

Grey Matter

June 2025



Newsletter of the Greythorn Probus Club

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Judy's Journal

Greetings fellow Greythornites

We had some wonderful activities during May from the beautiful garden of Musker's at Broughton Hall, Jindivik in Gippsland, to 'FRIDA' at the stunning Bendigo Art Gallery.

The undeclared drought in Victoria was so evident in both areas; Gippsland looked great . . . lush & green . . . to the uneducated eye, however beauty was only grass leaves deep as the soil below was dry dust. The greenness being the result of the heavy overnight dews. The train trip to Bendigo through paddocks of grey soil or grey grass made the lack of rain very evident. We do hope all of Victoria gets some of the rain forecast for this week.

The train trip to Yarragon, The Gourmet Capital of Australia, was a very enjoyable day. Coffee, walking, shopping & finishing with a great lunch at the Yarragon Pub.

Rachel Beck at The Round was such a wonderful concert, her accompanying pianist, Kym Dillon, was fantastic, have another look at her in the ABC 'The Piano' series (at the Preston Market).

When you are **paying for a ticket at THE ROUND, please don't put The Round as the reference PUT the NAME of the show e.g. M F Lady.**

You can put your name on any of the Activity Group lists you would like to join, at the General Meeting, you don't have to be a 'member' of the group.

As we all get more senior in years more and more of us are not driving any more. As an inclusive and caring club we want every member to feel that they are included and very welcome to all activities. At our June meeting there will be a list for those members who are not driving now or do not feel confident driving out of their usual area. Please put your name, street and suburb on the list if you feel this is you and everyone please look at the list note who & where are members you can share a cab with or offer a lift to. Don't be shy to ask we are all here to look after one another to share the 'FUN, FRIENDSHIP & FELLOWSHIP' of our great club.

Could all **CONVENERS** please send your information for the GREY MATTER to Theresa & Geoff **on or before the due date.**

Have you let Margaret & Barbara know you'll be joining us for our 18th Anniversary Lunch at The Manningham - Ben Nevis Room, July 8th?

One of the best club days of the year!

Payment must be made by our June 10th meeting - \$57.00 per member, \$62.00 non members.

Canapes on arrival, Main course, Dessert Tower.

Best Wishes

Judy

JUNE GENERAL MEETING 2025

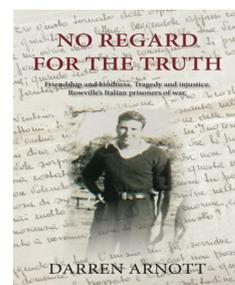
Tuesday 10 June 2025 commencing @ 10.00 a.m. will be held at The North Balwyn Uniting Church Hall, Duggan Street, North Balwyn

Our Guest Speaker is Darren Arnott

Darren is a Melbourne-based IT security consultant and is the author of "No Regard for the Truth", shortlisted for the Victorian Community History Awards 2020.

A former Rowville resident, he has a keen interest in history and was intrigued by the story of the Italian prisoners of war based in Rowville during World War II.

Darren will be sharing his discoveries after delving into military and court archives, historical police reports, newspaper articles and personal accounts from former locals who still had memories of the Italians and the camp.



Our thanks to our Bendigo Bank Community Bank for their financial support for our 2025 activities



JUNE ACTIVITIES

Scrabble	2 nd
Committee Meeting	3 rd
Solo	5 th
General Meeting	10 th
Canasta	11 th
Theatre- Jesus Christ Superstar	11th
My Fair Lady	14th
3 rd Sunday Lunch	15 th
Walking for Enjoyment	16 th
Film Luncheon	17 th
Garden Appreciation – Garden World Keysborough	19th
Creative Pursuits— Georges Remembered	19th
Investors	24 th
Secret Mens' Business	24 th
Book Groups	26 th

FORWARD PLANNING

Metro Tunnel Tour	2 nd July
18th Anniversary Lunch	8th July
Legrand & Beyond	16 th July
Annemieke Mien Exhibition	22 nd July
Great Australian Bight	24 Aug—2 Sept
North East Silo Tour	23 Nov - 6 days
Bright adventure –5 days	11 May to 15 May 2026

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



Rhonda BROWN	1
Veronica Mc LELLAN	1
Marilyn POOLE	2
Stanley PETZALL	7 (80th)
Vivienne NEWMAN	8 (80th)
Barry WATTS	8
Kevin O'CONNOR	19
Dick JOHNSON	24
Neville DANIEL	24

HAPPY
Happy Birthday
TO YOU

Welfare

New Covid strain hits Victoria

Herald-Sun 30 May 2025 by Mandy Squires

A concerning new Covid strain is taking hold in Victoria, sparking concern from health authorities as the state heads into winter.

The **NB. 1.8.1 variant** - which the Victorian Department of Health on Thursday confirmed had been detected in the state - was last week declared a "variant under monitoring" by the World Health Organisation because of its growing global spread and some notable characteristics that could set it apart from earlier variants.

"The NB. 1.8.1 Covid-19 variant has been detected in Victoria, serving as a timely reminder to protect yourself and your family from Covid-19 and other respiratory illnesses by keeping up to date with vaccination through winter," a health department spokesman said. "It's important to remember that immunity wanes over time so staying up to date with your vaccinations is your best protection against severe illness."

The latest Victorian Covid surveillance report shows coronavirus notifications skyrocketed nearly 44 per cent across the state in the week leading up to May 16.

Members are also invited to pass on information about members in need of assistance or support, including those who are ill, had falls etc to Club's Welfare Coordinator, Marg Steele. Please send information to. welfare@greythornprobus.org.au

Marg Steele
Welfare Coordinator

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



GREYTHORN PROBUS MEMBERS OUT AND ABOUT IN MAY

The Garden at Broughton Hall



Yarragon train excursion



Frida Kahlo @ Bendigo Art Gallery



Scrabble

Monday, 2 June 2025 at 1:30 pm

Host was Elaine Provan.

Monday, 7 July 2025 at 1:30 pm

Host is Glenys Chalk. Please let Glenys know if attending by Friday 4 July.

Convenor: Glenys Chalk

Solo

Thursday, 5 June @ 1.30 pm (Please note change of time)

The Solo group host on 5 June was Margaret Cox.

Thursday, 3 July @ 1.30 p.m.

Peter Harman will host this game. Please contact Peter to let him know if you intend to play.

Convenor: Denise Powell

Canasta

Wednesday, 11 June @ 7.30 pm

The June Canasta will be held at Judy Brophy's home at 7.30 pm. Please advise Judy if attending on

Convenor: Denise Boschetti

3rd Sunday Lunch

Sunday, 15 June @ 12 noon

Blue River Thai Restaurant

239 Canterbury Road

Canterbury 3126

Banquet \$44 + Sunday 10% - B.Y.O. wine only

For bookings contact Diane O'Brien by Friday 13th June.

Convenor: Diane O'Brien

Walking for Enjoyment

Monday, 16 June @ 10.00 am

Yarra River circuit Richmond- South Yarra

Meet in the car park on Yarra Boulevard, Burnley Or Kerb side parking.

Melway 2M J1 OR Melway 58 K1

Coffee at Kanteen

Convenor: John Astle

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 June Annual General Meeting.



Theatre

Jesus Christ Superstar

Wednesday, 11 June @ 1.00 pm at the Princess Theatre

A musical event from Andrew Lloyd Weber with many famous and well-known songs.



There are several steps to climb. **No lift is available** at this Theatre.

My Fair Lady

Saturday, 14 June @ 1.30 pm at The Round.

This well-loved show is being presented by Babirra Music Theatre.



LEGRAND & BEYOND

Wednesday, 16 July @ 11.00am



Academy Award-winning French composer, conductor, and pianist, Legrand composed over 200 film and television scores and recorded more than a hundred jazz albums.

His romantic compositions include *The Windmills of Your Mind* and the theme from *Summer of '42*, that were made famous by artists such as Barbra Streisand, Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett.

These evocative melodies will be brought to life by *Vincent Hooper*, accompanied by *Ben Clarke on piano*.

Complimentary morning tea commences at 10.00am and is included in ticket price \$22.00pp.

PUT YOUR NAME ON THE LIST & PAMENT IS DUE AT THE JUNE MEETING

Theatre (contd)

The Australian Ballet

Wednesday, 6 August @ 11.00 am at the Round



After selling out their 2024 performance in record time, the talented full-time students from The Australian Ballet School return to The Round. Celebrating the art of ballet from contemporary to traditional.

Complimentary morning tea commences at 10.00 am and is included in ticket price \$22.00pp.

PUT YOUR NAME ON THE LIST & PAYMENT IS DUE AT THE JULY ANNIVERSARY LUNCH

Convenor: Barbara Mathews

Film Luncheon

Tuesday, 17 June—Palace Cinema, Balwyn

Film and time will be announced at Probus Meeting,

PLEASE HAVE CORRECT MONEY (\$ 12.00) IN NAMED ENVELOPE.

Optional lunch at East & Co following film.

Convenor: Joan Teele

Discussion Group

Tuesday, 17 June @11.00 am

No discussion group will be held in June as Roy is taking a break.

The next discussion group will be held in July.

Convenor: Roy Price

Garden Appreciation

Thursday ,19 June,@ 11:00am
Garden World, 810 Springvale Rd., Braeside

A talk on Roses has been arranged to commence at 11:00am—so it is suggested you arrive before 10:30 am to leave time for coffee in the on-site café. Meet by 11:00am at the Rose section near the information desk.

Rose buyer Suzie will give us a tour of the roses then we will be seated for an informative talk. Suzie can do a general plant **Q & A** as well as answer queries about other garden needs.

Lunch will be at 12:30 in the on-site café. Please ensure you have put your name on the list at the June meeting as numbers must be confirmed for both the talk and the lunch.

Thursday ,17 July @10:30am
Bunjil Gallery, Bunjil Place Narre Warren

A very special event has been arranged for our July meeting—a visit to the **Floribunda** exhibition at the **Bunjil Gallery, Bunjil Place, Narre Warren.** Exhibition entry is free.



We will be guided through this superb exhibition of NGV floral paintings, frocks, drawings, pottery and a unique 130 'resin-cast' display of flowers by one of the Gallery's exhibition curators.



The exhibition features many wonderful works including by famous botanical artist Margaret Preston, Arthur Streeton, Nora Hysen and many more. Consider the Florigraphy meanings hidden in Arthur Streeton's Roses.

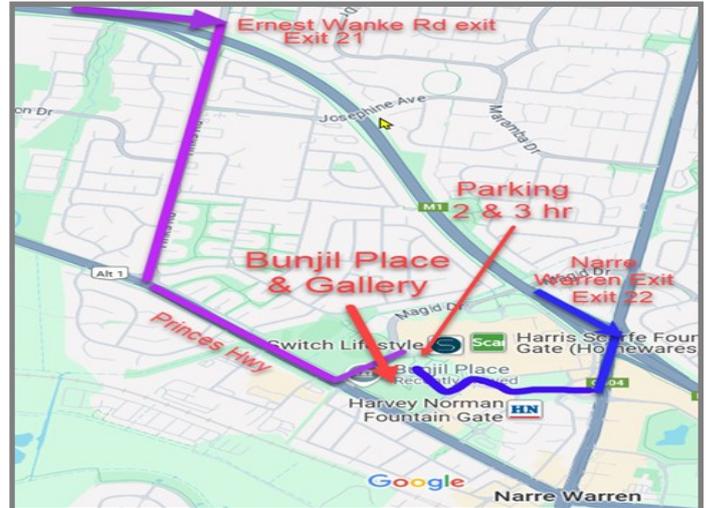
Getting there: exit the Monash Freeway at **exit No 21**, - the first Narre Warren Exit, the Ernest Wanke named exit: cross the freeway, follow road to Princes Hwy. Turn left and follow to the Bunjil Place signs/centre. (map purple line).

Alternately exit the Monash and exit **No 22**. Turn right over freeway, follow the Narre Warren North Rd; turn right at Overland Drive and follow (around 3 roundabouts) to Bunjil Place & parking area (map blue line).

Garden Appreciation (contd)

This will be a ride-share activity. The list of attendees will be circulated to help you make arrangements. There is a café in Bunjil Place so pre coffee is available.

Lunch after the exhibition will be at a venue to be advised



Thursday , 21 August
Maranoa Gardens visit

Please record this event in your diary as further information will be provided in due course.

Convenor: Liz Dawe



Gardens for inclusion in the Garden Group's calendar are checked out before our group visits. Pauline and Frank O'Brien were photographed checking out the famous garden display outside the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao in northern Spain – perhaps next year.

Investors

Tuesday, 24 June 2025

The EOFY dinner for Investors group will be held on 24 June 2025.

Venue and time will be confirmed by convenor.

Convenor: Charlie Boschetti

Creative Pursuits

Thursday, 19 June - Balwyn Community Centre
Georges Remembered - \$15
 (Waiting list only)

Tuesday, 22 July - Box Hill Artspace
Annemieke Mien Exhibition - Free

Convenor: Elaine Provan

Secret Men's Business



Tuesday 24 June @ 10.00 am

The next gathering of the morning coffee group – aka 'Secret Men's Business' will be held at 'Olive Lane, 69 Doncaster Road, Balwyn North'.

Convenor: Peter Gillett

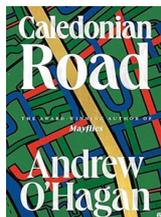
Book Groups

Thursday, 26 June @ 2:00pm

Book group 1

Book Group 1 will meet at 2:00pm at the Hawthorn Library to discuss *Caledonian Road* by Andrew O'Hagan.

Convenor: Erin Courtney



Book group 2

Book group 2 will meet at Joan Teele's place at 2pm to discuss *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett

Please advise Joan on 0418 493 012 if you are unable to attend.

Convenor: Lyn Stavretis

Dine Out



Come and celebrate 18 years of fun and friendship with a return to the BEN NEVIS ROOM offering a view with a difference

Tuesday, 8 July 2025 at 12 noon



Venue: MANNINGHAM HOTEL
 1 Thompsons Road, Bulleen
(Enter from Thompsons Road)
 Easy access & plenty of parking

Menu: Canapes on arrival, Main course & Dessert Towers to share

*Cost for Members is \$57
 Non Members is \$62.*

Payment must be made by TUESDAY 17 June 2025.

When paying please inform the CONVENORS below and Treasurer Ron Johnson

Convenors: Barbara van Woerkom
 Margaret Cox

Subscriptions and Payments

Direct Debit (EFT) **BSB 633 000**
Account No. xxx xxx xxx

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.

Tours & Outings

Get ready for a Bright adventure – 5 day Tour
Monday 11 May to Friday 15 May 2026



We're heading off on an exciting 5-day tour to the beautiful town of Bright:

- **Departure: Monday, 11 May 2026**
- **Return: Friday, 15 May 2026**
- **A full week of fun, fresh air, and exploring!**

More details will be shared soon – including what to bring, where we're staying, and all the great places we'll visit.

A hyper link on this visit can be found at

[2506 Bright itinerary.pdf](#)

Convenor: Judy Bailey



Have Myki, Will Travel

Wednesday, 2 July 2025 - Metro Tunnel Tour

We're going on a special tour to learn about the Metro Tunnel that's being built under Melbourne!
We have a booking for 25 people.

The tour starts with a presentation by PTV (Public Transport Victoria) at 11:00am, where we'll hear all about how they're building the underground railway.

The presentation and display will go for about 1 hour.

After that, we'll walk towards the Young & Jackson's entrance to hear an optional archaeology talk about the amazing things found underground during construction.

Finally, we'll head to 161 Collins Street for a group lunch.
Meeting Place: 11am at Metro Tunnel Display office, 125 Swanston Street (opposite Melbourne Town Hall)

**Convenors: Pene Whiteley
Vivienne Newman**

**AUGUST 24th - SEPTEMBER 2nd—2025
THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN BIGHT**
Organised by Group Link Travel—Belinda
A fantastic Itinerary!



There may be places left. 21 maximum

Contact **GROUP LINK 9852 1311 ASAP** and tell them you are from **GREYTHORN PROBUS & DATES OF TOUR.**

Deposit of **\$500.00pp** will be required NOW to confirm your place. **Payable to GROUP LINK. Let Pene know** after you have paid please.

We are joining Eltham Probus for this trip.

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



Come and join this Adventure-filled Trip with Linga Longa!

Total cost \$1395 p.p. or \$1695 for single bookings. There may still be places available—40 maximum—see the list & put your name down at the **JUNE** general meeting.

Deposit **\$100.00 pp** by EFT ASAP to **LINGA LONGA TOURS**, Details with Itinerary. When paying include **"23/11/25 Tour and Your Name"** and let Ron and Pene know when you have paid.

Convenor for both outings: Pene Whiteley

JULY ACTIVITIES

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

Committee Meeting	1 st
Tours & Outings Metro Tunnel Tour	2 nd
Solo	3 rd
Scrabble	7 th
18th Anniversary Lunch/Gen Mtg	8th
Canasta	9 th
Film Luncheon	15 th
Discussion	15 th
Theatre – Legrand & Beyond	16th
Garden Appreciation— Bunjil Gallery, Bunjil Place, Narre Warren	17th
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ACTIVITY GROUP CONVENORS

Scrabble	Glenys Chalk	1 st Monday
Solo	Denise Powell	1 st Thursday
Canasta	Denise Boschetti	2 nd Wed’sday
Walking	John Astle	3 rd Monday
Film & Lunch	Joan Teele	3 rd Tuesday
Discussion	Roy Price	3 rd Tuesday
Tours & Outings	Judy Bailey Pene Whiteley	3 rd Wed’sday
Garden Appr’n	Liz Dawe	3 rd Thursday
3 rd Sunday Lunch	Diane O’Brien	3 rd Sunday
Creative Pursuits	Elaine Provan	4 th Tuesday
Investors	Charlie Boschetti	4 th Tuesday
Book Group 1	Erin Courtney	4 th Thursday
Book Group 2	Lyn Stavretis	4 th Thursday
Dine Out	Margaret Cox Barbara VanWoerkom	Bi-monthly
SMB	Peter Gillett	4 th Tuesday
Theatre	Barbara Mathews	various
Footy Tipping	Peter Harman Phil Pitsikas	in season

Footy Tipping 2025

A commentary will be provided at the June meeting

Convenor: Peter Harman

July GREY MATTER - Important reminder

Please send your details for the **June Grey Matter** to the newsletter mailbox by **TUESDAY 24 June 2025**

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