

# Grey Matter

## February 2025



### Newsletter of the Greythorn Probus Club

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### Russ's Ruminations

Welcome back to Probis for another great year of Fun Friendship and Fellowship - as the PSPL slogan goes.

January, as usual, is a quiet period for our club – I hope everyone had a very enjoyable Christmas and saw the New Year in in style. After queueing with our grandkids for some lovely ice-creams Liz and I stood in a big crowd in Inverloch to watch the environmentally sensitive kilos of fireworks explode with wonderful colours and loud bangs to welcome in 2025. Not nearly as large a production as Sydney or Melbourne, but still quite an impressive show.

I wonder how many of us managed to spend Boxing Day and the following days of that exciting test match either at the MCG or glued to the TV. Great to have such a match run through almost to the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> day.

I'm pleased to report that our Probis year actually got off to a great start on the 14<sup>th</sup> with a great turnout at our picnic in Ruffey Lake Park. 35 of our members enjoyed a very pleasant time – the weather not too hot, the view splendid and the company great.

Our activities will crank up again in February so a special thank-you to our convenors who, I know, will have prepared some interesting happenings for us all. I'm sure that 2025 will be a very busy year for everyone.

Our Annual General Meeting is coming up fast so we *need* volunteers to join the committee to ensure we can continue to provide the range and quality of activities for all members. Don't say you're not qualified or don't have the 'technical' knowledge to do things – we can and will provide support so, not only is it enjoyable, but there's no requirement for specific skills.

**Russ Dawe, President Greythorn Probis**

### GENERAL MEETING 2025

Our first general meeting for 2025 will be held at:

The North Balwyn Uniting Church Hall,

Duggan Street, North Balwyn,

**Tuesday, 11 February, 2025, commencing at 10.00 am.**

Our Guest Speaker

**Bev Moss**

Topic

**"Come Fly with Me"**



In 1967 Bev Moss joined Ansett as an Air Hostess which fulfilled a dream since the age of 11 when she was shown a DC3 at Essendon Airport. She will tell you of the shock of entering such an hierarchical workplace with very strict rules to follow but the great fun and glamour that ameliorated such restraints.

In the 1960's life was still more formal than today but nascent changes began to challenge this structure. Air travel opened up many possibilities for travel, not just for the elite, but also the masses. Air Hostesses, with their glamorous uniforms, were required to be single to give an air of the unattainable and marriage would compulsorily end such a career. It also provided social mobility for the working class girl who now met people from all walks of life and had access to the world through discounted travel.

### BRING & BUY



Don't forget your donations for our first Bring & Buy table for 2025!. .. plants/seeds/bulbs, crafts, books etc & your gold coins for your purchases at the February General Meeting.

Greythorn Probus Annual Christmas Lunch  
December, 2024



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Scrabble	3 February
<b>Committee Meeting</b>	<b>4 February</b>
Greythorn Groovers (Every Wed)	5 February
Solo	6 February
<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>11 February</b>
Canasta	12 February
<i>Make 'Em Laugh</i>	12 February
Secret Men's Business (fortnightly)	14/28 February
3rd Sunday Lunch	16 February
Walking Group	17 February
Discussion	18 February
Film Luncheons	18 February
<i>The Tina Turner Musical</i>	19 February
Gardening Group Olive Tree	20 February
Creative Pursuits Johnson Collection	21 February
Dine Out @ Chloe's	24 February
Investors	25 February
March Grey Matter Due	25 February
Pentridge Prison Tour	26 February
Book Groups	27 February

Coming up in early March

Scrabble 3 March

**Greythorn Probus AGM 4 March**

Solo 6 March

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sally KNIGHT	2
Fay MACRAE	2
June CAITHNESS	4
Elaine PROVAN	8
Charlie BOSCHETTI	9
Ros RICHMOND	9
Rosalie HEYMANSON	10
Helen SANDERS	14
Shirley BRANAGAN	17
Stuart WILLIAMS	25
Deirdre LANCASTER	27
Lyn FRITH	28



Annual Picnic at Ruffey Lake Park in January



Greythorn Probus kicked off 2025 with our annual January Picnic in the Park at Ruffey Lake Park.

It was a beautiful summer's day with a gentle breeze as 35 members sipped their beverage of choice & munched on gourmet treats. It was great to catch up on Xmas & New Year celebrations with everyone & the chatter level at times drowned out the birds & kept any other park visitors well away. A most enjoyable day.



WELFARE

Happy 2025. I do hope it will be a happy and healthy year for us all and that you are enjoying our lovely summer weather. Our best wishes go to Wal Hamilton who is recovering from surgery for a severely injured leg following a fall while working as a chauffeur for the Australian Open tennis players. So disappointing for him. Best wishes also for Marilyn Poole who is now home following many weeks in hospital after a serious fall caused by a cardiac incident which resulted in a badly fractured skull. Fortunately, Marilyn has made a good recovery. She wishes to thank all those who have sent her messages of support. If any of you have been unwell over the summer, I do hope you are now fully recovered and that we all stay well and active to enjoy another busy and interesting Probus Year.

Joan Teele

Scrabble



Monday 3 February 2025 at 1:30 p.m. Host was Glenys Chalk.

Monday 3 March 2025 at 7:30 p.m. Host will be Denise Boschetti. Please let Denise know on 0409 043 731 by Friday 28 February if attending.

Convenor: Glenys Chalk



Scrabble Xmas Lunch 2024



## Greythorn Groovers

Wednesday 5 February 10 am  
(and every Wednesday of the month)



at the SENIORS' EXERCISE PARK VICTORIA PARK KEW  
*Regular exercise helps improve your Balance, Mobility, Strength, Range of Motion & Functional Movement.*

We have access to the facility every Wednesday morning at 10:00am for about 45 minutes.

**CONVENOR** JUDY BAILEY - is trained in the use of the equipment so can advise how to get the most out of this special facility.

## Solo

Thursday 6 February 7.30pm

Solo on 6 February is at the McLellans'. Please let Pat or Veronica know if you will be attending.

Tuesday 6 March 7.30 pm

Solo at Patricia Nosedá's home.

**Convenor:** Denise Powell

## Canasta



Wednesday 12 February 7.30pm

The February 2025 Canasta will be at Diane Robinson's home at 7.30pm. Please advise Diane if not attending.

**Convenor:** Denise Boschetti

## Secret Men's Business



Friday 14 February 10am

The next gathering of the morning coffee group – aka 'Secret Men's Business' will be held at the 'Superbike Café Racers', 87 Doncaster Road, Balwyn North Village on **Friday, 14 February 2025**



Starting circa 10.00 am, concluding at circa 11 am.

This event will be held fortnightly on a Friday for 1 hour. Just come along - booking not necessary.

Neville Daniel has volunteered himself as convenor but will require another joint convenor to assist him throughout 2025.

Please contact Neville or Marty Malone ASAP if you are willing to help in this most important of initiatives (for the survival of our club).

**Convenor:** TBA

Marty Malone

## 3rd Sunday Lunch

Sunday 16 February 11.30am —12 Noon



Box Hill R.S.L.  
26-28 Nelson Road  
BOX HILL 3128

For bookings call Diane by the **14 February**.

**Convenor:** Diane O'Brien



**Creative Pursuits**

**Friday 21 February 10am**

“Inspired By Women” The Johnson Collection  
 \$23pp. Pay club by 14 February. **Only 4 places left**  
 Meet at Pullman Hotel, Wellington Parade, East Melbourne  
 Lunch to be decided.

Please Note change of usual day.

**Tuesday 25 March 10am**

JOY - Immigration Museum  
 \$10 to club account  
**Convenor:** Elaine Provan

**Footy Tipping 2025**



Can you believe it? Christmas is just over, you can still taste the plum pudding, the sand is still between your toes from that fabulous beach holiday, the grandkids have still got blisters from their back-to-school new shoes and here we are talking about football and football tipping in particular!

Yes, it’s back! The first match of the 2025 season kicks off on 6 March – before our March meeting. And so, the race for the Mavis Cup begins.

The good news is that all last year’s tipsters are automatically registered for the 2025 competition and all you have to do is start tipping – there is of course the little matter of paying your entry fee. Five dollars into the club account and notification to Ron Johnson and Peter Harman please.

Now what we would like is some more players. Just about everyone has, at least, a little interest in football, so why not join in the fun. All you really need is a mobile phone (or a computer). Contact Peter Harman, another participant (or your grandchild, perhaps), either before or at the February meeting, and they will happily give you all the ‘pre-season training’ to set you up and get you going. Then, access to a reliable crystal ball will help!

Come on, join up and be part of the fun!

**Convenor:** Peter Harman

**Dine Out**

**FIRST DINE OUT for 2025**

will be held at our traditional February venue.  
**YOUNG & JACKSONS**



**Cnr Swanson & Flinders Streets**  
**MONDAY 24th FEBRUARY**  
**at 12 noon**

The menu consists of -  
 A glass of wine or soft drink  
 Fresh bread  
 Choice of four mains  
 To finish -

A bite size treat with Leaf Tea or Barista Coffee  
 All for a total of \$40pp  
 Maximum of 36 members are able to attend, so get your name on the list ASAP

**Payment must be made by February 11, 2025**  
 (For those who cannot manage stairs there is a lift)

**Convenors**

**Barbara van Woerkom**  
**Margaret Cox**

**Investors**

**Tuesday 25 February 7.30pm**

Investors meet again at the Greythorn Hub!



**Convenor:** Charlie Boschetti

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



Book Groups

Thursday 27 February 2pm

BOOK GROUP 1

Book Group 1 will meet on Thursday 27 February 2 p.m. at the Hawthorn Library to discuss *Kairos* by Jenny Erpenbeck.

**Convenor:** Erin Courtney

BOOK GROUP 2

The next meeting of Book Group 2 will be at Lyn's home of on Thursday 27 February 2pm to discuss *The Dressmakers of Yackandarah Prison* by Meridith Jaffe. Please let Lyn know by Tuesday 25 February if you cannot attend.

**Convenor:** Lyn Stavretis

Book Group 2 Enjoying a Christmas Lumberjack Cake!



Investors, Walkers, and Card Players getting into the Christmas Spirit in 2024.



Theatre

*Make 'Em Laugh*

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 11am at the Round.



Bursting with show stopping songs by Irving Berlin and George Gershwin it tells the story of David O'Connor who starred in Singin' in the Rain.

*Tina – The Tina Turner Musical*

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at The Princess Theatre at 1pm



*Shaken Not Stirred*

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 11 at the Round



Celebrating the classic James Bond films this show features the well-known songs combined with extravagant costumes and stunning singing and dancing performances  
Cost is \$22pp and includes a lovely morning tea.

**Payment must be made by the February meeting at the latest.**

**PLEASE NOTE DUE DATE FOR PAYMENT SHAKEN NOT STIRRED IN THIS NOTICE.** Remember to email both Ron Johnson, Treasurer, and me, when you make an online payment.

**Convenor** Barbara Mathews

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Tours, Trips and Outings. What's happening in 2025?

**FEBRUARY WEDNESDAY 26th 2025**  
**PENTRIDGE PRISON TOUR**



Tours of B & H DIVISIONS - \$45.00 pp  
 Lunch at BREW DOG at own expense  
 There is a waiting list.  
 A Map & Meeting Instructions will be available at the February Meeting.

**NOVEMBER SUNDAY 23rd 2025**  
**6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS**  
**NORTH EAST SILO ART TOUR**



DEPOSIT of \$100.00 was payable by 31 January 2025. Total cost \$1395 p.p. or \$1695 for single bookings. Balance due 23/10/25.  
 Pay by EFT direct to Linga Longa Tours (details with brochure) When paying include "23/11/2025 Tour" and your name.  
 Itineraries available at the FEBRUARY MEETING

**Convenor:** Judy Brophy

**MARCH WEDNESDAY 26th 2025**  
**PUFFING BILLY**



Join us for a great day out on PUFFING BILLY, for a return trip Belgrave to Lakeside. . . \$40.00 pp LUNCH, at own expense, at the LAKESIDE VISITORS CENTRE RAILWAY CAFE.  
 Travelling by Metro train to Belgrave.  
**NOTE: PAYMENT DUE FEBRUARY 11th.**

**APRIL WEDNESDAY 30th 2025**  
**AMBULANCE MUSEUM**



Please put your name down for this activity at the FEBRUARY MEETING.  
 \$10 per person

**FORWARD PLANNING**

As always, remember to check with your organiser/convenor for any changes to dates, times or venues.

**MARCH ACTIVITIES**

Scrabble:	3 March
Committee Meeting:	4 March
Greythorn Groovers (every Wed):	6 March
Solo:	6 March
Greythorn Probus AGM:	11 March
Canasta:	12 March
Secret Men's Business— (every fortnight):	14 March
3rd Sunday Lunch:	16 March
Walking for Enjoyment:	17 March
Film Luncheons:	18 March
Discussion:	18 March
Blue Lotus Garden:	20 March
Creative Pursuits:	25 March
Investors:	25 March
Puffing Billy:	26 March
Book Groups:	27 March
<b>Grey Matter Copy (April)</b>	<b>27 March</b>

### Activity Group Convenors 2025

Scrabble	Glenys Chalk	1st Monday
Solo	Denise Powell	1st Thursday
Canasta	Denise Boschetti	2nd Wed'day
Walking	John Astle	3rd Monday
Film Luncheons	Joan Teele	3rd Tuesday
Discussion	Roy Price	3rd Tues/Wed
Garden Appr'n	Liz Dawe	3rd Thursday
3rd Sunday Lunch	Diane O'Brien	3rd Sunday
Creative Pursuits	Elaine Provan	4th Tuesday
Investors	Charlie Boschetti	4th Tuesday
Book Group 1	Erin Courtney	4th Thursday
Book Group 2	Lyn Stavretis	4th Thursday
Dine Out	Margaret Cox Barbara Van Woerkom	Bi-monthly
SMB	TBA	Twice a month, Fridays
Greythorn Groovers	Judy Bailey	Every Wednesday
Theatre	Barbara Mathews	Various
Footy Tipping	Peter Harman Phil Pitsikas	Every week in season

### Management Committee 2024

President	Russ Dawe
Vice President	Judy Brophy
Secretary	Glenys Chalk
Treasurer	Ron Johnson
Welfare (R)	Joan Teele
Membership	Marty Malone
Trips & Outings (R)	Judy Brophy
Newsletter & Report (R)	Jan Wedekind-Coffey
Guest speakers	Adrienne Salvagno
Immediate Past President (R)	Stuart Williams

Anniversary & Christmas Lunches	Margaret Cox & Barbara Van Woerkom
Financial Reviewer	Marty Malone
Archives / Web	Russ Dawe
Hospitality / Morning Teas	Ros Richmond & Anne Balfe

(NB: R—Retiring 2025)

What role will YOU take up in 2025?

### Subscriptions and Payments

Direct Debit (EFT) **BSB 633 000**  
**Account No. 168 764 322**

Please *always* insert your **name** and the **event** in the message/reference area.  
Also email the relevant **convenors** or **organisers** *and* the **Treasurer, Ron Johnson**, advising the activity/ies you have paid for into the club account.



### GREY MATTER & ANNUAL REPORT

Please send copy and photos for the **MARCH GREY MATTER** and any outstanding **ANNUAL REPORT** copy to Newsletter Editor Jan Wedekind-Coffey and President Russ Dawe by **TUESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY** at the **very latest!** This will be my final Newsletter and Annual Report for Greythorn Probus.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to **YOUR Grey Matter** for the last 3 years! Wishing you all a wonderful 2025!

Our very own 'Dora the Explorer! Barbara enjoying an amazing adventure in Antarctica last month. Giant penguins?



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**Annual General Meeting Elections 11 March 2025**

**Nomination of Office Bearers and Committee Members**

Please fill out details indicating the position for which you are nominating the member by placing a tick (v) in the appropriate space. Detach or photocopy this form once completed.

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"/>	

**Nomination:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being a financial member of the

Probus Club of Greythorn 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 \_\_\_\_\_

*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 11 2025 ) **OR** delivered directly to Secretary, Glenys Chalk, at the February meeting.*