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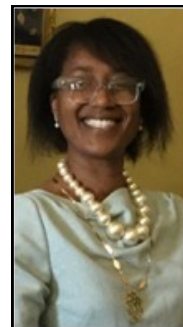
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A Message from President Erica



We still have many challenges in the region, not least being the issue of declining membership. But I'm pleased to report that I have reached out to Melbourne University to discuss two membership recruitment opportunities. We have a strong connection to Melbourne University as back in 1988, the University and SISWP conducted an appeal to raise money to establish a fund to endow the Dame Margaret Blackwood Soroptimist Scholarship to commemorate Dame Margaret's contribution to the international soroptimist community and to celebrate her academic achievements. This scholarship provides a single payment of up to \$10,000 in support of female graduate research students in the Faculty of Science in the disciplines of plant, animal or viral genetics.

Dame Margaret Blackwood DBE (26 April 1909 – 1 June 1986) was a botanist, geneticist and one of the earliest members of SI Melbourne which was founded in 1948. She was President from 1957 to 1959. She attended the University of Melbourne and lectured there for the majority of her career. She enjoyed a long and distinguished career at the University, both as an academic and in service to the wider University community. She was a scholar of high repute in the field of genetics and was the first woman to become a Deputy Chancellor of the University. She was well-known and widely respected throughout the Soroptimist community and was an honorary member.

Dame Margaret was appointed Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 1981 and was inducted posthumously into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women in 2001.

It makes sense for us to build on Dame Margaret's incredible legacy and do two things that will increase our profile, pay respect to her service to our organisation and increase membership. The first is that we are looking at establishing a student based club on campus.

There are 65,000 students at Melbourne University of which 55% are female. The second is to contact past Scholarship recipients with an invitation to share their journeys since graduation and to join us as Soroptimists.

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2018 Region Council Meetings

Dates for your Diary

Saturday, June 16th

Saturday, August 18th

Saturday, November 17th

A Message from President Erica (continued)

But we need some help this – in order to get traction to set up a student club, it's better if we can do this from the inside. So I'm asking you, dear members, if know you a woman who is currently studying at Melbourne University that could help us to set up the club then please put them in touch with me – my email is soroperica@hotmail.com.

Of course, if you would like to offer your assistance on this important project, then please let me know as *many hands make light work*. We have so much to offer young women, from informal mentoring, grounding them in our activism as well as national and international opportunities through our global networks.

In the meantime we have a lot of exciting activities and events to look forward to in 2018 including our Grant of Friendship recipient from the UK, Sue Black, and the Conference of Clubs in May.

I was pleased to host her and show her Melbourne's gastronomic delights of our great city.

The Conference of Clubs committee has been busily organising what I'm sure will be an amazing Conference for our Federation President, Theresa Lyford.

I look forward to seeing you there as well as meeting Soroptimists from our Federation.

Best wishes

President Erica Myers-Tattersall

Soroptimist International of Deakin Inc. A0048947L



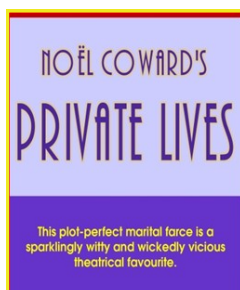
Soroptimist International of Deakin continues to attend the Full Dress Rehearsal Nights of the Heidelberg Theatre Company.

Funds raised from these great nights provide financial support towards our local projects. |

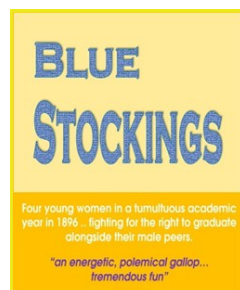
We invite you and friends to join us on these popular theatre nights at HTC during 2018.

Payment Details: Cost: \$24.00 With \$14.00 to HTC and \$10.00 to SI Deakin Inc
(Closer to each play date, we will provide TryBooking details for payment)

Pop these dates into your diary.....



5th July



6th September



15th November



Heidelberg Theatre Company 36 Turnham Ave Rosanna Vic. (Melways Ref 32A1)

Submitted by Gale Jurkiw

Soroptimist International of Brighton & Southern Districts Inc. A0013556S (cont)



SI Brighton had a most interesting speaker on Monday 19th March. It was a very attractive young police woman.

Superintendent Amy Gledden has been leader of Southern Metropolitan Police Division for two years and has approximately 500 people on her team.

An excellent and engaging speaker and we were interested to hear how she came to policing. Her all girl school in Kew was not really an adequate preparation for her first posting in the heart of Collingwood.

After 10 years in the job and with the rank of sergeant she made a career change which saw her completing a Master’s degree which enabled her to re-enter the force with the rank of Superintendent in fields associated with crime mapping, forward planning and forecasting.

*In response to questions she made two particularly informative statements:
that the general population here fear crime more than it is actually happening
and that the majority of violence is in the home.*

She is on the board of an organization that supports women in refuges, so she is going to assist us in the distribution of our dignity bags.

Submitted by President Margo Kelly

Brighton Soroptimists and guests enjoyed a delightful evening in April attending a Winter Fashion Parade at Blue Illusion in Hampton Soroptimist Sisters Julie Cooper, Jean Hawkins and Susan Maslin made their modelling debut on the catwalk showing a natural aptitude!

Our lovely models are show here, Julie Cooper in midnight blue, Jean Hawkins in a beautiful cherry coat with grey chapeau and Susan Maslin in Autumnal hues.

After the show the ladies were able to enhance their wardrobes and with a percentage of total purchases being donated by Blue Illusion to our Project Account.



Charity events such as this are held regularly and judging by the ladies expressions it is apparent that it was a most successful evening .

This Family Company began its operations 10 years ago in Hampton and now has over 100 stores in Australia and Overseas



Susan Maslin, Jean Hawkins & Prudence Hassan putting their “best foot forward”

Submitted by Prudence Hassan

Soroptimist International of Shepparton Inc. A0010678K

Nearly 200 women and one man attended the Shepparton Soroptimist Annual Women's Day Breakfast.. Speakers were Cheryl Hammer - Executive of the Fairley Leadership Foundation and Local Author Glenna Thomson who has just released her second novel. "Stella and Margie".

A great morning was had by all, it was the first official function for our new President Anne Graesser.



SI Shepparton, over 3 weekends in February, held a monster garage sale and pop up shop. The venue was kindly donated by the local owners and \$6,500 was raised which was an amazing result.

February being National Ovarian Cancer Awareness month: Shepparton members on a windy night at Shepparton Harness Races at Kialla Paceway after the Soroptimist Pace, Presenting a \$500 cheque to Ovarian Cancer Representative, Duncan Mc Pherson with President Jeanette Berry, Ann Starritt, Pam Ewert, Margaret Webster, Mary Gilberto, Pam Osborne, Robyn Neville and Dorothy Jaap.



Goulburn Valley Health – Shepparton is the second regional public Health Service in Victoria to provide a Scalp Cooling Machine for cancer patients.

The dual Paxman Unit has been funded by Shepparton Soroptimist Club and the G.V. Health Foundation.

Shepparton Soroptimists have donated \$22,000 towards this machine. It can significantly reduce hair loss by cooling the scalp, & the cells that produce hair are protected from the chemotherapy – reducing the chance of hair loss.

It is not successful for all patients, but works for many. It's all about choices & district cancer patients now have this choice available locally, as part of their cancer journey, instead of travelling many kilometres for this treatment.



The Shepparton Soroptimist Club is proud to be part of this exciting project.

Submitted by Jeanette Berry

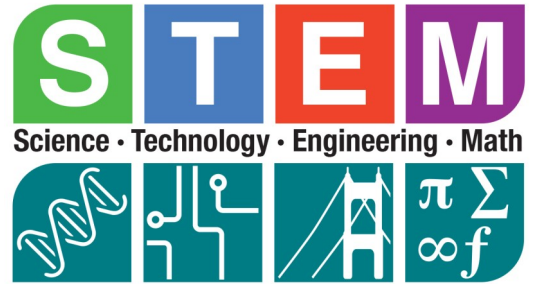
Soroptimist International of Mornington Peninsula Inc A0010603B

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY BREAKFAST

This year, SI Mornington Peninsula continued their tradition of celebrating International Women’s Day with an early breakfast at Mornington Country Golf Club.

Members and guests were able to come together and reflect on the specific values associated with this globally supported day and particularly a more gender inclusive and equal world.

Our Guest Speaker, Dr.Christine Redman, a former member and Past President of our Club, introduced us to STEM— Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, which is currently being taught in our schools.



We were encouraged to think about how these subjects shape our everyday lives and how important they are for the future. Dr.Redman also asked us to think about ways in which more girls can be encouraged to study these subjects and ensure the experiences and needs of women are represented in the design of products and services in the future.

We all enjoyed the breakfast and listening to Dr.Redman who is very passionate about introducing STEM into the Primary School curriculum. It was also enlightening for us to be made aware of STEM and the importance of these areas of study and how they interact with each other.



Kathy Warrington, Sonya Loader, Di Watts and Antonella Celi, a local councillor



Helen Hutchins and Christine Redman



Christine Redman and Cr. Antonella Celi



Sue Smith and Jenny Blackford



Lyn Wallis and friend

Submitted by Kathy Warrington

Soroptimist International of Cobram Barooga Inc A0027225F

SI Cobram Barooga hold a morning tea half way between meetings as a social get together. Last month we held a morning tea at the beautiful home of member Ros Rankin in support of #Cheese for Change #White Ribbon Australia. It was a great success with several guests as well as SI Cobram Barooga members.



Ros pictured with a painting which she painted and has kindly donated to the Club to raffle. A very talented lady.



Guests enjoying a delicious morning tea, with the theme being cheese. We enjoyed cheese and bikkies, cheese dips and pies and finished with delicious cheese cakes.

Our social morning tea for April was held at Cactus Country, Strathmerton. A very enjoyable morning with the highlight being the "cactus cake", made from the actual cactus plant and delicious.



Sue receiving a gift from SI Cobram Barooga President, Noelene Ackerley to commemorate her time spent with us

We have been very fortunate over the last couple of days in hosting Grant of Friendship recipient, Sue Black, from SI St Helens, UK. Sue was a wonderful guest and hopefully enjoyed our hospitality. It was great to share some of the places of interest in our wonderful area, including wineries, a paddleboat cruise down the Murray, an olive orchard, a visit to a chocolate factory, Lake Mulwala and lunch at Rich Glen Olives. We even managed to find some kangaroos and a sleepy koala, much to Sue's delight.



Sue with SI Cobram Barooga members Karen Bruce, Noelene Ackerley, Pam O'Dwyer. Sue, Pat West, Jenny Gaylard and Kay Morgan visiting at the Chocolate factory, Corowa.

Soroptimist International of Cobram Barooga Inc A0027225F (cont)



SI Cobram Barooga members with Sue Black and members of SI Shepparton enjoying the sunshine at St Leonards Winery, Corowa.

We had a meeting last week with Michelle Dunscombe from Lighthouse Project. The focus of the meeting was a project called Cobram Conversations – Spotlight on Kids.

Michelle ran a series of meetings with members of the Cobram community from all aspects, including schools, young people, community groups and other interested parties.

The purpose was to have some round table discussion to see what can be done to encourage children to thrive at school and in life going forward. The result of these meetings will be collated and all ideas put forward will be tabled and hopefully a program to implement changes to achieve the goal of a community-lead plan to support every child in Cobram.

Coming Up:

1st May 2018 we are hosting a Women's Business Breakfast. We have received a grant to help us to run the event. We have 3 very interesting guest speakers – Dr Christina Dumitresca, Andrea McColl, Breast care nurse, and Catherine Harris from Dept of Justice.

All funds raised will go to Breast Care and Breast Care research. We are looking to host about 100 women from the community to hopefully network and enjoy an interesting breakfast with us. The beautiful painting by Ros Rankin and featured on the previous page will be raffled at this event.

Submitted by Kay Morgan

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Submitted by Jocelyn Hanby
President
Soroptimist Headquarters (Victoria)

<http://www.soroptimisthouse.com.au/>

Hands-On Service

The Soroptimist House Committee greatly appreciates the day of *Hands-On Service* given by Soroptimist International of Melbourne Inc at Soroptimist House. The hard work of Club members was very noticeable. Offers of similar contributions by other Clubs will be received with gratitude.

Reminders

Clubs are reminded that all clubs have been provided with a voucher for the free use of Soroptimist House. Some Clubs have already taken up their offer and held or have scheduled fund-raising activities.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 8th July – Cadzow Arts

A program of musical entertainment with all profits going to the Soroptimist International President's Appeal – Women, Water and Leadership.

Time: 2.00 pm

at

Soroptimist House

Donation of \$20 at the door

Afternoon Tea provided

Saturday 28th July – House Luncheon

A luncheon with Soroptimist colleagues and friends **AND** a special and unusual form of entertainment.

Time: 12.30 pm

at

Soroptimist House

\$25 at the door.

Soroptimist International of Brighton & Southern Districts Inc. A0013556S

IT WAS OUR AGM ON JANUARY 15 , 2018 at The Brighton Marine Hôtel Brighton

Members unanimously elected Margot Kelly as their President for 2018

President Margo graciously accepted the role then announced her executive

- Secretary: Marie Standen
- Treasurer Meredith Wise
- Program Libby Neal
- Publicity / Social & Fundraising Alison Stakula and Prudence Hassan
- Membership Berenice Tulloch
- Community Service Anne English
- Constitution Jan Williamson
- Attendance Marie Standen
- Region Jan Grant
- Headquarters Jan Williamson

With three additional members joining the executive

- Margaret Barnes
- Susan Maslin
- and Gabi Walton

2018 promises to be a very active year with many fund raising activities planned and a really good mix of guest speakers and social occasions

The evening concluded with all members really looking forward to the year ahead!



President Margo Kelly and her executive

From left to right from the top

Back Row: Meredith Wise, Margaret Barnes, Susan Maslin, Marie Standen, Alison Stakula, Judy Fullager, & Berenice Tulloch

Second Row: Prudence Hassan, Jan Grant, Jean Hawkins, Libby Neal

and Front Row: Jan Williamson, President Margo, & Gabi Walton

Soroptimist International of Melbourne Inc. A0010754A

International Women's Day Celebration

On Monday 5th March, the club held its second IWD breakfast at Soroptimist House where Kerry Day gave her 'signature presentation' about SI at home and internationally which was well received.

The breakfast was attended by members and guests including two groups senior secondary students, accompanied by their teachers.

The girls from MLC took away some of the material about Soroptimism for a special school assembly presentation and both teachers and schoolgirls were impressed by our work.

Guest speaker for the event was Christine Carolan, Executive Officer of Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) who has worked on the issue of human trafficking since a global Catholic sisters' call for action in 2001. ACRATH, a small Australian NGO working to stop the trafficking of humans, work to raise awareness, support people trafficked into Australia and to advocate for systemic change.

Christine was a relaxed passionate speaker, her video clips and collaborative work with other organisations against human trafficking captured the audience. One of the students asked about goods made overseas and an "Ethical Fashion Guide" booklet was given to everyone.

We thank everyone who attended and supported this event.



*Sister Christine Carolan
with SI Melbourne President Sue Whitehead*

Submitted by Linda Baynham

Soroptimist International of Ballarat Inc. A0031987J

Linking Generations

SI Ballarat have been supporting a high care facility for several years. We have planted gardens and provide pictures to decorate the Dementia House.

This year, their angels (us) asked did they need anything and they did. Would we be able to supply an MP3 player with speakers for each of the three houses. We looked into our money box and found the money and went shopping.

On a Monday afternoon, President Karen officially presented the MP3 players and speakers to the Houses and was feted to afternoon tea with a number of the residents as well as the carers, the chairman of the Foundation and Director of Nursing welcoming the donation.

But the story only begins there.....

The local secondary school has an intergenerational program where student in Year 9 & 10 visit and provide social communication with the residents.

This year they will have a special task. They will use their technology skills and knowledge to load appropriate music onto the memory of the players. They, in turn, will be introduced to the classics - yes, music from the rock and roll era, Elvis, the Beatles, The Stones.

I think the lady residents will really be rocking this year!

Submitted by Fiona Tonkin

Soroptimist International of Shepparton Inc. A0010678K

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Submitted by Jeanette Berry

Soroptimist International of Mornington Peninsula Inc A0010603B

Experience Incredible India



JOIN us for another amazing journey that combines sight-seeing with support for a Woman and Child Mobile Health Clinics program in North India (JBK.)

This 13-day tour takes in majestic New Delhi, golden Amritsar, bejewelled Agra and spiritual Dharamsala. Visiting some breathtaking heritage and natural wonder sites - including the Taj Mahal and Golden Temple - we'll also re-connect with the project organisers and the families we help. You'll also experience responsible travel excursions and meet with Indian people to enable the small travel group (8-12) to explore and reflect on the diversity of Indian culture. Staying in comfortable, authentic, ethical hotels, and travelling in comfort, all needs and abilities are catered for without losing a true immersion in Indian life.

Cost: \$3,980 which includes flights, accommodation, transport, sight-seeing entry fees and most meals. A fundraised donation of \$500+ to the JBK project is also encouraged. Contact us for the full itinerary and pricing (additional travel plans, before or after, can be accommodated) via phone or e-mail below. Please share this information with interested parties.

Dates - Thursday, September 06 - Tuesday, September 18, 2018

Contact:
Helen on
0434 412104 or
e-mail:
helen.beeby@gmail.com



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Creative Journeys
North India



Submitted by Helen Berry

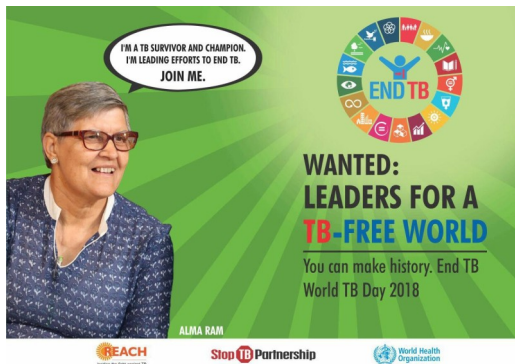
Seroptimist International of Mornington Peninsula Inc A0010603B (continued)

SI Mornington Peninsula Inc has been supporting the Woman and Child Mobile Health Clinics project (also known as Jagriti Bhalai Kendra, JBK - Punjabi for Centre for Community Development) for five years.

This latest progress report from the project leader in India Dr Alma Ram shows how they are making a difference:

News Item:

- ◆ Alma met with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi! She said: "He was talking to us - TB survivors (Alma survived TB). People will now get 500 rupees per month for nutrition when recuperating.



- ◆ Reporters came from a Parisian news network and filmed Alma and the JBK widows and single women. click on <https://vimeo.com/259299993> (password: single - Alma's section comes in at around the 3 minute mark. It's very good!)

Project progress:

- ◆ Now the JBK is working in the fifth village - for the gender equality work and conducting accurate census and birthrate/mortality survey.
- ◆ On International Women's Day - widows and singles protested to local MLA (Member Legislative Assembly) for widows pensions - as a result increased to 750 rupees per month. (Up from 250; established in 2013)
- ◆ Knitting progress - income coming in from the sale of knitted bed socks and Wish Washers etc.
Sale of one pair or cloth provides food for a widow for one day.
Alma gave me 40 dishcloths and 130 slippers to sell in Australia.
Let me know if you can help with purchases or sales.(Helen)
- ◆ Village of Tarn Taran - birthrates are now equal!
However, mortality under age 5 - 33% girls, 10% boys.
- ◆ Friendly family planning seminars - going to women one month, then men next month.



Soroptimist International of Mornington Peninsula Inc A0010603B (continued)

- ◆ Sewing machines being used by widows and singles:



- ◆ Two women the JBK has helped have set up a shop each with convenience items. One can't read or write. Visits to their shops are being added to India Tour 2018 itinerary (see attached poster/flier— page 12. Full tour itinerary available on request.)

Submitted by Helen Berry

Soroptimist International of Deakin Inc. A0048947L

On Monday 16th April our ladies shared a lunch with Sue, a grant of friendship recipient from UK.

We had a lovely time sharing Soroptimist stories & actions from across our countries.



At our April 2018 we inducted another member. SI Deakin is thrilled to welcome Maureen to our group. We're sure she will contribute much and enjoy the friendship of our ladies.



Also at our April meeting our guest speaker, Doug, shared his experiences when volunteering with Australian Wildlife Conservancy. Amongst his many interests in conservation concerns, Doug has spent many occasions, at isolated wildlife sanctuaries within Australia. One is The Scotia Endangered Mammal Recovery Project which is a program of reintroduction of mammals that have become extinct regionally, in order to establish viable, self-sustaining populations. It was such an enlightening presentation.



Submitted by Gale Jurkiw

Soroptimist International of Gippsland Inc. A0059747V

Women of Gippsland gathered in Traralgon on the night of Wednesday 18th April at the first Gippsland Women’s Network Event, sponsored by Soroptimists International. Over thirty women, representing twenty organisations, came together to share stories of the work they are doing to support women and families, and drive Gippsland forward. A diverse range of interests and sectors were present, including Gippsland Women’s Health Network, Berry Street, CASA, Baw Baw Latrobe LLEN, Deadly Miagis Aboriginal Women’s Group, the CWA, Girl Guides, Sisterhood Showcase and Kapatiran sa Gippsland.



The stories were incredibly inspiring – from empowering foster care kids to make their debutantes to establishing schools for orphans in Sudan. However, the night also presented the opportunity for people to ask for and offer help. The willingness to share and collaborate was overwhelming, with groups who did not previously know of each other solving mutual problems on the spot. Four organisations got their heads together and organised sewing machines and fabric to be donated so that CWA members can teach disengaged young women to sew, to make bags for delivering welcome care packages to refugee families.

“I felt goosebumps so many times this evening – hearing both the positive and heart-wrenching stories” said Jess Reeves, who facilitated the evening. “There are so many good people working in the Gippsland Community to improve the lives of women and girls – imagine what we could achieve if we worked more collaboratively and supported each other’s efforts?”

Samantha Brick, the Club President said “Soroptimist International Gippsland’s vision is to create a network of women who are driving Gippsland forward, to work collaboratively with other women’s organisations, to facilitate partnerships, to create awareness of women’s services so they are well supported, to find the gaps in services and help fill those gaps, to be innovative, to be strategic and to continue to make a difference”. She was very happy with this initial gathering and is looking forward to the ongoing connections.

The group intends to make this a biannual event and will be setting up a networking platform to share information about the organisations involved, including a calendar of events and list of skillsets.



Discussion Time

Discussing shared project possibilities



Sharing information between groups

For more information or to become involved, please contact Samantha Brick on 0427 824 722 or go to

Soroptimist International of Gippsland’s Facebook page.



Submitted by Helen McAdam (photos, Judy van Beek)

Soroptimist International of Gippsland Inc. A0059747V



Soroptimist International of Gippsland Inc.
Proudly present our annual
Film and Supper Fundraiser

When: Tuesday 19 June
Time: 6.30pm sharp *(doors open 6.00 pm)*
Where: Lavalla Catholic College
St Paul's Campus Lecture Theatre
Grey Street, Traralgon
Cost: \$25
Included: Film & American inspired supper
Book Online: <https://www.trybooking.com/370485>



Hidden Figures tells the incredible true story of three African– American women working at NASA who served as the brains behind the launch into orbit of astronaut, John Glenn, an achievement that turned around the space race. The visionary trio crossed all gender and racial lines and inspired generations. This is a powerful movie that you will be thinking about long after it's finished.

Run time: 127 minutes. Rated: PG

There will also be a raffle with prizes drawn throughout the evening

For further information contact:

Samantha Brick 0427 824 722
sigippsland@siswp.org

Soroptimist International is a volunteer service club that provides a global voice for women. Funds raised will support Soroptimist projects educating and empowering women and children, both locally and internationally.

Soroptimist International of Brighton & Southern Districts Inc. A0013556S



By clever use of car pooling several cars full of intrepid members of SIBSD set off early on Tuesday 20th March for what became known as The Great Sock Expedition.

The challenges of peak hour morning traffic, reduced inner city lane access and general lack of familiarity with our destination tucked away in Preston, meant that a more convoluted route than normal was required. Several types of navigational aids were utilised, even a trusty Melways when all else failed!

Our destination was Wilderness Wear Australia, a Melbourne company which uses Tasmanian Merino wool to make not only a large range of woollen socks but an equally large range of inner and outer wear suitable for casual and country use. We were given a tour of the modern factory by Jon Pote, the Factory Manager, where we had both the origin and value of the machinery explained to us and were able to observe the expertise of their staff in all the various stages of production.



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We were then invited to their showroom where we were able to choose from their full range at a very special price.

We are also pleased to advise that, following our lovely luncheon at Kooyong and factory visit,

Wilderness Wear

offer **ALL Soroptimists and families a generous 20% discount** on on-line purchases of full priced socks and garments.

www.wildernesswear.com.au

VOUCHER CODE: **BRIGHTON20** Code valid to 31st December 2018
Socks, thermal base layers, spenders, vests—High quality, Australian merino.

Soroptimist Members just need to enter code in the "Gift Voucher Code" box at the Checkout section for the 20% discount to apply.

After this action packed morning a further treat was in store. Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club members, Judy Robertson and Libby Neal, guided us from Preston to meet up at the Club for lunch in The Hopman Bistro. We were delighted to find Wilma Hannah waiting there for us on our arrival.



Looking out over the Goolagong Terrace at the grass courts brought back happy memories of watching so many great games played there when it was the site for the Australian Open.

A relaxing and happy way to bring our expedition to a finale.

Prudence ordered a "light lunch!" Hence her reaction



Submitted by Gabi Walton

Soroptimist International of Melbourne Inc. A0010754A

A 70th Birthday for SI Melbourne



Soroptimist International of Melbourne Inc was chartered in June 1948 and on Saturday April 28th held a very successful 70th Birthday Luncheon in the beautiful Lindsay Hassett Room at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

In attendance were members of SI Melbourne and guests including SISWP President, Theresa Lyford, SI Victoria President Erica Myers Tattersall and Region Grant of Friendship recipient from St Helen's England, Sue Black.



L to R - Catherine Evans (SI Canberra), Erica Myers Tattersall (SI Victoria), Sue Whitehead (SI Melbourne) and Theresa Lyford (SISWP)



L to R - SI Melbourne President, Sue Whitehead, GOF visitor Sue Black SI St Helen's, Alison Tickle, St Helen's and Adam Tickle.



SI Melbourne members, Shirley Reynolds, Kerry Day and Chris Paton

Submitted by Linda Baynham

Your English lesson for today....With thanks to Maggie Mitchell

For all of you who wonder why folk from other countries have a bit of trouble with the English language, . this is a clever piece put together by an English teacher, who else??

Homographs are words of like spelling but with more than one meaning.

A homograph that is also pronounced differently is a heteronym.

You think English is easy?? I think a retired English teacher was bored.

THIS IS GREAT!*

Read all the way to the end.....This took a lot of work to put together!

- 1) The bandage was *wound* around the *wound*.
- 2) The farm was used to *produce produce*.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to *refuse* more *refuse*.
- 4) We must *polish* the *Polish* furniture.
- 5) He could *lead* if he would get the *lead* out.
- 6) The soldier decided to *desert* his dessert in the *desert*.
- 7) Since there is no time like the *present*, he thought it was time to *present* the *present*.
- 8) A *bass* was painted on the head of the *bass* drum.
- 9) When shot at, the *dove dove* into the bushes.
- 10) I did not *object* to the *object*.
- 11) The insurance was *invalid* for the *invalid*.
- 12) There was a *row* among the oarsmen about how to *row*.
- 13) They were too *close* to the door to *close* it.
- 14) The buck *does* funny things when the *does* are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a *sewer* fell down into a *sewer* line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his *sow* to *sow*.
- 17) The *wind* was too strong to *wind* the sail.
- 18) Upon seeing the *tear* in the painting I shed a *tear*.
- 19) I had to *subject* the *subject* to a series of tests.
- 20) How can I *intimate* this to my most *intimate* friend?

Let's face it - English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in a pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat. We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indices? Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat? Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell? How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which, an alarm goes off by going on. English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

PS. Why doesn't 'Buick' rhyme with 'quick'? AND If a male goat is called a ram and a donkey is called an ass, why is a ram-in-the-ass called a goose?

Thank you for sharing this Maggie!