

Grey Matter

April '23

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Newsletter of the Greythorn Probud Club

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Stuart's First Script



Welcome to the new Probud year 2023-24. I am excited about leading this amazing club. I believe the committee and I are merely custodians of Greythorn Probud for this year. Last year's President, Robert, became a close friend during my stint as Vice-President. A job well done Robert. The club is in a strong financial position. The extensive activities and excellent fellowship will continue.

If you are new to the club, I encourage you to throw yourself into the myriad of experiences on offer. A couple of weeks ago I walked with John and Sue at Warrandyte, then on Tuesday enjoyed Roy's research into "The Mini". On

Wednesday I was delighted by the musical morning at Stairway auditorium – thanks Barbara. The week after, The Jazz museum was interesting and fun – thanks Judy. Only attending a monthly meeting makes it difficult to make and develop new friendships. Please say hello to me, because, as a reasonably new member, I do not know all members.

It is time also to pay your annual fee. If at all possible, please transfer the \$50 electronically. Details in Grey Matter.

At my time of life I'm reflecting on changes I never imagined. I used to call them my left and right knee. Now, it is the good one and the bad one. I hope you are all feeling OK.

As you saw at the AGM, there have been some management committee changes. We will miss having Ron Johnson's professionalism and wise counsel. Ron was the Club President for 2 years during COVID. Peter Ogier has taken over from Peter Harman as membership chair. Peter is our longest serving committee member- thanks for your dedication and service Peter. Adrienne Salvagno will have responsibility for guest speakers, taking over from Meredith Daniel. Thanks for your work Meredith. Mary Dunn's work organizing functions will be shared. Thanks Mary. Enough from me, see you on the 11th.

Stuart

Stuart Williams, President



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



GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 11 April
Commencing at 10 am
 North Balwyn Uniting Church Hall, Duggan
 Street, North Balwyn

April Speaker



Carolyn Pethick

'To Hell and Back – A Policewoman's Story'

For over 30 years Carolyn Pethick served with the Victorian Police with pride. It was a job she loved and she was a key part of every community she served.

She was continually bullied, discriminated against for being female and sexually harassed on several occasions. Her resilience and willingness to challenge what she knew was wrong, sometimes at an horrendous cost, have been captured in her presentations and her book, "To Hell and Back – A Policewoman's Story". Her presentations focus on encouraging women to speak up and report the discriminative treatment that women experience in the workplace on a daily basis.

Carolyn's mission is to be the voice of the victims, both male and female, who are too scared or intimidated to speak out for themselves.

APRIL EVENTS

Scrabble	3 April
Committee Meeting	4 April
Solo	6 April
General Meeting	11 April
Canasta	12 April
3rd Sunday Lunch	16 April
Walking for Enjoyment	17 April
Yarra Valley Railway	18 April
Discussion	19 April
Garden Appreciation	20 April
Creative Pursuits	24 April
Book Groups	27 April

Management Committee 2023-24



President: Stuart Williams

Vice President: Russ Dawe

Immediate Past President: Robert Van Woerkom

Secretary: Glenys Chalk

Treasurer: Geoff Warren

Membership: Peter Ogier

Newsletter and Reports: Jan Coffey

Welfare: Joan Teele

Guest speakers: Adrienne Salvagno

Outings and Activities: Cath Origlasso & Judy Brophy.

Hospitality: committee position will remain vacant

Margaret Cox and Barbara Van Woerkom will manage the Anniversary and Christmas lunches .

Assistant Treasurer: Phil Pitsikas

Financial Reviewer: Marty Malone

Web and Archives: Russ Dawe

April Birthdays

Diane O'Brien	4
Neville Johns	4
Barbara Capaul	7
John Fliegner	13
Philip Bolger	28
Glenys Chalk	30
Peter Harman	30

WELFARE

I hope you are all enjoying the milder Autumn weather. Of course with day light saving over for another year we now look forward to a brighter start for the day. As always, I regret not making the most of our longer summer evenings.

June Caithness is improving following her leg surgery. She is being very diligent with her exercises and starting to venture out again. So very good news

Ros Sinclair has been spending some time in respite care during the past few weeks. We wish her well. Sadly, Meredith Daniel received a serious cancer diagnosis recently and is undergoing pain management treatment. We are thinking of her and send her our best wishes.

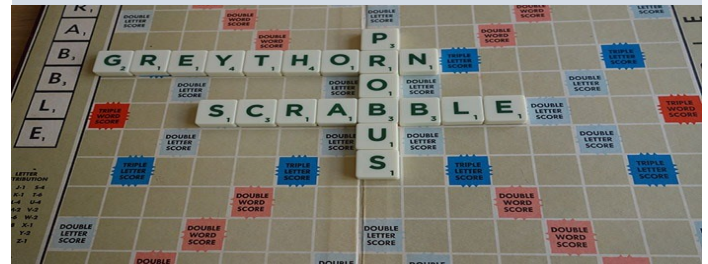
All keep well and enjoy all our upcoming Probus activities.

Joan Teele

ACTIVITIES - GROUPS - CONVENORS 2023

Scrabble	Glenys Chalk	1st Monday
COMMITTEE		1 st Tuesday
Solo	Denise Powell	1st Thursday
GENERAL MEETING		2 nd Tuesday
Canasta	Ann Price	2nd Wednesday
Walking for enjoyment	John Astle	3rd Monday
Film Luncheons	Joan Teele	3rd Tuesday
Discussion	Roy Price	3rd Tue/Wed
Garden Apprec'n	Liz Dawe	3rd Thursday
3rd Sunday Lunch	Angels Johns	3rd Sunday
Creative Pursuits	Elaine Provan	4th Monday
Investors	Charlie Boschetti	4th Tuesday
Book Group 1	Patricia Nosedá	4th Thursday
Book Group 2	Margaret Goding	4th Thursday
Dine Out	Margaret Cox Barbara Van Woerkom	Bi Monthly
Theatre	Barb Mathews	various

Scrabble



Monday 3 April 1.30pm

Our next meeting will be **Monday 1st May** at 1.30 pm at the home of Liz Jericho. Please advise Liz by Friday 28 April if attending.

Conveyor: Glenys Chalk

Solo

Thursday 6 April 7.30 pm

At the home of Denise Powell

The following meeting will be **Thursday 4 May 7.30pm** at the home of Veronica McLellan. Please let Veronica know 2 May if you will be attending.

Convenor: Denise Powell

Canasta



Wednesday 12 April 7.30 pm

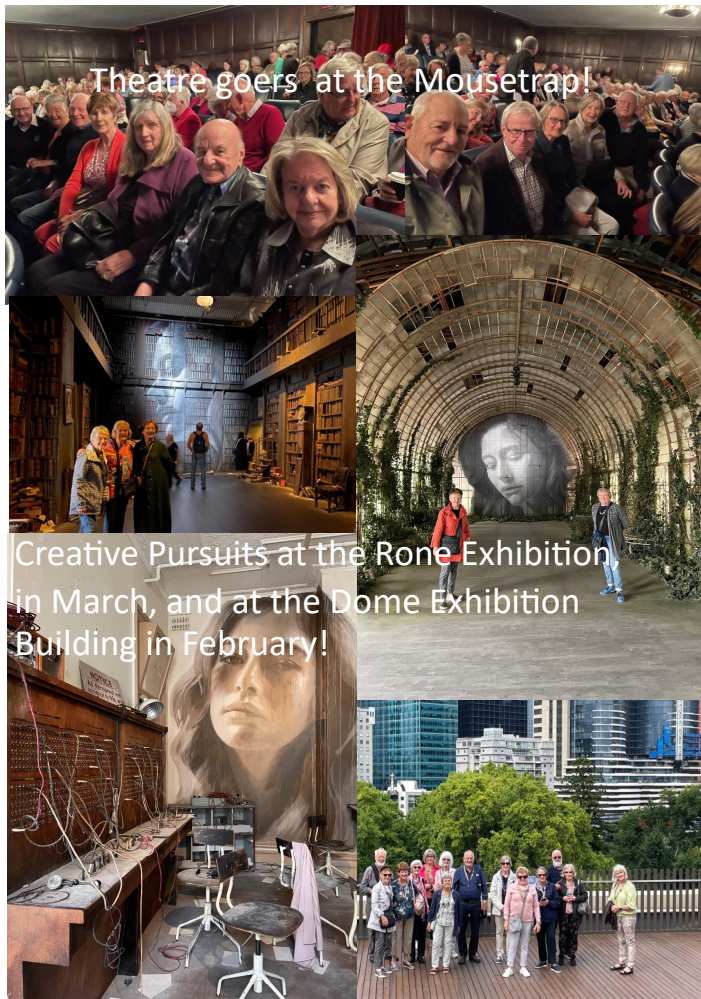
The CANASTA GROUP will meet on Wednesday 12 April at 7.30pm at the home of Barbara Mathews



Convenor: Ann Price



Members' Activities in March



Film and Lunch

There will be no Film Luncheon in April due to a clash with the Yarra Valley Railway Trip.

In March we viewed the very entertaining *Fishermen's Friends*, based on a true story.

Next Film Luncheon will be Tuesday, May 16 at **Palace Theatre, Whitehorse Rd Balwyn.**

Convenor: Joan Teele



Our film buffs at the Palace Cinema

3rd Sunday Lunch

Sunday 16 April 12 Noon

Come and join us.

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



The Jolly Miller

315 Doncaster Road, North Balwyn
(Greythorn Shopping Centre)

All welcome. Please let me know if you can come by Thursday 13 April.

Convenor: Angela Johns

Walking for Enjoyment

Monday 17 April 10 am

Collins Bridge to Dights Falls
Kerb side parking Yarra Boulevard Kew
Melway 2 D B11
Coffee at Convent Bakery Abbotsford

Wednesday 17 May 10.00 am

NOTE Change of day to a Wednesday as restaurant closed on a Monday.

Walk will be in the city

Lunch at William Angliss Restaurant. \$35.00 per head. Limit 20. Subsidised

Names taken at April and May's meetings

Convenor: John Astle



Our walkers at Pound Creek

Discussion Group

Wednesday 19 April 11am

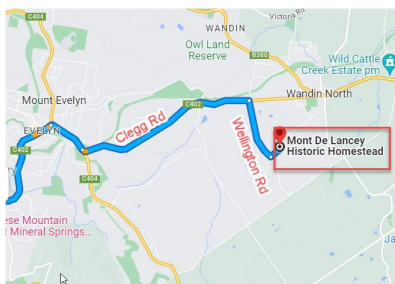


Garden Appreciation

Thursday 20 April

Mont De Lancey Historic Homestead and Garden

71 Wellington Rd, Wandin North
Henry Sabire acquired the land in 1865 and the property remained in the family until 1993 when the house, outbuildings and 4 acres were donated to the community.



Meet at the Balwyn Leisure Centre at 9:30am to car pool. Arrive at Mont De Lancey about 10:30 for morning tea on-site at "Two Peas in

their Pod" café. Scone & tea/coffee \$10

Following the tour there will be a light lunch in the café. The cost will be \$15 including tea/coffee/juice.

The entry fee for the tour is \$10 – minimum of 10 people.

Garden Appreciation (cont)

Thursday 18 May Cranbourne Botanic Gardens



Meet at the Balwyn Leisure Centre at 9:30 to car pool. About a 1 hour drive.

There are 3 options on the list.

A. **Open bus tour** – \$12 – commencing at 11:00am, a 25 minute tour to give an overview of the gardens..... – then visit areas of interest.

B. **Walking tour** – \$12 – a 1 hour guided walking tour – depending on availability of a guide. (recommended)

C. Walk around the garden by yourself – no charge.

Lunch will be booked at the Boon Warrung Café for 12:30pm

Maximum number of participants - 15.

Convenor : Liz Dawe

Creative Pursuits

Visit at your leisure - April 13 - 16

Australasian Quilt Convention

Royal Exhibition Building

Carlton Gardens.

Purchase tickets \$20 online.

No meeting 24 April due to Anzac Day
next day

May 22 - Geelong Art Gallery

Clarice Beckett Exhibition

Register interest at Club meeting April 11 or email Elaine Provan.

Convenor: Elaine Provan:

Investors

Our next meeting is Tuesday 2 May 7.30pm at the Hub (no meeting 25 April due to Anzac day)

Convenor: Charlie Boschetti:

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Book Groups

Thursday, 27 April 2pm

BOOK GROUP 1

Book Group 1 will meet at Hawthorn Library at 2pm to discuss "The Beekeeper of Aleppo" by Christy Lefteri.

Convenor: Patricia Nosedá

BOOK GROUP 2

The next meeting of Book Group 2 will be at the home of Barbara Van Woerkom on Thursday 27 April at 2pm to discuss "The Children Act" by Ian McEwan. Please let Barbara know by Tuesday 5 April if you cannot attend.

Convenor: Margaret Goding

Dine Out

Wednesday, May 31 at 12.30pm
AFGHAN VILLAGE



923 Burke Road
Camberwell

Our Dine Out at Afghan Village is now fully booked. However, we are still taking names for a waiting list.

The food will be from their banquet menu at a cost of \$55.00 per person.

The restaurant is fully licenced & BYO. Corkage \$10 per bottle.

PAYMENT WILL BE REQUIRED BY 9TH MAY at the latest.

Convenors:

Barbara van Woerkom
Margaret Cox

Footy Tipping



Before the first match, it all seemed so easy. Cats unbeatable, Pies due for the wobbles, Blues good early, St Kilda mediocre as always and Hawks, Kangas and Eagles hopeless. But now, all the learned tipsters are struggling with even our leading tipsters, statistically, doing very little better than if they had tossed a coin to determine their tips.

For the record then, after three rounds, equal leaders are Mary Dunn and Denise Powell who also shared the lead at this stage last year.

Peter Harman and Phil Pitsikas

KEW EAST COMMUNITY RECYCLING

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EVERY SATURDAY
2-4PM

4TH KEW SCOUT
HALL
13 GLASS STREET,
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WHAT WE COLLECT:

- Oral care incl electric
- Pump/plunger dispensers
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- Razors
- Plastic bread tags
- Blister packs
- Damaged toys - electronic, metal, plastic or plush (no batteries please)



If you're not sure if it can be recycled, bring it along. We'll be there to help you.

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Kew East Community is recycling items that cannot currently be recycled through the local council program .

Tours & Trips 2023

THE YARRA VALLEY RAILWAY, HEALESVILLE TO TARRAWARRA & RETURN - TUESDAY APRIL 18th



This Day Trip is full, you can add your name to the Waiting List.

We will be car-pooling, meeting in the car park opposite the Boroondara Sports Centre in Belmore Road, Balwyn at 9.00am, arriving at Healesville Station.

Please check the list at the meeting & mark if you will need a ride or if you are able to drive & how many. There will be two train groups - A & B, you will be emailed re which group you are in.

GROUP A will be on the 10.30am train, **GROUP B** will be able to have a look around the shops in Healesville, returning to the station for the 11.30 journey.

Lunch: at own cost at The Grand Hotel Healesville 12.45pm, **pre-orders essential** - please check the menu at the meeting & mark your choice, desserts as well.

TOUR:

THE SPECTACULAR BLUE MOUNTAINS - OCTOBER, SATURDAY 14th - THURSDAY 19th 2023

Please keep a lookout for updates in your inbox

More travellers are welcome, please see Cath or Judy

Convenors: Judy Brophy:

Cath Origlasso:



Reviews



JAZZ MUSEUM On Tuesday 28th March a group of Greythorn Groovers spent a few hours exploring The Australian Jazz Museum. Such an amazing resource, more than 75,000 records, tapes & CDs covering Australia's rich Jazz history.

The Museum was formed in 1996 to address a major concern among the jazz community that this history was in danger of being lost.

As well as recordings, fragile & rare which are transcribed onto discs & stored in a controlled atmosphere vault, they have a large library, photos, posters, catalogues, program, instruments, in fact anything to do with Australian jazz.

All these thousands of items have been donated & are sorted, dated, catalogued & archived by volunteers.

We enjoyed a toe-tapping performance by four members on piano, double bass, drums & sax, & the talented Annie Smith on vocals.

Our visit concluded with a light lunch.

Everyone agreed it was a most enjoyable way to spend a morning.

Judy



Nelson Alexander

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Theatre

Wednesday 10 May 11am

It Takes Two. At The Stairway. Karla Hillem and Johnathon Guthrie Jones sing duets from 50's, 60's and 70's. Coffee starts at 10am. Cost is \$20pp



Sunday 18 June -2pm

All Shook Up. At Karralyka in Ringwood East. The story is loosely based on Twelfth Night and features the greatest songs of Elvis Presley. This musical fantasy presented by Babirra is a singing dancing fantasy of rock and roll and will have you jumping out of your blue suede shoes. Cost is \$50 pp group price and payment must be made by the end of April.

Convener: Barbara Mathews

Subscriptions and payments

Direct Debit (EFT) **BSB 633 000**
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Please always insert your **name** and the **event** in the message/reference area. Also inform the relevant **convenor**, and the **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, 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.

FORWARD PLANNING 2023

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

MAY ACTIVITIES

Scrabble:	1 May
Committee Meeting:	2 May
Solo:	4 May
General Meeting:	9 May
Canasta:	10 May
<i>It Takes Two:</i>	10 May
Discussion:	16 May
Film Luncheon:	16 May
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Investors:	23 May
Book Groups:	25 May
Dine Out Afghan Village:	31 May

OTHER EVENTS

Blue Mountains Trip: 14 – 19 October
Australian Islamic Museum Tour: 15 June

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MAY GREY MATTER

Please send articles/photos etc for the May newsletter to me by Thursday 27 April at the latest. Late entries cannot be guaranteed inclusion in the newsletter.

Jan Coffey Newsletters and Reports

PS Look out for the Live Links!

BRING & BUY

Thank you to everyone who donated items, or bought them in 2022. Don't forget your donations for our Bring & Buy table . . . plants/seeds/bulbs, crafts, books etc & your gold coins for your purchases at the April General Meeting.