

Special edition Grey Matter

December

Newsletter of the Greythorn Probus Club



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Judy's Journal

Greetings everyone,

It seems like only yesterday since my last report, it's been such a busy month.

We had a beautiful day at *Daneira*, one of the original hillstations on Mt Macedon. The garden was just superb, enormous rhododendrons, 100+ year old trees, exotics of all colours & foliage of every shade of green. Then into the 'house', such a fascinating history, an amazing art & library collection, beautifully styled rooms & the whole experience guided by the extremely knowledgeable Melina and Zoe.

We then made our way down the mountain to the newly reopened Macedon Village Hotel, where we enjoyed lunch in the Bistro.

Thank you Liz for organising such a delightful day.

Our Convenors do an amazing job, please support them & join as many of their activities as possible.

Your committee for 2026 still needs some of you to put up your hands & say "I'll give it a go".

Remember your induction where you agreed to do your bit on the committee?

As I've said many times, "we are not running BHP", although we do follow the same rules in a minuscule way.

I hear the same excuses "I'm too busy", or "I couldn't do that"; we're all busy & we all can do it. The present committee are ready & able to help you.

I look forward to seeing most of you at the Christmas lunch

*Best Wishes
Judy*

REMEMBER FOR ALL MEETINGS and ACTIVITIES

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

Christmas Lunch



**What a great day that will be on
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**

3 course meal & light-hearted, fun entertainment provided by Paul Gillett, guitar/vocals. Songs to enjoy, sing along with, dance to! Release your "young-at-heart self" and join in at our Christmas



Lunch!!

**Congratulations to our
organisers Marg Cox,
Barb VanWoerkom &
Adrienne Salvagno**





DECEMBER 2025 Calendar

Scrabble	1 December
Christmas lunch	2 December
Solo	4 December
Investors—7:00pm	9 December
Canasta—6:30pm	10 December
Theatre—Santa Clause is Coming	10 December
Book Group 2 –Christmas Lunch	11 December
Theatre—Come From Away	12 December
Walking for Enjoyment	15 December
Book Group 1 Christmas Lunch	18 December
SMB	30 December

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

December:

Mary MARSHALL	3
Carolyn SMYTH	6
Wendy LE GET	7
Anne PONSFORD	9
Peter OGIER	16
John QUARTEL	16
Ken PURNELL	17

January

Jan JAMES	2
Stephanie FLIEGNER	3
Russ DAWÉ	12
Ann PRICE	18
Margaret MARCH	19
Michael SINCLAIR	20
Lisa ZUCCALA	21
Adrienne SALVAGNO	23
Liz OLIE	28
Geoff JEWELL	18

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.

Ruffey Lake Picnic & Challenge

***We look forward to seeing you all at our
ANNUAL RUFFEY LAKE PARK PICNIC
on Tuesday 13th January AT 12.00pm***



**ENTER VIA THE BOULEVARD, off GEORGE STREET,
DONCASTER, & PARK TOWARDS THE END OF THE
PARKING AREA.**

**We will be in the covered seating building to the left
of the toilets.**

BYO picnic, a chair could be handy.



**THIS YEAR WE WILL HAVE SOME FUN IF
YOU HAVE BOCCE', PETANQUE or BOULES PLEASE
BRING THEM ALONG FOR**

THE INAUGURAL 'GREYTHORN RUFFEY CHALLENGE'

**START PRACTICING NOW - PERHAPS DRILLS, FITNESS
ROUTINES, STRETCHING, MESSAGES etc—WE WILL
HAVE OUR FIRST AID KIT & DEFIBRILLATOR
THE PRIZES WILL BE AMAZING, cruises on Ruffey
Lake, \$\$\$\$\$\$, a week glamping on St Aidan's lawn.**

**IF THE WEATHER IS INCLEMENT OR THE TEMPERA-
TURE IS PREDICTED TO BE ABOVE 30deg WE WILL
CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR AT THE TEMPLESTOWE
HOTEL— an email will be sent out.**



Solo

Thursday 4 December @ 12noon

The SOLO players will meet on Thursday December 4th at 12.00 noon to celebrate the completion of another year of enjoyable Solo games. Anne and Peter Harman will once again host the lunch. Please contact Ann to confirm your attendance (or otherwise).

Convenor: Denise Powell

Canasta

Wednesday, 10 December 2025 @ 6.30 pm

Canasta Christmas BBQ will be at the home of Judy Brophy on Wednesday 10th of December at 6.30pm. BYO drink, and salad or dessert as arranged. Next game is the 11th February 2026 at Boschetti's.

Convenor: Denise Boschetti

Scrabble

Monday 1 December at 12.30 pm

Host is Elaine Provan. *This is our Christmas lunch* and game. Please note earlier time. Please let Elaine know by Friday 28 November if attending.

Monday 2 February 2026 at 1.30 pm

Host is Glenys Chalk. Please let Glenys know by Friday 30 January if attending.



Convenor: Glenys Chalk

Subscriptions and Payments

Direct Debit (EFT)

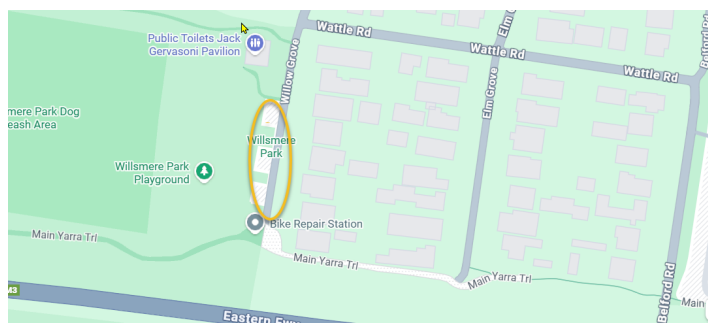
Please **always** insert your **name** and the **event** in the message/reference area.

Also email the relevant **convenors** or **organisers** and the **Treasurer, Ron Johnson**, advising the activity/ies you have paid for into the club account.

Walking for Enjoyment

Monday 15th December 10.00am

Kew Billabong to Darebin Parklands
Meet near the corner of Wattle Rd & Willow Grv.
Kew East
Melway 45 F1
Coffee @ Briquettes



Convenor: John Astle

Secret Men's Business

Tuesday, 30 December 2025 @ 9.30 am

I'm happy to convene gatherings of SMB aka Secret Men's Business at 'Olive Lane, 69 Doncaster Road, Balwyn North' as usual in December & January. If you'd like to come for a coffee and chat please let me (Peter) know.
(Bring a mate!)

Convenor: Peter Gillett



Our thanks to Community Bank
Inner East for their support for our
activities



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Book Group 1

Thursday, 18 December 2025 @ 2:00 pm

We don't have a discussion but **do have lunch** at Box Hill RSL on *18th December*. *Book for discussion in January to be selected*

Convenor: Erin Courtney

Book Group 2

Thursday, 11 December 2025 @ 2:00pm

The plan is to meet for **Christmas lunch** on *December 11th 2pm* at one of our places- yet to be determined for a relaxing end of year celebration.

January 2026

We will not have a book club meeting but do plan to meet for lunch.

We are waiting for Boroondara Library to confirm our 2026 choices.

Will meet on 26th February 2026.

Convenor: Lyn Stavretis

Investors

Tuesday, 9 December 2025 @ 7.00 pm

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

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



Creative Pursuits

Tuesday 24 February - 2026 - 1:30pm

Chat and Craft

Meet at Convenors home, bring small plate for afternoon tea

Thursday 16 April- 2026—1:15pm

Georges Remembered at Hawthorn Town Hall

Contact Elaine to book asap.

20 tickets available—cost \$40 pp. Please pay into the Club Bank account no later than 20 March.

Convenor: Elaine Provan

Discussion Group

Roy has indicated he wishes to step down as Convenor of the Discussion Group. Those attending the October Discussion were of the opinion that we should keep the Discussion Group going—in that it's different in nature from the successful Secret Men's Business. Several members have made suggestions as to how we might keep the group running.

I'll be in touch with everyone early in the new year to arrange a discussion on what and how we proceed.
Russ



Our travellers linger for a while at the Katamatite Silo while on the Linger Longer NE Silo Art Tour.

**Nelson
Alexander**

**Estate Agents, 278 High Street,
Kew 3101**

Call
Christopher Ewart 0419 897 979
Office: 9854 8888



Theatre

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. Tickets all finalised.



Come From Away

Friday, 12 December 2025 @ 7:30pm

Geoffrey McComas Theatre, Morrison St., Hawthorn

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.



Special Probud group tickets. If you haven't booked but would like to attend, contact Russ
Organiser: Russ 0431 241 600

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.

Frankly Sinatra

Wednesday, 11 March 2026

@11.00 am at The Round

Starring actor and music theatre star Ian Stenlake, this new production tells the story of one of the greatest crooners the world has ever known - Ol' Blue Eyes himself.



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

Convenor: Barbara Mathews

Dine Out—2026

29 January 2026 @ 12 noon

NINI's,

Level1/302
Burwood Road
Hawthorn



Lunch with a difference.

Delicious Mediterranean share menu including a glass of wine, Beer or soft drink. Coffee and tea supplied.
Cost \$60.00 per person. *No limit on numbers.*



There is a lift in the building for those who need it.

Nini's is only a hundred yards or so from the Glenferrie/Burwood Roads intersection and tram stops.

Payment required by January 13th 2026 to be made to the club bank account *and* advise treasurer and Convenors.

**Convenors: Barbara VanWoerkom
Margaret Cox**

Garden Appreciation

**Thursday 19 February, 2026, 11am
Olive Tree & Wheelbarrow Nursery**

Meet at Jonathon's Café in the nursery at 11:00am for coffee/lunch to catch up and plan the activities for the coming year.

Please bring any suggestions for garden outings with you.

Looking forward to catching up

Convenor: Liz Dawe





Tours & Outings (2026)



HAVE MYKI WILL TRAVEL

Wednesday 18th February 2026

Mornington Market

Meeting @ Flinders Street Station at 9.30am for the Frankston Train at 9.40am

Meeting the bus (781 or 784) to Mornington

We will then stroll along Main Street looking the market stalls, meeting 1pm at The Grand Hotel for lunch

After lunch you can resume your stroll along the Main Street, before returning to the bus stop at 2.30pm to return home about 4.30 pm

Convenor: Pene Whiteley

SOVEREIGN HILL ADVENTURE

Friday March 27, 2026

Time : Bus will leave Sports Complex at 8.30am

Arriving: at Sovereign Hill at 10.30am

When: At your own pace explore the Main Street for attractions

Suggest the New York Bakery or one of the other eateries for coffee or lunch at your own leisure and cost.

There are lots of things to do and look at before making your way back to the bus for our 3.30pm departure for Balwyn (approx 5.30pm)

Cost: \$40 per person; \$79 non members

Please pay your money into the club account ***no later than Tuesday 10 February 2026*** with your name as reference and clearly indicating that you're paying for 'Sovereign Hill'.

Convenors: Pene Whiteley :

Judy Bailey :

Vivienne Newman



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.

View the [2605 Bright itinerary.pdf](#) here

Convenor: Judy Bailey

Diary Dates—

JANUARY & beyond—2026

Traditional Ruffey Lake Park Picnic & Challenge	13 Jan
SMB—Olive Lane—contact Convenor	27 Jan
Dine Out –NINI's— <i>Payment by 13 Jan.</i>	29 Jan
Committee meeting	3 Feb
Greythorn General Meeting	10 Feb
Have Myki Will Travel—Mornington	18 Feb
Garden Group—Jonathon's Café (coffee/lunch)	19 Feb
Theatre—Affinity Quartet @ The Round	25 Feb
Book Group 2 resumes	26 Feb
Theatre—Frankly Sinatra @ The Round	11 Mar
Goldfields Day Trip—	
booking & payment by 10 Feb	27 Mar
Georges Remembered @ Hawthorn Town Hall	16 Apr
payment by 20 March	
Bright 5 day tour commences	11 May

FEBRUARY GREY MATTER -

Important reminder

Please ensure that information about February and, as appropriate, beyond activities are sent to the newsletter mailbox (newsletter@greythornproboscis.org.au)

by **Tuesday 27 January 2026**

The club's Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 March.

Committee nominations REQUIRED by the February General Meeting.

All members are eligible to be nominated