

Grey Matter

January '23



Newsletter of the Greythorn Probud Club

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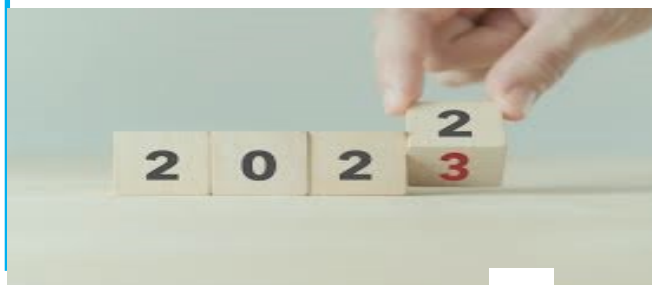
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HAPPY NEW YEAR
2023

FIRST 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. Welcome back in 2023!



Robert's Reflections



I am not sure about previous records, but a near record of 97 members enjoyed the Christmas lunch at the Greenacres Golf Club. That is despite several last minute cancellations due to Covid and other health issues. It turned out to be a beautiful day with plenty of food, chocolates and musical entertainment from the "Cloud 9" Women's Choir. As well as the usual Christmas songs, we also heard some of their

own music.

Special thanks to Mary Dunn who put it all together and Meredith Daniels, for arranging the entertainment. There were many others deserving a big thank you, including several members from the Creative Pursuits group, who provided the table decorations. It all contributed to making the lunch successful. At Greythorn Probud it is always the team effort that makes our key events special.

It is worthwhile noting that despite severe Covid restrictions in 2020, 2021 and a more normal 2022, we have not missed an Anniversary, or Christmas lunch during these past three years.

This time of the year some of us get busy, as it is the end of our financial year on 31 December and there is also the preparation of the Annual Report for our AGM on Tuesday 14 March. One can't ignore the usual activity to ensure the ongoing management of our Club with a full management team. Although there is a "Plan B" in place, we are still hoping for one of our female members to put up her hand to serve as Vice President next year. Please contact myself, or one of our Committee members. A nomination form is also included in this newsletter (see back page)

Looking forward to the ramping up of our activities in 2023 and hope to see many of you at our traditional January Picnic at Ruffy Lake Park on Tuesday 10 January (see inside). Happy New Year to all.

Robert Van Woerkom, President

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS		
Jan	James	2
Stephanie	Fliegner	3
Maureen	Taylor	7
Russ	Dawe	12
Ann	Price	18
Margaret	March	19
Michael	Sinclair	20
Lisa	Zuccala	21
Margaret	Moyle	22
Adrienne	Salvagno	23
Ivy	Angleton	26
Liz	Olie	28

Celebrate 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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2022 End of Year Activities & Celebrations!



Book Club 2
Christmas Gathering
at Joan's.



Walking Group
Studley Park



Canasta Xmas



Garden and Creative
Pursuits Christmas Lunch

Welfare

I do hope you all, our Probus friends, had a very Happy Christmas with family and friends enjoying good fellowship and good health.
I wish you all a happy, healthy and safe New Year and 2023 and look forward to enjoyable fellowship at all our Probus functions throughout the coming year.

Enjoy your summer holidays and we will meet again at our February Probus meeting and also perhaps at the Ruffey Park bar-b-que on 10 January.

Joan Teele

ACTIVITIES - GROUPS

Book Group 1

Wednesday 26 January 2pm

Book Group 1 will meet at Stephanie Fliegner's home to discuss *Still Life* by Sarah Winman.

Host Stephanie Fliegner

Convenor Patricia Nosedá

Dine Out

Wednesday 1 February 12.30 pm

Young & Jackson

Corner of Swanston & Flinders Street, City.

Our next Dine Out is only a few weeks away.

Cost is \$35 pp

Payment must be made by Wednesday 18 January

Convenors:

Barbara Van Woerkom:

Margaret Cox:

Solo

Thursday 2 February 7.30 pm

Our next meeting will be at the home of Barbara Mathews.

Convenor: Denise Powell

Scrabble

Monday 6 February

Next meeting will be at the home of Glenys Chalk

Convenor: Glenys Chalk

Canasta

Wednesday 8 February 6.30 pm

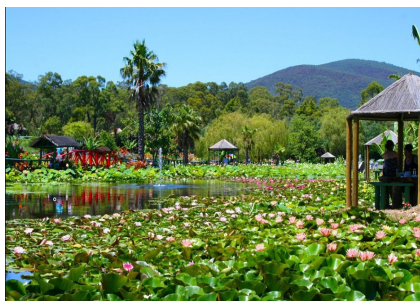
Convenor: Ann Price

Garden Appreciation

Thursday 16 February 9.30 am

Blue Lotus

Watergarden



Start the year with a visit to the Blue Lotus Watergarden at 2628 Warburton Hwy, Yarra Junction to enjoy the famous display of magnifi-

cent lotus flowers.

This is about a 1 hour drive from the Balwyn Leisure Centre. The garden claims to have the world's most extensive collection of different lotus flowers producing millions of huge and beautiful flowers. The garden also has a collection of banana 'trees' and giant Amazon waterlilies. We will car pool from the Balwyn Leisure Centre leaving at 9:30am.

If you will attend the gardens please ensure that you advise Liz Dawe by email or text [see email address in the club membership booklet] by **Friday 10 February** *clearly indicating if you can provide transport* for others (and how many) or if you need transport.

"Seniors" entry costs \$20.50 – payable at the gate and, at your own cost, the Lilly Ponds Café can provide a light lunch – eat in or take-away to enjoy in the garden. Numbers greater than 15 (in total) may require a group booking which may also require a package including lunch and consequently a different cost. All who indicate attendance will be advised of any necessary changes in arrangements. For information about such packages please see the Blue Lotus [Watergarden website](https://www.bluelotusfarm.com.au/): <https://www.bluelotusfarm.com.au/>

Convenor: Liz Dawe

3rd Sunday Lunch

Sunday 19 February

Details to be advised

Convenor: Angela Johns

Walking for Enjoyment

Monday 20 February (TBC)

Convenor: John Astle

Discussion Group

The Discussion Group will restart in February 2023 at the Harp, Kew. Details in the February Newsletter.

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

Book Group 1

Thursday, 23 February 2pm

Convenor: Patricia Nosedá

Book Group 2

Thursday, 23 February 2pm

The next meeting of Book Group 2 will be at the home of Jan Coffey on Thursday 23 February at 2pm to discuss *Bleak House* by Charles Dickens. Please let Jan know by Tuesday 21 February if you cannot attend.

Convenor: Margaret Goding

Creative Pursuits

Monday 27 February (TBC)

Dome of the Exhibition Building in February - date to be confirmed - \$23 - 10am

Monday 27 March - [Rone Exhibition](#) above Flinders Street Station - \$35 - 10.30am.

Please contact Elaine Provan to register your interest by end of January for both events.

Convenor: Elaine Provan

Investors

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

Cheers, Charlie

Convenor: Charlie Boschetti:

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 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.



**Greythorn Probus Celebrating Christmas
at
Greenacres Golf Club**



Tours & Trips 2023

TOUR for SPRING 2023

6 FABULOUS DAYS in the BLUE MOUNTAINS

SATURDAY 14 - THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER 2023

First deposit & Booking Form is due Tuesday 31 January, sent to Group Link Travel.



DAY TRIPS for 2023



TUESDAY FEBRUARY 28 - MELBOURNE TRAMBOAT SCENIC CRUISE TO WILLIAMSTOWN & return:

This trip is fully booked but you can still add your name to the waiting list. Payment, \$49.00, to Greythorn Probus, on or before Tuesday 14 February.

TUESDAY MARCH 28 - AUSTRALIAN JAZZ MUSEUM: Outing is fully booked, you may add your name to the waiting list.

Payment on the day, \$25.00, credit card, cheque or correct cash.



TUESDAY 18 APRIL - THE YARRA VALLEY RAILWAY - HEALESVILLE to TARRAWARRA & RETURN.

Payment in February \$16.00
Pub Lunch in Healesville at own expense.

For more details:

Cath Origlasso:

Judy Brophy:

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Theatre

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

BRING & BUY

During 2022 we raised a total of \$143.25. through the monthly Bring and Buy Table.

We will make a decision in February as to who we will donate it to.

In 2023 we hope to increase our total. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Bring and Buy Table. My plants are doing well!

Our Web presence

During 2022 we have worked to improve our club's website effectiveness.

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](https://www.greymatter.org.au) or type [greymatter.org.au](https://www.greymatter.org.au) into your browser and let me know your thoughts!

Russ Dawe

February GREY MATTER

Please send copy for the February newsletter to me by Thursday, 2 February, at the latest. Thank you to everyone for your support and wonderful contributions to the GM throughout 2022.

Jan Coffey

PS: Reminder that I would also like Annual Report Copy from Committee and Conveners by early February if possible. A special thank you to those who have already contributed!

FORWARD PLANNING 2023

For all activities in January and February please check with your organizers/convenors. There may be alterations to times, dates and venues

JANUARY ACTIVITIES

Picnic in the Park: 10 January

Book Group 2: 26 January

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

Dine Out: @ Chloe's 1 February

Solo: 2 February

Scrabble: 6 February

Committee Meeting: 7 February

Canasta: 8 February

General Meeting: 14 February

Garden Appreciation: 16 February

3rd Sunday Lunch: 19 February

Walking for Enjoyment: 20 February

Film Luncheons: 21 February

Discussion: 21 February

Book Groups: 23 February

Creative Pursuits: (TBC) 27 February

Melbourne Tram Boat: 28 February

Investors: 28 February

OTHER TOURS & TRIPS

The Mouse Trap: 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



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

_____ indicated above with a tick(v).

Signed _____ Date _____

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"/>

*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.*