

Grey Matter

August '22

Newsletter of the Probus Club of Greythorn

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AUGUST 'EVENTS'

Scrabble:	1 August
Committee Meeting :	2 August
Solo:	4 August
General Meeting: :	9 August
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Robert's Reflections



I am certain everyone enjoyed the Club's 15th Anniversary Lunch. It was also a great opportunity to recognize Barbara Matthews and Peter Harman for their contributions to the club's success over many years and award them with Life Memberships. Congratulations!

Also many thanks to Mary Dunn, who tirelessly coordinated and managed the celebration lunch from start to finish including reshuffling tables at the last minute due to several Covid related cancellations. Thank you to everyone who made this 15th anniversary celebration memorable and special. Judy Brophy (pens), Meredith Daniel (entertainment), Russ Dawe (screen presentation) and those members who donated prizes for the raffle.

The Rosanna Golf Club also did an excellent job with the food and ambience. They were most co-operative in re-funding the Covid related cancellations.

As there is still no mandate to wear masks inside it is currently left up to each individual to decide. My advice for our coming meeting on Tuesday 9th August, where we are seated in close proximity to each other, is that it may be beneficial to wear a mask. Especially if you are comfortable wearing one. I will be wearing one, except when I am speaking and during morning tea. Even though many of us are well under way having the two booster shots, it still does not provide complete immunity and being infected can still be a very unpleasant and nasty experience.

On a brighter note, Ron Johnson has received a welcome confirmation from the Boroondara council of a small grant of \$800. They have also made a point of the importance of keeping the receipts for sponsored events.

Please note that we are now already well into the second half of the calendar year. To ensure continuity for our club, I am very keen to hear from members who are willing to serve on the Management Committee next year.

Robert Van Woerkom, President

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

John	Brophy	3
Pat	Pascoe	5
Rosemary	McMeekin	8
Patricia	Noseda	9
Yvonne	Dart	10
Angie	Randall	13
Denise	Powell	15
Margaret	Goding	16
Judith	Lewis	17
Margaret	Cox	21
Colin	Bell	23
Joe	Sanders	24
Margaret	Steele	25
Patrick	McLellan	28
Val	Fisher	30



15th Anniversary Celebration!!



Photo bomb?



Congratulations, Peter and Barbara!



GENERAL MEETING



Tuesday August 9

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 August is Greythorn Probus member:

Robert Creek

Robert was a Plumber, National Serviceman who served as an Army Engineer in the Vietnam War during the 1967-1968 TET offensive. He was wounded and was repatriated back to Australia on a Hercules aircraft.

He later became a TAFE Trade Teacher and Teacher Trainer, until he retired in 2000.

His presentation is titled "TIDES and EDDIES."

With the horror of the war in the background, this is a happy story which commenced when Robert wrote to a "person of distinction" after which an unusual exchange of correspondence and gift giving began between himself and a LADY.

BRING & BUY TABLE at the GM

The BBT will continue to operate this year, at every General Meeting. 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!

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Welfare

Rain, cold, distance and road works didn't deter a great number of us from celebrating and enjoying Greythorn Club's 15th birthday celebrations. Unfortunately, however, several of our members were unable to attend at the last minute due to Covid and other ailments. They have now all recovered and back enjoying their activities.

It was very good to have Ros and Michael Sinclair attending the lunch and our very best wishes to Ros. Both Lyn Stavretis and Ros Richmond are making good progress following their various surgeries and Anne Ponsford hopes to be home soon following her stay at Epworth Camberwell.

Joan Teele

ACTIVITIES - GROUPS

Scrabble

Monday 1 August 1.30pm

The Scrabble Group last met on **Monday 1 August**. The next meeting is on **Monday 5 September at Glenys Chalk's house**. Please advise Glenys by Friday **2 September** if you will be attending.

Convenor: Glenys Chalk

Solo



Thursday 4 August 1.30pm

The Solo group met on **Thursday 4 August** at the home of Janet Cook.

The next meeting is **Thursday 1 September at 7.30 pm at the home of Denise Powell, 213/585 Burke Rd, Camberwell**. Please contact Denise if you will be attending.

Convenor: Denise Powell

Canasta

Wednesday 10 August 1.30pm.

The CANASTA GROUP will meet on Wed 10 August at 1.30pm at the home of Mary Marshall.

Please advise Mary if attending.

Convenor: Ann Price

Walking for Enjoyment

Monday 15 August 10.00am

Baby Elephant Walk

Meet near the corner of Regatta Way and Lorimer St. Port Melbourne. (Docklands)

Kerb side parking on Lorimer Street

Melway 2E B8

Coffee at The Other Brother 839 Collins Street

Lunch at Pier 35

Lorimer Street

Please let John know at the August Meeting if you want to join the group for lunch.

Convenor: John Astle

Cinema and Lunch

Tuesday 16 August

Palace Cinema , 231 Whitehorse Rd , Balwyn

FILM AND TIME WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT MEETING.

Names and money (in a clearly named envelope please) collected at the General Meeting .

OPTIONAL LUNCH TO FOLLOW AT EAST & CO.

Convenor: Joan Teele

Garden Appreciation

Thursday 18 August 10:15am

Oops ! Another change of plan!!!

Meet at the Garden Gallery Kew, 778 High Street, Kew East 3102 at 10:15 for (hopefully) a talk preparing for Spring.

This garden centre offers unique sculpture, statues and one-off pieces as well as a broad selection of plants.

Afterwards we will adjourn to The Bean Thief— over the road—for coffee & cake or lunch. Arrangements will be confirmed at the General Meeting

Convenor: Liz Dawe

3rd Sunday Lunch

Sunday 21 August at 1.00pm (note new time)

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 me know if you can come by Friday 19 August.

Convenor Angela Johns



Creative Pursuits

Monday 22 August 2pm.

Bring your latest creative project and small plate of afternoon tea.

Venue - Elaine Provan's home

Monday 26 September 11:00am

Visit to Hawthorn Town Hall for exhibition "Streets of Your Town" by Geoff Cunningham. Free.

Convenor: Elaine Provan

Investors

Tuesday 23 August 7:30pm

The group will continue to meet in person at the Greythorn Hub. Members will be advised if a change is necessary.

Convenor: Charlie Boschetti:

Here's a good investment for everyone.

The Victorian Government has offered \$250 to each household that compares their electricity (&/or gas) prices through compare.energy.vic.gov.au

That's a government website — have you checked your current prices against their comparisons?

Discussion Group

Tuesday 23 August 11am (note day/date change)

Harp Hotel

Discussion followed by lunch.



Please advise Roy if you are attending.

Convenor: Roy Price

Book Group 1

Thursday 25 August 2:00pm

Bookgroup 1 will meet at Hawthorn Library for its discussion of "House of Kwa" by Mimi Kwa.

Convenor: Patricia Nosedo

Book Group 2

Thursday 25 August 2:00pm

Book Group 2 will meet at the home of Elisabeth Neales 207/85 Yarrbat Avenue, Balwyn for its discussion of "Tale of Two Cities" by Charles Dickens. We're really looking forward to availing ourselves of Elisabeth's expertise on Dickens.

Convenor: Margaret Goding



Dine Out

29 September 6.00pm

Hellenis Restaurant

597 Whitehorse Road

SURREY HILLS ... (Close to Union Road)

Join us for an early dinner at this delightful Greek restaurant.

Banquet menu (shared). Cost \$45 pp.

The restaurant is fully licensed and BYO wine only.

Corkage \$8 per bottle.

Parking is available behind the shops. This dine out has been heavily booked so there are limited places available, however we will be taking names for a waiting list.

Payment is due by September 13th

Convenors:

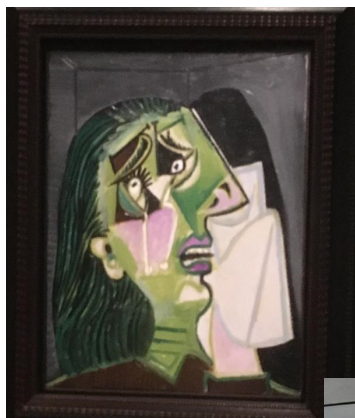
Barbara Van Woerkom

Margaret Cox

Our Garden group was privileged to visit the Parliament house gardens during their visit



Picasso at the NVG—25 July



A very big exhibition, took over 1½ hours. There were numerous paintings from Picasso's contemporaries as well, the latter part more interesting with a greater concentration of Picasso paintings, pottery and

sculptures. His earlier 'Blue' period being pragmatic, the later years more fanciful and unrealistic.



Reports, Pics, Tours, Trips

SCIENCEWORKS OUTINGThursday, 25 August

\$10 entry. Free for Concession card holders. Extra Exhibits may have an additional cost.

Getting there: drive yourself or car pool from Boroondara Sports Complex, Belmore Road, North Balwyn (leaving by 10:00am.). Jim Pollock will talk about the Great Melbourne Telescope project at 11:00am.

Cars may be parked in the Scienceworks carpark (\$5) or the nearby Spotswood Hotel carpark. Lunch arrangements have been made the Spotswood Hotel.

Add your name to the list at the GM, or contact Cath.

KERRISDALE RAILWAY DAY TOURWednesday, 21 September

This popular tour is fully booked, *with a waiting list* so it is particularly important to let Cath or Judy know ASAP if you no longer wish to go on this outing.

Payment must be made by the August Meeting.

Cost \$65 per person (\$74 if there are fewer than 40 participating).

Coach will leave from the Boroondara Sports Complex, Belmore Rd.

Convenors:

Cath Origlasso

Judy Brophy

MCG and Australian Sports Museum TourThursday 6 October

Starting at 10 am until 12.30 pm.

Cost \$30 pp.

I have 22 starters at this stage (cut off point is 24)

Moneys (by EFT only) are due in no later than Tuesday 13 September

Convenor: Marty Malone

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



Theatre

Wednesday 17 August 10am

Gems of Jazz

The Stairway 171 Rooks Road, Vermont

Sold Out

Wednesday 12th October at 10am*

at The Stairway

"Some Enchanted Evening" with songs from Rodgers and Hammerstein. *This event is on the day our travellers return from Tassy.

The subsidised cost, \$10, must be paid by 13 September, the GM date, at the latest.

Sunday 16th October at 2PM

at Karralyka, Ringwood

"A funny thing happened on the way to the forum"

Cost is \$45pp and must be paid by the September meeting.

Convener: Barbara Mathews



2022 FOOTBALL TIPPING COMPETITION

With a brilliant 8 correct tips in Round 20, **Phil Pitsikas** has leapt to equal lead in the competition. He shares the

lead with two magpie supporters (wouldn't you know it?), namely **Mary Dunn** and **Roy Price**. With three equal, the final result could be decided on points difference. The points difference between Phil and Mary is a mere 8 points.

An important reminder to all tipsters. This competition continues through the final series, so do remember to continue to submit your tips each week up to and including the Grand Final. Our winner could be decided on the winning margin in the Grand Final.

SEPTEMBER GREY MATTER

All copy for September newsletter **MUST** be sent to Jan Coffey by Thursday, September 1 at latest!

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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.

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TRIPS, TOURS, THEATRE—and MORE!

Kerrisdale Mountain Railway:	21 September
Dine Out Hellenis Restaurant:	29 September
Tasmania Tour:	5-12 October
"Some Enchanted Evening"	12 October
MCG Tour:	6 October
"A Funny Thing..."	16 October
Phantom of the Opera:	30 November

Subscriptions and payments

Direct Debit (EFT) BSB 633 000

Account No. 168 764 322

Please *always* insert your **name** and the **event** in the message/reference area. **Also inform convener 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 convener.**

*When paying by cash or cheque 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 convener 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.