

# Grey Matter

## OCTOBER '23



Newsletter of the Greythorn Probus Club

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# OCTOBER IS PROBUS MONTH

*We'd like to see some of your friends visiting our meeting*



### Stu's Script

I would like to thank all the people who welcomed me back to Probus activities after my medical episodes. I am feeling good and walking well. Thanks also for making my Thai carer, Buaban, so welcome. She really appreciated your warmth.

Our club lost Virginia Kemp, a valued member, during September. (page 8.)

As the temperature warmed up, our diaries also filled up. We had successful visits to the Air Museum at Moorabbin, to Beleura House and Garden, lunch at "Chicken or the Egg", the movies and lunch after, and the Baby Elephant walk. A small group, "The Dedicated Few" (no not the name of a Rock and Roll band) attended the annual Footy Tipping Pie Night. Thanks to Phil, Peter and Anne.

Looking ahead, many of us are off to The Blue Mountains and the garden group will visit the Chelsea Australia Garden at Olinda. The final "Dine Out" for 2023 is at Geppetto Trattoria in East Melbourne on 31 October. As we look further ahead, many of us are excited once again to attend the Yarra Valley Pacing Cup on Oaks Day – November 9. Our final "trip" is on Tuesday 28 November and we will travel by bus, then enjoy lunch whilst on a Corio Bay cruise.

A highlight will be our club's Christmas lunch at Green Acres on December 12. Of course there remain many more opportunities to socialise with your Probus friends - including the musical mornings at "The Round", Nuna-wading and the musical "The Hunchback of Notre Dame".

Enjoy October, let's hope it is not as wet as last year. Melbourne as a city has a different feel about it once the Brownlow has been won and the footy Grand Final has been decided. Enjoy the vibe, enjoy Probus and stay healthy.

*Stuart Williams, President*

### General Meeting

**Tuesday 10 October,**

at the North Balwyn Uniting Church Hall, Duggan Street, North Balwyn commencing at 10:00am  
**Heather Burge.**

We heard the first part of Heather's mammoth journey at our May meeting. Heather is back by popular demand. At our October meeting she will take us through the second part of that journey from Beijing to Paris - 5,425 km (3,371 miles) over 164 days from April 4, 2014 to September 14, 2014



Visitors are particularly welcome at our meeting but members hosting visitors should ensure that our Membership Officer has been advised before the meeting so we can ensure we have sufficient accommodation and morning tea catering.

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



## WELFARE

At last Daylight Saving is with us again after what seems like a very long time and we can once again enjoy the longer and warmer evenings.

Cath Origlasso is feeling a little stronger and starting to enjoy the occasional lunch and coffee out with friends.

Best wishes Cath.

Keep well and active everyone and enjoy all our many ongoing activities.

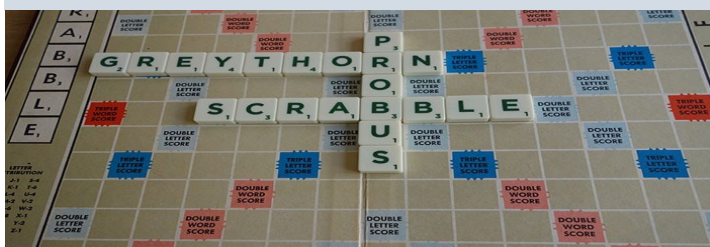
**Joan Teele**

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Barbara VanWoerkom	3
Denise Boschetti	14
Kerryn Williams	21
Martin Randall	23
Marty Malone	28
Joan Teele	30



## Scrabble



### Monday 2 October, 1:30pm

The October meeting was at Glenys Chalk's home . On 6 November play will be at Judy Brophy's. Please advise hosts by the preceding Friday if attending.

**Convenor:** Glenys Chalk

### Please Note:

Geoff Warren has unfortunately found it necessary to resign from the post of Treasurer. Robert Van Woerkom will be Acting Treasurer for the time being. Our thanks to Geoff for his great contribution.

## October EVENTS

"Probus Month"	All month
Ballarat Race day	2 Oct
Scrabble:	2 Oct
<b>Committee Meeting:</b>	<b>3 Oct</b>
<b>Theatre Night &amp; Day</b>	<b>5 Oct</b>
Solo	5 Oct
<b>General Meeting: -</b>	<b>10 Oct</b>
Canasta:	11 Oct
Theatre:- 'Those were the days'	11 Oct
Gardens—Chelsea Australia Garden	12 Oct
Blue Mountains trip leaves	14 Oct
3rd Sunday Lunch:	15 Oct
Walking for Enjoyment	16 Oct
Film Luncheon:	no film
Discussion	17 Oct
Investors:	24 Oct
Creative Pursuits: Mornington Gallery	25 Oct
"Come & Try": Seniors Exercise equipment	25 Oct
Book Groups	26 Oct
Grey Matter November copy	27 Oct
Dine Out—Geppetto's	31 Oct

### Early November

Solo	2 Nov
Scrabble	6 Nov
Canasta	8 Nov
Yarra Glen Races	9 Nov

## Solo

### Thursday 5 October, 1.30 pm

Solo on October 5th will be held at the home of Pat McLellan at 1.30pm. Joan Teele will host the November game at 7.30 pm. Please let hosts know early in the week if you would like to play.

**Convenor:** Denise Powell





## Canasta



**Wednesday 11 October, 2:00 pm**

Please note the CANASTA GROUP's meeting time change. The group will meet at the home of Denise Powell

Please advise Denise if attending.

**Convenor:** Ann Price

## 3rd Sunday Lunch

**Sunday 15 October, 12:00pm**

Venue is: **Vibrante restaurant**

133 James Street, Templestowe at 12Noon.

Book early as numbers are limited.

For booking contact

**Margaret Steele**

**Convenor:** Angela Johns

## Walking for Enjoyment

**Monday 16 October, 10am**

Fitzsimons Lane along by the Yarra River

Meet in the car park off Fitzsimons Lane.

When travelling north along Fitzsimons Lane exit to the left circle around under Fitzsimons Lane to access the car park.

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Coffee at Carlucci Anderson St Templestowe

**Convenor** John Astle

## Film and Lunch

There will be NO Film morning for this month (October ) due to our BLUE MOUNTAINS trip. Final film for the year will be in November.

**Convenor:** Joan Teele

## Discussion Group

**Tuesday 17 October, 11:00 am**

At the Harp Hotel, Where are our appliances heading? A look at the very near future.



Time for our Greythorn Probus Members to

**CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS**

**Tuesday 12th December**  
**12 noon**  
**GREENACRES GOLF CLUB**  
**51 Elm Grove, Kew East**  
**Join us for a fun day**  
**3 course meal**

**MEMBERS COST \$60. (SUBSIDISED)**  
**NON MEMBERS \$85**  
**Payment by November 28th**  
**Any special dietary requirements please**  
**advise**  
**Barbara or Margaret ASAP.**

**If you intend coming please add your name**  
**to the list at the general meeting.**  
**When paying for this event please notify the**  
**Acting Treasurer and both Convenors**  
**Barbara Van Woerkom and**  
**Margaret Cox**

## Garden Appreciation

Thursday 12 October

Chelsea Australia Garden, Olinda

**Note:** *this is the 2nd week of October*

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

The Chelsea garden is a reconstruction of Australia's only prize winning entry in the Chelsea Flower Show.

Two bus tours—with commentary—of the whole of the Botanic Gardens (formerly the National Rhododendron Garden) have been booked. The first **leaves at 10:30am** and can take 10 people. The second leaves at 11:15.

The gardens open at 10:00am so everyone should be there no later than 10:15am. The café will be open (I hope) so those desperate for a coffee should be able to purchase one there.

Please organise your own transport to Olinda.

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



Unfortunately, **Fortnums will not split the bill so cash will be required.**

A copy of Fortnums menu will be on display at the October General Meeting so members can be aware of the cash they will need to have with them. The menu is also available from the Fortnums website.

Thursday 16 November

Warrantina Lavender Farm, 105 Quayle Rd., Wandin North

We will car pool from the Balwyn Leisure Centre leaving at 10:00am to be at the farm and ready for the tour by 11:00am.

The lavender fields will be in bloom. The tour includes the private garden and a tour of the processing shed— not operating at this time of the year.



A lavender ice cream is also included—you won't want to miss that!!

The cost of the tour is \$12.50 pp payable on the day.

Lunch is at the on-site Tawney Frogmouth Café. The café sources food from the local area as far as possible (except for the purple wine—which comes from WA) and does a wonderful range of special cakes from the chef's personal contacts.



Thursday 14 December

Gardens and Creative Pursuits Christmas break-up—planned to be at Warranglen Nursery.

**Convenor:** Liz Dawe

## Investors

Tuesday 24 October, 7.30pm.

At the Hub

It often looks like the stock market is dying but someone always finds a slight heartbeat so we keep hoping.

**Convenor:** Charlie Boschetti:

## Creative Pursuits

Wednesday 25 October - 9:45am—[please note change of date](#)

Mornington Peninsula Gallery -

ARCHIBALD PRIZE 2023

Cost - \$20 - Concession \$15

Car pool - meet in car park opposite Boroondara Sports Centre. **9:45AM for 10AM departure**

**Convenor:** Elaine Provan:

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## Book Groups

Thursday, 26 October, 2pm

### BOOK GROUP 1

Bookgroup 1 will meet at 2 pm at Hawthorn Library to discuss "Return to Valetto" by Dominic Smith.

**Convenor:** Patricia Nosedá

### BOOK GROUP 2

"The Land Before Avocado" by Richard Glover is the next book our group will be reading for our October 26 meeting at Wendy Le Get's home. Please let her know if you cannot attend.

It's an amusing and sad tale of Australian life from late 60s and early 70s well before 'smashed avocado' became popular fare.

**Convenor:** Margaret Goding

## Footy Tipping

The fat lady has sung – the game is over – and the winners are:

### TIPPING

First Prize and winner of the Mavis Cup for 2023 – *Mary Dunn.*

A very worthy winner, Mary, led from the get-go and wrapped up her win with two matches to go.

- Second Place – *Roy Price*
- Third Place – *Frank O'Brien*

### SWEEPS

- First Goal PF1 – *Stuart Williams*
- Preliminary Final – *Kathy Pitsikas*
- Grand Final – *Peter Ogier*

### OTHER AWARDS

- Rising Star Award – *Mary Dunn* (who else could it have gone to)
- Benedict Arnold Award – Shared by all the *Hawthorn supporters.*
- Ten- Second-Tom Award – *Peter Ogier.*
- Best First Year Player Award – no eligible nomination.

An intensive review of our List Management and Recruiting Strategy Department will be undertaken during the off season.

That's it – we hope all participant enjoyed the fun and challenges during the year.

Pre-season training for 2024 will commence next February.

## Theatre

Wednesday 11 October at 11am at The Round.

### Those were the days - the ladies of the British Invasion.

The great hits of Cilla Black, Petula Clark, Shirley Bassey, Lulu and Dusty Springfield. Coffee starts at 10am. Fully booked.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 11am at The Round.

### The Joy of Christmas.

Join Chris McKenna and Michelle Fitzmaurice and a special guest for a wonderful Christmas musical with traditional and contemporary songs. Cost is \$20pp and must be paid by the November meeting at the latest. Coffee and cake start at 10AM.

**Convenor:** Barbara Mathews

Friday 15 December at 7:30pm at James Forbes

Academy The Hunchback of Notre Dame - while a group booking for 41 has been made it may be possible to obtain some more tickets if anyone else is interested. \$45.00pp which must be paid by the October General Meeting

**Organiser:** Russ Dawe

## Dine Out

Tuesday, 31 October at 12.30pm

Last Dine Out for 2023—Book your place now!!



### GEPPETTO TRATTORIA

78A Wellington Parade, East Melbourne.

Tram No 48 Stop 13

Cost is \$55.00 for a 2 course meal with a glass of wine & coffee.

This outing is now fully booked but we are still taking names for a waiting list.

PAYMENT FOR GEPPETTO'S IS REQUIRED BY OCTOBER 10th

**Convenors:**

Barbara VanWoerkom &  
Margaret Cox



## Reports

As usual for Greythorn Probians, September was a busy month with a big range of activities including:

- ◇ our walking group walking the “**Baby Elephant Walk**” along Southbank (the baby elephants have now been moved to a different location to continue to spread the message of the displays) and then over the



footbridge to Docklands for coffee.

- ◇ The Creative Pursuits group at the **Australian Tapestry Workshop** in South Melbourne



- ◇ The Garden group enjoying tours of both house and garden at **Beleura** in Mornington



- ◇ And, on the 22nd of September, the club's visit to the **Moorabbin Air Museum**

23 Greythorn members were guided around the Air Museum by our knowledgeable volunteer guide Ron.

The Museum's mission is to collect, preserve & display aircraft & artifacts associated with Australian Aviation Heritage & to educate & inspire future generations of the pathways in aviation.

The Museum has one of the most significant collections of aircraft & engines in Australia & due to lack of available display and restoration facilities, not all aircraft are under restoration or on display. The Australian Aircraft Restoration Group has kindly loaned a number of the aircraft in its collection to other museums, to ensure that they can be viewed by aircraft enthusiasts.

We saw a number of rare & unique examples of Australian made aircraft.



A highlight of our tour was seeing the TAA Vickers Viscount that Ken Purnell had piloted for a number of years & hearing his stories of his life as a commercial airline pilot.



Another highlight was boarding Robert Van Woerkom's Bristol Freighter plane which he crewed backwards & forwards across Bass Strait

for a number of years.

Peter Ogier was another pilot who flew sport aircraft-for joy flights.



Our RAF representative was Pat MacLellan who took the seat in the Gloster Meteor fighter imagined himself flying across Northern Africa. A delightful lunch was enjoyed at The Flight Deck Bar & Grill.



## Tours Trips and outings

### **PROBUS ASSOCIATION of VICTORIA FRIENDSHIP DAY at THE BALLARAT TURF CLUB.**

Eleven hopeful punters set off early from Southern Cross Station on a chilly October 2nd morning, for The Ballarat Turf Club.

On arrival at the course we were directed to the dining room where we found we had two of the best tables in the venue, right on the window opposite the finishing line.

Our ladies all looked stunning & along with our dapper gents we soon got into the 'serious' activity of betting on the ponies. \$2.00 coins were wildly splurged on the best looking horse, the favourite jockey / trainer, favourite colours, numbers, odds; algorithms were studied & even the stars were consulted.

We looked at the horses in the mounting yard, testing their strappers with their eagerness to get on the track & we stood at the rails in the brilliant Ballarat sunshine urging our nags to gallop faster as they thundered past.

The bookies could see they were dealing with experienced punters as they took our money & nodded noncommittally at our selections.

At the end of a very enjoyable, fun day we all returned home on the train, some a little lighter in pocket, some slightly heavier; John Brophy redeemed Judy's losses with a good win in our final race.

No-one lost their shirt or had to mortgage the house; we can't offer betting tips but we can say COME & JOIN US next time if you'd like some FUN, FRIENDSHIP & FELLOWSHIP.



### **SPECTACULAR BLUE MOUNTAINS TOUR**

Saturday 14th - Thursday 19th October

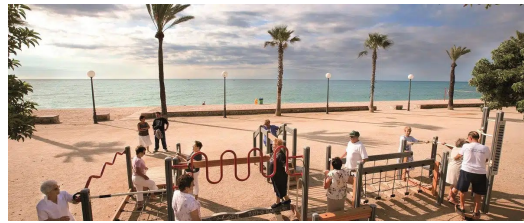
22 members looking forward to this tour next week.

### **'COME & TRY' — SENIORS EXERCISE PARK at VICTORIA PARK High St Kew**

Wednesday 25th October 10.15am - 11.00/11.15am

If you're interested in ways to improve your **BALANCE, STRENGTH, MOBILITY** OR you'd like to **TRY A NEW ACTIVITY . . . . . PUT YOUR NAME ON THE LIST AT THE OCTOBER MEETING. . . . . LIMIT OF 12 participants.**

## Tours and Trips (cont.)



Just like this (without the beach)

4 volunteers will provide a brief introduction & show us how to use the equipment.

Coffee after at THE ADENEY CAFE.

### **YARRA GLEN PACING CUP/OAKS DAY**

Thursday 9th November

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

This activity is now closed, however you may put your name on the waiting list, in case there are cancellations.

**COST NOW \$55.00 pp**

### **CORIO BAY LUNCH CRUISE**

Tuesday 28th November . . . . . our final day trip for 2023  
8.30am - 5.30pm

BUS TO CORIO BAY, morning tea from the bus on the way. At Corio Bay we will board the **HYGEIA** for a



### **LUNCH CRUISE.**

This will be followed by a **GUIDED TOUR of THE HEIGHTS, HERITAGE HOUSE in NEWTOWN, GEELONG**

**COST: members 53.00**

**non-members \$93.00 to be PAID by OCTOBER 31st**

**The list is full but you may add your name to the waiting list.**



Glenys Needham, our September speaker, out with Maisie, support dog



John and Judy celebrating friend Maree's 100th birthday in Brisbane recently

## Vale Virginia Kemp.

7 September 1947 - 17 September 2023

Our club lost Virginia Kemp, a valued member during September following her long battle with Cancer.



She had a large group of very supportive friends and was involved in a wide range of activities including both church and community.

Virginia joined Greythorn Probus pre Covid, in 2018 and enjoyed attending our meetings and especially going on the

bus trips.

Virginia was able to attend and enjoy our recent Anniversary lunch shortly before commencing Home Palliative Care.

A number of members from our club attended a Service of Thanksgiving for Virginia on 26 September. It was a lovely occasion with harp music by Samantha Lo a highlight while the grandchildren lit the candles.

She will be missed by us all.

We have extended our sympathies to Virginia's Family.

## Subscriptions and payments

Direct Debit / EFT

Please always insert your **name** and the **event** in the message/reference area. Also email the relevant **convenors**, and the **Acting Treasurer, Robert Van Woerkom**, advising the activity(ies) you have paid into the club account for.

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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.

## NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

Committee meeting	8 Nov
Solo	2 Nov
Scrabble	6 Nov
<b>General Meeting</b>	14 Nov
Canasta	8 Nov
Discussion	20/21 Nov
Gardens—Warrantina Lavender Farm	16 Nov
3rd Sunday Lunch	19 Nov
Walking for Enjoyment	20 Nov
Investors	22 Nov
Book Groups	23 Nov
Creative Pursuits	27 Nov
Grey Matter December copy	30 Nov

## Christmas is coming—December

Scrabble	4 Dec
Committee	5 Dec
Theatre: The Joy of Christmas	6 Dec
Solo	7 Dec
<b>Club's Christmas Lunch @ Green Acres</b>	12 Dec
Garden & Creative groups Christmas lunch	14 Dec
Theatre: The Hunchback of Notre Dame	15 Dec

## AND A BIT LATER

Come and pop a bottle of bubbly to start 2024 at the 'traditional' Greythorn picnic in Ruffey Lake Park—16 January



Jan & Denise enjoying the train trip Paris to Lyon between cruises.

## NOVEMBER GREY MATTER

Jan will be back in time to look after the November Grey Matter. Please send articles/photos etc for the November newsletter to her by Thursday 30 October at the latest.

Late entries cannot be guaranteed inclusion in the newsletter.