals a year.

November Kelly Wan Beaumont and Debbie Day from the Police academy who gave an interesting and amusing talk about training recruits and even managed to get some members to volunteer to role play for training purposes!

January it was “Lies My Mother Told Me” by Winston Marsh, a motivational speaker, who gave us an amusing and inspiring talk on self-motivation and goal setting. He would be a great speaker at the Regional Training Day if available.

OUTINGS

December

Wednesday 4th, Christmas Lunch @ Sanctuary house was enjoyed by 56 members in spite of the down pour as we exited from the bakery after morning tea (some returning from a walk!) 56 Members enjoyed the venue, food and entertainment.

Thursday 19th, Morning Melodies in the afternoon. Several Members (including myself) reneged due to a seriously hot day forecast and I believe the program met with mixed reviews.

January

Tuesday 14th, UNISEX MYSTERY TOUR

32 Intrepid Members defied the 43 degree Melbourne heat and took refuge on the bay, where the temp was a very pleasant 34 degrees with a wonderfully cool sea breeze! A visit to the old South Channel Fort was a first for all, and only one Member had been on the boat – the Moonraker – before, once. Two veteran 90+ Members (plus a couple of our less agile – self included) managed boarding and disembarking with remarkable style, if not with great ease!

February

- Sunday 9th, Peridot theatre – ‘The Hallelujah Girls’. 2.15 pm $20
- Tuesday 11th, Pinewood Cinema lunch –10.30. 25 booked. ‘Philomena’ starring Judy Dench $17.50

March

- Thursday 6th, KErrisdale mountain railway & $50
  Yarra Valley Chocolaterie & ice creamery, lunch @ yea @ own expense
- Sunday 9th, Encore theatre – ‘Love, Loss and What I Wore’. 2.15pm $18
- Thursday 13th, Kerrisdale mountain railway & $50
  Yarra Valley Chocolaterie & ice creamery, lunch @ yea @ own expense
- Monday 24th, Morning Melodies – Tom Burlinson $17
- Wednesday 26th, AGM Breakfast@ RSL 9 am, Meeting 10.30 am $25
- Monday 31st – April 4th Train Coach tour $640 SS $780
  Warrnambool, Mt. Gambier, Penola, Nelson and Robe
  Dep. Southern Cross 12.08 Pm

April

- Monday 14th, Morning Melodies – Rhonda Burchmore $17
- Sunday 27th, Peridot theatre – ‘Heroes’. 2.15 pm $20
- Tuesday 29th, Tour of Police Academy, lunch @ Wheelers Hill Hotel
GLEN WAVERLEY MENS – Robin Evans

The only tour that we are doing is to the Desalination Plant, on Thursday, 20th March, 2014. Lunch is at the Wonthaggi Working Man’s Club.
Cost:- $ 50.00 per person.

All other tours we are doing will be with the Monash Regional Tours Group.

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MONASH CENTRAL COMBINED - John Ingram

October, November, December
GUEST SPEAKERS

September  Hussein Alrikakabi - Iraq & Syria up to the present
October    Dr. Ikram Nizam - Orthopaedic Surgeon
November   Aaron Ham-Aspree - School of Public Health, Monash University

DAY TOURS

October    Classic Car Collection
November   Bike ride to South Bank

DINE OUT

October    The Waverley room
December   Mulgrave Country Club (Christmas lunch)

CARAVAN & CAMPING

October    Maidens Inn – Moama

GOLF

October    Burnley Golf Course

WALKS & TALKS

September  Brickmakers Park

UPCOMING MAJOR EVENTS

July 2014  Best of the Cook Islands – 9 days 8 nights

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MONASH COMBINED – Bill Brown

Our membership in December stood at 149, 90 ladies and 59 men
Activities for the past quarter have included:

A very successful Christmas luncheon was held on our December meeting day at the Eastern Golf Club

TALKS

David Bryant on ‘Underwater Photography in Port Phillip’ and Kate Burridge on ‘Changes in English Usage’

TOURS

A seven day tour of Sabah in Malaysia

OUTINGS

The Jewish Museum

THEATRE OUTINGS

‘Guys and Dolls’ (CLOC), ‘Carousel’ (Babirra) and ‘Gypsy’ (Nova)

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WALKS  Blackburn Lake and Creeklands Trail

CINEMA OUTINGS  ‘Blue Jasmin’ and ‘The Butler’

LUNCHEONS  At the Mountain View Hotel

DINNER OUTINGS  At Nikos in Oakleigh and, on New Year’s Eve, a dinner concert at the Mulgrave Country Club

Other activities have taken place with the Music Group, the Camera Club and the Book Discussion Group

Some of the Upcoming Activities Include:
A visit to the Sand Sculptures in Frankston and to ‘The Briars’ at Mount Martha, a walk in the Olinda Arboretum and a tour of the South Australian Riverland (in March). In addition, holidays are planned for the Cook Islands (June 13 to 20), Taiwan (October 6 to 18) and the Mighty Murray River and Kangaroo Island (November 14 to 19).

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MT. WAVERLEY COMBINED - Ida Robinson

OUTINGS COMMITTEE:
Ida Robinson, Elaine Forde, Bev Nurse, Desley Davis and Pat Cowan.

We had another fabulous outing on the 15th of November to the Wonthaggi Coal mine, which is the only State Coal mine to be experienced in the Southern Hemisphere. In the new theatrette you can relax and let the mining heritage come to life or enjoy the refreshments in the café overlooking the historic buildings. There was also a tour of the mine, which was led by a miner who had worked in the mine many years ago. It was most interesting to hear his story.

After that we drove along the coast road passed Eagles Nest to Inverloch where we had lunch.
The last stop was Coal Creek in Korumburra where you could look around the park and museum.

There was also an exhibition at the time about Anne Frank - A history for today. The film was all about the life of Anne Frank and her family. The pictorial display gave us a good understanding of her life.

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MT WAVERLEY LADIES – Jenny Day

SPEAKERS
October: Jeremy Smith….The life of Ned Kelly
November: Samantha Hunter….Crime Stoppers

LOCAL OUTINGS

November: Evening visit and delicious dinner at Waverley Industries. EXCELLENT
December: Christmas lunch at Fortnums of Sassafras. So popular booked for this year.

Of course we do have the usual monthly activities - walking at Jells Park, morning melodies at Mountain View Hotel and a monthly coffee morning at Café Prima which is very popular.

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COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF NOTTING HILL – Wilf Seelig

Good news – We were finally INCORPORATED on 14 October, 2013.

Our AGM and changeover is fast approaching on Monday 3rd March. The changeover ceremony and induction of the new committee will be conducted by Gordon Pyke, President of Rotary Club of Monash. The AGM will see the 4th new President being inducted.

Our fourth birthday will be celebrated on Monday 7th April

During the last quarter we had dine-outs at Waverley Industries, Savoy Hotel and our Christmas lunch at Waverley Golf Club.

Our outings during this period Walhalla and the Goldfields Railway, an afternoon walking around the city’s lane ways on a guided tour and visited the Musical Village at Darnum as well as our regular monthly golf days.

We also had two trips away, a 6 day Cobram/Barooga Golf Trip and a 5 day relax at Lakes Entrance and both were extremely well received and attended.

During March we will be having an outing to the Blue Lotus Water Gardens and also partaking at the Annual Probus Bowls Day.

Our card group is still going strong as well as our weekly morning coffee at the Glen.

PINEWOOD COMBINED – Ken James

We have had excellent attendances at our regular activities of walks, coffee morning and afternoon teas, lunches, Dinners, breakfasts and Happy Hours, a new innovation is Home Movies.

The December meeting was used to have members consent to Incorporation and the Tours, Risk and Privacy Policies
There were regular walks, visits to the cinema, Happy Hour and dine-outs in January.

MEMBERSHIP
Membership is currently at the maximum 80 with a waiting list of 10, it is proposed we will increase our membership to 90 at the March AGM.

DINE OUTS
October- Breakfast at Mulgrave Club, December- Christmas Luncheon at Café Oggi and January-Smorgasbord at the Manhattan.

SPEAKERS
October Neil Graham Shrine of Remembrance, November Margaret Robinson IP Probus South Pacific and December there was not a speaker as the time was used for business and an extended morning tea

THEATRE
October Tarantara Tarantara, December Christmas Concert at the Drum, Christmas with the Band Whitehorse Centre.

OUTINGS
Pinewood has difficulty filling a bus for outings and has asked for other clubs to assist. We also been fortunate to be able to share trips with Regional other clubs but are now getting in a situation it is difficult to cope with all options. How do other clubs cope?
SYNDAL COMBINED - Barry Cumming

SPEAKERS
November: Ian Ardell is a Highland Celtic Piper and was formally a member of the Police Pipe Band. He wore his old attire and entertained us as well as informing us of his role with the Band before retirement.
January: Maria Matser, Former lift driver from Myer Melbourne who had many anecdotes and stories to tell.
February: Jenny Harkness will talk on Family Search. “Growing the Family Tree”!
Xmas Lunch Friday December 13 at 12 noon. Yarra Yarra Golf Club, 567 Warrigal Road, Bentleigh East. Cost $45.00 including a pre lunch drink. Will try new venue next year.

OUTINGS 2013/2014.
Public Transport Tour Wednesday Nov 20th James Bond and Chinatown Yum Cha Tour. Cost $33.00 Every 10th person in Bond group booking free. Yum cha at Dragon Boat Restaurant in China Town. (Drinks not included).

Friday January 17th Annual Lawn Bowls at Mt Waverley Bowls Club. Too hot to bowl so Barry David organised Trivia Day instead. Lunch provided. $28.00.

Wednesday February 19th Living Legends and Woodlands Tour.
$12.00 pp self drive. B.B.Q Hired. Devonshire teas are available on request for $7.50pp, 1 lemonade scone, jam & cream, and drink of choice. !!!!!
Public Transport Tour. Wednesday March 19th Polly Woodside and Fox Car Tour. Cost $26.00

A full bus equates to $17.55 per person. 40 passengers equates to $20.00 per person. 30 passengers $27.00 per person to take your own picnic hamper, drinks and rug.
Club re-enactment and games provided.
DVD of Picnic at Hanging Rock to be shown on board bus, up and back.
Estimated Cost $25.00 per person.

Getaway 2014 Monday 24th to Thursday 27th March, 2014
To date 40 Club Members have registered to attend our Getaway to Nagambie
The Nagambie Lakes Leisure Park can be contacted on Ph 03 5794 2373.

OVERSEAS TOUR FOR 2014
Baltic States, Scandinavian Capitals plus River Cruise between St Petersburg and Moscow – May 14th to June 19th, 2014

Australian Trips for 2014
Sapphire Coast – Sunday March 2nd – Friday March 7th, 2014
Cairns – Saturday August 9th - Saturday August 16th, 2014

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

SYNDAL LADIES – Elinor Lee

OUTINGS-
October – Musical – The Graduate
Exploring the Grampians / Ararat & District with the Southwest Explorer
Fantastic trip, lots of highlights
Albury/Wodonga Rendezvous – Next one will be Sydney
Great get-togethers – worthwhile attending
November- Christmas Breakup lunch at Clover Cottage
January - Breakfast at Madeline’s at Jells Park

SPEAKERS -
October – John Gardner – The Dunny Man
   Most entertaining and he also sells his book.
   Spring Racing Carnival – Best outfit and best hat
   Chance to get dressed up and lots of fun
January – Etienne De Lavaulx – demonstration of playing various zithers
   Most eloquent and vast repertoire. Delightful presentation

COMING UP –

OUTINGS -
February - McClelland Gallery Art Gallery and Sculpture Park
March - Kerrisdale Mountain Railway, Chocolaterie & Ice Creamery
   2 trips 5th & 13th March

SPEAKERS -
February 27th – Esta from the Proud Mary will give a presentation on the Mighty Murray River
   and SA Discovery Tour – planned for 6th June
   Please contact me if you are interested in attending this presentation – Ph 9802 7944

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SYNDAL MEN’S – Gary Pollard

SPEAKERS
October After three attempts spanning 18 months, we were at last fortunate to have Molly Sasson as our guest speaker. It was well worth the wait. Members were fascinated by her early life, wartime experiences and her leading role in the early years of ASIO.
November Using an excellent PowerPoint presentation, Helen Botham gave a wonderfully informative talk on the history of Governor LaTrobe’s cottage and gardens at Jolimont. Helen has a genuine passion for her topic. She is a member of the Friends of LaTrobe’s Cottage and is very keen to provide guided tours of the cottage for Probus clubs.
January Peter Somerville gave a very interesting talk on the Maribyrnong River, its history since 1803, and changes to the landscape and economy of our western suburbs over time. Peter and his son run a variety of cruises using an old Lakes Entrance ferry, the Blackbird.

Our Christmas lunch was held once again at the Waverley Golf Club. The menu was excellent and the service was quietly efficient. It was a very happy celebration to end our club year.

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WAVERLEY GARDENS COMBINED - Jill Trahair

OUTINGS
October – four members attended Probian Wanderers at Benalla and had a great time.
October – we visited HMAS Cerberus Training Base and the Dolphin Research Centre at Hastings. It was an excellent day.
December – Christmas Lunch at the Waverley Golf Club was very good.

GUEST SPEAKERS
October – Mrs Aileen Dibble was accompanied by her 2 Welsh Pembroke Corgies which are registered therapy dogs. She gave an interesting talk about her companion dogs and visiting nursing homes, villages and clubs.
November – our Christmas celebrations with us singing carols and Father Christmas visiting.

WALKING GROUP
Our walks have included Tirhatuan Park at North Dandenong, St Kilda Foreshore and the city to see the Christmas lights and Myer Windows. They were all enjoyable.

DINEOUTS
October – Flippin’ Pancakes at Sassafras was very good.
November - Mountain View Hotel

Waverley Ladies – Jackie Young

Club activities in the last three months were;
1. Trip to HMAS Cerberus and the Dolphin Rescue Centre in conjunction with Waverley Men’s Probus Club.
2. Lunch at the Gables including a presentation by a balloon magician
3. Christmas celebration luncheon at Fedele’s in Springvale Road.

Speakers
1. Martin Sempken (a landscape gardener) explaining the basis of his art and illustrated with slides
2. Pat Green from the Waverley Benevolent Society. (We try to have a charity organisation at our December meeting for obvious reasons.)

Contacts
Outings and trip organiser – Jean Gregory on 9802 7851
Speaker organiser – Topsy Gibbs on 9807 8801
Monthly walking group – Margaret Senior on 9890 4271

Waverley Central Ladies – Loretta Palma

Speakers
Elizabeth Kanham – Handkerchiefs
Tom and Margo Hartley – Mercy Ship in Africa

Outings
I. Cranbourne Botanic Gardens
II. Movie luncheon – Diana at Waverley Cinema
III. Backstage tour of the Arts Centre
IV. Christmas luncheon at Riversdale Golf Club
V. Monthly ‘Morning Melodies’
VI. “Vaudeville Days” – 2007 Birthday Event
VII. Our lunch group dined at Mulgrave Country Club in January

Theatre
Attended amateur productions
I. Encore – The Merry Widows
II. Nova – Gypsy
III. Cloc – The Producers
IV. Peridot – Easy Virtue

Walking Group
I. Walk through Camberwell and Hawthorn
II. Box Hill/Surrey Hills followed by lunch at Watts Cooking
OTHER
Morning and afternoon teas were hosted by various members.

WHEELERS HILL LADIES - Pauline Raby

Our social activities were - a combined luncheon with the Wheelers Hill Men's club at the hotel Stamford Friday 18th October, Our Christmas Lunch at the Mulgrave country Club on 9th December with 70 guests all having an enjoyable time with delicious food and some entertainment and a lunch in January with the Wheelers Hill Men's group at the Knox Club.

We went through the Constitution changes procedure October/November.

Members from our club who attended the Rendezvous in Albury reported having a really good and worthwhile time.

Our Vice-President resigned in October and of course, we are now in the process of encouraging our ladies to take on a Committee position for 2014/2015.

Our walking group has been limited in its exercise due to many hot Mondays; but our embroidery/craft, theatre and dineout groups have all been quite successful.

We have had interesting guest speakers as in Sheree Marris - Port Phillip Bay and Ocean History, Brian O'Halloran - Royal Botanic Gardens and last month Joy Thompson discussing the uses and benefits of herbs.

Our member numbers are 91 plus 1 life and two honorary members. Our membership remains at a fairly stable level

WHEELERS HILL MENS - Alun Mantle

MEMBERSHIP
- Current membership stands at 80.
- Our displays at both the Wheelers Hill and Glen Waverley libraries resulted in a number of visitors attending our November and January meetings. We are hopeful this will bring several new members to our club.
- The efforts of our Vice President through his liaison and contacts at the Mulgrave Country Club will also bring about new members.

TOURS & ENTERTAINMENT.
- October; Lunch was attended by 60 people at the Stamford Hotel with a number of ladies from the Wheelers Hill Ladies Probus Club in attendance.
- November; we visited the Cranbourne Botanical Gardens, followed by lunch at the Cranbourne RSL.
- December was our Annual Xmas lunch Held at the Mulgrave Country Club at which there were 90 people in attendance.
- January; Lunch was held at the Knox Club.

GUEST SPEAKERS.
- October; our guest speaker was Dr. Ralph Holmes CSIRO who’s topic was “Minerals Down Under”. Dr Holmes spoke about the enormously high costs of developing Iron-ore, Gold, Copper, and Coal mines, including the very lengthy rail infrastructure in getting the product from the Mines to the Ports.
- November; Guest speaker was Peter Raymond. Peter gave a very moving account of what it is like living with Parkinson’s disease.
January; Guest Speaker was Rob Maslen a Past President at our club who gave an informed talk about the movie industry.

OTHER ACTIVITIES.

- Chat Group Meeting 1st Monday each month
- Computer Group 3rd Monday each month
- Jazz Group
- Probian of the month
- Book Club
- Walk Group. Last Friday of each month.

FUTURE MEETINGS FOR YOUR DIARIES:
MEETING DATES FOR 2014: 1st April 2014
Awaiting confirmation of hall availability from Council beyond that

MONASH REGIONAL OUTINGS FOR 2014

MARCH
KERRISDALE MOUNTAIN RAILWAY & YARRA VALLEY CHOCOLATERIE & ICE CREAMERY $45
LUNCH @ YEA @ OWN EXPENSE
Wednesday 5th - Glen Waverley Ladies Pat Moore - 9887 9191
Tuesday 18th - Waverley Gardens Comb. Pam Martin - 9713 0350

MAY/JUNE
MURRAY RIVER CRUISE – PROUD MARY $1889/$2163
Transport to airport; flight to Adelaide – overnight; transport to Proud Mary; three nights exploring places of interest each day;
Flight home.
Friday 30th – Wednesday 4th - Syndal Ladies Elinor Lee – 9802 7944

MAY
WESTGARTHTOWN & DONNYBROOK $50
Historic former Dairy farming settlement (1850); tour Ziebel Farm; taste & purchase award winning Donnybrook Cheeses, 2 course lunch @ RSL
Tuesday 6th – Syndal Ladies Natalie Irvine - 9790 0149
Thursday 29th - Waverley Gardens Comb. Pam Martin – 9713 0350

AUGUST
DARNUM MUSICAL VILLAGE – Tour Local $45
Tour of museum; lunch;
Wednesday 13th – Syndal Ladies Natalie Irvine - 9790 0149
Tuesday 19th - Glen Waverley Ladies Pat Moore – 9887 9191

SEPTEMBER
LODDON VALLEY - BOOKED WITH LAMBLE $TBA
Monday 1ST – Friday 5th - Syndal Ladies Elinor Lee – 9802 7944

OCTOBER
WARROOK Cattle FARM – Koo Wee Rup $45
Tour through historic homestead & garden; working sheep dogs; shearing demonstrations – a superb lunch plus excellent entertainment for > 35
Wednesday 8th - Waverley Gardens Comb. Pam Martin – 9713 0350
Tuesday 14th - Syndal Ladies Elinor Lee – 9802 7944