

# Grey Matter

## July 2025



### Newsletter of the Greythorn Probus Club

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### Judy's Journal

Greetings Greythornians,

The past few weeks of freezing weather have not deterred those who have been out and about enjoying the company of fellow Greythornians at our many varied activities.

Your Committee are planning a special event for Seniors Festival Month in October, so keep a look out for more news, October is also Probis Month.

This morning, Tuesday 1st, I accepted an invitation from Peter Cassidy to talk on Radio 94.1FM - 3WBC, (Whitehorse Boroondara Community).

Peter is the host of the Tuesday Breakfast Program, the Saturday Afternoon Program & the 3WBC Sponsorship Coordinator.

We talked about the history of Probis & our Probis Club. Hopefully among his audience there are people who had perhaps never heard of Probis or were thinking of joining a club but not knowing where, & my words may have motivated them to come & have a look at our club & 'See what we're about'.

I'm looking forward to seeing most of you at our 18th Anniversary Lunch next **Tuesday 8th at The Manningham Club**. Margaret Cox & Barbara Van Woerkom have spent many hours planning the day so we hope you will all enjoy yourselves.

Please keep a lookout in your emails for information on accessing the Manningham Club & Parking, There is a lot happening at the Bulleen Rd North East Link roadworks.

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*Best Wishes  
Judy*



*Our 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch/July General Meeting will be held on*

**Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025 @ 12 noon**

**MANNINGHAM HOTEL,  
(BEN NEVIS ROOM )  
1 Thompsons Road,  
Bulleen  
(Enter from Thompsons Road)**

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



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## JULY ACTIVITIES

Committee Meeting	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tours & Outings <b>Metro Tunnel Tour</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Solo	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Scrabble	7 <sup>th</sup>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch/Gen Mtg</b>	8 <sup>th</sup>
Canasta	9 <sup>th</sup>
Film Luncheon	15 <sup>th</sup>
Discussion	15 <sup>th</sup>
Theatre— <b>Legrand &amp; Beyond</b>	16 <sup>th</sup>
Garden Appreciation	17 <sup>th</sup>
3rd Sunday lunch - <b>Xmas in July</b>	20 <sup>th</sup>
Walking for Enjoyment	21 <sup>st</sup>
Creative Pursuits- <b>Annemieke Mien Exhibition</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Investors	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Book Groups	24 <sup>h</sup>
Secret Men’s Business	29 <sup>th</sup>

### FORWARD PLANNING

Please see table located on the last page of this newsletter for events scheduled in the following months in 2025.

## Welfare

### Are you living with your adult children?

If you or anyone you know requires advice, please contact **Eastern Community Legal Centre (ECLC)** for access to financial, physiological or legal assistance.

#### Contact details:

Eastern Community Legal Centre (ECLC)  
 Telephone: 1300 325 200 (1300 ECLC 00)  
 Email: [eclc@eclc.org.au](mailto:eclc@eclc.org.au)  
 Address: Suite 3,  
 Town Hall Hub  
 27 Bank Street  
 Box Hill VIC 3128

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](mailto:welfare@greythornprobus.org.au)

**Marg Steele**  
 Welfare Coordinator

## JULY BIRTHDAYS



Frank O'BRIEN	1
Joy GLEESON	6
Lorna JOHNSON	10
Erin COURTNEY	19
Heather TRUMBLE	19 (80 <sup>th</sup> )
Carol FRASER	25
Robert CREEK	26 (80 <sup>th</sup> )
Liz DAWE	26
Pauline O'BRIEN	31



## Solo

**Thursday, 3 July 2025 @ 1.30 pm (Please note change of time)**

The Solo group host on 3 July was Denise Powell.

**Thursday, 7 August 2025 @ 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**

## Scrabble



**Monday, 7 July 2025 at 1:30 pm**

Host was Glenys Chalk..

**Monday, 4 August 2025 at 1:30 pm**

Host is Anne Ponsford. Please let Anne know by Friday 1 August if attending .

**Convenor: Glenys Chalk**



### GREYTHORN PROBUS MEMBERS OUT AND ABOUT IN MAY & JUNE

#### Lunch at Phillippe's Restaurant



#### Jesus Christ Superstar



#### Georges Fashion Show Collection Photos By ANU



### Canasta



**Wednesday, 9 July 2025 @ 1.30 pm (please note change of time)**

The July Canasta will be held at Boschetti's home at 1.30 pm. Please advise Denise if attending.

**Convenor:** Denise Boschetti

### Film Luncheon

**Tuesday, 15 July 2025—Palace Cinema, Balwyn**

Film and time will be announced at Probus Meeting; Ros Richmond is in charge of tickets for this film.

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

Optional lunch at East & Co following film.

**Convenor:** Joan Teele

### Discussion Group

#### THE RARE EARTH ELEMENTS AND OTHER IN-DEMAND METALS.

This very current topic will be reviewed at the **DISCUSSION Group** on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> JULY** at **The Harp Hotel** at **11.00am**. Followed by lunch at own cost.

The main speaker is **Mr Arty Intelli**. Please advise **Roy** if attending.



**Convenor:** Roy Price

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



## Theatre

### *Legrand & Beyond*

Wednesday, 16 July 2025 @ 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.

**TICKETS FOR THIS SHOW WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE ANNIVERSARY LUNCH**

### *The Australian Ballet*

Wednesday, 6 August 2025 @ 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 ... \$22.00 pp.

**PAMENT TO BE MADE LATEST BY JULY ANNIVERSARY LUNCH**

**Convenor: Barbara Mathews**

## 3rd Sunday Lunch



Sunday, 20 July 2025 @ 12 noon

Venue : Old England Hotel  
459 Lower Heidelberg Road  
Heidelberg VIC 3084  
For bookings contact Diane O'Brien by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July.

**Convenor:** Diane O'Brien

## Walking for Enjoyment

Monday, 21 July 2025 @ 10.00 am

### Walk around Blackburn Lake

Meet in the car park off Central Road, Blackburn.

Car park is within Blackburn Lake Sanctuary

Medway 48 B11

Coffee at the Round Nunawading

**Convenor:** John Astle

## Creative Pursuits

Tuesday, 22 July 2025 - Box Hill Artspace

### Annemieke Mien Exhibition - Free

Meet at Box Hill Town Hall.

Lunch Mister & Miss  
713 Whitehorse Rd Mont Albert

Tuesday, 26 August 2025 @ 10.30 am

### NGV - French Impressionists - \$39.00

Lunch - NGV - Tea Room

**Convenor:** Elaine Provan

## 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 August General Meeting.

## Garden Appreciation

**Thursday ,17 July 2025 @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.**



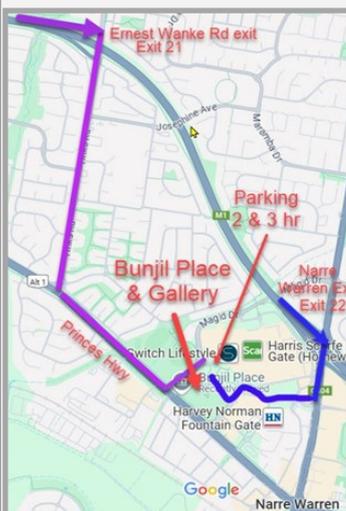
Exhibition entry is free.

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

The exhibition features many wonderful works including by famous botanical artists Margaret Preston, Arthur Streeton, Nora Hysen and many more. Consider the Florigraphy meanings hidden in Arthur Streeton's Roses. (*Red*: love, romance, passion, courage. *White*: purity, innocence, humility, reverence).



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



**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).

**Parking:** There are 2 car parking areas close to the Bunjil Centre and each has some 3 hour parks.

## Garden Appreciation (contd)

**Thursday , 21 August 2025 @10:00am**  
**Maranoa Gardens**

Maranoa Botanic Gardens are significant as being one of the first botanical gardens dedicated solely to Australian native plants.

Elaine has arranged a guided tour of the gardens for 10:00am.

Parking is available in Beckett Park or Parring Rd.

Meet at the main entrance to the gardens in Parring Rd.

Coffee/lunch afterwards has been booked at Olive Lane in The Village, Balwyn North, 69 Doncaster Rd. There is parking behind Olive Lane with direct access.

**Friday, 12 September 2025 (note change of day and week)**

Train trip to Kyneton Botanic Gardens and the daffodil festival.



**Convenor:** Liz Dawe

## Investors

**Tuesday, 22 July 2025 @ 7.30 pm**

The next meeting will be held at Greythorn Hub on 22 July 2025 at 7.30 pm.

**Convenor:** Charlie Boschetti

## Secret Men's Business



**Tuesday, 29 July 2025 @ 9.30 am**

The next gathering of SMB aka Secret Men's Business' will be a brunch/breakfast held at 'Olive Lane, 69 Doncaster Road, Balwyn North'.

**Convenor:** Peter Gillett

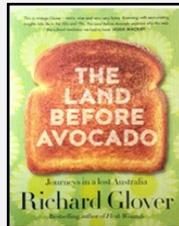
## Book Groups

**Thursday, 24 July 2025 @ 2:00pm**

### Book group 1

Book Group 1 will meet at 2:00pm at the Hawthorn Library to discuss *The Land Before Avocado* by Richard Glover.

**Convenor:** Erin Courtney



### Book group 2



Book group 2 will meet at Wendy Le Get's place at 2.00 pm. to discuss *Murder in Punch Lane* by Jane Sullivan. Please let Wendy know on 0402 906 561 if you are unable to attend.

**Convenor:** Lyn Stavretis

## Subscriptions and Payments

Direct Debit (EFT) **BSB xxx xxx**  
**Account No. xxxx xxxx**

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.

### AUGUST GREY MATTER - Important reminder

Please send your details for the August Grey Matter to the newsletter mailbox by **TUESDAY 29 July 2025**

(newsletter@grey~~~)

## Tours & Outings



**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 Mebourne Town Hall)**

**Convenors:** Pene Whiteley  
Vivienne Newman



**Have Myki, Will Travel**

**Wednesday, 20 August 2025 - RIDDELLS CREEK**

This month we will be going to Riddells Creek by train to enjoy lunch at the Riddells Creek Hotel right opposite the railway station. Travelling by V/line train using our Myki card.



**Meeting at Southern Cross Station at 10.50am** (to catch train **11.05am**) under the time information board (Bendigo Train)

Leaving Riddells Creek after lunch on the **2.45pm** train for Southern Cross Station arriving at **3.25pm**

**Convenors:** Pene Whiteley  
Vivienne Newman

## Tours & Outings (contd)

**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**

**NOVEMBER SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 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: Pene Whiteley**

**AUGUST 24<sup>th</sup> - SEPTEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025  
THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN BIGHT**

**Organised by Group Link Travel—Belinda  
A fantastic Itinerary!**



**We are joining Eltham Probus for this trip.**

**Please note that this tour is full as it has reached the maximum number of participants**

**Please inform Pene, if you have not, that you have booked this tour.**

**Convenor: Pene Whiteley**

### Footy Tipping 2025

With more than half the season completed, our thirty tipsters are well spread out with more than thirty tips separating the field. Leading the way for some weeks now is second year player Ros Richmond. Hot on her heels, though, are the 'perennials' Phil Pitsikas and Roy Price.

However, the good news is that there are some new faces in the top ten. It is good to see Judy Lewis, Chresley Robson and Veronica Mc Lellan giving the old boys a run for their money.

Pick one team or the other, repeat seven or nine times, it should be easy. But after 15 rounds and thirty tipsters each week, not one has tipped all matches in the round correctly! *But then, in Round 16, thirteen tipsters got all seven tips correct!*

**Convenor: Peter Harman**

### AUGUST ACTIVITIES

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

Scrabble	4 <sup>th</sup>
Committee Meeting	5 <sup>th</sup>
Theatre— <b>The Australian Ballet</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>
Solo	7 <sup>th</sup>
General Meeting	12 <sup>th</sup>
Canasta	13 <sup>th</sup>
3rd Sunday Lunch	17 <sup>th</sup>
Walking for Enjoyment	18 <sup>th</sup>
Film & lunch	19 <sup>th</sup>
Discussion	19 <sup>th</sup>
Tours & Outings— <b>Riddles Creek</b>	20 <sup>h</sup>
- <b>Great Australian Bight</b>	24 <sup>th</sup>
Garden Appreciation— <b>Maranoa Gardens</b>	21 <sup>st</sup>
Creative Pursuits- <b>NGV - French</b>	
<b>Impressionists</b>	26 <sup>th</sup>
Investors	26 <sup>th</sup>
Secret Men’s Business	26 <sup>th</sup>
Book Groups	28 <sup>th</sup>

### FORWARD PLANNING

Kyneton Botanic Gardens	12 Sept
North East Silo Tour	23 Nov - 6 days
Bright adventure—5 day Tour	11 to 15 May 2026

### ACTIVITY GROUP CONVENORS

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

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