

Grey Matter

October 2025



Newsletter of the Greythorn Probus Club

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Judy's Journal

Greetings Greythornians,

Happy International Senior's Month to you all!

I hope you are able to take advantage of some of the many activities on offer in the community for Senior's Festival Month.

Here at Greythorn we will celebrate at our October General Meeting with an open morning, where we hope to welcome visitors for a Special Information Session followed by an extended morning tea.

Please mingle, introduce yourselves & make any visitors welcome.

I haven't been contacted by any members who would like to nominate for our 2026 Committee. This is extremely disappointing & puts in jeopardy the life of our fantastic club. All positions are able to be nominated for.

Have a chat amongst your fellow members, ask them if you could nominate them or if they would nominate you. We all acknowledged when we were inducted "to share the responsibility for keeping Greythorn viable & vibrant". Our future is in your hands.

The year is racing towards Xmas with more speed than ever, our Xmas lunch at Greenacres Golf Club will be here before we know it, so don't forget to put your name on the list & pay asap, it's sure to be a very enjoyable day.

We have many activities to enjoy before the end of the year, I hope you will be able to join some of them. Don't forget our members who are not driving anymore, see if they would like to go & offer them a lift. It may be me or you next year.

*Best Wishes
Judy*

REMEMBER FOR ALL MEETINGS and ACTIVITIES

Your **Name Badge**, Probud medical card, comfy shoes, hat, sunscreen, phone and coat (rain possible).

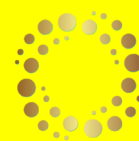
Meet, Learn, Connect GREYTHORN PROBUS CLUB open morning . . .

Tue 14 October 2025
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
St Aidan's Hall 17 - 21 Duggan St
Balwyn North VIC 3104

EVENT DETAILS

Retired? 60-70's? Bring your friends & join the Greythorn Probud Club for a **Special Information Morning** where you can discover what our club is all about. **Learn about the activities, social events and friendships that make Probud so rewarding.**

After the session, enjoy a relaxed meet and greet over morning tea a great chance to chat with members and ask any questions



GREYTHORN PROBUS CLUB

AN ACTIVE VIBRANT CLUB

No bookings required, just

'COME & SEE WHAT WE'RE ABOUT'

ACCESSIBILITY AT THIS PLACE:

Accessible car parking	Accessible drop-off area
Accessible toilets	Clear signage
Wide passageways	Rest area for assistance animals
	Quiet areas

It would be appreciated by all, if people refrained from talking during the meeting whilst someone is speaking on the microphone. It is distracting for the speaker and for those in the audience. Please make it easier for all of us to hear.

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



Community Bank
Inner East

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

Solo

Tours & Outings – Werribee Zoo

Scrabble

Committee Meeting

Canasta

Dine Out – Meat & Wine Co

General Meeting

Garden Appreciation – Government House Gardens

Theatre- Grease

3rd Sunday Lunch

Walking for Enjoyment

Film & Lunch

Discussion

Theatre - The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber

Book Groups

Creative Pursuits- Archibald Exhibition Geelong Art Gallery

Investors

Secret Men’s Business

Theatre – Here You Come Again

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FORWARD PLANNING

Please see table located on page 6 of this newsletter for events scheduled in the following months in 2025

Solo

Thursday, 2 October 2025 @ 1.30 pm

The Solo group host on 2 October was Janet Cook.

Thursday, 6 November 2025 @ 7.30 pm (please note change of time)

Veronica McLellan will host this game. Please contact Veronica to let her know if you intend to play.

Convenor: Denise Powell

Scrabble

Monday, 6 October 2025 at 1:30 pm

Hosts were Stanley & Theresa Petzall.

Monday, 3 November 2025 at 1:30 pm

Host is Glenys Chalk. Please let Glenys know on by Friday 31 October if attending.

Convenor: Glenys Chalk

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Barbara VAN WOERKOM

Frank DEVLIN

Denise BOSCHETTI

Kerryn WILLIAMS

Marty MALONE

Joan TEELE

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Welfare

To All Members who are unwell

Best wishes from your friends at Greythorn!



Cards have been sent to the following:

Roy Price,

Angela Randall,

Pauline O’Brien &

Sally Knight

If you come to a club meeting while you have a cough or cold please wear a mask.

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 the Club’s Welfare Co-ordinator, Marg Steele. Please send information to welfare@greythornprobud.org.au

Marg Steele

Welfare Coordinator

Rotary

Club of Balwyn

Supporting community activities.

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Canasta

Wednesday, 8 October 2025 @ 7.30 pm

The October Canasta was held at Denise & Charlie's home at 7.30pm.

Wednesday, 12 November 2025 @ 7.30 pm

Kevin O'Connor will host the November Canasta at his home at 7.30pm. Please advise Kevin if attending

Convenor: Denise Boschetti

Garden Appreciation

Friday, 17 October 2025—Government House Garden

The members who have tickets for this outing will be advised of the details by email. For more information and background on these important gardens please [click here](#).



Lunch following the visit has been booked at the Tea Room in the Arts Centre

Thursday, 20 November 2025 - Duneira House & Garden, Officer Lane, Mount Macedon

This is a car sharing outing. If you are willing to drive please indicate on the list. People wanting a ride please organise one with a driver.



A tour has been arranged for this historic house and garden to **start at 10:30am**. Please ensure your name is on the list at the General Meeting.

Tour length: 1hr:45 min – 2 hrs.
Cost \$35 pay on the day either cash or card.

Lunch will be at the **Macedon Village Hotel, Cnr Smith & Victoria Streets, Macedon Village.**

As this is now the **Garden & Creative Pursuits final function for the year**, it is possible for those not wanting to go to Duneira to take a train to Macedon and join us for lunch at the **Macedon Village Hotel** – only a short walk from the Macedon Station.

Please advise me (Liz) if you wish to come just for lunch as I will need to know numbers to make a booking.

Convenor: Liz Dawe

NOVEMBER GREY MATTER - Important reminder

Please send your details for the **November Grey Matter** to the newsletter mailbox by **Tuesday 28 October 2025** (newsletter@grey~~~)

Christmas Lunch



**Tuesday, 2 December 2025
@ 12 noon**

*We are delighted to be
returning to
Greenacres Golf Club
51 Elm Grove, Kew East
VIC 3102
for our Christmas lunch*

Cost to Members \$70

Non Members \$85

3 course meal & Entertainment

**Payment via EFT latest by 11 November 2025
to Ron Johnson.**



*Light-hearted, fun entertain-
ment provided by Paul Gil-
lett, guitar/vocals.
Songs to enjoy, sing along
with, dance to! Release your
"young at heart self" and
join in at our Christmas
Lunch!!*

Convenors: Margaret Cox
Barbara Van Woerkom



Subscriptions and Payments

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

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.

3rd Sunday Lunch

Sunday, 19 October 2025 @ 12 noon

Venue: Augello's Balwyn
200 Whitehorse Road
BALWYN VIC 3103



For bookings contact Diane O'Brien by Friday 17th October.

Convenor: Diane O'Brien

Walking for Enjoyment



Monday, 20 October 2025 @ 10.00 am

Capital City Trail to Lygon St

Meet on the corner of Falconer St. and Alfred Crescent Fitzroy North (Edinburgh Gardens)

Melway 30 C12

Coffee enroute

Convenor: John Astle

Film Luncheon

Tuesday, 21 October 2025—Palace Cinema, Balwyn

Film and time will be announced at Probus Meeting.



PLEASE HAVE CORRECT MONEY IN NAMED ENVELOPE.

Optional lunch at East & Co following film.

Convenor: Joan Teele

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



GREYTHORN PROBUS MEMBERS OUT AND ABOUT IN SEPTEMBER

Springtime at Fitzroy Gardens





Educational visit to The State Library





94.1FM
3WBC

the community radio station for Boroondara, Whitehorse and Manningham supports Greythorn Probus Club Listen to them on 94.1FM

Discussion Group

Tuesday 21 October 2025 @ 11:00am,
Harp Hotel “Board Room” [Fracking](#)



Returning to the Harp for a Discussion Group of a slightly different nature, **Dr Vaughan Beck** AM will lead a discussion on fracking. As a specialist in ‘unconventional Gas Production’ and with a background in Structural and Mechanical Engineering Vaughan has been the Executive Director, Technical and Senior Technical Advisor to the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering. He was also Pro-Vice Chancellor (Research) and (Industry, Research and Region) at Victoria University. Vaughan was Deputy Chair of the Expert Working Group, Engineering Energy: Unconventional Gas Production for the Report on Shale Gas and was Chair of the CAETS Working Group on Low Carbon Energy. Vaughan is a member of the Port Phillip Probus Club. As usual lunch will follow the discussion. **Please let Russ know if you will be attending.**
Organiser: Russ Dawe
Convenor: Roy Price

DISCUSSION GROUP

A NEW SEGMENT THIS MONTH



THIS IS A SPOKEN PRESENTATION OF ABOUT 10 MIN-LISTEN AT HOME!
AS IN SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

On 11 September 2001, a small Canadian town called Gander became a haven for thousands of airline passengers and crew stranded after the 9/11 terror attacks. The attacks on the World Trade Centre had forced the closure of US airspace leaving many flights unable to land. Within hours, 38 planes with 7,000 passengers, had been diverted to Gander, effectively doubling the town's population. But then came the extraordinary kindness and generosity of the Newfoundlanders. For five days, local residents provided beds, food, medicine and clothing for those stranded during the crisis. They put on music evenings, barbecues and canoe trips to keep their visitors entertained. **Beverley Bass, one of the plane captains, tells about Gander’s extraordinary hospitality during one of the most traumatic events in modern history.**





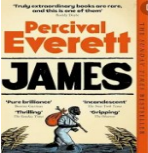
Passengers and crew at Gandr airfield 2001

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Book Groups

Thursday, 23 October 2025 @ 2:00 pm

Book group 1
Book Group 1 will meet at 2:00 pm at the Hawthorn Library to discuss *James* by Percival Everett.
Convenor: Erin Courtney



Book group 2



Book group 2 will meet at Lyn Stavretis’s place at 2.00 pm to discuss *Fake* - by Stephanie Wood. Please let Lyn know if you are unable to attend.
Convenor: Lyn Stavretis

Creative Pursuits

Tuesday, 28 October 2025
Archibald Exhibition -
Geelong Art Gallery



Cost—\$20

Meet at 8:50 am by Boost Juice kiosk (near the stairs) Southern Cross Station

Lunch - Geelong Gallery Return - approx 4pm



AND the WINNER is
Julie Fragar . . .

Thursday, 20 November 2025 - Combined
Christmas Lunch with Garden Appreciation at
Macedon Village Hotel

Further details on page 3 of this newsletter.

Convenor: Elaine Provan

Secret Men’s Business



Tuesday, 28 October 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

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Investors



Tuesday, 28 October 2025 @ 7.30 pm

After us missing our August meeting for various reasons, a good meeting was had by all in September.

Our next meeting is 7.30 pm on Tuesday 28th October.

Our Christmas break-up dinner will be held on **Tuesday, 9 December 2025 at 7.00 pm** at The Living Room, Templestowe.

Convenor: Charlie Boschetti

NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

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

Scrabble	3 rd
Committee Meeting/Greythorn Melbourne Cup Day Picnic	4th
Solo	6 th
General Meeting	11 th
Canasta	12 th
Theatre— The Beggars Sing The Seekers	12th
3rd Sunday Lunch	16 th
Walking for Enjoyment	17 th
Film & lunch	18 th
Discussion	18 th
Garden Appreciation— Duneira House & Garden, Mount Macedon & combined Xmas Lunch with Creative Pursuits	20th
Tour & Outings— North East Silo Tour	23rd
Investors	25 th
Secret Men's Business	25 th
Book Groups	27 th

FORWARD PLANNING

Probus Xmas Lunch	2 nd Dec
Investors— Xmas Lunch	9th Dec
Theatre— Santa Clause is Coming to Town	10th Dec
Probus Club OSMaD— Come From Away	12th Dec
Book Group 1— Xmas Lunch	18th Dec
Theatre— Affinity Quartet Take Four:	
Chamber music for everyone	26th Feb 2026
Theatre— Frankly Sinatra	1st Mar 2026
Bright adventure—5 day Tour	11th to 15th May 2026

COME & JOIN US AT OUR



GREYTHORN MELBOURNE CUP DAY PICNIC

WHERE: Beckett Park, Balwyn, we'll be
under or
near one of the big trees near Banool
Road.

PARK: in the car park, via Parring
Road or in Banool Road or
Yarrbat Avenue,

there are pathways into the park
from both.

WHEN: Tuesday November 4 at
12.00pm

BYO: PICNIC, CHAIRS, TABLE
COINS for the SWEEPS

DRESS to IMPRESS - FASHIONS
on the FIELD



A DAY OF FUN & FRIENDSHIP

Theatre

Grease

Saturday, 18 October 2025 @ 2.00 pm at The Round



Grease with its catchy songs and iconic dance numbers is a most beloved of musicals presented by Babirra Music Theatre Company. **Tickets will be distributed at the October meeting.**

The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber

Wednesday, 22 October 2025 @ 11 am /2.00 pm at The Round

Claire Lyon, star of Phantom of the Opera, will bring songs from the Phantom, Cats, Evita and more from his Broadway shows. **Tickets have now been finalised and will be distributed at the October meeting.**



Here You Come Again

Thursday, 30 October 2025 @ 2.00 pm at The Comedy Theatre



A rollicking new musical featuring Dolly Parton's greatest hits, including *Jolene*, *Islands in the stream*, *I will always love you*. **Tickets have now been finalised and will be distributed at the October meeting.**

The Beggars Sing The Seekers

Wednesday, 12 November 2025 @ 11 am at The Round

The Adelaide folk sensation The Beggars recreates the story and music of the Seekers, from their beginnings in Melbourne to the centre of the music world, including all their well-loved hits. **Cost is \$22 pp and must be paid by the October meeting at the latest.**



Santa Claus is Coming to Town

Wednesday, 10 December 2025 @11.00 am at The Round

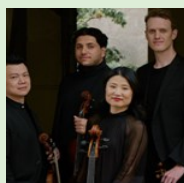


Melissa Langton and Mark Jones sing many Christmas favourites including *Mary's Boy Child*, *Santa Baby*, and many others. **Cost is \$22 pp and must be paid by the November meeting at the latest.**

Morning Melodies at The Round—2026

Wednesday, 25 February 2026 @11.00 am at The Round
Affinity Quartet Take Four:
Chamber music for everyone

Cost is \$22pp and must be paid by the December Lunch .



Theatre (contd)

Frankly Sinatra

Wednesday, 11 March 2026 @11.00 am at The Round



Cost is \$22pp and must be paid by the December lunch.

Convenor: Barbara Mathews

OSMaD Performance 2025

Friday, 12 December 2025 @ 7:30pm



Be part of our Probus club's large group at the **OSMaD** performance of the highly regarded musical "*Come From Away*".

The show is based on the events in the Newfoundland town of Gander during the week following the September 11 attacks, when 38 planes, carrying approximately 7,000 passengers, were ordered to land unexpectedly at Gander International Airport. The characters in the musical are based on actual Gander residents and stranded travellers they housed and fed.

Our club members have been attending the OSMaD productions for many years – and they've all been excellent. While the show is at the **Geoffrey McComas Theatre at Scotch College, Morrison St., Hawthorn** it is NOT a school show. The cast are "pre-professional" – from public auditions.

We have a special price of \$40 per person for our group – normal individual \$59, group \$45 – We have a reserved block of seats – some tickets are still available.

To be part of this year's outing ensure your name is on the list either at the October General Meeting (or preferably to Russ before then).

BRING & BUY



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

Tours & Outings

SEPTEMBER OUTING TO HOBSON BAY

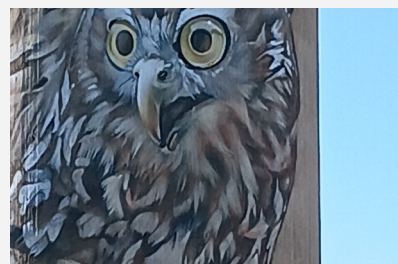
A successful magical mystery tour owing to cancellation of trains (only buses) with lots of laughter



OCTOBER - VISIT TO ELEPHANT ENCLOSURE AT WERRIBEE ZOO



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



We still have some vacancies for this wonderful and adventurous tour and if you would like to join in, you are very welcome.

[Itinerary here](#)

Please let me know if you have any questions

Convenor: Pene Whiteley

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
[2605 Bright itinerary.pdf](#)

Convenor: Judy Bailey

Footy Tipping 2025



Another epic race to the line with every one of the first four places, dependent on the result of the Grand Final. When the final siren blew 1st and 2nd remained equal on tips but separated by the barest of margins on our countback system. Meanwhile Anne Harman by tipping Brisbane had snatched third place from Roy Price.

So the 2025 results and awards are:

First Place and Mavis Cup:

Second Place:

Third Place:

Phil Pitsikas

Ros Richmond (last year's Rising Star Award winner)

Anne Harman

The Recognition awards are:

Best First Year Players:

Rising Star Award:

Most Improved Player:

Best Performance by a Foundation Player:

On the Slippery Slide Award:

Benedict Arnold Award (Most frequently tips against the team they supposedly support):

"Up for Trade":

Chris Thornton

Shirley Branigan

Veronica McLellan

Judy Lewis

Marty Malone

Phil Pitsikas (an Eagles Supporter)

Margaret Doherty, Rhonda Browne, Judy Brophy and Kathie Nickson. (We really do want to keep you on our Team!)

That's it for 2025. Thank you to all our tipsters. Recruiting and Pre-season training starts again in February 2026 – that soon, really!

Convenor : Peter Harman

Nelson
Alexander

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Kew 3101

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Odd Spot

It seems that the wonderful world of AI is causing problems for the scientific community.

AI learns from being fed vast quantities of data and information sources. An error as simple as conflating words from 2 separate columns, as indicated below from two scientific papers published in the 1950's, has apparently led to the 'learning' of the term "vegetative electron microscopy".

which established that the coats contained substrate for the lytic enzyme present in spores. Peptide was also released from spore coats of *B. megaterium* by the action of the enzyme from *B. cereus* spores. The lytic enzyme did not attack intact resting spores.

The spore develops in the vegetative cell, which thus becomes a sporangium. It is by no means certain what happens to the vegetative cell wall when the spore is released. In *Clostridium* species it appears that at least part of this structure is retained as an outer membrane around the spore. It is the opinion of some workers that the wall of the sporulating cell forms the exosporium which exists as an outer

to allow release of the spore. It appears likely that the exosporium of *B. cereus* does not have a composition similar to that of the vegetative cell wall, from the results obtained by Dr. J. R. Norris of Leeds University (*personal communication*). He treated spores with a highly active preparation of lytic enzyme from *B. cereus* spores and examined the effect by means of electron microscopy. No evidence of lysis of the exosporium was obtained.

It was not known whether the enzyme present in spores, or another enzyme, was responsible for lysis of the sporangial wall during spore release. When thick suspensions of washed sporulating cells of *B. cereus* were incubated in buffer

The term is creeping into other documents and papers where AI is being used and is a "digital fossil" [presumably another term happily adopted by AI].

2026 Annual General Meeting ¶

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 ■ in the appropriate space. ¶

President <input style="float: right;" type="checkbox"/>	Treasurer <input style="float: right;" type="checkbox"/>	Vice President <input style="float: right;" type="checkbox"/>
Secretary <input style="float: right;" type="checkbox"/>	Committee member (6 positions available) <input style="float: right;" 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 general meeting (10 February 2026) or delivered directly to Glenys Chalk at the February meeting ¶

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