

# Grey Matter

## October '22



Newsletter of the Probud Club of Greythorn

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### October 'EVENTS'

Scrabble:	3 October
Committee Meeting:	4 October
Tasmania Trip:	5-12 October
MCG Tour:	6 October
Solo:	6 October
General Meeting:	11 October
Canasta:	No October Meeting
"Some Enchanted Evening":	12 October
"A Funny Thing Happened":	16 October
3rd Sunday Lunch:	16 October
Walking for Enjoyment:	17 October
Cinema & Lunch:	No October Meeting
Discussion Group:	No October Meeting
Garden Appreciation:	20 October
Creative Pursuits:	24 October
Investors:	25 October
Book Groups:	27 October

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Barbara	Van Woerkom	3
Denise	Boschetti	14
Hugh	Marshall	16
Martin	Randall	23
Marty	Malone	28
Joan	Teele	30



**Rotary**  
Club of Balwyn



Supporting  
community  
activities.

### Robert's Reflections



September and October - A classic example of Greythorn Probud in full flight. Buses and Trains (Kerrisdale), Planes (Tassie trip) and Automobiles (Yarra Glen trotting). There are also our more sedentary activities such as Theatre Shows, Third Sunday lunches and Dine Out. The food at the Greek restaurant Hellenis was plentiful and delicious. Some members even took some of the leftovers

home for a rainy day. When you combine all that with early planning for trips next year, we are really a very busy centre of activity.

Barbara and I thoroughly enjoyed the Kerrisdale Mountain Railway trip. The museum was a work of art with all the working applications and demonstration of using steam during the Industrial revolution. The enthusiasm of the proud owners was palpable and made it a great day.

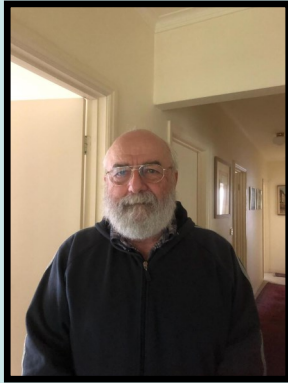
Our credit card facility as a last resort at the General Meetings is working and may come in handy for other purposes as well. However, nothing beats the efficiency of the EFT payment system that is now used almost flawlessly by the bulk of the membership. We have also provided viewing access to the bank account to make it easier for Convenors to see who has paid and how much. There are now only very few occasions where payment details of Payer and Activity are not entered.

Detailed preparation for our Christmas lunch is underway. The venue will be Greenacres Golf Club on Tuesday 13 December. We have a sizable grant from the Council and a subsidized price for members.

The news of about zero isolation requirements from 14 October will be received with mixed emotions. In any event just be cautious and beware of a possible new Covid variant/wave just around the corner.

*Robert Van Woerkom, President*

## GENERAL MEETING



**Tuesday 11 October**

North Balwyn Uniting Church Hall, Duggan Street,  
North Balwyn

Our "Guest" speaker for September is :

**Jerry Kabownik**

**Topic: China Now!**

What is China's place in the current geopolitical world and the possible implications for Australia.....  
Do we have a problem?

Jerry Kabownik is an economist, merchant banker, share broker and lived for some time in the Far East. He has intense knowledge of the economic and political position of China today and the effects it has on Australia today.

### 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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## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

**Celebrate Christmas with  
Greythorn Probus!**

**13 December**



**12 Noon**

**Greenacres Golf Club**

**51 Elm Grove, Kew East VIC 3102**

*Not just lunch but a great event!*

The cost for this well subsidised event for members is \$50 (non members \$70).

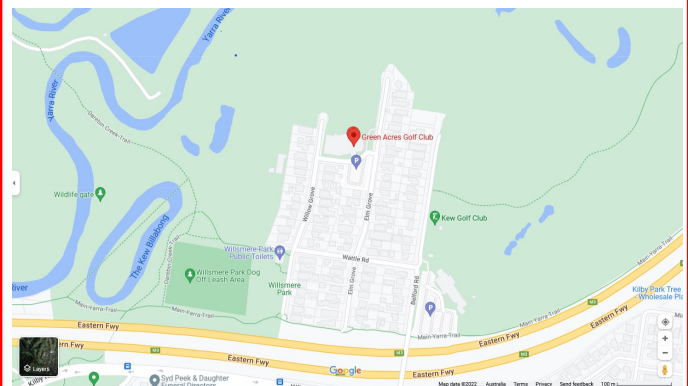
Booking is required by 30 November

### *How to reserve your place*

Contact Mary Dunn by email or phone, transfer the appropriate amount to the Club's bank account and confirm with Treasurer Martin.

More details at the General Meeting

**Convenor: Mary Dunn**



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## Welfare

It is such a pleasure to have daylight saving again and to look forward to long light evenings. It was very pleasing to have both Margaret March and Ros Sinclair back with us at our last meeting and Ros continues to do well. Ann Ponsford continues with her therapies and is looking forward to a trip to Horsham and the silos with her son in October. Such good news. I am going travelling for the next several weeks to Tasmania as part our Probus group and then finally New Zealand after previous Covid delays. I hope you all remain well and continue to enjoy all your regular activities and I look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Lunch in December.

Joan Teele

## ACTIVITIES - GROUP S

### Scrabble



#### Monday 3 October at 1.30 pm

The last meeting of the Scrabble Group was held at Elaine Provan's home on **3 October**.

The next meeting is **Monday 7 November** at 1.30 pm at the home of Glenys Chalk. Please advise Glenys by Friday 4 November if attending.

**Convenor:** Glenys Chalk

### Solo

#### Thursday 6 October 7.30pm

The Solo Group will meet on **Thursday 6 October** at the home of **Pat McLellan**.

The next meeting is **Thursday 3 November** at 7.30pm at **Patricia Nosedá's** house. Please let Patricia know by 30 October if you will be attending.

**Convenor:** Denise Powell

Our thanks to Boroondara for their support of our club and

its activities



## Canasta

**There will be no Canasta meeting in October** due to the Tassie trip.

The Canasta Group will meet on **Wednesday November 9 at 1.30pm** at the home of **Denise Powell**.

Please advise Denise if attending

**Convenor:** Ann Price

## 3rd Sunday Lunch

#### Sunday 16 October at 12.30pm

Come and join us. A glass of wine, a tasty bite & friendships to enjoy at:

**Olive Lane Cafe**

69 Doncaster Road, North Balwyn.

(North Balwyn Village)

All welcome. Please let Angea know if you can come by Thursday 13 October

**Convenor:** Angela Johns

## Walking for Enjoyment

#### Monday 17 October 10.00am

#### Yarra River walk Warrandyte

Meet in the car park at the River end of Stiggant Street.

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Coffee to be decided.

**Wednesday 23 November** (note change of day)

Lunch will be at St George's restaurant in Preston.

Please put your name down on the list by October GM. Limited to 20 people.

**Convenor:** John Astle





### Cinema and Lunch

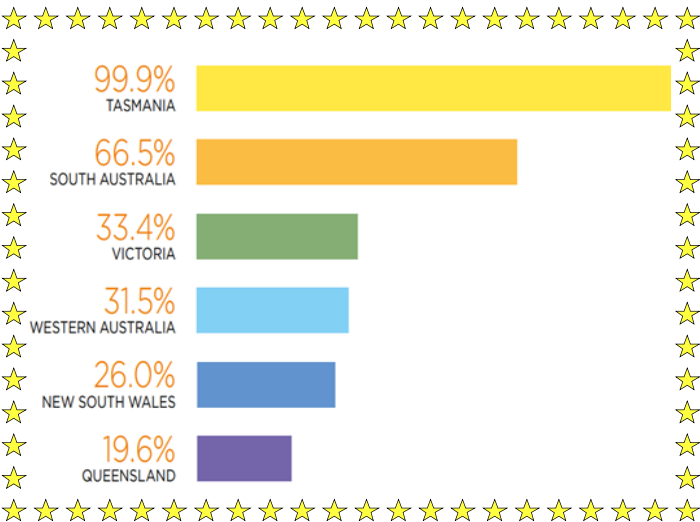
#### No October or November Meetings

As a result of my travel arrangements there will be no cinema mornings for October or November. However Palace Cinema, Balwyn, is holding GOLDEN YEAR SCREENINGS each Wednesday at 11am. Price \$8 or \$10. This may be of interest to those of you who enjoy getting together for our Probus film mornings.

**Convenor:** Joan Teele

### Discussion Group

#### No Formal October Meeting



A review on 20 September showed Clean Energy Generation was 32% of total at Dec 2021-Tasmania and South Australia with exceptional results. Whilst rooftop solar still leads the way, wind generation is not far behind. Victoria has plans to develop offshore wind by 2028—maybe a first. Local production may well be some way off but the first steps are underway. China has a monopoly position in wind turbine manufacture. Energy storage by battery and pumped hydro also progressing, along with Synchronous motors, were major part of distribution efficiency. Vic Compare Energy site was reviewed and assumptions noted.

NOTE: No Discussion Group in October –All looking forward to ‘Tassie in Spring’ Travel Event. Suggest Lunch on the due date of **18 October** at the HARP at 12.00pm Midday to discuss subjects of interest. Please advise Roy or email by 13 October at latest if interested in coming.

**Convenor:** Roy Price

### Garden Appreciation

#### Thursday 20 October

Cloudehill Gardens, 89 Olinda – Monbulk Rd, Olinda.

Following our 2021 visit to Cloudehill members requested a return visit in the Spring. The outing to Cloudehill garden and *lunch at the Seasons Restaurant* is fully booked with a waiting list. Other members wishing to visit the garden with the group are welcome to join but will not be able to join the booked group at the on-site restaurant. Entry to the garden is \$10 payable on the day. The lunch has been booked at Seasons Restaurant for 12 noon.

#### Car pooling:

Vehicles will leave the Balwyn Leisure Centre car park at 9:30 for 10:30 arrival at Cloudehill. Enjoy a coffee then feel free (after paying gardens admission) to wander around and admire the spring flowers. We have members who require a lift to the gardens so we will therefore need members willing to drive. *Please let the visit Organiser know if you can assist*, how many you can drive, and meet at the car park in time for the 9:30 departure. If you organise a ‘local load’ please let me know who you are taking.

**Organiser:** Liz Dawe

#### Thursday 17 November

State Rose Garden, Werribee Park.

This visit to the State Rose Garden at Werribee Park is full, with a waiting list. The Rose Garden is free, Lunch will be \$22.00 pp.

Please check the list and pay **Judy Brophy at the November General Meeting...** so correct money, \$22.00 in a named envelope.

We will be **car pooling** for this visit also. Arrangements as for Cloudehill Gardens (although timings may vary) Let Judy know if you can assist.

**Organiser:** Judy Brophy

#### Garden Appreciation at Banksia Park - September 29



## Garden Appreciation (cont.)

Thursday 15 December

### McClelland Sculpture Park Restaurant

By popular demand a booking has been made at the Gallery Café for the group's Christmas lunch. The maximum number of participants is 30 (current booking is for 20) so members wishing to return to this fascinating park and it's great Café will need to book by the club's November General Meeting (Tuesday 8 November).

Organiser: Liz Dawe

**Convenor:** Liz Dawe



## Creative Pursuits

Monday 24 October

### Lyon House museum

217 - 219 Cotham Road, Kew. Cost \$10.

Please register your interest at the October general meeting.

On **14 November** we will meet at the home of Elaine Provan at **1:30pm**. (an extra day to work on our Christmas project).

On **28 November** we will again meet at the home of Elaine Provan at **1:30pm** - to complete our Christmas project.



Our visit to Hawthorn Town Hall was very interesting, a video of Geoff Cunningham's works showed the very detailed and laborious way he creates his streetscapes.

**Convenor:** Elaine Provan

## Investors

Tuesday 25 October 7:30pm

The group will meet at Greythorn Hub as usual, and hopefully the red inkwell will be empty. Members will be advised if a change is necessary.

**Convenor:** Charlie Boschetti:

## Book Groups

Thursday 27 October 2.00pm

**Book Group 1** will meet at Hawthorn Library for its discussion of "Red Notice" by Bill Browder.

**Convenor:** Patricia Nosedá

**Book Group 2** will meet at Jan Coffey's home to discuss "The Erratics" by Vicki Laveau-Harvie

Host: Jan Coffey

**Convenor:** Margaret Goding

## Tours & Trips

### MCG and Australian Sports Museum Tour

Thursday, 6 October 10am until 12.30 pm

BOOKINGS ARE NOW FINALISED

Lunch at the Spread-Eagle Hotel in Bridge Road, Richmond (Cnr. Bridge Rd and Coppin St)

**Convenor:** Marty Malone

### TASMANIA TRIP 5-12 OCTOBER

Pick up point for airport will be Balwyn Leisure Centre, Belmore Rd. Balwyn North at 5.30 am (for a 6am Departure!) Don't forget your photo ID and Covid Screening Check Form.

### OAKS DAY at YARRA GLEN 3 NOVEMBER

This activity is full, with a waiting list. Vehicles will meet at the Balwyn Leisure Centre car park at 9.30am for 11.00am arrival at Yarra Glen Race Course. We have members who require a lift to the races so we will need members willing to drive. Please let Judy or Cath know if you can assist (i.e. how many you can drive) and meet at the car park in time for the 9.45am departure. If you organise a 'local load' please let us know who you are taking.

**Cath Origlasso**

**Judy Brophy**



## Reports—Occasions and Outings!

### 2022 FOOTBALL TIPPING COMPETITION



Footy's over for the year! Well not quite, there always has to be a wrap up. On Friday 16 September, most of the Footy Tipsters

gathered for a traditional "Poi" night. Much fun and merriment. This was the night of the first Preliminary Final and so watching the big match between Geelong and Brisbane was a must. Fortunately, as the game progressed, the Cat supporters were soon able to relax and enjoy the night and the company.



A sweep on the Brownlow Medal result was won by Anne Harman. Anne chose to take the alternate prize of a 14-day Caribbean cruise and so the major prize, getting to present the Mavis Cup, will be shared by Jan Coffey and Mary Dunn.

The winner of the Mavis Cup for 2022 is Phil Pitsikas.

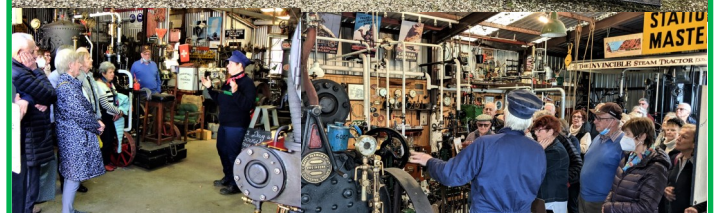


However, it did go down to the wire and Phil could have been caught if he had not correctly tipped Geelong. Runner up is Roy Price, just one tip back and the bronze medal goes to first year player Frank O'Brien. Frank, of course, wins the Rising Star Award. Thank you to everyone for joining in the fun -

we hoped you enjoyed it and be assured the Competition will return bigger and better next year.



### KERRISDALE MOUNTAIN RAILWAY TRIP 21 SEPTEMBER



### Wendy on Holiday!





## Theatre

Tickets for *Some Enchanted Evening* on **Wednesday 16 October** and *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* on **Sunday 16 October** will be available at the at the October General Meeting. Tickets for *Phantom of the Opera* on **Wednesday 30 November** at the State Theatre have been completed and tickets will be distributed at the October Meeting.

### Wednesday 7 December

*Christmas Morning* at the Stairway  
Coffee starts at 10am

**Convener:** Barbara Mathews

Dine Out at Hellenis on 29 September—a great Greek feast and wonderful company were enjoyed by all!



### Our Web presence

Over recent months we've been working to improve our club's website effectiveness. Recently the 'hosting' of the site (the computer system which stores the content that is displayed) has been moved from Canada to Australia and the response time has dramatically improved.

There are prospects, therefore, to be able to make the web a more effective tool for our club.

We still have lots to do to ensure the content is as useful as possible – and I'd appreciate your contributions as to how to make that happen.

Please have a look at the site – it's easy – [just click this link](http://greythornprobus.org.au) or type greythornprobus.org.au into your browser!

**Russ Dawe**

## NOVEMBER GREY MATTER

All copy for November newsletter MUST be sent to Jan Coffey by Thursday, 27 October

### Forward Planning

*Masks are no longer mandatory, but a good idea if social distancing is not possible.*

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### TRIPS, TOURS, THEATRE—and MORE!

Yarra Glen Racecourse:	3 November
<i>Phantom of the Opera</i> :	30 November
<i>Christmas Morning</i> :	7 December
Christmas Lunch:	13 December
*Tuesday, 1 November is Cup Day	

### Subscriptions and payments

Direct Debit (EFT) BSB  
Account No.

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.