

# Grey Matter

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## March '24

Newsletter of the Greythorn Probud Club

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### *Stu's Final Script*

"Say goodbye my own true Probud; now the carnival is gone. But we will meet again." That is a miss-mash of that wonderful Seekers song – The Carnival is Over. When Jan asked me for my last president's report, that song slipped into my mind.

Being your president has been an absolute delight. I have been proud to speak at meetings about the quality, strength and energy of this Probud club. I hope you truly appreciate the club of which every one of you is a vital part.

Following the carnival theme, it has been a roller coaster ride this year. The highs: the beauty and the history of the Blue Mountains, many entertaining and enthralling speakers, our well attended day trips and visits. The lows: all personal. Needing an emergency hip replacement and recently having my Visa card scammed of \$13,000.

I thank the club for gifting me a quality, hard-working management committee. All members came to meetings well prepared with details resolved. The numerous convenors worked tirelessly behind the scenes providing fun and stimulating activities.

A quick word of thanks and admiration to Jan, our Grey Matter editor. Russ set a very high bar with his wonderful newsletters. The colourful, attractive and informative newsletters produced by Jan have been appreciated by all.

An unexpected bonus was interacting and spending time with my cousin, Russ. I wish Russ all the best for his year at the helm. His love of the club and his passion for solving problems will ensure Greythorn stays strong and active.

Please think about stepping forward to organise or lead an aspect of this wonderful club. Keep Greythorn strong; you will find it very rewarding.

"Now the harbour light is calling- This will be my last goodbye."

*Stuart Williams, President 2023-24*



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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday 12 March**

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

This is the club's Annual General Meeting  
including the election of the club's  
committee for 2024-245

**March Speaker:**

**Phillip Wynn – Forensic Scientist**

TOPIC: The Area of Forensic Science and  
how it is applied



Phillip joined the Norman McCallum Forensic Science Laboratory in 1973. Phillip has given evidence in over 1500 cases in Magistrates, County, Supreme and Coroners courts and in Court Martials. His major areas of interest were Drugs and Alcohol and the Introduction of Computerised Techniques into the Laboratory.

## Nominations for Management Committee 2024-25

**President:** Russ Dawe

**Vice President:** No nominations at this stage

**Immediate Past President:** Stuart Williams

**Secretary:** Glenys Chalk

**Treasurer:** Ron Johnson

**Membership:** Marty Malone

**Newsletter and Reports:** Jan Wedekind - Coffey

**Welfare:** Joan Teele

**Guest speakers:** Adrienne Salvagno

**Outings and Activities:** Cath Origlasso and Judy Brophy.

**Hospitality:** Committee position will remain vacant.

Margaret Cox and Barbara Van Woerkom will manage the Anniversary and Christmas lunches.

**Financial Reviewer:** Marty Malone

**Archives/Web Development:** Russ Dawe



Scrabble	4 March
<b>Committee Meeting</b>	<b>5 March</b>
Solo	7 March
<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>12 March</b>
Canasta	13 March
3rd Sunday Lunch	17 March
Walking for Enjoyment	18 March
Film and Lunch	19 March
Discussion	19 March
Coombe Cottage	21 March
Mornington Railway	24 March
Creative Pursuits	25 March
Investors	26 March
Book Groups	28 March
<b>Grey Matter April Copy</b>	<b>29 March</b>
Greythorn Groovers	Every Wednesday
<b>Have a Happy Easter Sunday!</b>	<b>31 March</b>

## BIRTHDAYS—MARCH

Kathy Pitsikas	2
Anna Kuyt	4
Lissa Drake	4
Ron Johnson	5
Lyn Stavretis	14
Mary Dunn	19
Jan Coffey	24
Lainie Carroll	25
Judy Watts	27



ACTIVITIES - GROUPS - CONVENORS 2024

Scrabble	Glenys Chalk	1st Monday
Solo	Denise Powell	1st Thursday
Canasta	Denise Boschetti	2nd Wednesday
Walking for enjoyment	John Astle	3rd Monday
Film Luncheons	Joan Teele	3rd Tuesday
Discussion	Roy Price	3rd Tue/Wed
Garden Apprec'n	Liz Dawe	3rd Thursday
3rd Sunday Lunch	Diane O'Brien	3rd Sunday
Creative Pursuits	Elaine Provan	4th Monday
Investors	Charlie Boschetti	4th Tuesday
Book Group 1	Erin Courtney	4th Thursday
Book Group 2	Lynn Stavretis	4th Thursday
Greythorn Groovers	Judy Bailey	Every Wednesday
Dine Out	Margaret Cox Barbara Van Woerkom	Bi Monthly
Theatre	Barb Mathews	Various
Footy Tipping	Peter Harman & Phil Pitsikas	Every Week

FOOTY TIPPING 2024



Yes, it's back! The first match of the 2024 season is either just about to start or has just started as this Newsletter arrived in your Inbox. So, let's hope everyone has remembered to put their tips in and if you haven't, how about you do it right now?

And now it's time to get into the habit again of doing your tipping each week for the next 26 or is it 27 weeks.

The good news is that we are delighted to welcome six new tipsters to our competition (at the time of writing). They are – Ros Richmond, Kerry Williams, Ron and Peggy Johnson, Veronica and Pat McLellan. Good luck to you all! It doesn't matter how you do it, tossing coins, crystal ball, reading tea leaves or even recording where the dog's paws land on the paper – all methods seem to have equal chance of success. And for those who haven't entered there is still time – just give Phil Pitsikas or Peter Harman a call and they will provide all the information and guidance you need.

Convenors

Peter Harman

Phil Pitsikas





## WELFARE

It was wonderful to see so many members attending our first Probus meeting for the year, including 2 new members and several visitors.

I am very pleased to report that I have had no messages from anyone telling me of any illness, accidents, or mishaps. So well done.

If anyone has been unwell, I do hope you are now back to full health and are ready to enjoy all our activities.

Joan Teele

## Scrabble

**Monday 4 March** Host was Liz Jericho.

Next Meeting:

**Monday 1 April at 1.30pm**

Host is Denise Boschetti. Please let Denise know by Friday 29 March if attending.

**Convenor:** Glenys Chalk

## Solo

**Thursday 7 March**

Host was Barb Mathews.

Next Meeting:

**Thursday 4 April 1.30pm**

The Solo Group will meet at 1.30pm (**Note change of time**) on April 4 at the home of Veronica McLellan:

**Convenor:** Denise Powell



Denise and June spotted enjoying Opera in the Park at Canterbury Gardens

## Canasta

Keeping Calm Playing Canasta!



**Wednesday 13 March at 7.30pm**

The CANASTA GROUP will meet on Wednesday March 13 at 7.30pm at the home of Barbara Mathews. Please advise Barbara if attending.

We welcome Denise Boschetti as the new convenor for 2024.

**Convenor:** Ann Price

## 3rd Sunday Lunch

**Sunday 17 March at 12 Noon**

Venue is:

**VIBRANTE RESTAURANT**

133 James Street, Templestowe.

For booking contact **Convenor** Diane O'Brien by Friday March 15



Congratulations, Angela, on 5 years of organising 3rd Sunday Lunches!

## Walking for Enjoyment

**Monday March 18 at 10.00am**

Yarra River walk in Kew

Kerb side parking, southern end of Walmer St Kew  
Melway 2D F12

Coffee at Frankie Says

**Friday April 12—Note Change of Day**

Visit to Geelong travel by train

Lunch at The Davidson. Limited to 18. Contact John to book.

**Convenor:** John Astle



Discussion

**DISCUSSION GROUP AT THE HARP HOTEL AT 11am on TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AT OWN EXPENSE.**

**WE CONTINUE 'THE HISTORY OF IRELAND' FROM 1690 FOR THE NEXT 300 YRS.**

**James 2 and William of Orange fought for the Kingdom of Ireland, at the Battle of the Boyne where James's outnumbered forces were defeated-1690.**

Convenor: Roy Price

Film and Lunch

**Tuesday, March 19**  
Palace Theatre, Whitehorse Rd, Balwyn.  
Film and time will be announced at Probus meeting.  
Please have CORRECT money (\$12.00) in NAMED envelope.  
Lunch to follow at East &Co.  
Convenor: Joan Teele

Garden Appreciation

**Thursday 21 March. 10 am**  
**Coombe Cottage Garden**  
673 Maroondah Hwy, Coldstream 3770  
Arrive 10am for a 1 hour guided garden tour and Devonshire tea. The walk follows unsealed and sometimes uneven pathways. There are no seats or toilets along the route.  
The cost is \$30 per person. Please put your name on the list and pay by Tuesday 12 March (our next meeting). Pay the money to the club bank account in the usual way and advise of payment to both the treasurer and me



We will car pool for this outing. All meet at the Balwyn Leisure Centre car-park (opposite side of Belmore Rd) at 9:00am.  
There will be no arranged lunch. If you would like to extend the visit please make your own lunch arrangements. (I have been advised by people who have been to Coombe Cottage in the past that the Devonshire Tea is substantial and probably sufficient).  
Details of our April 18 visit will be advised shortly.  
Convenor: Liz Dawe

Creative Pursuits

**Monday 25 March - 2pm.**  
Create and Chat. Host - Elaine Provan  
**Sunday 21 – Tues 23 April**  
**Sale Regional Gallery - 2 night stay.**  
**Annemeike Mein - A LIFE'S WORK - RETROSPECTIVE**  
\$18 for Exhibition is now due. All other details have been emailed to participants.  
Convenor: Elaine Provan:



**Creative Dining at HEIDE in February!?**



## Investors

Tuesday 26 March 7.30pm

At the Hub.

**Convenor:** Charlie Boschetti

## Book Groups

Thursday 28 March 2.00 pm

### BOOK GROUP 1

Book Group 1 will meet at 2 p.m. at Hawthorn Library to discuss *Wifedom* by Anna Funder. Book Group 2 now has a new convenor.

**Convenor:** Erin Courtney

### BOOK GROUP 2

The next meeting of Book Group 2 will be at the home of Joan Teele on Thursday 28 March 2pm to discuss "*Blue Ribbons, Bitter Bread*" by Susannah De Vries Please let Joan know by Tuesday 26 March if you cannot attend.

Book Group 2 also has a new convenor, Lyn Stavretis.

**Convenor:** Lyn Stavretis

Our Next Dine Out will be  
Thursday May 30 at 12.30pm at

### **TANDOORI DEN**

For a luscious 3 course Indian banquet  
261 Camberwell Road Camberwell  
(Close to Camberwell Junction)

Cost is \$58.50 with a glass of wine or soft drink

Please add your name to the list at the next  
General Meeting .

**Payment due 7 May**



When paying for this event, please notify Ron Johnson, treasurer@greythornprobud.org.au and

both **Dine Out Convenors**

Barbara Van Woerkom

Margaret Cox

## GREYTHORN GROOVERS

at the SENIORS' EXERCISE PARK  
VICTORIA PARK KEW



**DIRECTIONS:** Travelling towards the city . . . . High St East Kew, continue past The Harp approx 1/2km & turn left into Victoria Park, through the big gateway. This is almost opposite Belford Road & before you go through the pedestrian crossing.

**PARKING:** turn left at the top of of the driveway & park around the oval.

**WALK:** down the steps behind the cars, the EXERCISE PARK is next to the children's playground & behind the Croquet Club.

**WHY:** to improve our Balance, Mobility, Strength, Range of Motion & Functional Movement.

**MEETING every Wednesday morning at 10.00am. Session lasts about 45mins.**

If you want some help on how to use the equipment, it is recommended to attend one of the regular Come and Try sessions on Tuesday or Friday morning. The equipment is NOT Gym equipment, it is specially designed for Seniors..

Please send **CONVENOR JUDY BAILEY** a message, by **TUESDAY**, if you will be attending.

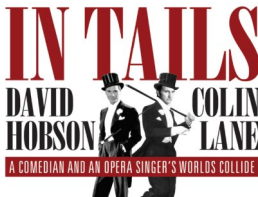
**GROOVERS are MOOVERS!**



**THEATRE**  
**A WORLD OF FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT COMING YOUR WAY!**



**Wednesday 17 April** at The Round  
**Diva – Queenie van de Zandt.** Queenie sings the songs of legendary singers Barbra Streisand, Aretha Franklin and Joni Mitchell. Price is \$21pp and must be paid by the beginning of March. Please put your name on list if interested. Coffee and cake start at 10am.



**Friday April 19 at 8.00PM** at The Round  
**In Tails**, with David Hobson, a well-known tenor who performs from Opera through to Pop. He is accompanied by Colin Lane, comedian and professional Show Off who is best known as Lano and Woodley, comedy duo. See this unique and hilarious experiment for \$65pp and must pay by the March meeting. Apologies for short notice.



**Saturday 27 April at 1.30pm:** The Wharf Revue: Pride and Prejudice at The Round.  
Political satire at its best in this hilarious revue-based offering.  
Price is \$63pp concession and must be paid by March meeting at the latest.



**Wednesday 15 May at 1 pm** Chicago at Her Majesty's Theatre in Exhibition St. A musical involving murder, prison and court and other mayhem starring world famous baritone Anthony Warlow. Cost is \$71pp and must be paid by the end of March at the latest.



**Saturday 22 June at 1pm** at the Princess Theatre: **Sunset Boulevard.**  
The musical story of an aging diva and unfulfilled ambition written by Andrew Lloyd Webber and starring the wonderful Sarah Brightman.  
Cost is \$148pp concession price. Must be paid by the end of April.

**Convenor:** Barbara Mathews



## Tours and Trips

**MORNINGTON TOURIST TRAIN TRIP****SUNDAY MARCH 24 2024**

**MEETING AT: MOOROODUC TRAIN STATION** at 9.45am for morning tea. 8.00am departure is advised. The station is just off MOOROODUC HIGHWAY. EXIT RIGHT AT TWO BAYS ROAD & FOLLOW the SIGN ON YOUR LEFT.

If you travel via EASTLINK, continue along the FRANKSTON HIGHWAY which becomes MOOROODUC HIGHWAY after it passes through Frankston.

**Our train leaves at 10.30 am**

**OUR BEAUTIFUL LUNCH VENUE** is 'KIRKS on the Esplanade' in Mornington @ 12.30pm

**COST: \$42.00pp** for a choice of 9 mains & alternate drop of 4 desserts.

**PAY individually (will be organised on the day)**

**DRINKS:** from the bar



**COST:** for the TRAIN is \$10.00pp.

If you're not on the list contact us ASAP.

This is a carpooling event.

**Convenors**

**Cath Origlasso**

**Judy Brophy:**

**ANZAC MONTH SPECIAL EVENT**

**THURSDAY APRIL 4 10.00am, \$52.00pp**

**THE SHRINE & BOTANICAL GARDENS TOUR, INCLUDING MORNING TEA at the TERRACE**

**THIS EVENT IS NOW FULL**

**GREYTHORN PROBUS COOPER PEDY, & THE RED CENTRE – ALICE SPRINGS & ULURU**



**10 Day Tour . . . 15th to 24th July, 2024**

We have 13 travellers looking forward to this fabulous trip. 2nd deposits were due **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2024**

Enquiries: Judy Brophy

**FEBRUARY FUN**

Walking and Dining—and more Dining. Walking Group, 3rd Sunday Lunch and Dine Out in February

*Girls - and Boys – Just Wanna Have Fun!*





## APRIL GREY MATTER Important Reminder!

Please send copy and photos for the April Newsletter to BOTH myself and Russ Dawe by THURSDAY 28 MARCH as I will be away in late March. Russ will produce the final copy of the April newsletter

Jan Wedekind-Coffey

Newsletter and Annual Report

Scan the QR Code below to access the most recent Newsletter on the Greythorn Probus website.



## 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, and the Treasurer, **Ron Johnson**, advising the activity/ies you have paid for into the club account.



### 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 **Annual General Meeting** on **Tuesday 12 March**

**Nelson  
Alexander**

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## FORWARD PLANNING

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

### APRIL ACTIVITIES

Scrabble:	1 April
<b>Committee Meeting:</b>	<b>2 April</b>
Solo:	4 April
Daylight Saving Ends	7 April
<b>General Meeting:</b>	<b>9 April</b>
Canasta	10 April
Walking for Enjoyment	12 April
Film Luncheon	16 April
Discussion:	16 April
<i>Diva @The Round</i>	17 April
<i>In Tails @ The Round</i>	19 April
3rd Sunday Lunch:	21 April
Creative Pursuits Sale Trip	21—23 April
Investors:	23 April
Book Groups:	25 April
<i>The Wharf Revue @The Round</i>	27 April
Greythorn Movers	Every Wednesday

### OTHER EVENTS — A BIT LATER

<b>May Grey Matter Copy</b>	<b>2 May</b>
Chicago	15 May
Dine Out @ Tandoori Den	30 May
Sunset Boulevard	22 June

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