



Thornbirds' Shopping Trip

On Saturday, 17th of October, a busload of cheerful Thornbirds descended on discount retail outlets in Melbourne, ready to shop for Australia. Each was armed with a list, a huge plastic bag and a plastic credit card.

We met at 7.30am, for a prompt departure at 8am.

The day was ideal for shopping; cool and mainly dry, so we were quite energetic to the last. Unlike last year, when we sweltered and energy reserves were depleted by lunchtime.

Some good aspects of the trip were the prevailing light-hearted camaraderie and the friendliness of our hostess, Jayne. Even the bumpy attempts of the driver, to overcome his inexperience of that particular bus, were amusing to all. We were determined to enjoy ourselves.

And we did!

We lunched well at the Olympic Hotel, rebuilding for the afternoon shop, ending up at a favourite store, the Social Club Book Shop, in Collingwood.

Such efficient shoppers were we; we finished an hour ahead of schedule, earning the praise and approval of our hostess, who was anxious to get to a party afterwards. Just as we were anxious to get home and rest our feet!

Well-earned Coffee Break



Major Raffle

Next year's major raffle, probably drawn at a function mid next season, features a beautiful Hawthorn quilt, made and donated by **Lorraine Rodgers**, as the main prize.

The second prize is a large piece of wheeled Tosca luggage.

Tickets will soon be available.



Raffle quilt, made by Lorraine Rodgers.

The Hawks logo is discreetly stitched in the centre.

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Another grandson, **Charlie James**, for
Marilyn Bartlett

Last stop of the day





Thornbirds Christmas Dinner.

This year, we thought that a change of venue would be welcome. Many of our members who live further east than Hawthorn, have stoically made the night trek, in the past.

The newly built **Box Hill Pavilion**, function room of our affiliated Box Hill Hawks FC, is open for business, let's support the venture this Christmas!

The Box Hill City Oval is located on the corner of Middlesborough and Whitehorse Roads in Box Hill. There are car-parking facilities.

Our special guest at this function will be **Jas Paic**, long time supporter and honorary member of the Thornbirds, and catering manager at both the old Hawthorn Social Club and latterly, the Tower Hotel, where she has efficiently managed the refreshments at many HFC Coterie group functions.

A form to book your place at this landmark occasion appears in the next column.

Your kind thoughts are asked for **Betty Murray**, a longtime, loyal supporter of the Thornbirds, who is seriously ill.
We shall miss you at Oaks Day, Betty, always cutting an elegant figure.

Christmas Dinner 2009

Tuesday, December 8th
7.30 for 8.00pm

The Pavilion

The Box Hill City Oval
Cnr. Middlesborough & Whitehorse Roads.

Members \$42 * Non-members \$45

Please fill in this coupon and return with your payment, cheque or money order, ASAP to the address below.
at the latest by December 1st.

We need to know numbers urgently!
We should like an email/call 9813 3358
To let us know your intentions please.

Thornbirds Committee,
402 Barkers Road HAWTHORN VIC 3122
Or give cash to a committee member,
by that date.
(Sorry, no Credit cards)

Please tick box if a vegetarian meal is reqd.[]

Name.....

Address.....

Phone/Mobile.....

Email.....

No. of Members @\$42.....

No. of Guests @\$45.....

Total amount.....



Last Coffee Morning for 2009 is November 27th