

Grey Matter

August 2026

Newsletter of the Greythorn Probus Club

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ROBERT'S REFLECTIONS



Firstly, I must tender my apology for the general meeting scheduled for Tuesday August 11 as I have other commitments on the Gold Coast which I need to attend to. At the same time I will be visiting family in Newcastle and will return in time for the September Committee Meeting on September 1.

Our last general meeting was held at Greenacres Golf Club (our Anniversary Lunch). The day was a great success and was extremely well attended by 91 members (despite 8 cancellations). Many thanks to both Barbara and Margaret for their tireless effort and organizational skills in bringing the day together seamlessly from start to finish, as has been their practice for the last four years now.

The other positive news now for Greythorn Probus is our growth in membership. It just keeps on growing and now sits at 126, including (on August 11) six new inductees, being Pauline Cox, Chris Danbury, Sue McClean, Laurie Molaro, Madge Kenna and Jan Walker. Some brief detail might help. Pauline has been a legal assistant and her hobbies include gardening, theatre travel et. al. Chris has worked for Australian Post in the area of superannuation and likes walking, reading, music and steam trains. Sue has been a research chemist, and likes craft, reading, travel and cooking. Laurie has been a mechanic and a machinery retailer and is interested in travel and investing and Madge has been a former Office Manager, and hobbies include Pilates, AFL, reading, family and gardens. Janet has been an accounting machine operator with NCR (although she claims, "this was many years ago") and her hobbies include patchwork and sewing, gardening and travel.

Please make them feel welcome to our club by engaging with them. Starting anew is sometimes a quite stressful exercise.

Robert Van Woerkom (President)

August Meeting

WINSTON MARSH—LIES YOUR MOTHER TOLD YOU!



A brief overview

In his long business career Winston has drawn on his experience in marketing, management and motivational roles to present to numerous major companies at meetings, conferences and seminars.

'Lies your mother told you' will be an amusing romp through the childhoods we all experienced. He shares funny anecdotes, classic pearls of wisdom and many old fallacies.

Welfare

The Club was saddened to learn of Lissa Drake's passing recently, and a card was sent to Ursula Povey whose husband, Charles, also passed away recently. Well-wishing cards have been sent to Janet Cooke and Kerry Williams who have been busy with family needs for a while, and we do look forward to them rejoining our meetings and outings when they are able. A card was sent to Rosemary McMeekin for her upcoming 90th birthday. We also hope Diane O'Brien has recovered well from Open Heart surgery and look forward to her company. A 90th Birthday card was sent to Carol Fraser who recently enjoyed this special occasion, and we do hope she is able to rejoin us soon after sustaining leg injuries from a nasty fall.

Heather Trumble

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Birthdays

John BROPHY	3
Rosemary Mc MEEKIN	8
Patricia NOSEDA	9
Yvonne DART	10
Christine THORNTON	11
Angie RANDALL	13
Kathy NICKSON	15
Denise POWELL	15
Margaret GODING	16
Judy LEWIS	17
Margaret COX	21
Joe SANDERS	24
Margaret STEELE	25
Pat McLELLAN	28
Valerie FISHER	30

August 2026 Activities

Scrabble	3 August
Committee meeting	4 August
The Australian Ballet-The Round	5 August
Solo	6 August
General Meeting	11 August
Canasta	12 August
Third Sunday Lunch	16 August
Walking for Enjoyment	17 August
Cinema and Lunch	18 August
Pretty Woman Musical-Regent Theatre	19 August
Garden Appreciation	20 August
AME BALE Exhibition	25 August
Secret Mens Business	25 August
Investors	25 August
Tenori, Moment by Moment-The Round	26 August
Olive Tree Lunch	26 August
Book Group 1	27 August
Book Group 2	27 August

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



Anniversary Lunch Report

Members and guests celebrated the Club's 19th anniversary at a lunch held at the Greenacres Golf club on 14 July. Entertainment was provided by guitarist Jason Vorherr and the lucky draw was again a feature. Thanks to Barbara and Margaret for their organisation of this event.



Join us for our last dine-out for 2026



A Banquet Lunch will be held at
AVATAR INDIAN / NEPALESE RESTAURANT
291 Whitehorse Road, Balwyn
(Opposite Balwyn Park)

Friday 30 October at 12 noon

Cost \$55pp

Drinks are not included but we will NOT be charged for corkage. Payments to be paid to Ron Johnson, Treasurer by Monday October 19

Convenors Margaret Cox
Barbara Van Woerkom

Have Myki will Travel

Our next adventure is to go to Sunbury on Wednesday 26 August for lunch at the Olive Tree Hotel at 12noon.

We will go by 59 tram, 10.14 am, to Airport West (43 min). Meet at stop 2, Elizabeth St intersection with Collins St at 10 am.

At Airport West we will catch the 11am 483 bus to Sunbury station arriving at 11.34 am followed by a short stroll to the Olive Tree for our lunch

Our return to Southern Cross Station will be either Vline or Metro train through the new rail network

Convenors: Pene Whiteley
Judy Bailey and Vivienne Newman



2026 MAGICAL MYSTERY BUS TOUR

DATE: Friday 2nd October

Departure & Return times to be confirmed

**COST: \$25.00pp MEMBERS
\$35.00 NON MEMBERS**

Coffee & lunch at your expense

PUT YOUR NAME ON THE LIST NOW,

LIMITED NUMBERS!



Convenor: Judy Bailey



COX PLATE DAY at YARRA VALLEY RACING

Saturday 24th October

Cost: \$55.00 pp – includes Entry, 2 course meal in the Yarra View Dining room, Race book

**FASHIONS ON THE FIELD
A GREAT DAY OUT WITH YOUR
GREYTHORN PALS!!**

**PUT YOUR NAME ON THE LIST AT THE
AUGUST MEETING.**

Payment by September 18

Wiser Driver

When: November 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

Where: The HUB, North Balwyn (Greythorn)

Time: 1.30 - 3.30pm

The Wiser Driver course is a 4-session driver education program for older residents to upgrade their knowledge of Victorian road rules, discuss safety, and gain an understanding of car safety features and road-worthiness.

No driving lessons or tests are involved; it's an opportunity to build on your driving experience in the company of peers.

Please check the list at the August General Meeting to see if you put your name on it and place a ☒ to confirm your attendance OR a ☐ if you no longer wish to attend.

Judy Brophy

Solo 1st Thursday

AUGUST 6TH

Hosted by Janet Cook

SEPTEMBER 3RD

Hosted by Patricia Nosedá

Play commences at 1.30 pm. Please advise host early during the week of play if you are attending.

Convenor: Denise Powell –

Canasta 2nd Wednesday

August 12 at 1.30 pm

Canasta will be held at the Boschetti's home.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE.

Advise Denise if attending.

Convenor: Denise Boschetti –

Walking for Enjoyment 3rd Monday

YARRA TRAIL

Monday 17 August 10.00 am

Chandler Highway to Kew Billabong. Meet on Yarra Boulevard, kerb-side parking near the Junction of Yarra Bvd and Chandler Hwy. (Melway 45 A1)

Coffee at Briquettes in Kew, opposite the Harp of Erin

Convenor: John Astle –

Garden Appreciation 3rd Thursday



Members at the Greenery visit 16 July



Getting there by Public Transport:

Train: exit at Parliament Station using the Bourke St exit.

Tram: Route 86 or 96 stop 9 (Spring St / Bourke St) or Route 75 Flinders St / Spring St stop and walk up Spring St.

If you wish to add to your day a morning walk through the daffodils in the Fitzroy Gardens and the conservatory (cyclamen and cineraria) then a stroll through the gardens to Parliament House would be a nice way to begin.

Tram routes 48 and 75, stop 10.



KYNETON VISIT—DAFFODILS AND BOTANIC GARDEN



Thursday 17 September

A 45 minute walking guided tour of the Kyneton Botanic Gardens has been arranged with the Friends of the Kyneton Botanic Gardens which has many significant trees and displays that are of interest. It is a short walk to the gardens or there is a local bus from the station which will stop at the gardens. We have been asked for a \$10 per person **cash** donation to the Friends of the garden.

After the tour there is a local bus to the town centre or some may prefer to walk by the river and up to town.

Detailed information next month. Discover historic Kyneton's boutique galleries, cafes and churches. Lunch will be at the Social Foundry at 12 noon. After lunch there may be a short while to have a look at a local gallery or two before catching the bus back to the station to catch the 2:15 train back to Melbourne. Those who may wish to extend their visit a little might catch the next train at 3:15

Convenor: Liz Dawe

NEXT OUTING: VICTORIA PARLIAMENTARY GARDENS

Thursday 20 August at 12:00pm

A booking has been made for 20 people to tour the Parliamentary Gardens at 2:00pm.

Established in the 1860's, the gardens are based on a William Guilfoyle design and are a classic example of a late Victorian landscaped garden.

Names of attendees are required so please check your name is on the list at the meeting. *There is a waiting list so if you have 'booked' your place but are unable to attend please notify me ASAP.*

The free tour is 50 minutes in duration with some uneven ground. The main entrance to Parliament House is on Spring Street. We need to meet in the Vestibule (foyer) at least 15 minutes ahead of the 2:00pm start for security checks. You will need photo ID e.g. driver's licence, passport etc. Bags are expected to be stored during the tour.

Lunch at the Imperial Hotel, corner Bourke and Spring Streets, at 12:00 noon

3rd Sunday Lunch

Sunday 16 August at 12 Noon

BETWEEN US

141 Maling Road Canterbury

For Bookings contact Angela Johns by Friday 14 August.

Convenor: Diane O'Brien –

Creative Pursuits 4th Tuesday

Tuesday 25 August 10.30 am

AME BALE EXHIBITION HAWTHORN ARTS CENTRE

Lunch 12 noon

The Works, Burwood Road Hawthorn

Contact- Joan Teele-

Convenor: Elaine Provan –

TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER

PROPOSED DAY TRIP

ARCHIBALD PRIZE 2026

Where? Shepparton Art Museum (SAM)
 When? Tuesday October 27th
 Transport? 9.25 am VLine Train (Free Seniors Ticket?) from Southern Cross
 Cost? \$34.00 Includes admission to Exhibition, Guided Tour and Taxi transport to and from SAM. Lunch at SAM at own expense
 Interested? Add your name to the list at Tuesday's General Meeting.

Everyone welcome

Please make payment to the Club in the usual way by October 6th. Thank You.

Denise Powell

Book Groups 4th Thursday

THURSDAY 27 AUGUST

BOOK GROUP 1

Book Group 1 will meet at the Balwyn Library on Thursday 27 August to discuss "We Do Not Part" by Han Kang

Convenor: Stan Petzall

BOOK GROUP 2

Book Group 2 will meet on Thursday August 27 at 2 pm.

Book: All That's Left Unsaid by Tracey Lien

Hostess: Lyn Stavretis

Please advise Lyn if you are unable to attend

Convenor: Lyn Stavretis:

Film Luncheon 3rd Tuesday

TUESDAY 18 AUGUST

PALACE CINEMA, WHITEHORSE ROAD BALWYN

Name and time of film will be announced at Meeting.

Please have correct money (\$12) in named envelope.

Optional Lunch to follow at EAST & CO

Convenor: Joan Teele

Scrabble 1st Monday

Monday 3 August at 1.30 pm

Host was Elaine Provan.

Monday 7 September at 1.30 pm.

Host will be Judy Brophy. Please let Judy know by Friday 4 September if attending.

Convenor: Glenys Chalk-

Investors 4th Tuesday

Convenor: Charlie Boschetti:

Secret Men's Business last Tuesday

TUESDAY 25 AUGUST 2026

OLIVE LANE CAFÉ, BALWYN NORTH

The July gathering was again well attended with 16 regulars enjoying great conviviality at Olive Lane Cafe. A 'Two Bob's Worth' presentation was made by Peter Gillett when he introduced the arcane world of cryptic crosswords. Eye rolling, glazing over, and audible groaning was thankfully minimised, but a collective view might have been formed that no one will be wanting to engage with these puzzles any time soon! Potential contributors to this segment are keenly sought!

As always, the details of our next enjoyable gig will be:

When? Tuesday, 25 August at 9:30 am

Where? Olive Lane Cafe, 69 Doncaster Road, Balwyn North-in the strip shopping near the intersection with Bulleen Road

Parking? Ample 2-hour parking available on the corner of Doncaster Road and Macedon Avenue

Put in your 'Two bob's worth' and enjoy others' stories – the coffee and the company are great!

Convenor: Peter Gillett –

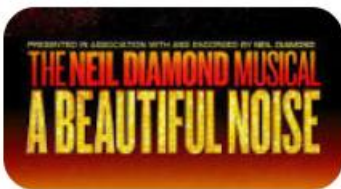
THEATRE

PRETTY WOMAN

Wednesday, 19 August 2026 at 1.00 pm at The Regent Theatre in A Reserve in the Stalls.

Most tickets have already been distributed.

A BEAUTIFUL NOISE



Wednesday, 23 September 2026 at 1.00 pm at The Princess Theatre in the Dress Circle

A new and extremely popular new musical featuring the numerous works by Neil Diamond. This is finalised and tickets will be distributed at the August meeting.

FROZEN

Sunday October 4th at 1pm at The Round. The Babirra Company brings the Broadway adaptation of the Disney film to life on the stage with uplifting songs, glittering snow effects and sumptuous costumes in an uplifting story about family and self- acceptance. Cost is \$60pp and must be paid by the September meeting at the latest.

Bookings for these: Barbara Mathews –

Bookings for The Round: Mary Dunn –

TENORI: MOMENT BY MOMENT

Wednesday 26 August The Round 11 am

Showcases the talents of Queensland's powerhouse singers: David Kidd, Stewart Morris and Andrew Pryor.

Tickets will be distributed at the General Meeting.

THE AUSTRALIAN BARBRA STREISAND SHOW

Wednesday 14 October The Round 11am

Experience the magic of Barbra Streisand with Rachel Grace as she brings to life the timeless hits that Have defined Barbra's legendary career.

ONLY 5 TICKETS LEFT.

Tickets \$22 and payment due by September Meeting.

POT-POURRI

Wednesday November 18. The Round. 11am

Australia's award-winning entertainment sensation Pot-Pourri delivers a spell binding musical experience that's guaranteed to captivate. Led by acclaimed soprano Tania de Jong AM.

Tickets \$22, Payable by October Meeting.

Bookings for The Round: Mary Dunn –

Footy Tipping *weekly in season*

As the Footy season draws closer to the Finals, competition at the top is fierce and some of our leading tipsters have abandoned their loyalty to their professed team of choice in their endeavour to capture the Mavis Cup. However, Judy Lewis has been rewarded for her loyalty to her beloved Tigers and has drawn level with Roy Price as equal leader. Chris Thornton is third just one tip behind and just one tip ahead of another group of three.

The Blues beating Brisbane was a big surprise, so congratulations to Sue Pettit, Denise Powell and Mary Dunn for tipping this result correctly.

Only two perfect scores were recorded this month. Congratulations to Angie Randall and Peggy Johnson who both tipped nine winners in Round 18.

By this time next month, the finals will have commenced. So, a timely reminder to you all that our competition continues right through to the Grand Final. Please remember to keep tipping each week during the finals.

Peter Harman

Convenor: Peter Harman - & Phillp Pitsikas –

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND PAYMENTS

Direct Debit (EFT)

Account No.

Please *always* insert your **name** and the **event** in the message/reference area. A single payment *with each* deposit is preferred to avoid incorrect attribution
Also email the relevant convenors or organisers *and* the **Treasurer, Ron Johnson**, advising the activity/ies you have paid for into the club account.

Our thanks for the support from

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FORWARD PLANNING

September and beyond

Kyneton Daffodil visit	17 September
A Beautiful Noise-Neil Diamond	23 September
Magical Mystery Tour	2 October
Frozen	4 October
The Australian Barbra Streisand Show	14 October
Cox Plate Race Day	24 October
Archibald Prize at SAM	27 October
Dine out at Avatar	30 October
Wiser Driver (start)	6 November
Pot Pourri	18 November
Titanic the musical (OSMaD)	11 December

NEXT GREY MATTER

If you wish to have your information included in the September Grey Matter copy MUST reach the newsletter team on

newsletter@greythornprobus.org.au by

5:00pm, Tuesday 25 August.

Late information may not miss out!