

Grey Matter

May '23



Newsletter of the Greythorn Probud Club

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Stuart's Script



What a wonderful start to our Probud year. We had 60 club members go on the Healesville train trip and lunch at the Grand Hotel. The weather was wonderful, and the chatter between everybody was delightful, but such occasions don't just happen, they need to be planned and managed. A big thank you to Judy

and Cath whose diligence meant everything went smoothly. Those on the train had it confirmed that "there is light at the end of the tunnel".

I appreciate the efforts of all our coordinators and committee members who arrange and manage such a diverse range of activities.

It was very sad to lose Ros Sinclair. Rest in peace Ros. She will be missed.

We will induct two new members at our May meeting. If you have forgotten to pay your subs, please pay \$50 now.

Probud could be the most impressive achievement of Australian Rotary. You might be interested that Rotary International is hosting its annual international convention in Melbourne at the end of May. More than 13,000 attendees, from over 130 countries are expected. Say hello to them as they move around Melbourne.

I attended a seminar put on by City of Boroondara on Wednesday 26 April – Putting out the Welcome Mat. Useful for contacts.

There are many interesting opportunities ahead, even as the weather cools, so make sure you sign up for fun and stimulation.

Stuart Williams, President

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

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



GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 9 May

Commencing at 10 am

North Balwyn Uniting Church Hall, Duggan
Street, North Balwyn

May Speaker

Elida Brereton



Our guest speaker for May will be talking about her travels to Antarctica. Elida delighted us last year with her talk on the "Secret Life of a High School Principal"

I am sure we will all look forward to and will enjoy, her presentation in May.

MAY EVENTS

Scrabble	1 May
Committee Meeting	2 May
Investors 1	2 May
Solo	4 May
General Meeting	9 May
Canasta	10 May
Theatre <i>It Takes Two</i>	10 May
Discussion	16 May
Film Luncheon	16 May
Walking for Enjoyment	17 May
Garden Appreciation	18 May
3rd Sunday	21 May
Creative Pursuits	22 May
Book Groups	25 May
Investors 2	30 May
Dine Out at Afghan Village	31 May

May Birthdays

Chresley Robson	5
John Astle	5
Barbara Mathews	5
Robert Van Woerkom	8
Margaret Doherty	12
Susan Astle	14
Wal Hamilton	17

New Record! 51 Members attend Harp Lunch in April after the GM. Help us break the record again this month!



ANNIVERSARY LUNCH

16TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
11 July 2023 12 Noon

GREENACRES GOLF CLUB
51 Elm Grove,
Kew East



Come & celebrate 16 years of fun & friendship at our Anniversary lunch at Greenacres golf club.

This will be a subsidised 3 course lunch including tea & coffee, and great entertainment as well (thank you Adrienne) Cost will be \$55.00 for members, non-members \$75.00.

Payment for our special event is due by June 10th. If paying by EFT, please advise Geoff Warren, Margaret Cox & Barbara Van Woerkom. If you have any special dietary requirements, please notify Margaret Cox asap.

Margaret Cox:
Barbara Van Woerkom:

VALE

MEREDITH DANIEL 1943 - 2023



As a Foundation Member of Greythorn Probus, Meredith, along with her husband Neville, was a very active and involved member from the early days of our Club.

Over the years, Meredith wore many hats as Convenor of Creative Pursuits, the inspiration for our Xmas decorations, a keen member of the Garden group and the organiser with Judy Lewis of many successful Dine Out functions, especially the memorable Gourmet Tour of Tasmania. As Meredith said "we're going out with a bang, not a whimper" at the completion of their 3 year term.

Most recently of course, as Guest Speaker Convenor, Meredith provided us with a range of excellent speakers and the opportunity for all members to get to know her.

Meredith will be greatly missed, a warm, generous, talented lady and a good friend.

We extend our sympathies to Neville and all the family.

WELFARE

Last month was a very busy one with Easter celebrations, Anzac Day and School holidays. June Caithness has made a good recovery from her leg surgery and was able to enjoy our recent Healesville train trip. So good to see her.

Many Probus members attended the Memorial Service for Ros Sinclair recently. Ros had been ill for the past 18 months and has been missed at our various group activities. Our sympathy to Michael and family.

We also feel great sadness with the passing of Meredith Daniel. Meredith died peacefully on Wednesday, 3rd May, at Cabrini Hospital, after a short battle with pancreatic cancer. Our sincere condolences to Neville and family.

Joan Teele

VALE
ROS SINCLAIR 1945—2023



Ros and Michael Sinclair joined Greythorn Probus some years ago after being introduced to the Club by Meredith and Neville Daniel. Ros was a very warm, friendly and creative lady and an active member of the Creative Pursuits group. Ros was also an enthusiastic Convenor of the Garden Group for several years and was involved with many other Probus activities. It was a pleasure to see that Ros was well enough to attend our Christmas Lunch last year and was able to meet up with her many friends. Ros will be greatly missed, and we extend our sympathy to Michael and family.



Theatre

Wednesday 10 May 11am

It Takes Two. At The Stairway. Coffee starts at 10am.

Sunday 18 June 2pm

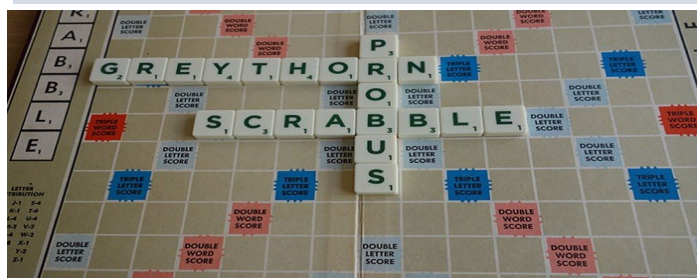
All Shook Up. At Karralyka in Ringwood East. The story is loosely based on Twelfth Night and features the greatest songs of Elvis Presley. This musical fantasy presented by Babirra is a singing dancing fantasy of rock and roll and will have you jumping out of your blue suede shoes. Cost is \$50 pp group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

Wednesday 5 July 11am

Night and Day Wednesday 5th July at Stairway. Gina Hogan, a great artist, brings us songs from Doris Day and Shirley Bassey as she moves effortlessly from songs of the gentle Doris to the powerful Shirley. Coffee starts at 10 am and cost is \$20pp which must be paid by the end of May.

Convenor: Barbara Mathews

Scrabble



Monday 1 May 1.30pm

Our next meeting will be **Monday 5 June** at 1.30 pm at the home of Glenys Chalk. Please advise Glenys by **Friday 2 June** if attending

Conveyor: Glenys Chalk

Solo

Thursday 4 May 7.30 pm at the home of Anne and Peter Harman the following meeting will be **Thursday June 1 at 1.30 pm (note change of time)** at the home of Janet Cook. Please let Janet know by **Monday 29 May** if you will be attending.

Convenor: Denise Powell

What were members up to in April?



Canasta



Wednesday 10 May 7.30 pm

The CANASTA GROUP will meet at 7.30pm at the home of Denise & Charlie Boschetti. Please advise Denise if attending.

Convenor: Ann Price

Film and Lunch

Tuesday, May 16

Palace Theatre, Whitehorse Rd Balwyn.

Name and time of film will be announced at the Probus May Meeting.

Please have correct money (\$12.00) in a named envelope.

Optional lunch at East & Co after the film.

Convenor: Joan Teele

3rd Sunday Lunch

Sunday 21 May 12 Noon

Book early as numbers are limited.

Venue is:



The Bistro, Box Hill RSL
26-28 Nelson Road, Box Hill

For booking contact Diane O'Brien (organizer for May Lunch)

by Thursday May 18 at the latest.

Convenor: Angela Johns

Walking for Enjoyment

Wednesday 17 May 10.00 am

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

Princes Bridge to Newquay

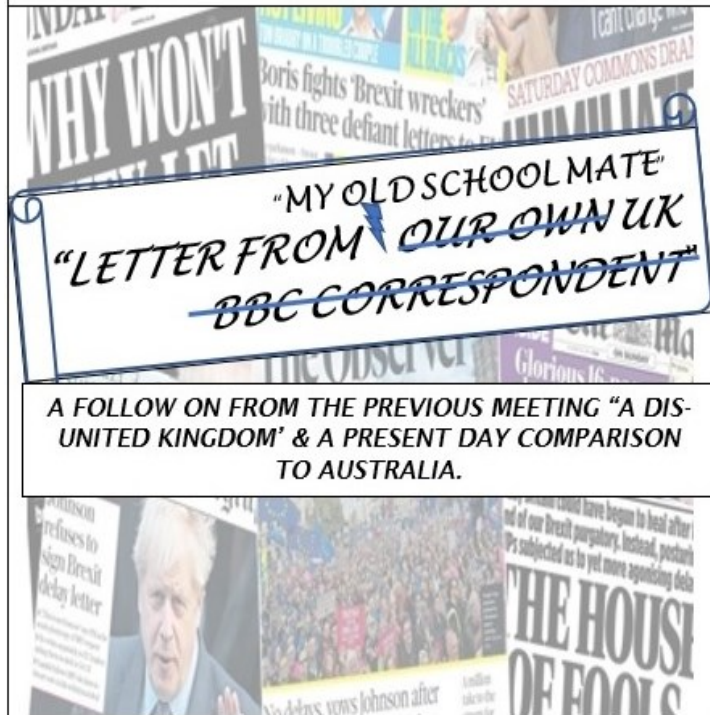
Meet at Princes Bridge near Flinders Street Station
Melway 2F G6
Coffee en route

Lunch at William Angliss restaurant \$35.00 per head but it will be subsidised. Pay on the day.

Convenor: John Astle

Discussion Group

**DISCUSSION GROUP at THE HARP HOTEL 11.00am
TUES 16 MAY 2023 (NB DAY CHANGE)**



Convenor: Roy Price

Garden Appreciation

**Thursday 18 May Cranbourne Botanic Gardens
9.30 am [Click here for more information](#)**



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

At 11:00am there is a booked **25 minute Open bus guided tour** – to give an overview of the gardens -- then visit area of your interest. The cost of the tour is \$12 p/p
Lunch has been booked at the Boon Warring Café for 12:30pm

After lunch you are free to continue your visit to the gardens if you wish (by arrangement with relevant driver)

Maximum number of lunch booking participants - 15.

Garden Appreciation (cont.)

Thursday 15 June 10 am

Tour of the Australian Islamic Museum, 15A Anderson Rd Thornbury [Click here for more information.](#)

Meet at 9.50 am for a 10 .00am start of tour. \$10.00. Lunch after at Old England Hotel in Heidelberg. Maximum 20 for lunch.

Organiser **Sue Astle**

Convenor Liz Dawe



Creative Pursuits

May 22 - Geelong Art Gallery

Clarice Beckett Exhibition [Click here for more information.](#)

Meet at Southern Cross Station at 9:30am for train to Geelong . Approx return 3:15pm

Confirm attendance at General Meeting 9 May

Monday 26 June - Bendigo - Women's Weekly - 90 years.

Convenor: Elaine Provan

Investors

Tuesday 2 May and Tuesday 30 May 7.30pm at the Hub. Double the fun!

Convenor: Charlie Boschetti

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Book Groups

Thursday, 25 May 2pm

BOOK GROUP 1

Book Group 1 will meet at Hawthorn Library at 2pm to discuss "The Wonder" by Emma Donoghue.

Convenor: Patricia Nosedá

BOOK GROUP 2

The next meeting of Book Group 2 will be at the home of Joan Teele on Thursday 25 May at 2pm to discuss "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles. Please let Joan know by Tuesday 23 May on 0418 493 012 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

Congratulations to Mary Dunn and Stuart Williams who both tipped all 9 winners in Round 6. Last year, in 22 rounds, this feat was achieved only three times.

Unsurprising then, that after Round 7, Mary Dunn continues to lead by 2. Five tipsters are jostling for second place which for the moment is held by Roy Price.

The Magpies remain a firm favourite with our tipsters but surely their penchant for 'come from behind' wins is a health hazard for Probarians - as is the demise of Richmond. Kevin O'Connor was the only one to tip Gold Coast to beat Richmond

KEW EAST COMMUNITY RECYCLING MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER

4TH KEW SCOUT HALL
13 GLASS STREET,
KEW EAST



EVERY SATURDAY
2-4PM

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS WE COLLECT:

- Oral care
- Skin care & make-up containers
- Razors
- Plastic bread tags
- Blister packs
- Broken toys
- Mobile phones & accessories
- Computer e-waste
- and much more...



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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To join us email
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FOR MORE
DETAILS



Drop off your items (in box) at the 4th Kew Scout Hall, 2– 4pm Saturdays, or bring them SORTED to the Probus Meeting on 9 May. If you use Facebook [tap on this link](#) for more details on what can be recycled.

Healesville Review

Tuesday 18th April saw 60 — YES 60 — members travel to Healesville for a day out. We are all grateful to those who offered their cars and driving skills to car-pool this event and make it possible. A superb warm and sunny Autumn Day proved a bonus. After a pleasant trip to our destination arriving around 10.00 a.m., we split into 2 groups, one boarding the historic Yarra Valley 2-carriage train for the short trip along the well-worn track enjoying the sights along the way. Group 2 proceeded to the township for shopping or morning tea. After an hour the groups swapped places. It is worth noting that 2 magnificent, friendly, LARGE German Mountain dogs welcomed all visitors to the station. The dog lovers amongst us were thrilled to meet them.

At 12.45 p.m. we descended on The Grand Hotel where a large area was set aside for us for our sumptuous lunch. (As mentioned in previous dispatches, Greythorn Probus rarely goes anywhere without 'sumptuous' meals).

This all went like clockwork thanks to the kitchen and wait staff and diners were pleased with their gastronomical choices. The noise level in the hotel from members talking & laughing was several decibels above normal!!! The Apple Crumble proved a winner with ALMOST everyone. One diner, who shall remain anonymous, even managed to score a second helping. Without cost!

We would have enjoyed a spot of retail therapy given the chance but the powers-that-be decided that a power outage was necessary on the day of our visit and thus most of the interesting shops were closed. I imagine the shopkeepers were disappointed to lose the custom of 60 cashed-up Probarians dying to open their wallets.

After lunch we made our way back to Melbourne after a wonderfully happy outing. Thanks to all who willingly shared cars and all who came.

Judy and Cath

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Healesville Photos



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



Subscriptions and payments

Direct Debit (EFT)

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.

JUNE GREY MATTER

Please send articles/photos etc for the June newsletter to me by Thursday 1 June at the latest. Late entries cannot be guaranteed inclusion in the newsletter.

Jan Coffey Newsletters and Reports

PS Look out for the live **LINKS** in our current edition! Click on to get more information about activities or venues.

FORWARD PLANNING 2023

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

JUNE ACTIVITIES

Solo:	1 June
Scrabble:	5 June
Committee Meeting:	6 June
General Meeting:	13 June
Canasta:	14 June
Australian Islamic Museum:	15 June
Film Luncheon	16 June
3rd Sunday Lunch:	18 June
<i>All Shook Up:</i>	18 June
Walking for Enjoyment:	19 June
Film Luncheon:	20 June
Discussion:	20 June
Book Groups:	22 June
Creative Pursuits:	26 June
Investors:	27 June

OTHER EVENTS

Night & Day: 5 July

Beleura House and Garden: 20 September

Blue Mountains Trip: 14 – 19 October

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BRING & BUY

Don't forget your donations for our Bring & Buy table . . . plants/seeds/bulbs, crafts, books etc & your gold coins for your purchases at the May General Meeting.