

Grey Matter



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Newsletter of the Probud Club of Greythorn

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Subscriptions
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\$50

MAY 'EVENTS'

Scrabble: 2 May
Committee meeting: 3 May
Blowin' in the Wind 4 May
Solo: 5 May
General Meeting: 10 May
Canasta: 11 May
Living Legends Trip: 12 May
3rd Sunday Lunch: 15 May
Walking for Enjoyment: 16 May
Cinema & Lunch: 17 May
Discussion Group: 17 May
Garden Appreciation: 19 May
Creative Pursuits: 23 May
Investors: 24 May
Book Groups: 26 May
Dine Out 1: 30th May

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

Barbara	Mathews	5
Chresley	Robson	5
John	Astle	5
Robert	Van Woerkom	8
Margaret	Doherty	12
Susan	Astle	14
Wal	Hamilton	17



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



Robert's Reflections



A key task for the club's treasurer is to reconcile payments received from members for functions and activities. Unfortunately, we are still receiving EFT PAYMENTS without references to your NAME and ACTIVITY. This makes the task of reconciling very difficult and time consuming. Also please remember to email the convenor and treasurer every time you make a payment. The instructions are in the newsletter and if in doubt check with the convenor of the event.

From all accounts April has been a busy month. There were several highlights such as the Gippsland 4-day tour, which despite all the rain in Gippsland, turned into a very successful trip with several modifications to the itinerary (by Judy Brophy) along the way. The musical "American in Paris" was enjoyed by many, as was the interesting visit to Bishops Court. A film at the Balwyn cinema, "The Duke", followed by lunch across the road, was also well attended.

I do wonder how many attendees of Roy's discussion group will be slightly more apprehensive in future using the Westgate bridge. The discussion focused on the faulty design and the unusual method of construction. Just remember it will be a long time before we will be able to use the tunnel.

The program for the next month looks good too with groups going to the Staircase Theatre to see "Blowin in the Wind", the Yarra Valley to admire the Living Legends and the Bendigo Art Gallery to meet "Elvis: Direct from Graceland". We also have the return of the "Dine Out" on 30th May. Bookings were fully subscribed within 24 hours. Those people on the waiting list have been moved to a repeat lunch at Fiorelli on Thursday 30th of June.

Don't forget to keep those \$50 membership subscriptions rolling in and remember to get your booster shots and flu injections. Looking forward to seeing you all at our General Meeting in the church hall on Tuesday 10th May.

Robert Van Woerkom, President

GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 10 May
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:

Greythorn Probus Member Wendy Le Get

Wendy's talk is entitled:

"A Step Back In Time at Koobabbie Farm".



Born in Western Australia, Wendy grew up on a large historic property in Western Australian's wheat belt. Trained as a teacher, she worked in the West, including Kalgoorlie, in the sixties. After marrying a Victorian, Wendy came to Victoria and lived and worked across country Victoria until settling in Melbourne in the late 1970's. Once her children were at school she returned to Secondary Teaching until her retirement.

However, when her sister passed away early in 2019 Wendy, at the age of 77, returned to owning, and managing, the family farm she had originally left behind 55 years ago.

Wendy's talk will be of her early childhood in Western Australia and the subsequent history of Koobabbie, until it was sold in October 2020.

BRING & BUY TABLE

The BBT will continue to operate 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!

2022 Committee

President: Robert Van Woerkom

Vice President: Stuart Williams

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

Membership: Peter Harman

Two retiring members, Marty Malone and Russ Dawe, have taken on the roles of Financial Reviewer and Archive and Web Development respectively.



Brides of Bishops court?

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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	Margaret Cox Barbara Van Woerkom	Bi monthly

Welfare

I am sure we have all enjoyed the recent delightful autumn weather. Winter will soon be with us and time to get our flu injections. 3rd (or 4th) booster shots are also due for many of us, hopefully with no ill effects from either injection.

I have had few recent reports of ill health from among our members which is very pleasing. However, Stan Lancaster is currently unwell and in Maroondah Hospital. Our best wishes to Stan and to Ros Sinclair, who is now feeling much better.

Joan Teele



Scrabble

Monday 2 May—1:30pm

The Scrabble Group last met on Monday 2 May

The next meeting is on **Monday 6 June at 1.30pm.** at **Glenys Chalk's home**

Please advise Glenys by Friday **3 June** if you will be attending.

Convenor: Glenys Chalk

Solo

Thursday 5 May—7.30pm.

The Solo group last met on Thursday 5 May in the evening at the home of Margaret Cox

The next meeting is at the home of **Barbara Mathews on June 2 at 1.30 pm.** Please note change of time.

Please contact **Barbara** if you will be attending.

Convenor: Denise Powell

Canasta

Wednesday 11 May—7.30pm.

The Canasta group will meet on Wednesday May 11 at 7.30pm at the home of **Denise and Charlie.**

Please let **Denise** know if you will be attending.

Convenor: Ann Price

Walking for Enjoyment

Monday 16 May—10:00am

Meet in the Yarra Flats car park to walk part of the Artists Trail. Enter through the gates on the Boulevard, turning left from Banksia Street. (Melways Map 32 B5) Coffee to follow at Hahndorf, Bulleen Road, Nth. Balwyn

Walk Leader **Margaret Cox**

Convenor: John Astle



3rd Sunday Lunch

Sunday 15 May—12:00pm

Come and join us.

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

Beasleys Tea House

195 Heidelberg-Warrandyte Road, East Doncaster

Book early. Max 16 people. The grant payment to members will apply. PLEASE NOTE: payment by cash.

Please let me know if you can come by Thursday May 12.

Convenor: Angela Johns

Cinema and Lunch

Tuesday 17 May—10:45am

Palace Cinema, 231 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

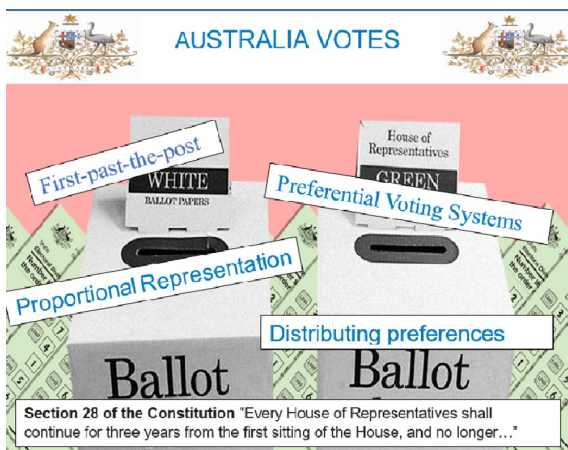
OPTIONAL LUNCH TO FOLLOW AT EAST & CO.

Convenor: Joan Teele

Discussion Group

Wednesday 18 May—11:00am

THE HARP HOTEL



The Discussion Group will meet on Wed 18th May at the Harp Hotel at 11.00 am, in the committee room followed by lunch.

The topic is *A Review of the Voting System in Australia*.

Please advise Roy if attending for booking purposes.

Convenor: Roy Price -

Garden Appreciation

Thursday 19 May—9:00am

Alowyn Gardens, Yarra Valley



1210 Melba Hwy, Yarra Glen 3775 (Melways 267 G8)

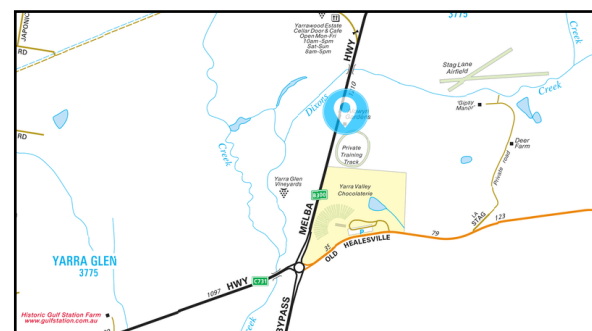
If you would like to car pool please let Adrienne know at the May General Meeting. Also indicate if you will be able to drive others to the gardens. Meet at the Balwyn Leisure Centre to leave by 9:00am for a talk starting at 10am and refreshments of tea, coffee cake and muffins will be available. If you require water please bring your own bottle or purchase one there. The water on site is NOT safe to be drunk.

Entry for groups over 14 persons is \$9.50pp (\$10pp if fewer people) – payable on the day.

Lunch has been booked at **Yarrowood Estate** about opposite the gardens and they would like us there by 12 noon. Please contact Adrienne if you would like to join us or add your name to the list at the May meeting so final bookings can be made.

Alowyn Gardens Leader: **Adrienne Salvagno**

Convenor: Liz Dawe



Thursday 14 July 9.40 am

Tour of Parliament House Victoria

Meet outside Parliament House at 9.40am for a 10.00am tour. Coffee at Kere Kere Fitzroy Gardens. Optional lunch at the Imperial Hotel. Please put your name down at May/June meeting (max 20)

Organiser: Sue Astle

Creative Pursuits

Monday 23 May

Bendigo Art gallery - Elvis: Direct from Graceland Exhibition

Entry \$25.00 for Seniors

Train to Bendigo - 8:50am at Southern Cross station -
Return to Southern Cross - 4:30pm. (\$17.20 Return for Seniors or use your free Senior ticket for V-Line travel). Lunch will be at a nearby cafe.

Pay \$25 to **Judy Brophy** at the GM on Tuesday 10 May. Money in a named envelope please



Next meeting June 27 - 2pm. Meet at Elaine's home - bring your current creative project.

Convenor: Elaine Provan

Investors

Tuesday 24 May 7:30pm

The group will continue to meet in person at the Greythorn Hub. Members will be advised if a change necessary. As Charlie will be away this meeting it will be chaired by **Wal Hamilton**

Convenor: Charlie Boschetti:

Book Group 1

Thursday 26 May— 2:00pm

Book Group 1 will meet at the Hawthorn Library for its discussion of "Brighton Rock" by Graham Greene.

Convenor: Patricia Nosedá

Book Group 2

Thursday 26 May— 2:00pm

Book Group 2 will meet at the home of **Lyn Stavretis** for its discussion of "Red Notice" by Bill Browder.

Host: Lyn Stavretis 0419 6 231

Convenor: Margaret Goding

Dine Out



Monday 30th May at 12.30pm

After a good response to the announcement of our first Dine Out post Covid, our luncheon in May is now fully booked.

Fiorelli Restaurant

209 Camberwell Rd, Hawthorn East (Opposite Rivoli Cinema)

Two course lunch - Main & dessert

\$35.00 per member

Drinks & coffee at own cost

For those who have missed out we have now booked Fiorelli for **Thursday June 30th** for another subsidised lunch, same details as for May lunch (\$35 for members)

Payment due by **Tuesday 14th June** but get in quickly as there are only a few spots left!

Payment details as per back of newsletter

Bookings via **Convenors**

Barbara Van Woerkom or
Margaret Cox

Theatre

Saturday 18 June 2pm

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



Reports, Pics, Tours and Trips.

2022 FOOTBALL TIPPING COMPETITION

Like two nuggetty rovers scrapping for the ball at the centre bounce, Denise Powell and Mary Dunn are jostling for the lead in the Footy Tipping Comp. They both have 45 correct tips and on countback are separated by the narrowest of margins. As ever tipping is proving difficult and after seven rounds nobody has tipped the perfect score of 9 correct wins in any round. Many tipsters have had 8 correct tips, particularly in Round 7

Peter Harman



LIVING LEGENDS TOUR - Thursday MAY 12

Payment of \$80 for members or \$94 non members was due **April 29th**. Please pay **Martin Randall** ASAP & advise Cath or Judy Brophy if you have not yet done so. The bus will leave from Balwyn Leisure Centre, Belmore Road promptly at 9am. Remember to wear closed-in shoes.

KERRISDALE RAILWAY DAY TOUR Wednesday SEPTEMBER 21



Please check that your name is on the list at the May meeting, and let Cath or Judy know if you are still interested in going. At this stage this popular tour is fully booked, with a waiting list.

Cath Origlasso
Judy Brophy

GREYTHORN PROBIANS "WHERE THE HELL ARE YOU?" JOIN ONE OF OUR AMAZING ACTIVITIES TO FIND OUT!



Forward Planning

To participate in activities you must be double vax'd and be able to display your COVID Vax certificate if required. Masks are no longer mandatory, but a good idea if social distancing is not possible.

ACTIVITIES

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 Committee Meeting: 7 June
 Canasta: 8 June
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 Walking for Enjoyment: 20 June
 Cinema & Lunch: 21 June
 Discussion Group: 21 June
 Book Groups: 23 June
 Creative Pursuits: 27 June
 Investors: 28 June
 Dine Out 2: 30 June

TRIPS, TOURS, THEATRE—and MORE!

Living Legends: 12 May
 Mama Mia: 18 June
 Anniversary Celebration: 12 July
 Kerrisdale Mountain Railway: 21 September
 Tasmania Tour: 5-12 October
 Phantom of the Opera: November.

JUNE GREY MATTER

All copy for June newsletter to be sent to Jan Coffey Thursday, 26th May, at the latest. Late copy may not be included in the next newsletter.

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Anniversary Celebration 12 July

Rosanna Golf Club
 54 Cleveland Avenue, Lower Plenty



2022 marks the 15th anniversary of the foundation of our great club, so it's time to celebrate our special '**Crystal Birthday**' at the Rosanna Golf Club, **Tuesday 12 July**. The well subsidized three course lunch (including tea and coffee!) will cost \$30 for members (non-members \$50) If you have any special dietary requirements, please ensure that you advise Mary Dunn ASAP.

Payment for this wonderful event is due by **Thursday 21 June**. If paying directly to the club's bank account, please also advise Martin Randall and Mary Dunn by email after payment.

If you are paying by cheque, please contact Mary by phone ASAP and ensure that you are on the event list and make payment arrangements with her.

Mary Dunn 0409 967 310

Subscriptions and payments

Preferred payment method—Direct Debit (EFT)

Please always insert your **name** and the **event** in the message/reference area. **Also inform convenor and treasurer by email that you have paid.**

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

*When paying by cash or cheque at a meeting 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.