

Grey Matter

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Newsletter of the Greythorn Probud Club

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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!



FEBRUARY EVENTS

Dine Out	1 February
Solo	2 February
Scrabble	6 February
Committee Meeting	7 February
Canasta	8 February
General Meeting	14 February
3rd Sunday Lunch	19 February
Walking for Enjoyment	20 February
Film Luncheon	21 February
Discussion	21 February
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Creative Pursuits	27 February
Investors	28 February
Melbourne Tram Boat	28 February

Remember to look out for live links in this newsletter starting with a direct link to our Greythorn Probud website at the top of this page.

Robert's Reflections



It was a sad start to 2023 to hear of the passing of Sally Knight's husband Malcolm. I have passed on condolences from members of our Club to Sally. Many members of the Club attended the memorial service on Tuesday 17th January.

On a brighter note some thirty plus members met at the usual spot on Ruffey Lake Park and started off the activities for the year with a picnic lunch. We also had 36 people at the first Dine Out on 1st February enjoying a very nice lunch at Young and Jackson in the City

It is great to see a full schedule again of the many Club activities for February and beyond. It is of interest to note that there was a waiting list for Dine Out and there is still room for people to go on the waiting list for the Tramboat trip to Williamstown on Tuesday 28th February.

The Blue Lotus Water Garden visit on 16th February, the Yarra Valley Railway trip in April, a visit to the Jazz Museum in March and the big trip away to the Blue Mountains in October this year all point to a busy year for the activity Convenors. Just in February alone we have 15 activities in 19 working days.

Your Committee and convenors are currently involved with the annual ritual of the preparation of reports for the AGM on Tuesday 14th March.

By the way, the Club is still looking for the elusive female member of Greythorn Probud to volunteer for the position of Vice President. Please contact me or any other committee member if you wish to discuss. A nomination form is in this newsletter.

Robert Van Woerkom, President

GENERAL MEETING



Tuesday 14 February

North Balwyn Uniting Church Hall, Duggan Street,
North Balwyn

Our Guest Speaker for February is :

Stuart Williams

Current Vice President,

Title: *Thailand—My Second Home*

Stuart originally visited Thailand to have work on his teeth. Over a number of visits he met many friendly and competent people and now has friends all over Thailand. He has just returned from his 25th trip to the "Land of a thousand Smiles". Thailand has become his second home. Stuart's PowerPoint presentation will share some spectacular images of iconic sights. He will share some insights into Thai life and culture in villages and cities.

February Birthdays

Sally Knight
June Caithness
Fay Macrae
Elaine Provan
Ros Richmond
Charlie Boschetti
Helen Sanders
Shirley Branagan
Stuart Williams
Jan D'Amico
Deirdre Lancaster



ANNUAL JANUARY PICNIC AT
RUFFEY LAKE PARK



Welfare

Happy New Year to all Probus members. I do hope you and your families have been well and able to enjoy our summer weather. I have had no reports of ill health amongst you from anybody. Always a good sign. A sympathy card with our best wishes has been sent to Sally Knight and her family on the recent death of her husband Malcolm. I look forward to catching up with you all at our February meeting. Joan Teele

I would like to thank all my wonderful PROBUS friends for their love and support when Malcolm died. It was such a great help and comfort. I love you all
Sally Knight

ACTIVITIES - GROUPS

Solo

Thursday 2 February 7.30 pm

Our next meeting will be **2 March 7.30pm** at the home of Patricia Nosedá. Please let Patricia know by 28 February if you will be attending

Convenor: Denise Powell

Scrabble

Monday 6 February

Our next meeting will be **Monday 6 March 1.30 pm** at the home of Judy Brophy. Please advise Judy by Friday 3 March if attending.

Convenor: Glenys Chalk

Canasta

Wednesday 8 February 7.30 pm

The CANASTA GROUP will meet on Wed 8 February at 7.30pm at the home of Ann Price. Please advise Ann if attending.

Next meeting will be 8 March.

Convenor: Ann Price

Garden Appreciation

Thursday 16 February 9.30 am

[Blue Lotus Water Garden](https://www.bluelotusfarm.com.au/)

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The gardens appreciation group brings the stunning **Blue Lotus Water Garden** as its first garden experience for 2023. 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.

This famous garden is at 2628 Warburton Hwy, Yarra Junction - about an 1 hour drive from the Balwyn Leisure Centre so we will car pool from the Balwyn



Leisure Centre leaving at 9:30am.

To enjoy this fabulous display of magnificent lotus flowers, you will need to ensure that you advise Liz Dawe by email or text [see email address in the club membership booklet] by our February meeting but **no later than 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 Water Garden website.

While the garden has wheelchairs available for loan, the operator advises visitors that the gardens are 'ASSISTED wheelchair friendly' as there are some minor slopes and the trails are not sealed. There is an accessible toilet.

Garden Appreciation (Cont.)

Thursday 16 March

Cruden Farm, 9:30am (@ Balwyn)

60 Cranbourne - Frankston Rd.,
Langwarrin 3910

Entry via Cranhaven Road.

Entry \$10 to wander or walking tour \$35 – includes entry price.

Lunch- possibly at Frankston RSL.

Usual arrangements for car pooling. Please indicate interest at the February meeting as, of course, I will need to make a firm booking & collect money *before the March meeting* if we are doing a tour.

More information in the March Grey Matter.

Convenor: Liz Dawe

3rd Sunday Lunch

Sunday 19 February 12 Noon

Come and join us.

A glass of wine, tasty bite & friendships to enjoy at:

Chicken or the Egg

76-78 Maling Road, Canterbury 3126

All welcome. Please let me know if you can come by Thursday February 16th.

Convenor: Angela Johns

Walking for Enjoyment

Monday 20 February 10 am

Westgate Park to Yarra River

Meet in the car park Westgate Park off Todd Road
Port Melbourne Melway 56 F1

Coffee at Pier 35

Lunch option Cornerstone Hotel

1 Crockford St.

Port Melbourne

Names taken at February meeting.

Convenor: John Astle

Discussion Group

Convenor: Roy Price

Cinema and Lunch

The FILM LUNCHEON will recommence on **Tuesday February 21** (3rd Tuesday each month)

Palace Theatre, Whitehorse Rd. Balwyn

Name and time of film will be announced at the Probus meeting. Please have correct money, \$12.00 pp. in a named envelope.

Credit will not be extended this year!!

Convenor: Joan Teele

Book Groups

Thursday, 23 February 2pm

BOOK GROUP 1

Book Group 1 will meet at Hawthorn Library to discuss "The Promise" by Damon Galgut. Leader - Stanley Petzall

Convenor: Patricia Nosedo **BOOK GROUP 2**

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 on 0439853033 by Tuesday 21 February if you cannot attend.

Convenor: Margaret Goding

Creative Pursuits

Monday 27 February 9.45 am

Dome of the Exhibition Building \$23

Meet in Foyer of Museum at 9.45am.

Lunch afterwards at nearby hotel at own expense.

Monday 27 March - Rone Exhibition above Flinders

Street Station - 10:30am.

Details at 14 February meeting.

Payments as in Grey Matter

Convenor: Elaine Provan:

Investors

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

Cheers, Charlie

Convenor: Charlie Boschetti:

These club members were having fun in January. What were you up to??



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Tours & Trips 2023

SPRING TOUR 2023

BLUE MOUNTAINS

SATURDAY 14 - THURSDAY 19

OCTOBER 2023

Have you paid your First Deposit and sent your Booking Forms to Group Link Travel?

DAY TRIPS for 2023

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 28 - MELBOURNE TRAMBOAT

SCENIC CRUISE TO WILLIAMSTOWN & return: .

Meet at 10.00am

Boarding at 10.15am

Departs 10.30am

Departs Victoria Harbour, opposite Marvel Stadium,

TRAM STOP D2 - Tram70 Wattle Park via Flinders St

OR Tram75 Vermont South via Flinders St

Returns 2.00pm

If payment - **\$49.00pp** (not \$40.00!) is not made by Tuesday 14th, your name will be removed & waiting list offered a place.

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.

Pub Lunch in Healesville at own expense.

NO PAYMENT YET PLEASE.

Cath Origlasso

Judy Brophy

BRING & BUY TABLE AT THE GM

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

We have made the decision to donate the money to a very worthy organisation, Camcare, Boroondara.

Thank you to everyone who donated items, or bought them in 2022.

Don't forget items for the table at our first meeting, and your gold coins for purchases!



2023 FOOTBALL TIPPING COMPETITION.

Following the success of 2022, the Footy Tipping Comp is back for season 2023.

We will use the ESPN footy tips online platform. The competition will go from Round 1 to the Grand Final. We will use the ESPN standard rules. This means that should you forget or be unable to enter your tips in any Round, you will be allocated the away team. You will also be required to select the winning margin on one game each Round, as nominated by ESPN. Tips must be entered before the commencement of each game. Should you be going on holidays or be away from your computer then don't worry. Tips can be entered several weeks in advance of the Round.

The entry fee will be \$5 per tipster, payable upon entry to our Bendigo Bank account (BSB: 633000, Account Number: 168764322) or the Treasurer (Geoff Warren). The end of season prize split will be 1st 60%, 2nd 30% and 3rd 10% of the prize pool and, of course, the winner will hold the much-coveted **Mavis Cup** for one year.

You will also be invited to our Pie Night to be held during the Preliminary Final on Saturday 16 September 2023.

The 1st Round commences on Thursday 16 March 2023.

It is important to note that your tips must be entered online by computer, mobile phone or another electronic device. We are unable to accept your tips by email or phone call.

NEXT STEPS.

Join up now - don't wait until it is too late.

p.s. new tipsters will need to register with "ESPN footy tips".

Good tipping everyone

Any queries should be directed to the joint convenors .

Peter Harman or Phil Pitsikas.

Dine out at Chloes

Our first Dine Out for 2023 was a great success with 36 members attending lunch at Young & Jackson's in the City.

We are currently deciding on our next Dine Out & more information will be available in March Grey Matters.

Margaret and Barbara



Theatre

Wednesday 8 March 1pm

The Mousetrap at the Comedy Theatre, 1pm.

Tickets will be distributed at the February meeting



Wednesday 22 March 10am



The Winner Is at:
The Stairway in Rooks Rd, Vermont. Songs from films from 1935 starring Ian Stenlake and Michelle Fitzmaurice. Cost is

\$20pp and must be paid by the end of February.

Coffee and cake starts at 10am

Convener: Barbara Mathews

Subscriptions and payments

Please always insert your **name** and the **event** in the message/reference area. Also inform convener 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 convener.

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 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.

March GREY MATTER

Please send copy for the March newsletter to me by Thursday, 2 March at the latest.

A reminder that Annual Report copy from Committee and Conveners is needed as soon as possible, but no later than 20 February. A special thank you to those who have already contributed!

Jan Coffey

FORWARD PLANNING 2023

For all activities please check with your organizers/conveners. There may be occasional changes to times, dates and venues.

MARCH ACTIVITIES

Solo:	2 March
Scrabble:	6 March
Committee Meeting:	7 March
Canasta:	8 March
The Mouse Trap :	8 March
Annual General Meeting:	14 March
Garden Appreciation:	16 March
3rd Sunday Lunch:	19 March
Walking for Enjoyment:	20 March
Film Luncheons:	21 March
Discussion:	21 March
The Winner Is	22 March
Book Groups:	23 March
Creative Pursuits:	27 March
Investors:	28 March
Jazz Museum:	28 March

OTHER TOURS & TRIPS

Yarra Valley Railway:	18 April
Blue Mountains trip	14-19 October

FOUR INGREDIENT BAILEYS CONDENSED FRUIT CAKE.

1kg mixed dried fruit
400g can condensed milk
3/4 cup Baileys Irish Cream liqueur
2 cups self raising flour.

METHOD

1. In a large bowl, combine dried fruit, condensed milk, Baileys and 1/2 cup water. Mix well, cover and refrigerate overnight.
2. Remove from fridge and stir well, allowing it to come to room temp. Preheat oven to 150C. Grease and line a deep 20cm round cake tin with Baking paper.
3. Fold flour through soaked fruit. Pour into prepared tin and smooth top.

Bake for 2 hours until skewer inserted into centre comes out clean, checking it at the 1 1/2 hour mark and covering with foil if browning to quickly. **Denise B's recipe, by popular request!**

Our thanks to Boroondara for their support of
our club
its ac-
tivities



BOROONDARA

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.*