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ACTIVITIES SUMMARY

DATE	EVENT	COST
Tuesday, November 3 12:30 pm	Melbourne Cup Lunch Strathfield Golf Club	Closed
Tuesday, November 10 10:00 am	Coffee club Croydon Park Club	Own cost
Tuesday, November 10 10:30 am	Club meeting Croydon Park Club	N/A
Wednesday, November 18 12:00 noon	A-Z Dining: Bar Italia at Leichhardt Organiser - Ralph Miller	Own cost
Monday, November 16	Walk, to be advised Organiser - Ralph Miller	Own cost
Tuesday, November 17 10:00 am, tbc	Movie Time: Ebenezer Organiser Alison Bray	Own cost
Tuesday December 1 12 noon	Christmas Party/Meeting Stone Restaurant Barnwell Park Golf Club	$35 Member $55 Non-Member

NOTE: there is no formal December meeting.

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE and HELPERS 2026 - 2027

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Club bank details: BSB number 032 069, account number 150935
If paying any funds to the club preferably pay by EFT to the club's Westpac account. Otherwise, use the club's envelope if you are paying by cheque or cash. The club's annual membership fee is $70.00.

Email addresses
Fellow member's email addresses can be provided by Ross Berghofer, club secretary, respecting privacy.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Alison Bray
November begins with the Melbourne Cup on the 3rd, so our meeting is on the 10th November. This is our last chance to contribute gifts for the Christmas raffle, so please be generous, but don't forget to check the 'use by' date before including perishables.

In December there will be no formal meeting, instead important items will be covered at the Christmas lunch venue prior to lunch. The raffle will be drawn as lunch progresses.

As we approach the festive season, relax and enjoy. I look forward to seeing you on the 10 November for our meeting, or perhaps at the Melbourne Cup celebrations on the 3rd.

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE: Ross Berghofer
Our 2027 annual general meeting is three meetings away, in March. Now is the time to think about how you might assist with managing the club.

In particular, assistance with suggesting then arranging club events and outings would be appreciated. That can be done without having to be a member of the club's committee. Contact me or president Alison to proceed.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Roz Miller
Our Christmas party will be held on Tuesday 1st December from 12 noon at Stone Restaurant at Barnwell Park Golf Club on Lyons Road West. The cost is $35 for members and $55 for non-members.

Payment is to be made at or before our November meeting on the 10th. Preferably please pay online, account details on page 2 of this newsletter, quoting your surname and given name. In addition, could you please fill out an envelope for our Treasurer, Glennys.

WALKS: Ralph Miller
I have tentatively scheduled a walk on the 16th of November, details to be finalised and sent out in a later email.

Please text Ralph on 0472 777 550 asap if you want to walk so I can determine if there is enough interest.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS: Heather Dignam



The November meeting will be the last chance to donate to our Christmas hampers which will be raffled at our Christmas party in December. Please put your donations in the baskets when entering our meeting.

Some suggestions are: chocolates, chips, Christmas cake, Christmas pudding, wine, serviettes, tea towels, hand towels, shortbread, nuts, mince pies and condiments. And of course, please ensure that the 'use by' date on packaged food is well into 2027 before expiry.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS: Sandra Newport



This is the second last month for birthdays in 2026, this year has been flying past.

Six members will be celebrating their birthday; may you all have a wonderful day, full with happiness, family and friends.
Don't forget the birthday cake!

Stats for the Melbourne Cup.

No horse has ever won from barrier 18, nor won with saddlecloth number 18.
Barrier 5 has been most successful.
Brew in 2000 was the last horse to win from outermost barrier, jumping from gate 22.
Saddlecloth number 4 shares the record for most wins with 13 victories.
Winning favourites are relatively rare, with just 34 out of 165. This is a win rate of 21%.

Just enjoy the occasion, close your eyes and stick a pin in the sweep sheet. You could be a winner.

MOVIE TIME: Alison Bray
The film group will gather on the 17th November, the third Tuesday of the month.

Time: meet at 10:15 for a 10:30 movie (to be confirmed closer to the date)
Place: Event Cinemas, at Burwood

Movie: *Ebenezer* staring Jonny Depp and Andrea Riseborough.
It is a ghost story set in Dickens' London, following one man's supernatural journey to face his past, present, and future.

See you at the movies.

A-Z DINING: Ralph Miller
On Wednesday 18 November we will dine at Bar Italia 169-171 Norton Street, Leichhardt. Bar Italia offers simple but delicious Italian food in a rustic setting. Cash only payment.

Members who wish to attend may so indicate on the sheet at the meeting. Otherwise please text Ralph on 0472 777 550.

GUEST SPEAKER: Mary Rudolph
At our November meeting Roz Miller will entertain us with stories and pictures of bus trips she arranged for our club. She will start with the Dorrigo trip, but if she has time for the Wangaratta trip we will realise Victoria has a great deal more to offer than just the Melbourne Cup.

WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT from Elizabeth Spillane
November, December, Santa Claus! My, time flies.
All is quiet, I hope. Planning for Melbourne Cup which is always enjoyable, what to back, who will win, what to wear? Some memorable names from yesteryear - Darby Munro, Bernborough, Phar Lap.

Before marriage Bob used to sit at traffic lights for hours waiting for someone to tell him the lights had changed to green!

Cheers and here's Good Luck.

ITEM OF INTEREST:
STRATHFIELD-HOMEBUSH DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY EXHIBITION:
Next Stop Strathfield. 15 October to 6 December.

The exhibition welcomes aboard for a lively journey through Strathfield's transport story. Known today as a busy station, it also has been home to some surprising firsts, including Australia's first motorcycle race at Homebush. Covering how people moved through the district over time, the exhibition features photos, displays and a video.

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