

# Greythorn Matter March '22



## Newsletter of the Probud Club of Greythorn

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### *Ron's Last Rambles*



#### BIRTHDAYS MARCH

Lainie Carroll  
Jan Coffey  
Lissa Drake  
Mary Dunn  
Max Horne  
Rose James  
Ron Johnson  
Anna Kuyt  
Kathy Pitsikas  
Ros Sinclair  
Lyn Stavretis

It's wonderful to see all our club activities resuming in February with many of us enjoying the Moulin Rouge concert and our Point Nepean trip. Also enjoying getting together were our walking, solo, scrabble, canasta and garden appreciation groups. Our book groups started up again as well as the Creative Pursuits, investor and discussion groups. A trip to the cinema and our third Sunday lunch topped off the month.

We have many exciting Club activities planned throughout the year, so keep an eye out for these as they are promoted.

This is my final year as President. Because of Covid 19 the past two years have been unusual (to say the least) in the history of the club. Still, we have soldiered on and it is very pleasing that our membership numbers have held up so well and we have all supported each other.

I would like to thank each of our committee members who have worked so hard throughout the year to manage the club in such a professional way. Also many thanks to all our convenors who have dedicated their time to co-ordinate all of our activities.

Retiring from the committee at the March meeting are Phil Pitsikas, Russ Dawe and Marty Malone. Russ's work in providing weekly newsletters during the many lockdown months has been exceptional. Our Treasurer, Phil, has done a superb job, as has our Secretary, Marty. Judy Brophy will leave the Guest Speaker role where she continually provided us with an excellent range of speakers to inform and entertain us moving to concentrate on outings & trips.

Our front desk and hospitality helpers deserve a special mention for making our meeting days run smoothly and providing us with refreshments at our morning break. Thanks to Wal Hamilton for opening and closing the church hall and arranging the seating.

It has been a privilege to serve the club as your President and I look forward to working with our new President, Robert, and the rest of the new committee throughout 2022.

*Ron Johnson, President*

Our  
thanks to Boroondara for their support of our  
club  
its ac-  
tivities and



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## General Meeting

**Tuesday 8 March  
commencing at 10:00**

For members who are fully "up to date" with Australian vaccination requirements

**North Balwyn Uniting Church Hall, Duggan Street, North Balwyn**

**Our "Guest" speaker for March is  
Elida Brereton -**

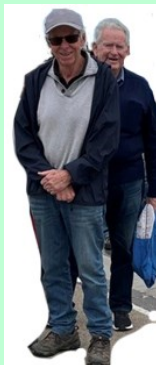


**'THE SECRET LIFE of a HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'**

This is the club's **Annual General Meeting** and includes the election of the club's committee for 2022-23.

Nominations for the various positions on the committee (received by 8 February) were:

President	Robert VanWoerkom
Vice President	Stuart Williams
Secretary	Vivian Newman
Treasurer	Martin Randall
Welfare	Joan Teele
Outings & Trips	Cath Origlasso
Newsletter	Jan Coffey
Guest Speakers	Meredith Daniel
Hospitality	Mary Dunn & Margaret Doherty
Other Committee	Glenys Chalk
Extended terms	Peter Harman *Membership Judy Brophy *Outings & Trips



\* Additional Committee recommendations where the member has served for the maximum of the past 3 years. The committee can also co-opt up to 2 additional members. The Immediate Past President is also a member of the Committee.

## PLEASE NOTE:

### Possible access issues at Church!

The North Balwyn Uniting Church has advised:

"A painting crew have just recently been appointed to do external painting work on the church buildings. As a boom lift and power tools will be used, there will unfortunately be some noise. We just do not know how disruptive the preparation and painting will be. Apologies in advance for any disruptions to your meetings.

The painting crew are likely to start this coming Monday and will establish a safe working zone around the building with bollards and safety tape. We ask you all to please abide with these safety zones. It may impact on the availability of car spaces in the car park. The painting work will take between 2 -3 weeks."

## BRING & BUY TABLE:

will be operating again this year, money raised will go to a charity we select at the end of the year. In 2020 we supported the fund set up to help animals injured during the bush fires. Items can be anything you have at home - plants, preserves, crafts a gold coin/s donation for your purchase. Don't forget your change.



Presidential nominee Robert Van Woerkom (right) and Vice Presidential nominee Stuart Williams in discussion over coffee after a group walk.

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## Welfare

### WELFARE.

I am pleased to inform you of no new reports of illness amongst our Probus friends.

Ros Sinclair continues with her treatment and had had a trip to hospital. We wish her well.

Other members receiving on going treatment, continue to do well, which is good news.

Enjoy this beautiful weather, keep healthy and safe.

Joan



Thanks and congratulations to Barbara for making all the difficult arrangements for so many of us to be able to enjoy this show.

## Solo

### Thursday 3 March—7:30pm

The Solo group will meet on Thursday 3 March in the evening.

Please contact your host, Joan Teele on 0418493012 if you will be attending.

**Convenor:** Denise Powell

## Scrabble

### Monday 7 March—1:30pm

The Scrabble Group will meet at Denise Boschetti's for its March gathering.

Please advise Denise by Friday 4 March if you will be attending.

**Convenor:** Glenys Chalk

## Canasta

### Wednesday 9 March—7.30pm.

The Canasta group will meet on Wednesday 9th March at 7.30pm at the home of Ann & Roy Price.

Please let Ann know if you will be attending on 0409193447.

**Convenor:** Ann Price

Did you know that 14 muscles are activated when opening a bottle of wine? Fitness is my passion 😎

## Film & Lunch

**Tuesday 15 March—10:45am**

Palace Cinema , Whitehorse Rd , Balwyn

FILM WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT MEETING.

Cost \$ 10.00 . Names and money (in a clearly named envelope please) collected by **Jan Coffey** at meeting.

LUNCH TO FOLLOW AT EAST & CO.

**Convenor:** Joan Teele

## 3rd Sunday Lunching

**Sunday 20 March—12:00pm**

Book early as numbers are limited.

This will be a subsidised event with a maximum of 16 starters. Venue is:

**The Bistro, Box Hill RSL**

26-28 Nelson Road, Box Hill

For booking contact

**Convenor:** Angela Johns

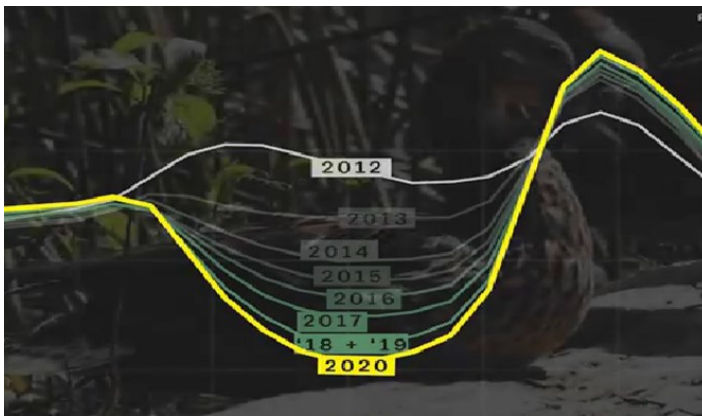
## Discussion

**Wednesday 16 March—11:00am**

### Where to with power generation?

'The DUCK CURVE'-a dramatic change in Electrical Power Generation-time for an update.

From approx. 6am Solar Panels start power generation, generally peaking at midday and falling away about 5pm.



This graphic shows the dramatic effect on Power Demand from 2012 to 2020 and still increasing. The Grid is facing ever reducing minimum demands.

The effect on base load generators (coal) that cannot compete with such demand changes and face uneconomic operation.

Discussion Group Wed 16 March at the Harp Hotel Kew at 11.00am.

**Please advise Roy by email if you will be attending for booking room and lunch.**

**Convenor:** Roy Price

## Walking for Enjoyment

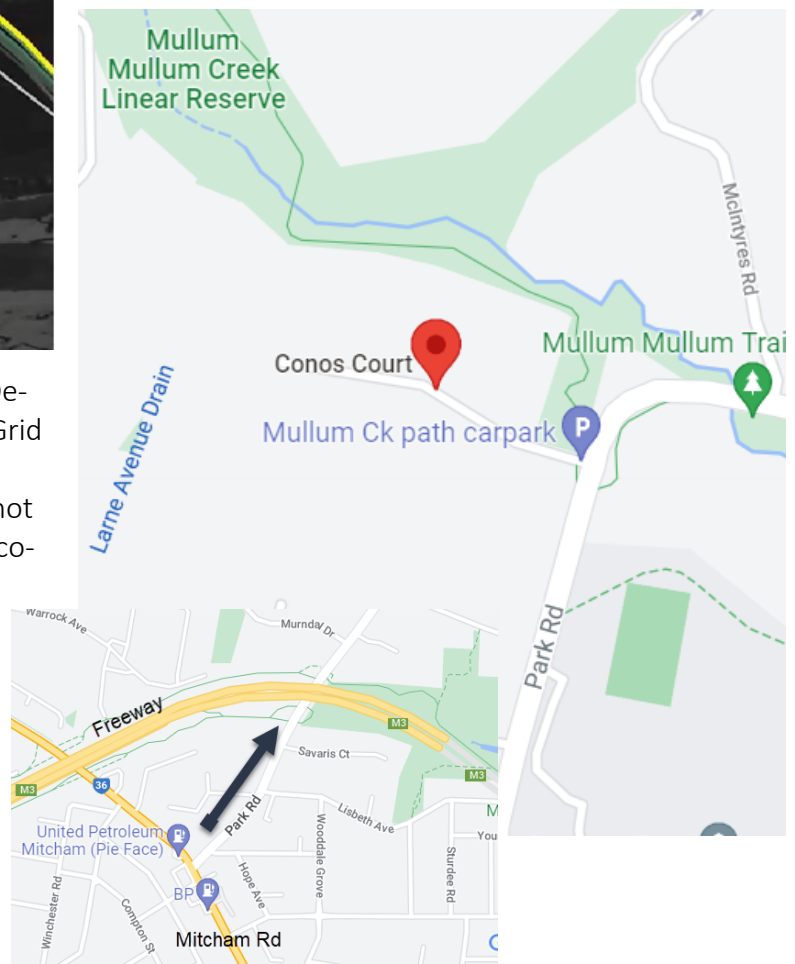
**Monday 21 March—10:00am**

Walk by Mullum Mullum Creek, Donvale

Meet at the Mullum Creek path carpark, Conos Crt Donvale. [off Park Rd which itself runs off Mitcham Rd] (Melway 49 A1)

Coffee in Warrandyte

Leader: John Astle **Convenor:** John Astle



## Garden Appreciation

Thursday 17 March—11:00am (at the Park)

McClelland Sculpture Park & Gallery  
390 McClelland Dr., Langwarrin

Our list for visiting this park is full. There is a waiting list if you still wish to put your name down.

Meeting in the Car Park **OPPOSITE** the Balwyn Leisure Centre, Belmore Rd to car pool, **9.30am**. Returning after lunch.

Day Pass \$6.00, pay on the day.

Queries: Contact Judy Brophy

**Convenor:** Liz Dawe



## Book Group 1

Thursday 24 March— 2:00pm

Book Group 1 will meet at the Hawthorn Library. Our book for discussion is “Shuggie Bain” by Douglas Stuart.

**Convenor:** Patricia Nosedá

## Book Group 2

Thursday 24 March- 2:00pm

‘A very English Scandal’ by John Preston.

Margaret Goding is taking over as Convenor of this group from March.

Hostess—Margaret Goding.

**Convenor:** Margaret Goding.

## Investors

Tuesday 22 March— 7:30pm

The group will continue to meet in person at the Greythorn Hub “as normal” in non-COVID times. Members will be advised if a change in format is necessary.

**Convenor:** Charlie Boschetti:



## Creative Pursuits

Monday 28 March—2:00pm

On Monday 28 March we are to visit the Chanel Exhibition at the NGV - St.Kilda Road. Meet at the entrance at 10:15am.

Elaine has three spare tickets for Chanel. Please call her if you wish to attend. **Cost \$30**, please pay Phil Pitsikas as on last page of Newsletter.

**Convenor:** Elaine Provan





## Theatre

Wednesday 13 April—1:00pm

### An American in Paris

at State Theatre, 1:00pm.

Payments have been completed by members and tickets will hopefully be distributed at April meeting. If not further information will be provided later.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May—10:00am

at Stairway, Vermont.

“Blowin’ in the Wind” – a tribute to 60 years since the Vietnam War with songs from WW2 and later. Has a cast of five great singers. Coffee and cake starts at 10AM and Show starts at 11AM.

Cost is \$10pp subsidised from the Grant.

Please pay by the March meeting.

**Convenor:** Barb Mathews

## Trips & Tours 2022

### YARRA VALLEY DAY TRIP

FRIDAY

MARCH 18TH 2022

Coach departing from the Balwyn Leisure Centre at 9:00am to take us to the wonderful Yarra Valley to enjoy lunch and a wine tasting.

Morning tea will be “a la COVID” from the coach, but lunch will be indoors :-). The afternoon will provide time to explore the lovely village of Yarra Glen.

Cost to members is \$69 and non members \$77.

Could all participants please wear a name tag you may have at home.

Payment needs to be made to Phil by or at our General Meeting (AGM) Tuesday 8 March.

This trip is now fully booked so if you have changed your mind about going please notify Judy or Cath ASAP as there is a waiting list. Dietary requirements are also needed.

Cath Origlasso & Judy Brophy

## April 2022

### Solo

Thursday 7 April—7:30pm

Solo players convene at Patricia Nosedá’s for the April games. Please confirm attendance early in the week.

Hostess: Patricia Nosedá

**Convenor:** Denise Powell

### Scrabble

Monday 4 April—1:30pm

The Scrabble Group will meet at Elaine Provan’s for its April play.

Please advise Elaine on — by Friday 1 April if you will be attending.

**Convenor:** Glenys Chalk

### Canasta

Wednesday 13 April—7:30pm

Canasta on April 13th at 7.30pm will be at the home of Diane Robinson.

Please let Diane know on — if you will be attending

**Convenor:** Ann Price

### Garden Appreciation

Thursday 21 April—9:45am

The 2022 **Bishop’s Court** list already has 40 members booking to join the visit. The 2022 cost, however, has been increased to \$25 per person and Bishop’s Court has indicated it will accommodate up to 50 participants for morning tea with participants being split into 2 groups for the tour.

The Club Committee has agreed to provide a subsidy of \$150 for the visit providing covering the increased cost for up to 30. As more than 40 members wish to join the visit, and the current Club subsidy won’t cover the full cost a charge has had to be implemented.

*All those participating in this visit to Bishop’s Court will, therefore, have to pay \$10 per person on or before the April meeting of the Club (12 April). Any funds collected beyond the amount required for this visit will be applied to group activities later in the year.*

**Subject to Bishop’s Court’s maximum number allowed for the visit** any member who had joined the list for the 2021 visit but who is not currently included in the 2022 list will, on request to Liz Dawe, be included.

## 2022 FOOTBALL TIPPING



### COMPETITION.

Following the great success of 2021, the Footy Tipping Comp is back for season 2022.

We will use the ESPN footy tips online platform. The competition will go from Round 1 to the Grand Final. We will use the ESPN standard rules. This means that should you forget or be unable to enter your tips in any Round, you will be allocated the away team. You will also be required to select the winning margin on one game each Round, as nominated by ESPN. Tips must be entered before the commencement of each game. Should be going on holidays or be away from your computer then don't worry. Tips can be entered several weeks in advance of the Round.

The entry fee will be \$5 per tipster, payable upon entry to our Bendigo Bank account (BSB: 633000, Account Number: 168764322) or the Treasurer (Phil Pitsikas). The end of season prize split will be 1st 60%, 2nd 30% and 3rd 10% of the prize pool and, of course, the winner will hold the much coveted **Mavis Cup** for one year.

The 1st Round commences on Wednesday 16 March 2022.

It is important to note that your tips must be entered online by computer, mobile phone or other electronic device. We are unable to accept your tips by email or phone call.

### NEXT STEPS.

**All participants from last year are included for this year and are only required to pay their entry fee and start tipping**

**New tipsters will need to register with "ESPN footy-tips" and then join our competition**

Join up now - don't wait until it is too late.

The link to the competition is:

<https://xxx etc xxxx> (note underscore)

The Competition Password is: "xxxxxxxxxxxxx"

Any queries should be directed to the joint convenors Peter Harman or Phil Pitsikas.

**Good tipping everyone**

## EAST GIPPSLAND BUSH FIRE 4 DAY TRIP

SUNDAY 3 APRIL -

WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL

We still have seats available, join us on our first trip for 2022, we will be safe, Covid free & ready to have fun while we support the East



Gippslanders who had such a terrible time during the 2020 bushfires. Many of them are still having difficulty getting their businesses up & going again. We

will be travelling with a different tour company for this trip - 'Australian Road Journeys'.

Queries: Contact Judy Brophy

## LIVING LEGENDS DAY TRIP

THURSDAY 12 MAY

This tour includes morning tea at the unique and treasured 1843 Woodlands Homestead. Enjoy a look around this rare example of a large pre-constructed timber kit house brought to Australia from Britain with its art and memorabilia collection. Follow up with a stroll to the paddock to meet the "Living Legends".

A pub lunch will follow at Woodend. A bit of retail therapy at Woodend shops after lunch will complete the outing.

You are advised to wear closed-in shoes for walking around the horse paddocks.

Please notify dietary requirements.

Members \$80, Non-members \$94.

Payment by 5 May.



Cath Origlasso & Judy Brophy



# Who managed to miss the bus?

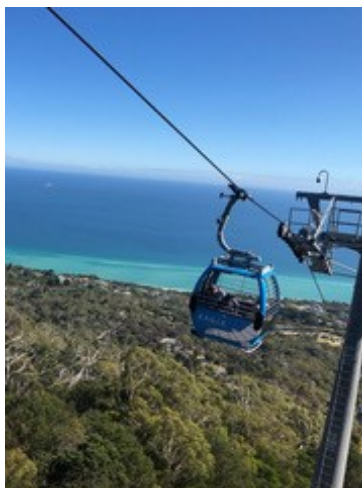
42 of us filled the bus for the journey to the Point on Thursday 17th Feb.

Despite morning rain the clouds rolled away just out of Melbourne. Blue skies and sunshine became the order of the day. First stop at Arthur's Seat Eagle was morning tea from bus and then we all enjoyed a smooth ride in a gondola with stunning views of the surrounds. From there it was on to Rye RSL for a tasty lunch.

Then it was off to the old Quarantine Station at the Point. Their shuttle bus took us up to the Fort to view military installations of tunnels, gun turrets, big guns and great views all around.

On return to our bus, we discovered we had accidentally left 2 (unnamed) participants wandering among the ruins. Thanks to modern technology (mobile phones) they eventually re-joined the group !!!! After a wonderful tour around Portsea (Oh ! those magnificent mansions lining the way!), and relevant areas, we set off for home. I don't believe I have seen so many satisfied, smiling faces after what was a highly successful trip.

Judy Brophy and Cath Origlasso



How did he manage it?  
Our President apparently wanted more time to enjoy the view so somehow arranged for a break-down while en-route to the top.



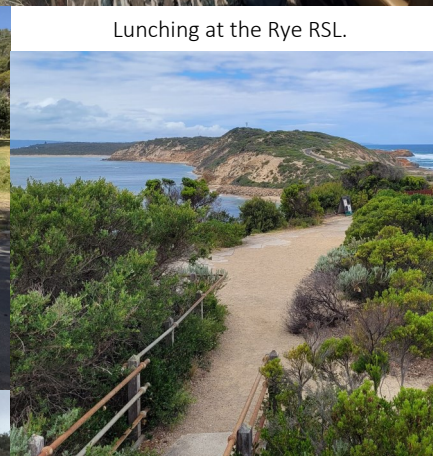
Robert & Kay appear to have preferred the old chairlift furniture.



Shirley Branagan enjoyed the ride

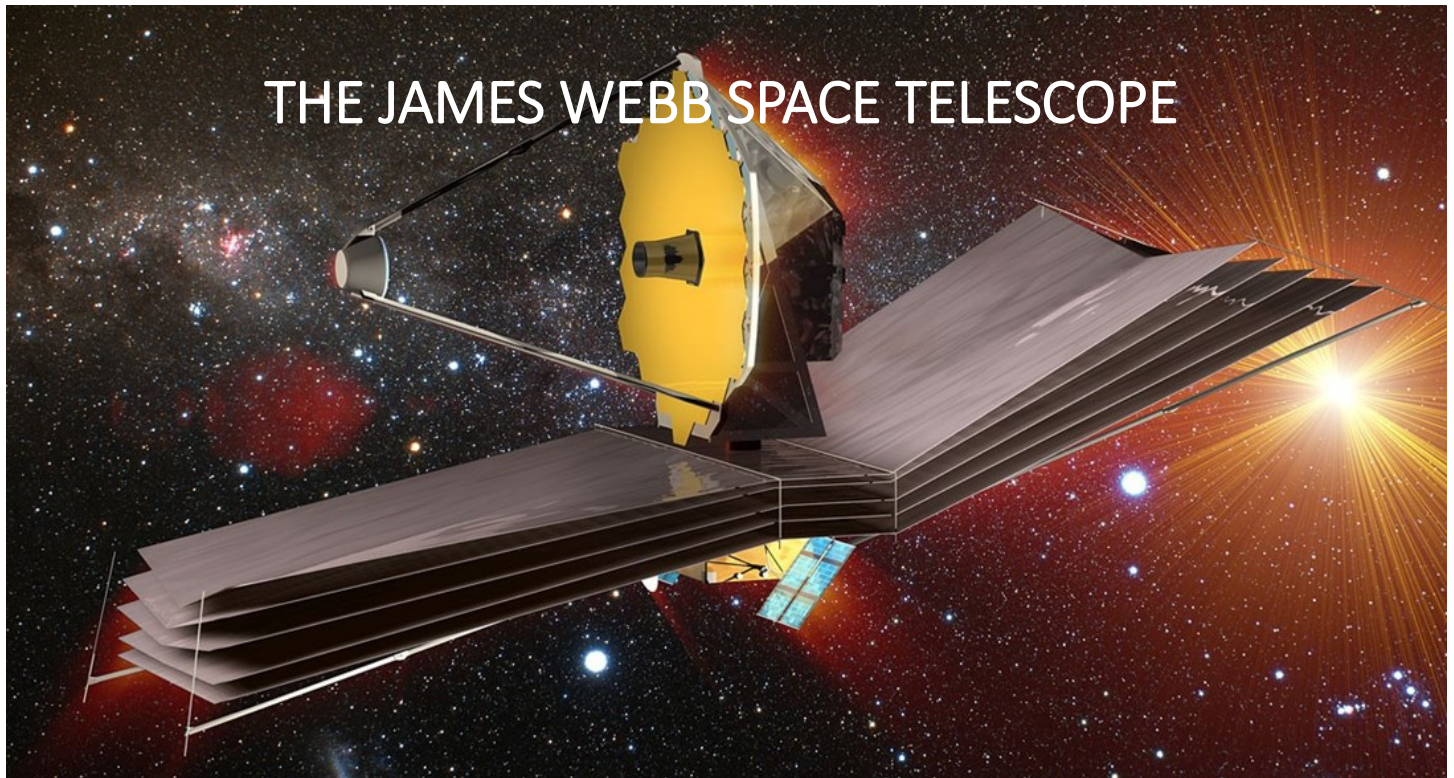


Lunching at the Rye RSL.



"Enjoying the view" L-R Jan D'Amico, Margaret Goding, Sally Knight, Rosemary McMeakin, Mary Dunn, Margaret Doherty, Fay Creek





Review **JAMES WEBB SPACE TELESCOPE** from Feb Discussion Group.

Some 30 years in development-to build on the wonderful achievements of Hubble Space Telescope. The JWST is an InfraRed system compared to Hubbles Optical and Ultraviolet wavelengths.

Webb also has a much bigger mirror than Hubble. This larger light collecting area means that Webb can peer farther back into time than Hubble is capable of doing. Hubble is in a very close orbit around the earth and was serviced by astronauts, while Webb will be 1.5 million kilometres (km) away at the second Lagrange (L2) point-too far to be reached. This requires absolute surety in all space electro mechanical functions.

For infra red optics to work cameras need to work at very cold temperatures-ie the primary mirror will cool to below 50 kelvins (about -370 degrees Fahrenheit, or -223 degrees Celsius).

Webb's Mid-Infrared Instrument (MIRI) needs to be even colder. In addition to passive cooling, MIRI will be cooled by a closed-cycle gaseous-helium cryocooler, down to a temperature below 7 kelvins (-447 degrees Fahrenheit, or -266 k degrees Celsius).

In the several weeks since Webb's sunshield was deployed, the long process of aligning the telescope mirrors has started, while almost all of the components on Webb's cold side are still continuing to cool.

Soon there should be progress in the first weeks of Webb's mirror alignment!

## *Marty's Mooted Meanderings—Update*

### **Proposed Activities**

#### **Carlton Brewhouse Tour:** (will not run)

These tours have not taken place since 2020 due to COVID-19. At this stage they have no plans to reinstate them.

#### **Tennis Centre (Rod Laver Arena):** (will not run)

Due to safety regulations as a result of ongoing building works at the centre, all tours are on hold indefinitely. I have put the name of Greythorn Probus on a waiting list.

#### **MCC Committee Room Fine Dining Lunch:** (still being negotiated)

The entire catering operation of the MCC/MCG has been transformed. A new catering firm (Delaware North) has been appointed. The former Committee Room lunch format has changed radically (as has the pricing). Negotiations are continuing. I cannot provide a time frame.

Marty Malone



## Marty's Musings

### NOMINATIVE DETERMINISM:

*The purpose of this section is for readers to be inventive and make some up yourself:*

Rose Bush	Plant Nursery worker
Grace Park	Suburban tennis player
Mee Yao	Siamese cat breeder
John Laws	A Magistrate
Svetlana Flippova	Russian Gymnast
Barb Dwyer	Fencing contractor
Ford Prefect	Alien Mechanic
Gerry Manders	Politician

### STEVEN WRIGHT QUOTES:

- Cross country skiing is great if you live in a small country
- I spilled spot remover on my dog. Now he's gone.
- If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the precipitate.
- "Did you sleep well?" "No, I made a couple of mistakes."
- My socks DO match. They're the same thickness.
- It's a small world, but I wouldn't want to have to paint it.
- Right now, I'm having amnesia and déjà vu at the same time.

She says I keep  
pushing her  
buttons. If that  
were true, I  
would have  
found 'mute' by  
now.

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## Activity Calendar

*To participate in activities you must be double vax'd and be able to display your COVID Vax certificate.*

### APRIL

Gippsland 4 day	3—6 April
Scrabble	4 April
Committee meeting	5 April
Solo	7 April
General Meeting	12 April
Canasta	13 April
An American in Paris	13 April
3rd Sunday Lunch (@ "The Living Room")	17 April
Walking for Enjoyment	18 April
Cinema & Lunch	19 April
Discussion Group	20 April
Garden Appreciation	21 April
Investors	26 April
Book Groups	28 April
Creative Pursuits	25 April

### TRIPS, TOURS & THEATRE

"Blowin' in the Wind"	4 May
Living Legends day trip	12 May
Kerrisdale Mountain Railway	20 September
Tasmania Tour	5—12 October
Phantom of the Opera	TBA 2022

## Subscriptions and payments

### Direct Debit (EFT)

BSB  
Account No.

Please always insert your name and the event in the message/reference area.

**If paying by cheque:** Cheque to be made payable to Greythorn Probus; please post directly to Phil—clearly indicating the event and names of those attending. ALSO please email the specific event/group convenor.

*When paying by cash or cheque for an outing or activity please put the **CORRECT MONEY** or **CHEQUE** in a sealed envelope with your name and the activity details on the front.*

*Give this to the convenor or our Treasurer at the specified club meeting **BY** the required date.*

We are NOT ABLE to give change so please have the correct payment ready.

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