

# Grey Matter



## September '22

Newsletter of the Probud Club of Greythorn

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### September 'EVENTS'

Solo:	1 September
Scrabble:	5 September
Committee Meeting:	6 September
General Meeting:	13 September
Canasta:	14 September
3rd Sunday Lunch:	18 September
Walking for Enjoyment:	19 September
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Investors:	27 September
Garden Appreciation:	29 September
Dine Out at Hellenis:	29 September

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Rod	Wilkinson	7
Virginia	Kemp	12
Greig	Provan	17
Richard	Van de Velde	18
Anne	Harman	22
Catherine	Origlasso	28
Judy	Brophy	29
Geoff	Warren	



### Robert's Reflections



Despite many members having holidays during August, all the regular monthly Club activities continued unabated. There were also additional activities and outings as well, such as a visit to the Scienceworks Museum and "Gems of Jazz" at the Theatre.

It is also pleasing to note that two previous fully subscribed events, deferred during Covid last year, have now been rescheduled, Kerrisdale Mountain Railway on 21<sup>st</sup> September and The Phantom of the Opera on 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Further to Patricia's Nosedá's comments in this newsletter on page 4, regarding the formation of a further book group, I would certainly welcome and support any further interest in starting up an additional book group. The day and time could be set by the members interested in this popular activity.

As mentioned last month mask wearing is optional at our General Meeting. Although the third wave of Omicron is waning, there is still an expectation of new variants. So please do not feel out of touch wearing a mask indoors in close vicinity of others. Also please keep up to date on booster shots and flu injections.

Looking at our requirements for a functional Committee next year. The most difficult position to fill is the position of Vice President. As a relative new member to the Club, I well remember my own resistance to commit without a deep understanding and knowledge of the membership base. However, in practice over the past eighteen months I have found there is a wealth of knowledge readily available from the existing Committee and past Committees to make the task very manageable and enjoyable. Please consider your own situation as to supporting the Club. I would welcome any discussion with you to ensure the ongoing success of the Probud Club of Greythorn.

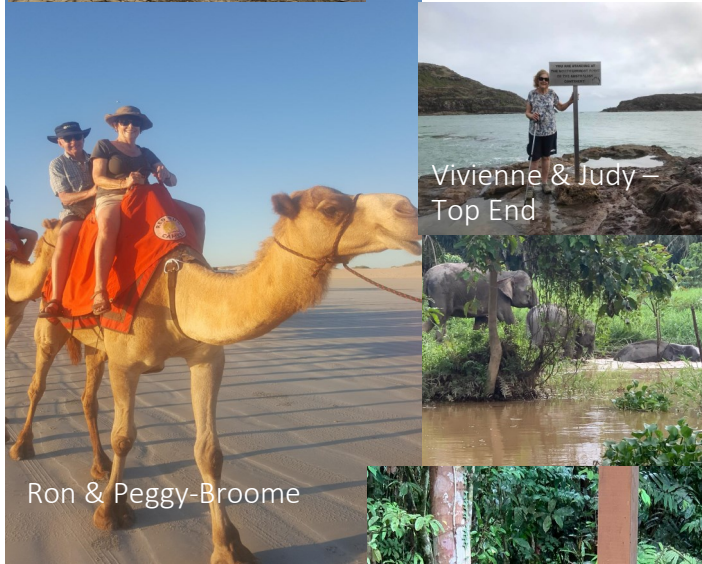
## Greythorn Probians – in Holiday Mode!



John & Judy-Simpson Desert



Stuart - Thailand



Ron & Peggy-Broome



Jan -Borneo

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## GENERAL MEETING



**Tuesday September 13**

North Balwyn Uniting Church Hall, Duggan Street,  
North Balwyn

Our "Guest" speaker for September is :

**Lorraine Smith**

Lorraine studied Applied Science at university, specializing in chemistry, and qualified as a mathematics and science teacher. After raising a family of four children with her husband Neil, her love of books led her to opening a second-hand bookshop in Warrnambool in the year 2000.

One day a 16<sup>th</sup> century parchment was found in Lorraine's bookshop, inside a copy of *Alice in Wonderland*! Lorraine spent 18 months researching the old deed and tracked it from Yorkshire to Warrnambool, via Gippsland. Her research into the origin of the parchment will be the subject of her fascinating talk at our General Meeting.

Her book '*Journey of a Lost Manuscript*' is her third foray in writing non-fiction, having written her family history in 2013 and co-written '*Warrnambool, a Photographic View*' with Neil in 2015.

Copies of Lorraine's book will be available for sale after her talk. Cash or credit card payment available.

### 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

I am sure we are all delighted that SPRING is officially with us at last and enjoying the sight of Spring flowers, trees laden with blossoms and the wattles a burst of bright yellow to cheer up the dullest day.

I have had no new reports of any illness amongst our group. However if any have had Covid in the past month I hope you have recovered fully and now out and about again.

Margaret Marsh has returned home from hospital and is very well.

Ann Ponsford is still attending physio and is responding well and feeling more confident.

Ros Sinclair continues with her new treatment and other than tiredness, has no other side effects which is very pleasing.

So, let us all keep well and enjoy the longer, warmer days.

Joan Teele

## ACTIVITIES - GROUPS

### Solo

**Thursday 1 September 7.30pm**

The Solo group met on **Thursday 1 September** at the home of Denise Powell. The next meeting is **Thursday 6 October at 7.30 pm** at the home of Pat McLellan, in Camberwell. Please contact Pat if you will be attending.

**Convenor:** Denise Powell

### Scrabble

**Monday 5 September 1.30pm**

The Scrabble Group last met on **Monday 5 September**.

The next meeting is **Monday 3 October** at 1.30pm at Elaine Provan's house. Please advise Elaine by Friday 30 September if you will be attending.

**Convenor:** Glenys Chalk

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



## Canasta

**Wednesday 14 September 1.30pm.**

The CANASTA GROUP will meet on **Wed 14 September at 1.30pm** at the home of Meredith Daniel.

Please advise Meredith if attending.

**Convenor:** Ann Price

## 3rd Sunday Lunch

**Sunday 18 SEPTEMBER at 12.30pm**

(Come and join us)



Book early as numbers are limited.

Venue is:

**The Jolly Miller Cafe**

315 Doncaster Road, North Balwyn (Greythorn Shopping Centre)

For booking contact

**Convenor:** Angela Johns



3rd Sunday Lunch in August at The Living Room

## Walking for Enjoyment

**Monday 19 September 10.00am**

**Fairfield Boathouse around Merri Creek**

Meet in the carpark off Heidelberg Rd. Fairfield Park Drv.

Near the toilet block.

Melway 30 J12

Coffee at Fairfield Boathouse

In November we will be walking on Wednesday 23rd. Lunch will be at St George's restaurant in Preston. Please put your name down on the list at the GM in September or October. Limited to 20 people

**Convenor:** John Astle



Walking for Enjoyment - Baby Elephant Walk, August

## Discussion Group

**Tuesday 20 September 11am**

The Australian renewable energy industry accounted for 32.5 per cent of Australia's total electricity generation in 2021. A good result of 5% increase over 2020.

Offshore Wind Turbine installations are planned for Victoria-this would be the 1<sup>st</sup> in Australia.



A REVIEW OF RENEWABLE POWER GENERATION will be at the HARP HOTEL

NB DAY CHANGE.

PLEASE ADVISE ROY IF ATTENDING

**Convenor: Roy Price**

Don't forget The Kerrisdale Excursion 21 September, and Tassie Trip 5—12 October. Final details later in the newsletter and at the GM.



## Cinema and Lunch

**Tuesday 20 September**

**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**

## Book Group 1

**Thursday 22nd September 2.00 pm**

Book Group 1 will meet at Hawthorn Library for its discussion of *The Spy and the Traitor* by Ben Macintyre.

**Convenor: Patricia Nosedá**

## Book Group 2

**Thursday 22nd September 2.00 pm**

Book Group 2 will meet at the home of Joan Teele for its discussion of *Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown.

**Convenor: Margaret Goding**

### ??? BOOKGROUP 3 ???

With two robust and cohesive Book Groups currently operating it seems it may be timely to ascertain whether there is sufficient interest to establish a third group. This could perhaps operate on a different day and or time to the existing groups. Any interested members will be invited to register their name at the September General Meeting.

## Creative Pursuits

**Monday 26 September 10.15am**

Visit to Hawthorn Town Hall for exhibition

"Streets of Your Town" by Geoff Cunningham. Free.

360 Burwood Road Hawthorn

Meet outside Town Hall - coffee/lunch afterwards to be arranged.

**Convenor: Elaine Provan**



## Investors

**Tuesday 27 September 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: 0428 556 441

## Garden Appreciation

**Thursday 29 September 10:15am**

**Banksia Park & Heidi Cottage garden**

Travel along Bulleen Road towards Templestowe, crossing Manningham Road, turn left at the first entrance to Banksia Park immediately after Bridge Street.

Turn right at the first roundabout. There is parking for 20+ cars at the end of road.

It is a short walk ahead to the Cherry blossom trees Melways 32 D4 - Coffee/lunch at Heide Café, where we will meet at 10.15 am.

**Thursday 20 October**

Outing to Cloudehill Gardens, Olinda followed by lunch at The Season's Café.

Times and car pooling arrangements to be advised.

**Thursday, 17 November**

We will be visiting the beautiful **State Rose Garden at Werribee Park** to admire the magnificent roses in full bloom.

After drinking in the perfume of 1000's of the Genus Rosa will retire to The Refectory in the mansion for homemade lemonade, ribbon sandwiches, a scone with jam & cream & tea or coffee.

The Rose Garden is free, Lunch will be \$22.00 pp.

Payment on the day to Judy Brophy. We will be car-pooling on the day.

If you wish to attend, put your name on the list at the September meeting.

Organiser: Judy Brophy

**Convenor:** Liz Dawe

## Gardening Group Out and About!



## Dine Out

**29 September 6.00pm**

**Hellenis Restaurant**

**597 Whitehorse Road**

**SURREY HILLS ...** (Close to Union Road)



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 is now fully booked (*waiting list available*). **Payment is due by 13 September**

**Convenors:**

**Barbara Van Woerkom**

**Margaret Cox:**

## Tours & Trips.

**MCG and Australian Sports Museum Tour**

**Thursday, 6 October** 10am until 12.30 pm

Cost \$30 pp.

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

BOOKINGS ARE NOW FINALISED

An informal lunch might be arranged at the Spread-Eagle Hotel in Bridge Road, Richmond (Cnr. Bridge Rd and Coppin St) *depending on the interest level*.

This will be at your own expense. **Please let Marty know** if you wish to attend and tables will be booked accordingly. *There will be no formal seating arrangements made.*

**Convenor:** Marty Malone

**KERRISDALE RAILWAY DAY TOUR**

**Wednesday, 21 September**

This popular tour is fully booked, with a waiting list.

Participants need to be at the Balwyn Leisure Centre, Belmore Rd, Balwyn North by 8.45 am for a 9am start. Masks required on bus

**TASMANIA TRIP 5-12 OCTOBER**

Grouplink is still waiting for airline's fixed departure time. Notification will be sent to all travellers when advice comes through. Pick up point for airport will be Balwyn Leisure Centre, Belmore Rd. Balwyn North.

**Cath Origlasso**

**Judy Brophy**

## Theatre

### Wednesday 12 October 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 subsidized cost, \$10, must be paid by 13 September, the GM date, at the latest.

### Sunday 16 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 at latest.

### Wednesday 30 November 1pm

At the State Theatre

**"Phantom of the Opera"**

Please check with me at the September meeting that your name is on the list from June last year **before you pay**. Cost is \$85 for members, subsidised by the Boroondara Grant, and \$104 for non- members. Please pay as soon as you can after you have checked your name as we must pay well in advance to secure reserved tickets.

**Convener:** Barbara Mathews 042 628 852



### 2022 FOOTBALL TIPPING COMPETITION

With just 5 matches to go, Phil Pitsikas (149) leads Roy Price (146) by 1. Because of the count back system, Roy will probably need to have two more correct tips than Phil in the remaining finals to snatch the trophy. Congratulations to Frank O'Brien and Stuart Williams in Round 22 and Kevin O'Connor in Round 23 who tipped all 9 winners in these rounds. These were the only perfect scores for the season.

The median score for our tipsters is 139 which is close enough to 70% correct each week and is one better than the Herald Sun's list of celebrity and so-called expert tipsters.

## October GREY MATTER

All copy for October newsletter **MUST** be sent to Jan Coffey by Thursday, 29 September

### 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!

Tasmania Tour:	5-12 October
MCG Tour:	6 October
"Some Enchanted Evening":	12 October
"A Funny Thing Happened"	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.