

Coombe Cottage Outing

We have decided to cancel this outing however anyone who would like to do the tour can contact Coombe Cottage themselves.

MEMBERS SURVEY

This survey is now closed.

We have received a number of responses from you. Thank you so much for taking the time to fill these in, your feedback is vital to help us arrange outings and events in the future. We will do an overview of the results in the next newsletter.

For those ladies who wanted to go into the draw to win their 2020 Thornbirds membership - we will be drawing a name at the June morning tea. You don't have to be in attendance to win – we will notify you.

FRIDAY 31st MAY – SPECIAL MORNING TEA

What a special morning we had on Friday 31st May upstairs at the golf course, we were expecting 41 ladies but unfortunately a couple took ill. We hope they are recovering and that this article shares some of what the day involved.

The first guest speaker was Veronica from Kara House and WOW I think you could have heard a pin drop as the ladies listened. Veronica is passionate and caring and spoke so well about the journey some women face. She shared information on the support they give to the ladies who are referred to them for refuge and to assist them in rebuilding their lives.

Their property can accommodate up to 6 women and their children, they can also outsource to other like houses and on occasions to motels – of course that strictly depends on circumstances.

Some ladies were shocked as Veronica explained that the rooms within the house all had to have locked doors. To us it's restrictive and a bit depressing, but to these women being able to lock themselves into a room at their location is their only way of feeling somewhat safe again.

I feel we all learnt a lot from Veronica's talk, and I thank both she and Ruby for attending the morning tea and sharing with us.

Next, we got our VFLW girls up for a chat.

Bec Beeson, Sarah Perkins and Talia Radan were interviewed – with lots of laughs and stories.

Talia is new to the Hawks - coming from playing in the AFLW with both Adelaide and more recently Melbourne. Was fascinating to hear that she is a qualified lawyer, but she isn't practicing because she "couldn't justify speaking to people in 6 minute blocks for a ridiculous sum of money." A refreshing bright spark who is clearly very much at home with the Hawks.

We love having Sarah at functions and we are thrilled to be sponsoring her again this year. Sarah explained her current role at Hawthorn where she is working on nurturing and teaching girls who are coming through the junior ranks within our zones. The girls coming through are in great hands with Sarah leading them.

Bec has been at Hawthorn for a couple of years now. She shared her football journey with us which sees her now playing AFLW at the GWS Giants – we even got a rendition of the first line of the Giants theme song! Moving from NSW to Victoria to play for Hawthorn in the VFLW was an adjustment but in typical Hawthorn tradition the process was made easier for Bec with the club's support.

We were also joined by Meg Hutchins who is a big supporter of the Thornbirds and is always generous with her time and also "the boss" Tanya! We learnt who their most annoying teammate was and why their dogs are at work so often as seen on the girls Instagram accounts. Also whose dogs are not welcome back at work!

The morning was a good balance between serious and educating combined with fun and laughter.

Those who attended were extremely happy with this morning and our guest speakers.

By Olivea Sutton



Ruby & Veronica from Kara House



Bec Beeson, Talia Radan and Sarah Perkins

FUTURE EVENTS:

MCG TOUR:

On Tuesday June 25th at 11:00am we have reserved a tour of the MCG which covers the tour, if you wish to then go on and do a museum tour that is an extra cost.

We plan to meet at the G by 10.45am as the tour commences at 11am. We have not booked a meal after the tour, there are plenty of little places over the road or some might wish to venture into the city so we have left this open for you.

We need your booking request no later than June 18th - see booking form attached to this newsletter.

ANNUAL SPONSORED PLAYERS NIGHT

On Tuesday 16th July at 6.30pm this year we have a change of venue to The Upton Room at Box Hill RSL – the address for this is 26-28 Nelson Road, Box Hill. Parking is available on-site. You drive down to level B2 and park and the door to our function room is on the right as you drive in. Very safe, secure and private for ladies on their own and for our guests also, we will trial this naturally.

If partners are driving you they need to enter at the front upstairs and sign in – there are a number of dining options available (maybe book though), or a nice sitting area for a coffee. We are of course hoping that our three "boys" will attend and we have a very special guest Hawthorn player, coach and all-round good guy **David Parkin**. Marc is pretty excited wearing David's famous number 27 – following on from our previous sponsored player Matt Spangher a nice connection with David.

This is a ladies only evening but you are very welcome to bring female family and friends to join us, members do pay a lesser cost one of the many benefits of membership – for a delicious 2 course dinner.

On this night we will be raffling Marc's signed footy jumper a great photo opportunity with David and Marc here!

Booking form for this exciting event is attached at the end of this newsletter.

CRESWICK WOOLLEN MILLS – MORNING TEA and FASHION PARADE



Saturday 20th July commencing 10:30am we are returning to Creswick Woollen Mills at 6 Roche St, Hawthorn.

It would be ideal for everyone to arrive around 10:15am as this gives us time to have a quick look around and be ready for morning tea at 10:30am sharp. The fashion parade commences at 11:00am and those who attended last year can vouch that it is a fun morning. A fantastic door prize is drawn – all this is at **NO CHARGE** to you whatsoever. Of course anything you purchase will result in a 15% commission for The Thornbirds. Roche St runs off Power St Hawthorn just South of Burwood Rd Hawthorn. There is a carpark next door to the Creswick but is 1 hr and 2 hr parking zones. After 12:00 noon it is unlimited. Creswick store is approximately 250m walking distance from Hawthorn railway station.

We will need numbers confirmed by the 4th July. Booking form at the end of this newsletter

PUT THESE EVENTS IN YOUR DIARY FOR AUGUST: (details later)

FAMILY LUNCH SUNDAY AUGUST 11^{th at} Box Hill RSL

We have ventured out once more and holding this on "The Deck" at Box Hill RSL.

We are having a fun family friendly event, finger food and pizzas made on the spot for you! Casual seating with lots of room to move about – it promises to be a happy and fun day.

We have invited Dan Eddy who is writing books on Peter Crimmins and Peter Hudson and we are working on some other "special people" to join us this day – we will keep you updated with a flyer later.

HFC PRESIDENT JEFF KENNETT will be attending our Friday 30th August Morning Tea

We really hope everyone is able to attend. We have the pleasure of his company for the morning. Jeff is very keen to come and meet up with our group – so a full house would be amazing! This is our big opportunity to show him who we are, and what we do and get more support from the football club this way. - jot down the date now!!

UPCOMING THORNBIRDS DATES FOR 2019 (June - July)		
DATE	VENUE	
June Fri 14 th – 10:00am	Morning Coffee –at Hahndorf's Fine Chocolate, Forest Hill Chase	
June Tue 25 th – 11:00am	MCG Tour - \$21	
June Fri 28 th – 10.15am	Morning Coffee at Box Hill Golf Club	
July Fri 12 th – 10:00am	Morning Coffee – at Hahndorf's Fine Chocolate, Forest Hill Chase	
July Tue 16 th – 6:30pm	Players' Night – Upton Room Box Hill RSL	
July Sat 20 th – 10:15am	Creswick Fashion Parade – 6 Roche St Hawthorn	
July Fri 26 th – 10.15am	Morning Coffee at Box Hill Golf Club	

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Pauline Williams Congratulations Pauline on the occasion of your 90th Birthday. Happy Birthday wishes from your Thornbirds friends.



THINKING OF YOU

To any of our Thornbirds Ladies – who are not feeling well at the moment we send our best wishes to you. If you know of any of our members that could do with a cheer-up message contact Jenni Beddoes.

Tuesday June 25th, 11am \$21 Tour of the MCG

This day we are meeting at the "G" for a guided tour of our "home ground" as we don't usually see it – the inner sanctums. At this stage we have only booked the tour itself as some of you may wish to then move on to the museum whilst there, or head over for lunch or even pop into the city!!!

Please feel free to ask partners and guests to this event. We again have to prepay so would appreciate your booking and payment no later than Tuesday 18th June.

RSVP by 18/6/19 or EMAIL Lyn at <u>suttonfam@bigpond.com</u>

Your name.....

Guest/s..... please pay prior the day \$21 cash/cheque/dd

Bank transfer to The Thornbirds Committee BSB 033326 A/C 372622 please put your name on payment

<u>TUESDAY 16th JULY</u> <u>ANNUAL SPONSORED PLAYERS NIGHT</u> <u>6:30pm AT THE UPTON ROOM - BOX HILL RSL</u> <u>26-28 NELSON ROAD, BOX HILL</u> Members \$45 and non-members \$50 for a 2-course dinner, bookings essential and no later than Tuesday 9 th July please.		
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<u>Post Cheque / Money Order to: The Thornbirds PO Box 1319 Blackburn North 3130</u> Or bank transfer to: The Thornbirds Committee BSB 033326 A/C 372622 please put your name on payment if you are able to and email Lyn (suttonfam@bigpond.com) to confirm your BOOKING AND your direct deposit thanks!

PLEASE if cash, put <u>money and form</u> in an envelope and hand to Lyn – just handing over money makes her job so much harder – so if you can please put your name on envelope it will be greatly appreciated!!

<u>SATURDAY 20th JULY</u> <u>CRESWICK FASHION PARADE</u> 10:15am AT CRESWICK WOOLLEN MILLS SHOP <u>6 ROCHE ST, HAWTHORN</u>

No charge – family & friends welcome Bookings essential and no later than Thursday 4th July please.

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