

Grey Matter

November '22

Newsletter of the Probus Club of Greythorn

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NOVEMBER "EVENTS"

Committee Meeting	Wed 2 November
Yarra Glen Racecourse:	3 November
Solo:	3 November
Scrabble:	7 November
General Meeting:	8 November
Canasta:	9 November
Discussion Group:	15 November
Cinema and Lunch:	No November Event
Garden Appreciation:	17 November
3rd Sunday Lunch:	20 November
Walking for Enjoyment:	23 November
Book Groups:	24 November
Creative Pursuits:	28 November
Investors Dinner:	29 November
<i>Phantom of the Opera</i>	30 November

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Meredith	Daniel	4
Judy	Bailey	6
Diane	Robinson	9
Peggy	Johnson	9
Roy	Price	11
Peter	Phelan	12
Angela	Johns	17
Pene	Whiteley	17
Liz	Jericho	17
Kay	Creek	22
Pam	Essery	24
Phillip	Pitsikas	24
Robin	Williams	25
Janet	Cook	27



Rotary
Club of Balwyn



Supporting
community
activities.

Robert's Reflections



As advised during the month our treasurer Martin Randall has been unwell of late and in discussion with Martin it was decided to reduce his workload as much as possible. Martin has also indicated to me that he will not nominate for the treasury position on the Committee next year. Geoff Warren has volunteered to act as Assistant Treasurer with immediate effect. As of now please address your communications to Geoff instead of Martin.

Geoff has worked in the finance industry. He is a long-retired IT analyst and moved from the western suburbs to Doncaster five years ago. He divorced 20 odd years ago, has a daughter in Melbourne, a son in Sydney and three grandchildren. Besides Probus, he is also involved with Lions and U3A. Although born here, he spent most of his life in New Zealand. As a past treasurer with his Lions Club, his aim is to add value to the treasury task at Probus Greythorn. Geoff is looking forward to working with Martin, myself and the other members of the Management Committee.

There have been lots of activities in October, including a very successful trip to Tassie. The travellers somehow managed to stay ahead of floods and bad weather. November is shaping up as another busy month including a trip to the Yarra Valley Racing Club on Oaks day and naturally many of us are looking forward to enjoying *Phantom of the Opera*. A decision needs to be made soon about the proposed trips early next year. Please put your name on the list of your preferred choice at the next General Meeting on Tuesday 8 November. Our General Meeting in December will be our Christmas Lunch at the Greenacres Golf Club on Tuesday 13 December.

Express news: Our Immediate Past President Ron Johnson has been able to secure a new grant from the Council for \$2240. Further details still to be advised.

Robert Van Woerkom, President

GENERAL MEETING



Tuesday 8 November

North Balwyn Uniting Church Hall, Duggan Street,
North Balwyn

Our Guest Speaker for September is :

Mary Ryllis Clark

Title: *A Tear in the Glass – Nina Stanton's Life Journey Through the Fine and Decorative Arts*

Nina Stanton was a Director of the Johnston Collection until her untimely death.

She left an unfinished book and memoir and as she realised that her life was coming to an end, she asked her friend Mary Ryllis Clark to complete the book.

This is Mary's story about her journey to fulfil her friend's request.

Mary Ryllis Clark is a writer and historian. The author of several books, she also wrote a fortnightly column for *The Age*, 'Historic Victoria', from 1992 to 2005. Mary migrated from London to Australia in 1974, lives in a historic factory in the Melbourne suburb of Fitzroy. Her most recent book is *Turning Points – 25 remarkable Australians and the moments that changed their lives* to be published by Monash University Publishing in early December.

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!

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!

3 course meal of entree, main and dessert.

Members \$50 and Non Members \$70

Booking is required by 30 November

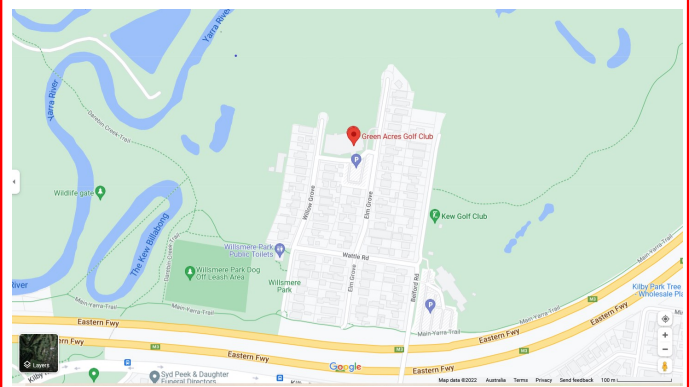
How to reserve your place

Contact Mary Dunn by email or phone, .

Please use Mary's new email:

as noted in the 2022-2023 Greythorn Probus Club Directory Booklet. Transfer the appropriate amount to the Club's bank account and confirm with: **Assistant Treasurer Geoff Warren**

Convenor: Mary Dunn



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Welfare

Best wishes to all those who have been unwell and hope you have all now recovered. The warm weather and longer evenings encourages us all to be more active and able to enjoy life with a feeling of wellbeing.

Welcome back to our Tassie Travellers after a most enjoyable and happy trip.

Thanks for your company on the trip. I had a good time and hope you did also.

Joan Teele

ACTIVITIES - GROUPS

Solo

Thursday 3 November 7.30pm

The Solo Group will meet on **Thursday 3 November**. The next meeting is **Thursday 1 December** at 6.00pm at the home of Anne and Peter Harman. **This will be our Solo Christmas get together.** Please advise Anne by Friday 25 November if you will be attending.

At our November meeting we will discuss details of our Christmas celebration.

Convenor: Denise Powell

Scrabble



Monday 7 November at 1.30 pm

The Scrabble Group will meet at Glenys' home on **7 November**.

The next meeting is **Monday 5 December** at 12.30 pm, Christmas Lunch, at the home of Elaine Provan. Please advise Elaine by Friday 2 December if attending.

Convenor: Glenys Chalk

Canasta



Wednesday November 9 at 1.30pm

The Canasta Group will meet at the home of **Denise Powell**.

Please advise Denise if attending

Convenor: Ann Price

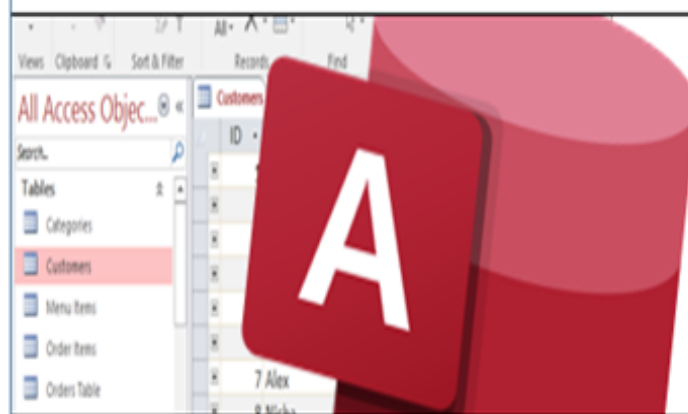
Discussion Group

Tuesday 15 November 11 am

The November Discussion Group will be held at **The Harp Hotel, Kew**

Please advise Roy if attending by 8 November or at the General Meeting

Microsoft Access is
a database management
system (DBMS) from Microsoft.



THIS PRESENTATION COVERS AN INTRODUCTION TO ACCESS, WITH THE ABILITY TO SORT AND PRESENT INFORMATION. USE OF FORMS, TABLES AND LABELS GIVES AN UNLIMITED VARIETY OF OUTPUTS.

Convenor: Roy Price

Cinema and Lunch

No November Meeting

As a result of my travel arrangements there will be no cinema morning in November.

Convenor: Joan Teele

Garden Appreciation

Thursday 17 November

The State Rose Garden Werribee, Park Mansion

This event is fully booked.

We will be car pooling. All participants to meet at the car park in Belmore Road opposite the Balwyn Leisure Centre at 9.30am. Let Judy know if you can assist.

COST: \$22.00 for lunch at The Refectory to be paid to Judy Brophy at or by the November meeting, correct money in a named envelope please.

Organiser: Judy Brophy

Thursday 15 December

Creative Pursuits & Garden Appreciation Combined Lunch

Stonehouse in Warrandyte

Despite booking at the McClelland Sculpture Park early in the year staff shortages have resulted in their restaurant changing their arrangements for groups. Consequently, and after checking for other viable options, we have made a booking at the Stonehouse in Warrandyte for up to 30 persons, a la carte and individual payments.

If you wish to join the group please put your name on the list at the November General Meeting. Members who had pre-booked for McClelland will be transferred to the new list BUT please confirm by initialling the meeting list. **We will NOT be offering an organised car pooling** so please make your own transport arrangements.

Many will remember that the Stonehouse is close to the Warranglen Nursery which has a substantial home wears shop and can be expected to still have some Christmassy and gift items so may be worth a visit after lunch.

Convenor: Liz Dawe



3rd Sunday Lunch

Sunday 20 November at 12.30pm

The Bistro, Box Hill RSL

26-28 Nelson Road, Box Hill

Book early as numbers are limited.

Convenor: Angela Johns



Walking for Enjoyment

Wednesday 23 November 10.00 am

Please note the change of day of the week

Darebin Parklands

Meet at the car park at the end of Separation St Alphington

Melway 31 C9

We will be walking north. Coffee on the way.

Lunch at St George's Restaurant, St George's Rd in Preston for a set 3 course lunch.

Melway 30 E1

Pay on the day.

Bookings full

Monday 19 December 10.00 am

Studley Park Boathouse to Dight's Falls

Melway 2D F8

Coffee at the Kiosk

Convenor: John Astle



Book Groups

Thursday 24 November 2.00pm

Book Group 1 will meet at Hawthorn Library for its discussion of "The Surgeon of Crowthorne" by Simon Winchester.

On 7 December Book Group 1 will meet for a Christmas Lunch at the Box Hill RSL.

Convenor: Patricia Nosedá

Book Group 2 will meet at Margaret Cox' home to discuss "The Rosie Project" by Graeme Simsion.

Host: Margaret Cox:

On December 16 Book Group 2 will meet at Canterbury Gardens for a picnic lunch.

Convenor: Margaret Goding

Creative Pursuits

Monday 28 November 1.30 pm

Meeting will be at the home of Elaine Provan to complete our Christmas project
24 October meeting was changed owing to lack of interest in the Lyon House museum - to craft work at the home of Denise Boschetti.

Thursday 15 December

Combined Creative Pursuits and Garden Appreciation Lunch at **Stonehouse Warrandyte**

Convenor: Elaine Provan

Investors

Tuesday 29 November 7:00pm

Our October meeting found most of us still in the red but for a few bright exceptions.

We will make up for it with a nice dinner at BUCATINI'S RESTAURANT in Mitcham at 7.00pm on Tuesday 29 November.

Partners welcome. Let Vivienne know, yeah or nay.

Convenor: Charlie Boschetti:

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



Tours & Trips

TOURS 2023

See the itineraries at the meeting, look at your emails.

FINAL CHOICES TO BE MADE AT THE NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING.

Approximate costs:

8 Days Sydney & Blue Mountains,
\$3600.00pp, twin share, Minimum 20



6 Days Blue Mountains, \$3000pp, twin share,
Minimum 20

8 Days Mildura, Broken Hill, Mungo National Park,
\$2800pp, twin share, Minimum 20



A Memory Test for Tassie Travellers

Where were you in October, and what on earth were you doing?



Reports—Occasions and Outings!

MCG and Australian Sports Museum Tour “An outing with a difference”



On October 6th 18 intrepid members attended this outing which began with an accelerated tour of the ground itself and also the underground facilities and commen-

tary boxes. This was followed by a self guided tour of the Australian Sports Museum.

At circa 12.15 we made our way to the tram stop en route to the Spread Eagle hotel for a much anticipated lunch, only to find that due to a technical breakdown, all trams on the route were suspended until further

notice. Mild panic set in, until...SALVATION...Laurent café was open right at the very tram stop we were stranded at. Mercifully, a pleasant lunch was had by all.

Marty Malone



Nelson Alexander

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Tassie Tour 5 to 12 October, 2022

27 intrepid Probus travellers flew across Bass Strait to enjoy an incredible 7 day tour of Tasmania's north west. The tour covered many miles and provided a diversity of spectacular scenery and places of interest. From quaint villages to Cradle Mountain, to the Gordon River and Macquarie Harbour the tour was an inspirational look at this part of the island with a great mix of culture, tulips and other flora, wineries, gourmet produce and great meals at every turn. Much was crammed into the daily itinerary and it is difficult to put into a short report how much this wonderful trip was appreciated by all who were fortunate to enjoy the experience.

Judy Brophy Cath Origlasso



Theatre

Wednesday 30 November *Phantom of the Opera* on at the State Theatre

Tickets will be distributed at the November meeting

Wednesday 7 December

Christmas Morning at the Stairway

Coffee and cake starts at 10am. Cost is \$20pp and must be paid by the November meeting at the latest.

Thursday 8 December to Saturday 17 December.

The Scarlet Pimpernel Geoffrey McComas Theatre, Scotch College, Hawthorn

If you would like to go please book and pay through contact@osmad.com.au and tickets cost \$40pp senior concession price. A small group is going on Friday 16 December at 7.30pm.

Wednesday 8 March *The Mousetrap* at the Comedy Theatre, 1pm.

Cost for A Reserve concession price is \$70pp and must be paid by the December lunch at the latest.

Convener: Barbara Mathews

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](#)

[or](#) type greythornprobus.org.au into your browser!

Russ Dawe

DECEMBER GREY MATTER

All copy for December newsletter MUST be sent to Jan Coffey by Friday 25 November. I will be leaving for New Zealand on the 27 November.

Forward Planning

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

ACTIVITIES

Solo:	1 December
Scrabble:	5 December
Committee Meeting:	6 December
Book Group 1:	7 December

Greythorn Christmas Lunch:

13 December

Canasta:	14 December
Creative Pursuits:	15 December
Garden Appreciation:	15 December
Book Group 2:	16 December
3rd Sunday Lunch:	18 December
Walking for Enjoyment:	19 December
Discussion:	20 December
Film Luncheons:	20 December

TRIPS, TOURS, THEATRE—and MORE!

<i>Christmas Morning:</i>	7 December
<i>The Scarlet Pimpernel</i>	16 December
<i>The Mousetrap</i>	8 March 2023

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 assistant 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 **Geoff Warren, Assistant Treasurer**—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 Assistant Treasurer at the specified club meeting **BY** the required date.*

We are NOT ABLE to give change so please have the correct payment ready.