



# Ballarat Babble

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A cheery greeting from President Yvonne (Von)

Who is feeling distinctly cheery listening to the rain on the roof and looking out the window to watch the birds as they frolic and chirp in the wet grass pecking away at the birdseed I put out for them a few minutes ago. And as I observe the tomatoes, carrots and other plants stirring happily in their pots enjoying a much - needed drink, I am able to forget for a time about the Christmas gifts I still have to buy and post. Amazing *isn't it, how some drenching rain can change ones outlook.*

*And a little bit of rain didn't deter us as we met for afternoon tea this week with a group of visiting National Seniors members from the Geelong Club. We were delighted they were able to spare some time from their sightseeing to meet with us. It was a great opportunity to share fellowship, exchange ideas, and make new friends. We are already thinking about a visit to the Geelong Club.*

Thanks to Vice President Ian for instigating and organizing the meeting.

*Unfortunately due to a long standing appointment I'm not able to join you all for dinner on Friday evening. I look forward to being with you all again when we meet for the meeting and BBQ on Tuesday February 16th.*

In the meantime, do look after yourselves,  
stay well, and laugh lots.

Von

## CARING AND SHARING

Is there something you would like to share with us?

You may be travelling to new and exciting places over the Christmas break and would like to share some of the experiences with us on your return. *We'd love to hear from you* so just send the details (*phone/fax/e-mail/letter*) to the Editor

Perhaps you have heard some good jokes and would like to share them with us, or comment on a good movie you have seen.

We are also interested in any suggestions you may care to offer re outings, speakers etc

This is YOUR Newsletter and your contributions are welcome

We care about our fellow members so if you, or if you know of another member who is unwell or incapacitated in any way, do let Wendy know.



## MONTHLY MEETINGS

6 pm start

the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month  
(not December, January or February)

Queen Elizabeth Education Centre,  
Ascot Street South, Ballarat.



## MEETINGS IN 2010

February	16	March	16
April	20	May	18
June	15	July	20
August	17	Sept	21
October	19	Nov	16



## OUR FIRST GATHERING IN 2010

Is the meeting and BBQ  
at EUREKA STOCKADE  
6pm Tuesday 16 February  
**BYO everything including chairs.**

## 2010 SPEAKERS PROGRAM

Ray is currently negotiating with the following potential *speakers for 2010'*

Niagra Therapy – Health Talk

*The Men's Shed*

National Seniors Travel

Ambulance Victoria

National trust –Ballarat

MS Information Session

Chiropractic Information Centre



## SOCIAL GATHERINGS IN 2010

We start the year with our usual February meeting  
and BBQ at the EUREKA STOCKADE

6pm Tuesday 16 February

This is followed by -

### DINNER CLUB

THURSDAY 18 February 7pm

Ballarat Golf Club,

Western Highway

Wendouree



### COFFEE CLUB:

Monday 22 February 2.30pm

Turrett Cafe

Sturt Street



### LUNCH CLUB:

Wednesday 3 March 12 noon

Bluebell Hotel

Howitt Street

Wendouree

Other outings to be advised next Newsletter.

A lady goes to the bar on a cruise ship and orders a Scotch with two drops of water. As the bartender gives her the drink she says, 'I'm on this cruise to celebrate my 80th birthday and it's today...'  
The bartender says, 'Well, since it's your birthday, I'll buy you a drink., So this one is on me.'

As the woman finishes her drink, the person to her right says, 'I would like to buy you a drink, too.' The old woman says, '*Thank you. I'll have a Scotch with two drops of water.*'

As she finishes that drink, another person says, '

I would like to buy you one, too.'

The old woman replies, 'Thank you. I have another Scotch with two drops of water.'

As he gives her the drink, the Bartender says, '

Ma'am, I'm dying of curiosity. Why the Scotch with only two drops of water?'

The old woman replies, '

Sonny, when you're my age, you've learned how to hold your liquor *but holding your water, well that's another matter.*

## HAVE YOU HEARD

Vintners have developed a new hybrid grape as an anti-diuretic.

It is expected to reduce the number of trips older people have to make to the bathroom during the night.

The new wine will be marketed as



### PINO MORE

#### 'OLD' IS WHEN...

Your friends compliment you

On your new Alligator shoes and you're bare-foot.

#### 'OLD' IS WHEN...

'Getting lucky' means you find your car

in the parking lot.

#### 'OLD' IS WHEN...

You are cautioned to slow down by the doctor instead of by the police.