

Grey Matter

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Newsletter of the Greythorn Probus Club



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DECEMBER EVENTS

Solo:	1 December
Scrabble:	5 December
Committee Meeting:	6 December
Book Group 1:	7 December
<i>Christmas Morning:</i>	7 December
Christmas Lunch::	13 December
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Walking for Enjoyment:	19 December

GENERAL MEETING 2023

Our first general meeting for 2023 will be held at the North Balwyn Uniting Church Hall, Duggan Street, North Balwyn, on **Tuesday, 14 February, 2023**, commencing at **10.00 am**.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Mary	Marshall	3
Wendy	Le Get	7
Anne	Ponsford	9
Pete	Ogier	16
Ken	Purnell	17

Robert's Reflections



With still a few weeks to go until Christmas, Greythorn Probus is already well under way to celebrate the festive season in style with many special Christmas functions for our activity groups. I am also looking forward to welcoming you at our Christmas lunch on Tuesday 13th December at Greenacres Golf Club. We already have more than 100 paid bookings for this event.

It tops off a very successful year with a return of numerous activities and outings despite Covid still lingering around. I would like to thank the convenors who tirelessly keep the Club moving along. It is also an opportunity to reflect on the year where we have enjoyed continued support from Rotary via Council grants and the Bendigo Bank.

However, It is also a timely reminder that we do need volunteers to fill the positions on our Management Committee to continue enjoying our Club as a going concern.

Our Annual general meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 14th March and the Club would like to see nominations to serve on the Management Committee. With such a large proportion of our membership being female it is high time for a female Vice Presidential nomination. Please remember you are not on your own as it is the collaboration of the team members that makes the club tick.

A nomination form is enclosed within this Newsletter for completion and forwarding to our Secretary. Alternatively I would like to hear from anybody who would like to be involved, even if the timing is not suitable at the current time. It is up to you as members to keep the Club vibrant.

Please note that we will start 2023 with our usual picnic at Ruffey Lake Park on Tuesday 10th January. This will be the last newsletter for 2022 and I do wish everyone in the Club the very best for the festive season and a happy and healthy new year.

Robert Van Woerkom, President

Celebrate Christmas with Greythorn Probus!

13 December

12 Noon

Greenacres Golf Club

51 Elm Grove, Kew East VIC 3102



Not just la delicious 3 course lunch but a great event!

At our Christmas lunch this year, we will hear Christmas carols and songs performed by "Cloud 9" Women's Choir. The Choir has performed to great acclaim at many venues and we are very pleased to have them come to perform to us.



If there are any questions please contact Mary Dunn by phone or via her new email as noted in the 2022-2023 Greythorn Probus Club Directory Booklet.

Convenor: Mary Dunn

BRING & BUY

Our last B & B for the year will be a Xmas table at the Christmas Lunch. Please bring items that would be a lovely gift for someone . . . jams, pickles, crafts, plants.

Start 2023 at our January Picnic in the Park

Tuesday 10 January
12 Noon



Ruffey Lake Park

99 Victoria St, Doncaster East VIC 3109

Following our most successful picnics at Ruffey Lake Park to start 2021 and 2022 we're looking to do even better for 2023. We will once again start the year with a picnic in the Park.

It's a BYO picnic—and there are BBQ's at our selected site so you can toss a prawn on the barbie if you're so inclined.

We will seek to 'hold' the shelter so there will be sufficient tables for all our members to spread out on—but it may be a good idea to put a chair or two in the car so we can spread out to enjoy the sunshine if, as expected, it's a lovely summer's day.

Don't be concerned about the January heat (or, given recent conditions, rain)—if the forecast is that it will be too hot or too wet to gather in the park we have a back-up arrangement for lunch at the well-regarded and nearby Templestowe Hotel. If a change is to be made an email will be sent to all members.



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Welfare

Christmas is almost upon us and we have enjoyed another Probus year amongst old and new friends.

Unfortunately 2022 has seen many of us suffering from Covid and I do hope you have all recovered well and are not suffering from any long term after effects. Some other members have had health issues and a number have undergone surgery throughout the year. Our best wishes are extended to you all and trust you are back to your former good health.

Do have a joyous Christmas with family and friends and very best wishes for 2023.

Joan Teele

ACTIVITIES - GROUPS

Solo

Thursday 1 December 12 Noon

The Solo Group met on **Thursday 1 December** at 12 Noon at the home of Anne and Peter Harman, for a BBQ. **This was our Solo Christmas get together.**

Next meeting will be **Thursday 2 February 7.30 pm** at the home of **Barbara Mathews.**



Convenor: Denise Powell

Scrabble

Monday 5 December 12.30 pm Christmas Lunch

Host Elaine Provan

Next meeting will be **Monday 6 February** at the home of Glenys Chalk.

Convenor: Glenys Chalk

Book Group 1

Wednesday 7 December

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

Convenor: Patricia Nosedá

Canasta



Wednesday 14 December 6.30 pm

The CANASTA GROUP will meet on Wednesday 14 December at 6.30pm at the home of Judy & John Brophy for our Christmas break up.

The Canasta group wishes all members a very Happy Christmas.

Convenor: Ann Price



Discussion Group

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NO DECEMBER MEETING.

The Discussion Group will restart in **FEBRUARY 2023** at The Harp Hotel, Kew. Details will be in **FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER.**

A happy and safe Christmas and New year to all members.

Convenor: Roy Price

Cinema and Lunch

The film mornings and following lunches at 'East and Co' will recommence on the Tuesday 21 February (3rd Tuesday each month). Film and time to be announced at Probus meeting 14 February.

Convenor: Joan Teele

Garden Appreciation & Creative Pursuits Combined Lunch

Thursday 15 December 12 noon

Stonehouse in Warrandyte,

321 Ringwood-Warrandyte Rd., Warrandyte

As previously advised, the Garden Appreciation and Creative Pursuits combined Christmas lunch will be held at the Stonehouse Restaurant, 321 Ringwood-Warrandyte Rd., Warrandyte.

The lunch is a la carte with individual payments. The list for attendance was opened at the November General Meeting and essentially is full. ***No-shows after the numbers are confirmed will be charged the Restaurant's \$15 no-show fee***—so please double check the list and confirm your attendance (or otherwise) at our Christmas lunch on Tuesday.

We will NOT be offering an organised car pooling so please make your own transport arrangements – again, see the list of attendees so you can make your 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

Gardening Group at the Werribee Rose Garden in November.



After a good walk around the gardens enjoying the wonderful rose displays, including a conducted tour of part of the garden, the group enjoyed lunch in the Werribee Mansion ballroom.

Book Group 2

Friday 16 December 12 Noon

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

Convenor: Margaret Goding

3rd Sunday Lunch

No 3rd Sunday Lunch in December or January

A lovely lunch was held at the Box Hill RSL on 20 November. Great food and company!

Convenor: Angela Johns

Walking for Enjoyment

Monday 19 December 10.00 am

Studley Park Boathouse to Dight 's Falls, Melway 2D F8: Coffee at Studley Park Boathouse

Convenor: John Astle

Our walkers enjoyed a lovely morning along the Merri Creek Path—with a stop for coffee (of course). Lunch then at the 'St Georges Restaurant', the student training restaurant at Melbourne Polytechnic.



Judy and Glenys attended a function at Kew Seniors Centre run by the Boroondara Council which included a familiarisation of a new exercise station in Victoria Park designed especially for seniors.

Watch out for our "Picnic in the Park" in May



Creative Pursuits

Thursday 15 December

Combined Creative Pursuits and Garden Appreciation Lunch at Stonehouse Warrandyte

Convenor: Elaine Provan

Investors

By the time you read this we will have already enjoyed our Christmas celebrations at Bucatini's—as you can see from the pic on page 7!

Our next meeting is at 7.30pm February 28th 2023 at the Hub

Cheers, Charlie

Convenor: Charlie Boschetti:

A Note from the Vice President

On November 17, Ron Johnson and Stuart Williams attended a City of Boroondara workshop on "How to Write a Grant Acquittal" - a critical issue in maintaining eligibility to receive grants. Boroondara have been great supporters of our club. In one year, grants are awarded to 250 organisations; only 8 were, however, represented at this workshop. It was a good opportunity to meet two of the council officers who manage the grants programs and liaise with us regarding grants and activities.

Subscriptions and payments

Direct Debit (EFT)

Please always insert your **name** and the **event** in the message/reference area. **Also inform convenor and assistant treasurer, Geoff Warren, 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 convenor.

All Committee members names and all members' email addresses can be found in your 2022-2023 Club Directory.

*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 convenor 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.

Dine Out

Wednesday 1 February 12.30 pm



Time for another Dine Out!

Come and join us for a fun day out at

Young & Jackson

on the corner of Swanston & Flinders Street, City.

Included is a set lunch menu, cost will be \$35.

Copy of menu below

Payment must be made by **Wednesday 18 January**

We will have a list available at our Christmas lunch, please add your name if interested.

Chloe's Dining Room

Daily Set Menu \$35pp

Glass of Stonyfell Quarryman Shiraz or Sauvignon Blanc

Fresh bread & infused olive oil

Choose from

250g Rump Steak, Cheesy Gnocchi. Spinach, Jus

Grilled Salmon, Creamy Mash, Peperonata, Angel Hair Chilli

Linguini, Squid, Tiger Prawns, Chorizo Crumb, Pecorino

Chicken Breast, Salsa Brava, Crisp Herbed Potatoes, Broccolini, EVOO

Beetroot Salad, Fried Cauliflower, Feta, Roast Almonds, Rocket, Mustard Dressing

To Finish

A bite sized sweet treat

Leaf Tea or Barista made coffee

Convenors:

Barbara Van Woerkom:

Margaret Cox:



Tours & Trips

**TOUR for SPRING 2023 ... & the WINNER is
'6 FABULOUS DAYS in the BLUE MOUNTAINS**

SATURDAY 14 - THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER 2023.

If you put your name down for one of the other tours & would now like to join this tour please add it to the list at the Xmas luncheon.

If enough members are still interested in the Broken Hill tour we will propose it again for 2024.



DAY TRIPS for 2023

FEBRUARY 28 - MELBOURNE TRAMBOAT SCENIC CRUISE TO WILLIAMSTOWN & return: is full at 49, you can still add your name to the waiting list.
Payment on the day, \$49.00, credit card or correct cash to the Tramboat.

MARCH 28 - AUSTRALIAN JAZZ MUSEUM: is full, you may add your name to the waiting list.
Payment on the day, \$25.00, credit card, cheque or correct cash.



APRIL - THE YARRA VALLEY RAILWAY - HEALESVILLE to TARRAWARRA & RETURN,
Payment in February \$16.00
Pub Lunch in Healesville at own expense.

Cath Origlasso:

Judy Brophy:

**Nelson
Alexander**

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Reports

Oaks Day at Yarra Glen Racecourse

A happy band of punters set off on a dismal day to experience country racing at Yarra Glen. It was The Oaks Day Pacing Cup, one of the most important races on the pacing calendar.



The scene was set in the impressive Yarraview room with a magnificent panorama across the racecourse to the

Yarra Ranges.

The ladies were bedecked in beautiful feathers, fascinators & floral creations that completed their Fashions on the Field ensembles. The gents were outnumbered by the ladies but many had made the effort to look suitably sartorially splendid for the occasion. Congratulations to Roy.



We enjoyed a 2 course lunch & spent the family inheritance on the horses. Denise B was

seen to have a neat pile of dollars in front of her, while Wal, our resident punter, spent many hours studying the form guide . . . did you need security to escort you home Wal?



There was much fun & hilarity as we 'rode' our horses to the finish line . . . many TAB tickets are now papering walls in the Brophy house.

Everyone agreed it was a most enjoyable day & there were many requests for it to be on the 2023 Greythorn calendar.

Judy Brophy





Creative Pursuits group hard at work

Investors celebrate a 'red letter' Christmas (despite recent red numbers).



Probus group at Phantom of the Opera

Election of Office Bearers & Committee Members

Constitutional provision:
The club shall be managed by a Management Committee, comprising a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer (collectively "Committee Members"), and such number of other members of the Management Committee ("Officers") as provided in the By-laws or the club's Standing Resolutions.
Officers and Committee Members shall be elected annually in accordance with the By-Laws or the club's Standing Resolutions. The term of office of the President shall be one year, which may be extended to not more than two consecutive years if required due to special circumstances. Other Officers and Committee Members may serve for not more

than three successive years in any one office except as otherwise determined and recommended by the Management Committee to members for decision.

& Under 'Standing Resolutions':
The Club shall be managed by a Management Committee comprising a President, a Vice-president, a Secretary, a Treasurer, the immediate past President and six other members who are responsible for Welfare, Newsletter, Outings and Activities, Speakers, Hospitality, Membership and such other activities as may be decided from time to time by the Club.

2023 Annual General Meeting Elections
Nomination of Office Bearers and Committee Members

Please print details. Indicate the position for which you are nominating the member by placing a tick (v) in the appropriate space.

Nomination:

I, _____, being a financial member of the Club
nominate _____ for the position of:

Signed _____ Date _____

Acceptance of the Nomination.

I, _____ being a financial member of the Probus
Club of Greythorn consent to my nomination for the position of

President	<input type="checkbox"/>	Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/>	Committee member (6 positions available)			<input type="checkbox"/>

_____ indicated above with a tick(v).

Signed _____ Date _____

Nominations should be sent to The Secretary, Greythorn Probus Club Inc. PO Box 85, Balwyn North 3104 to arrive prior to the February meeting (February 14, 2023) or delivered to Glenys Chalk at the February meeting.

Theatre

Wednesday 7 December

Christmas Morning at the Stairway
Coffee and cake starts at 10am.

Thursday 16 December 7.30 pm.

The Scarlet Pimpernel at
Geoffrey McComas Theatre, Scotch College
1 Morrison St, Hawthorn
Our group of about 20 members is going to the
Friday 16th performance—if you wish to join them
you'll need to arrange your own tickets through
Trybooking.

Wednesday 8 March

The Mousetrap at the Comedy Theatre, 1pm.
Tickets available at February meeting. (money has
already been paid) and tickets purchased)

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](http://greythornprobud.org.au) or type greythornprobud.org.au into your browser and let me know your thoughts!

Russ Dawe

January GREY MATTER

Please send copy for the January newsletter to me by Thursday, 5 January. Thank you to everyone for your support and wonderful contributions to GM throughout 2022. Merry Xmas to you all!

Jan Coffey

Forward Planning

Masks are no longer mandatory, but a good idea if social distancing is not possible, particularly given the recent increase in Covid cases

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Melbourne Tram Boat:	28 February
Investors:	28 February

OTHER TOURS & TRIPS

<i>The Mouse Trap:</i>	8 March
Jazz Museum:	28 March
Yarra Valley Railway:	April
Blue Mountains trip	14-19 October

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

