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Newsletter of the Probus Club of Greythorn



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APRIL

Gippsland 4 day	3—6 April
Scrabble	4 April
Committee meeting	5 April
Solo	7 April
Walking for Enjoyment	11 April
General Meeting	12 April
Canasta	13 April
An American in Paris	13 April
3rd Sunday Lunch	17 April
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Investors	26 April
Book Groups	28 April
Creative Pursuits	25 April

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A bit of nostalgia -Tarax Bubbles at the McClelland Sculpture Park

Our thanks to Boroondara for their support of our club and its activities



Robert's First Reflections



It is interesting to reflect back over recent times. During the past two years the club has maintained an even keel despite all the challenges that the pandemic has thrown at us as a club, and I believe it is very timely to say thank you once again to Ron Johnson. Club members are well aware of Ron taking on an additional year as President during these difficult times. Although the history of the club is only 15 years, no other president has served for two years. (Consecutive or otherwise). Ron may well be known as the 'pandemic president' and will be a big act to follow.

Also, some thoughts and thanks to the organisers of events and functions, who have managed the various activities, bookings, cancellations, and re-bookings as opportunities arose. The pandemic is not over yet by a long shot, but we are well placed to weather further Covid variants with our high vaccination rate and booster shots. It won't be long before the ritual continues with the next series of booster shots, and please don't forget the flu shot before winter sets in.

It is quite remarkable, as luck would have it, that in between lockdowns, we managed to celebrate both our Anniversary and Christmas lunches in 2020 and 2021. Attendances at both functions in both years were very high and may reflect our desire to do things together and seek companionship.

Let us hope that this year will be less disruptive as we really want to celebrate our very important 15th Anniversary Lunch in style at the Rosanna Golf Club on Tuesday 12th July.

It certainly looks like we are back in full swing again - the Moulin Rouge show, Pt Nepean, Yarra Valley, Gippsland tours together with all the regular monthly activities and the lodgement of another Grant Application. Keeping fingers crossed it stays that way.

Looking forward seeing you at our General Meeting in the church hall on Tuesday 12th April.

Robert Van Woerkom, President

General Meeting

**Tuesday 12 April
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 April is:

Barry Aumann

His talk is entitled "Marbles to Memorials", for the April meeting commemorating Anzac Day.

Barry Aumann is part of a family that has been growing fruit since the 19th century at the Orchard in Warrandyte.

Barry has spent all his life on the orchard except for two years during the 1960s when he was called up for National Service. Barry served in Vietnam with The Royal Australian Engineers .

Barry is a guide at the Shrine of Remembrance.



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 etc. A gold coin/s donation for your purchase.

Don't forget your change.

Welfare

I hope all our Probus members have had a very pleasant month and are continuing to enjoy our beautiful Autumn weather and long mild evenings. I have had no new reports of unwell members which is very pleasing. Both Denise Boschetti and Veronica McLennan have had recent good reports and are doing well. Ros Sinclair is home from respite care. Margaret Moyle is much improved. We wish them all well. I hope you all continue to keep well and enjoy all our Probus activities.

Joan Teele



The March Annual General Meeting saw the election of the club's committee for 2022-23.

Meet your committee and congratulations and welcome to our new members

President: Robert Van Woerkom

Vice President: Stuart William

Immediate Past President: Ron Johnson

Secretary: Glenys Chalk

Treasurer: Martin Randall

Welfare: Joan Teele

Outings & Trips: Cath Origlasso,
Judy Brophy

Newsletter: Jan Coffey

Guest Speakers : Meredith Daniel

Hospitality: Mary Dunn

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Convenors and Activities 2022

GROUP	CONVENOR	WEEK/DAY
Scrabble	Glenys Chalk	1st Monday
Solo	Denise Powell	1st Thursday— 7.30pm
Canasta	Ann Price	2nd Wednesday
Walking for enjoyment	John Astle	3rd Monday
Discussion	Roy Price	3rd Tue/Wed
Garden Apprec'n	Liz Dawe	3rd Thursday
3rd Sunday Lunch	Angela/Neville Johns	3rd Sunday
Creative Pursuits	Elaine Provan	4th Monday— 1:30pm
Investors	Charlie Boschetti	4th Tuesday— 7:30pm
Book Group 1	Patricia Nosedá	4th Thursday— 2:00PM
Book Group 2	Margaret Goding	4th Thursday— 2:00pm
Theatre	Barb Mathews	various
Film Luncheons	Joan Teele	3rd Tue/Wed
Dine Out	Meredith Daniel Judy Lewis	various

Scrabble

Monday 4 April—1:30pm

The Scrabble Group last met on at Monday 4 April.

The next meeting is at **2 May** at Judy Brophy's home at 1.30pm.

Please advise Judy by Friday **29 April** if you will be attending.

Convenor: Glenys Chalk



Solo

Thursday 7 April—7.30pm.

The Solo group will meet on Thursday 7 April in the evening at the home of Patricia Nosedá. The next meeting is **5 May** at the home of Margaret Cox.

Please contact Margaret if you will be attending.

Convenor: Denise Powell

Canasta



Wednesday 13 April—7.30pm.

The Canasta group will meet on Wednesday April 13 at 7.30pm at the home of Dianne Robinson.

Please let Dianne know if you will be attending.

Convenor: Ann Price

Walking for Enjoyment

Monday 11 April—10:00am

Walking for enjoyment for April

PLEASE NOTE change of date due to Easter Monday.
Gosch's Paddock to Fitzroy Gardens

Meet at the corner of Punt Rd and Olympic Bvd.
Gosch's Paddock is diagonally opposite Richmond Station (Melways 2G FG)

Coffee at Kerkere Green Fitzroy Gardens
OPTIONAL Lunch at the William Angliss Bistro
La Trobe St Melbourne
Please confirm your lunch booking by 7th April

Convenor: John Astle

3rd Sunday Lunch

Sunday 17 April—12:00pm

Come and join us.

A glass of wine, tasty bite & friendships to enjoy at:

The Living Room

19 Anderson Street, Templestowe

All welcome. Please let Angela know by Friday April 15 if you can come.

Convenor: Angela Johns

Cinema and Lunch

Tuesday 19 April—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 at the General Meeting next week by **Elaine Provan** 049 094 154

LUNCH TO FOLLOW AT EAST & CO.

Convenor: Joan Teele

Discussion Group

Wednesday 20 April—11:00am

THE HARP HOTEL AT 11.00am.

THE WESTGATE BRIDGE OVER THE YARRA RIVER—CONSTRUCTION COMMENCED 1968 AND COMPLETED 1978.

The bridge carries up to 200,000 vehicles per day. It is one of the busiest road corridors in Australia providing a link to the industrial western suburbs.

Two years into construction of the bridge, at 11:50 am on 15 October 1970, the 112 metres span between piers 10 and 11 collapsed and fell 50 metres to the ground and water below. Thirty-five construction workers were killed and 18 injured, making it Australia's worst industrial accident.

The Royal Commission into the disaster attributed the failure of the bridge to two causes: the structural design and an unusual method of construction by the original contractors of the project. An historical look from then to today.



Please advise Roy by email if you will be attending the Discussion Group for booking committee room and lunch.

Convenor: Roy Price

Garden Appreciation

Thursday 21 April—9:45am

Bishopscourt.

Meet at the corner of Clarendon & Gipps Sts., East Melbourne at 9:45am for a 10:00am start to our visit.

Bishopscourt is one of the oldest properties in East Melbourne and is the residence of the Anglican Archbishop of Melbourne. Its two acre site is the last intact urban estate within the City of Melbourne. Our visit to this wonderful property commences, we understand, with morning tea, followed by tours of house and garden.

The visit cost (\$25pp) is being heavily subsidised by our club so this is an opportunity not to be missed. Payment to our club's bank account (members \$10pp) MUST be made by our April meeting as the club has to confirm numbers and pay the diocese by 14 April.

It's relatively easy to get there by tram: take the North Balwyn 48 or the 75 Vermont Sth. tram which both go down Wellington Parade and get off at the Jollimont Station/MCG stop (Stop 11). By train it's into the city and then back out to Jollimont. Either way it's then only a couple of blocks walk up Clarendon Street.

With Bishopscourt increasing numbers we should be able to accommodate any member who wishes to attend.

Should you wish to enjoy the area for longer please make your own arrangements for post-visit lunch. Nearby eateries include the KereKere Green café in the Fitzroy Gardens, the upmarket Pullman on the Park on the corner of Clarendon St & Wellington Parade, Laurent Bakery in Wellington Parade or cafés in the city which would be very glad to welcome you.

Convenor: Liz Dawe

Creative Pursuits

Monday 26 April—2:00pm

On Monday 26 April we are to visit the **Sally Smart Exhibition "P.A.R.A.D.E.** This is the second in a trilogy in which Smart explores the historical avant-garde designs of early 20th century Ballet Russes.

Travel by train to Geelong Gallery. If interested please let Elaine know

Convenor: Elaine Provan

Investors

Tuesday 26 April— 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:

Book Group 1

Thursday 28 April— 2:00pm

Book Group 1 will meet at the Hawthorn Library for its discussion of “I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings” by Maya Angelou. **Leader Barb Mathews**

Convenor: Patricia Nosedá

Book Group 2

Thursday 28 April— 2:00pm

Book Group 2 will meet at the home of **Elisabeth Neales** for its discussion of “The Inaugural Meeting of the Fairvale Ladies Book Club” by Sophie Green. A special thank you to Joan who has passed on the role to Margaret, after several years as our convenor.

Convenor: Margaret Goding

Theatre

Theatre Tickets for both **An American in Paris** on **13th April** at the State Theatre and **Blowin’ in the Wind** on **Wednesday 4th May** at Staircase will be distributed at the April meeting.

Mama Mia is on **Saturday 18th June** at 2PM at the Karralyka Theatre in Ringwood. Cost is \$44.00 pp and payment must be made by the May meeting at the latest. Performed by the Babirra Company this fun filled musical features many of the hits songs from Abba.

Convener: Barbara Mathews



2022 FOOTBALL TIPPING



COMPETITION

After three rounds, the field is already well spread out from 22 tips correct leading down to 12 correct tips in last place. Interesting that a Collingwood supporter is leading the competition and another Collingwood supporter is coming last, while last year’s ‘wooden spooner’ is currently second! Leading the pack is Mary Dunn. Last year’s winner, Awesome Angie Randall, is in 9th place in the middle of the field.

Peter Harman

GREYTHORN PROBIANS “HAVING FUN” WHERE? WHEN? WERE YOU THERE?



Reports and Pics

Tours and Trips



REVIEW OF CREATIVE PURSUITS OUTING IN MARCH - JOHNSON COLLECTION

Our visit to the Johnston Collection was enjoyed by everyone. Exquisite fine embroidery by the members of the Embroiders Guild, with a Christmas theme.

Elaine Provan

REVIEW - YARRA VALLEY TOUR MARCH 18

30 members enjoyed a most relaxing day out to the Yarra Valley March 18. Morning Tea stop was at picturesque Sugar Loaf Reservoir with lunch at Yarra Glen hotel. Some of us enjoyed a bit of retail therapy in Yarra Glen before moving on to a wine tasting venue. The ride home took the slower scenic route which all agreed was calmer and more scenic than the busy highway. Cath and Judy



REVIEW - GIPPSLAND 4 DAY TOUR APRIL 4-6

After two thwarted attempts to visit the towns of East Gippsland affected by the 2020 bushfires, 17 members finally headed off to Lakes Entrance for a four-day trip.

It started to rain around Sale and by the time we reached Lakes Entrance paddocks were flooded and mudslides washed across the road. It was 'bucketing' down.

The next day was clear as we headed off for our much-anticipated trip to Mallacoota.

However, bushfires, a pandemic and now flooded roads and landslides had isolated Mallacoota once more as we were stopped by a roadblock at Orbost. Not to be beaten we made the most of the beautiful Gippsland Lakes & headed for Paynesville.

Over the following two days we visited many of the picturesque towns and beautiful countryside around the Lakes.

We had a wonderful cruise around the Lakes from Metung to Lakes Entrance on a delightful sunny day. Everyone agreed it was a most successful trip, made very relaxed & enjoyable by the excellent driving skills of our coach driver Henry.

Judy Brophy



LIVING LEGENDS - MAY 12

Please pay **Martin Randall** by Friday, April 29. Members \$80, Non-members \$94. Remember to bring protective shoes with you on the day.

Forward Planning

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MAY

ACTIVITIES

Scrabble 2 May
Committee meeting 3 May
Solo 5 May
General Meeting 10 May
Canasta 11 May
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Walking for Enjoyment 16 May
Cinema & Lunch 17 May
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Investors 24 May
Book Groups 26 May
Creative Pursuits 23 May

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.



Update on the MCG Fine Dining Lunch

Proposed MCC Committee Room Fine Dining Lunch:
WILL NOT RUN.

Unfortunately, the MCC Committee Room is no longer available for this style of function and the alternative offered is not viable.

Marty

Many of us will be very disappointed, but appreciate Marty's efforts in this regard and for organizing some marvellous lunches at the MCG, pre COVID!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Philip Bolger
Glenys Chalk
Barbara Capaul
Diane O'Brien
John Fliegner
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*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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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Mrs .Miss. Ms Surname _____
 (Circle as Appropriate)

Given Name _____ Name for Badge _____

Telephone: Home _____ Mobile _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____ Spouse/Partner's name: _____

Former Vocation: _____

Hobbies & Interests _____ Birthday _____
 (Date/Month/Year optional)

Email address _____ @ _____

For emergency please list a contact below:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone No. _____

I hereby apply for membership of the Probus Club of Greythorn.

I agree to accept the concept of Probus and to take an active role in both attendance and participation of this Club.

I understand that the information provided in this application forms part of the requirements of membership.

I acknowledge that at some time during my membership I may be called upon to take an active role on the committee of Management.

I consent to my name, address and contact details being included in a 'Directory of Members' to be distributed only to members of the Probus Club of Greythorn, and not distributed or sold to outside agencies.

I accept that this information may be used by Probus for Probus use only.

I agree to pay the joining fee/annual subscription as determined by the Club.

Joining fee is \$70(which includes a welcome pack with badge and 1 years membership.

The Subsequent Annual membership is currently \$50 and will vary from year to year.

Signature _____ Date _____

Proposed by _____ Signed _____

Seconded by _____ Signed _____

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