

Grey Matter

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Newsletter of the Greythorn Probud Club

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Stuart's Script



As a footy fanatic and an ex-umpire, September has always been a special month for me. The finals are on, supporters live in hope, the sun's warmth lifts our spirits. **It's Spring!** It was so pleasing to go for a walk and see some of the early spring colours. Are there any more beautiful trees than magnolias? There are a few of both varieties in full bloom near my place. I hope the beauty of nature and the delightful sun warms your heart as it does mine as I get back to full strength.

This year has had special significance for me as I have just been through an horrific, depressing and scary August. I thank Joan for keeping an eye on each of our members who has been hospitalised or unwell during August. I, as one of them, greatly appreciated it. I also appreciated the messages of support and visits I received.

The September Probud program excites me and I'm looking forward to mixing with all of you again. This month will see another great walk, games, visits to Beleura House and Garden, the Moorabbin Air Museum, the 'O Solo Mio' performance, as well as our book groups, discussion, cinema, lunches and more.

And, then, of course, there's the day out to the Ballarat Races at the beginning of October and the Corio Bay Lunch Cruise in November. Wow, this club certainly offers members a full and enjoyable range of activities.

Make sure you participate! With the support of our grants, it is easy to get more value than your annual subscription.

To continue to offer a wonderful Probud experience we need people to step up and offer their talents to lead and manage our club. Talk to Russ, myself or any member of the committee. We would like to have you on board. We actually have fun whilst planning and managing activities.

Stuart Williams, President



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Rod Wilkinson	1
Virginia Kemp	7
Ann Balfe	9
Greig Provan	12
Richard Van de Velde	17
Anne Harman	18
Catherine Origlasso	22
Barbara Chamberlain	25
Judy Brophy	28
Geoff Warren	29



GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 12 September

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

Australian Lions Hearing Dogs

Guest Speaker: Glenys Needham
Hearing Dog Ambassador



Glenys pictured here with Kym, recipient, & Hearing Dog Chloe.

Australian Lions Hearing Dogs, based in South Australia, provide dogs trained to alert their owners to household sounds...for safety & security.

A heartwarming & valuable project, funded by Lions Clubs throughout Australia.



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 September General Meeting.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Scrabble	4 September
Committee meeting	5 September
O Sole Mio	6 September
Solo	7 September
General Meeting	12 September
Canasta	13 September
3rd Sunday Lunch	17 September
Walking for Enjoyment	18 September
Film and Lunch	19 September
Discussion	19 September
Beleura House & Garden	20 September
Moorabbin Air Museum	22 September
Creative Pursuits	25 September
Investors	26 September
Book Groups	28 September
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WELFARE

Spring is finally here, and we can look forward to longer and warmer days.

The blossom and wattle trees are a mass of blooms, and the bulbs are all on show in many gardens.

A few of our members are still unwell unfortunately.

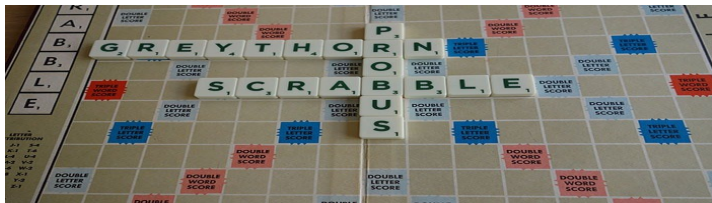
Stuart Williams is recuperating following a successful hip replacement but unfortunately has been most unwell as a result of a post operative infection. He is now on the road to recovery. Cath Origlasso continues to have good and bad days and hopes to commence treatment soon. Virginia Kemp continues with home palliative care and is well supported by visiting family. Barbara Matthews is still unwell but is slowly improving.

Our best wishes go to Rosalie Heymanson who has safely returned home after experiencing the horror and tragedy of the Maui wildfires while holidaying at her home on the Island.

All take care and stay safe and healthy.

Joan Teele

Scrabble



Monday 4 September 1:30pm the meeting was at the home of Denise Boschetti. Then on

Monday 2 October 1.30 pm the meeting will be at my home. Please let me know by Friday 29 September if attending.

Convenor: Glenys Chalk

Solo

Thursday 7 September 1.30 pm

Margaret Cox will host play. Please let Margaret know if you will be attending.

Then on

Thursday 5 October 1.30 pm

Pat McLellan will play host. Please let Pat know if you will be attending

Convenor: Denise Powell

Canasta

Wednesday 13 September, 1.30 pm

The CANASTA GROUP will meet on Wed 13 September at 1.30pm at the home of Mary & Hugh Marshall. Please advise Mary if attending

Convenor: Ann Price



Strange things happen when you play Canasta!

3rd Sunday Lunch

Sunday 17 September at 12 Noon

Come and join us.

A glass of wine, a 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 September 14th.

Convenor: Angela Johns

Walking for Enjoyment

Monday 18 September at 10: 00am

Baby Elephant Walk

Meet near the corner of Regatta Way and Lorimer St. Port Melbourne (Docklands)

Kerb side parking Lorimer St. (2 hrs limit)

Melway 2E B8

Coffee at the Other Brother, 839 Collins St.

Lunch at Pier 35, Lorimer St.

Limit 22

Small subsidy

Convenor John Astle



Walking Group 21 August



Extra walk 31 July, Finn's Reserve

Film and Lunch

Tuesday 19 September

Palace Theatre, Whitehorse Rd, Balwyn

To finalise our Grant subsidy for this year, 20 tickets will be at HALF PRICE. COST \$6.00 pp in a named envelop to Joan Teele at the September Probus meeting, where name and time of film will be announced.

Lunch to follow at EAST & CO if desired.

Convenor Joan Teele

-WORLD WAR 2 ENDED WITH THE US ATOMIC BOMB DROPPED ON JAPAN -AUG 1945.

-AND THE US PROMPTLY RETREATED BACK HOME! AND NOT SHARING ATOMIC BOMB TECH -EVEN WITH FORMER ALLIES

-THIS LEFT A BANKRUPT UK TO TAKE ON THE RACE WITH USSR (AND STALIN) TO DEVELOP OWN A-BOMB.

-A/PROF. ELIZABETH TYNAN OF J. COOK UNI, & FORMER JOURNALIST- AUTHOURED 'EMU FIELDS' -SEE PREVIEW.



DISCUSSION -EVENTS AROUND UK'S ATOMIC BOMB DEVELOPMENT

'This black smoke rolling through the mulga': almost 70 years on, it's time to remember the atomic tests at Emu Field

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A concrete plinth marking ground zero of the first Totem atomic test in South Australia in 1953. Photo: Andrew Burden

AT THE HARP HOTEL TUES 19 SEPT AT 11.00AM -TO BE CONFIRMED AT NEXT GM,

Convenor: Roy Price

[Book Preview The Secret of Emu Field.mp4](#) ctrl
*click to link

Garden Appreciation

Wednesday 20 September 8.45 am

(Please note change of day to Wednesday)

[Beleura House and Garden.](#) (ctrl +click to link)

Beleura House is in Tallis Drive, Mornington, so we will carpool from Balwyn Leisure Centre leaving at 8:45am



Meet at Mornington Golf Club in Tallis Drive to park cars. The bus from the golf club car park to Beleura leaves at 9:50am.

After our visit, which includes morning tea and lunch, we will be taken back to the Golf Club at around 2:30pm. If you find you cannot attend after paying, money can only be refunded up to **Friday 15 September**. After that date there can be no further refunds.

Thursday 12 October

[Chelsea Australia Garden, Olinda](#), – note this is the second week of October.



The Dandenong Ranges Botanic Garden is located at 24 The Georgian Road, Olinda.

Two bus tours – with commentary - of the whole of the Botanic Gardens (formerly the National Rhododendron Garden) have been booked. The first leaves at 10:30 am and can take 10 people. The second bus leaves at 11:15am. You do not have to take the bus, but please bear in mind that the area is steep.

I will need to know numbers interested in the bus to finalise the booking. While one group is on the tour the others can walk to the Chelsea Australia Garden.

Gates open at 10:00am so we would need to be there no later than 10:15am.

Lunch will be at Forntums Restaurant, 395 Mt Dandenong Tourist Road, Sassafras at 12:30pm.

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



Garden Appreciation (cont)

Unfortunately, Fortnums will not split the bill so cash will be required. A copy of the Fortnum's menu will be on display at the September and October General Meetings so members can be aware of the cash they will need to have with them.

Thursday 16 November

[Warrantina Lavender Farm, Wandin North](#) (ctrl +click to link)



Lunch at Tawney Frogmouth Café, Warrantina Lavender Farm, 105 Quayle Rd, Wandin North. Further details in October

Convenor: Liz Dawe



Garden Group at Garden World. Judy the Winner!

Creative Pursuits

Monday 25 September

Australian Tapestry Workshop:- South Melbourne
\$10 Pay on the day

Meet at the corner of Park & Perrins Streets at 10.45am for 45min—I hour tour

Place your name on the list at the General Meeting 12 September

Convenor: Elaine Provan

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Tuesday 26 September 7.30pm

Our next meeting will be at 7.30pm September 26th at the Hub.

We should be nearly back to normal, with most of us back from holidays.

Convenor: Charlie Boschettii

Book Groups



Thursday, 28 September 2pm

BOOK GROUP 1

Book Group 1 will meet at Hawthorn Library at 2pm to discuss *Shrines of Gaiety* by Kate Atkinson.

Convenor: Patricia Nosedo

BOOK GROUP 2

Our next book for discussion is *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks. The discussion will be hosted by Faye McCrae. Please let Fay know on 0419 300 900 if you cannot attend.

Convenor: Margaret Goding

KEW EAST COMMUNITY RECYCLING

Drop off your recyclable household items (in box) at the 4th Kew Scout Hall, 2– 4pm Saturdays, or bring them SORTED to the Probus Meeting on 12 September. If you use Facebook [click on this link](#) for more details on what can be recycled.

You can also check the Boroondara website

<https://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/waste-environment/waste-services/waste-drop/kew-depot-recycling-drop-centre>

Theatre

Wednesday 11 October at 11am at The Round.
Those were the days - the ladies of the British Invasion.

Hear the great hits of Cilla Black, Petula Clark, Shirley Bassey, Lulu and Dusty Springfield. Coffee starts at 10am. **\$20pp must be paid by the September meeting at the latest.**

Wednesday 22 November at The Round
Zoy Frangos – Variations. Zoy, a rich tenor with a cross-cultural upbringing, will be joined by his wife, music theatre star Elisa Colla to bring the songs of Andrew Lloyd Webber, Elvis, Ennio Morricone and others. Coffee and cake starts at 10am.
Cost is \$20pp and must be paid by the October meeting at the latest.



Friday 15 December, 7:30pm
@ James Forbes Academy, Geoffrey McComas Theatre, Scotch College, Morrison Street, Hawthorn.



The Hunchback of Notre Dame

A substantial group booking has now been made and payment (\$45 per person) is needed no later than the general meeting date. Any further requests to join the group will take 'potluck' as to whether the group booking can be increased, and adjacent seats obtained.

Organiser: Russ Dawe

Convenor: Barbara Mathews

Dine Out



LAST DINE OUT for 2023—Book your place now!!

GEPPETTO TRATTORIA

78A Wellington Parade, East Melbourne.

Tram No 48 Stop 13

TUESDAY, 31 OCTOBER at 12.30pm

Cost is \$55.00 for a two course meal with a glass of wine & coffee.

Get in early as there is a restriction of 30 people.
Payment for Geppetto's needs to be made no later than 10th October.

We look forward to seeing you there.

**Convenors: Barbara van Woerkom
Margaret Cox**

Footy Tipping



In a cut-throat final round of home and away matches, Mary Dunn increased her lead to storm home and win the minor premiership by three. With just 8 tips to

go (albeit very difficult ones), Mary is odds on favourite to win the coveted Mavis Cup.

And how good a tipster is Mary! Of more than half a million tipsters Australia wide Mary is better than 99.7% of them. In Round 22, Denise Powell was the only tipster to achieve a perfect score of 9. What is more remarkable, though, is that she did it from 17000km away!

A reminder to all our tipsters – our competition continues during the final series, so please do not forget to tip each week during September.

Our "traditional" Pie night will be held on Friday 22nd September commencing at 7:30pm. Come along, watch the First Preliminary Final and enjoy lots of fun, competitions, sweeps and prizes – and pies!

TOURS AND TRPS

MOORABBIN AIR MUSEUM

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 10.30am

GUIDED TOUR \$7.00pp



The collection at Moorabbin Air Museum is one of the largest and most varied in Australia. The collection is based around Aircraft

Manufactured or Built in Australia, primarily by the Department of Aircraft Production, Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation and the Government Aircraft Factory.

Lunch after at THE FLIGHT DECK BAR & GRILL

This will be a car pooling event.

Names must be on the list by The General Meeting 12 September!

PROBUS ASSOCIATION VICTORIA FRIENDSHIP DAY

MONDAY 2 OCTOBER

Ballarat Turf Club

This list is closed.



SPECTACULAR BLUE MOUNTAINS TOUR

SATURDAY 14 - THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER 2023

Please keep a lookout for updates in your inbox

This tour is now full.

Final payment should have been made by 1 September

YARRA VALLEY PACING CUP/OAKS DAY

THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER

A great day in the Yarraview Dining Room with unsurpassed views of all the action on the track & the surrounding Yarra Ranges.

Includes: Race book, 3 course chef prepared lunch, TV monitors, TAB access, cash bar.

\$70 pp

Dress up in your race day finery or just get dressed & join us for a day of fun, friendship & frivolity.

Put your name on the list at the September meeting.

You asked for a BUS TRIP & now with many thanks to Ron we have a grant from Boroondara Council which will help subsidise a fabulous day on a ...

CORIO BAY LUNCH CRUISE

WHEN: TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER, 2023 ... our final day trip for 2023.

WHERE: Bus to Corio Bay where we will enjoy a Lunch Cruise on board the Hygeia,



This will be followed by a guided tour of The Heights, Heritage House in Newtown, Geelong.



TIME: 8:30am – 5:30 pm

COST: Members \$53 Non Members \$93—subject to numbers

Put your name on the list at the September General meeting . Payment by usual means., but no later than end of October. More information at the GM.

Kew Croquet Club 21 August

Team Greythorn took on the skillful game of croquet at the Kew Croquet Club with some trepidation. However, they need not have worried as talent with the mallet & ball was soon evident in all teams. The weather was perfect as we tapped our way around the court & through the hoops. All participants agreed a most enjoyable afternoon concluding with a coffee & chat at The Adeney Cafe.



Convenors: Judy Brophy
Cath Origlasso

GREYTHORN PROBUS MEMBERS OUT & ABOUT
AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

Edinburgh Tattoo—Denise and June



Darwin—Denise & Charlie



Caloundra—Roy and Ann



GREY MATTER

As I will be away most of September, and early October, please send articles/photos etc for the October newsletter to both Russ Dawe and myself by the deadline **Thursday 28 September**.

A special thank you to Shirley for her ongoing commitment to picking up the newsletter hardcopies, and to Russ, yet again, for doing the newsletter while I am away. We would love to have another member to help with the newsletter. Next year Russ will be taking on the mantle of President and I'm not considering giving up travel anytime soon!

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FORWARD PLANNING 2023

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

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

Scrabble	2 October
PAV Ballarat Turf Club	2 October
Committee Meeting	4 October
Solo	5 October
General Meeting:	10 October
Canasta	11 October
<i>These Were the Days</i>	11 October
Garden Appreciation	12 October
Blue Mountains Tour	14—19 October
3rd Sunday Lunch	15 October
Walking for Enjoyment	16 October
Film Luncheons	17 October
Discussion	19 October
Zoy Frangos	22 October
Creative Pursuits	23 October
Investors	24 October
Book Groups	26 October
Dine Out @ Geppetto	31 October

November and Later

Grey Matter November copy	2 November
Scrabble	6 November
Committee	WEDNESDAY 7 November
Solo	9 November
Oaks Day @ Yarra Valley Races:	9 November
Corio Bay Cruise:	28 November
OSMaD Performance:	15 December

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 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.