

Grey Matter

October 2026

Newsletter of the Greythorn Probus Club

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ROBERT'S REFLECTIONS



It is always interesting looking after someone else's job. Holding the fort whilst our treasurer Ron went overseas, is no exception. Whilst being Acting Treasurer I was reminded how active our club is with the numerous activities every month and the value proposition they represent. The report for September covered more than 100 banking transactions and close to 165 allocations across 10 activities.

Several particular activities come to mind. Shows at the Round \$22 Inclusive of a slice of cake and a cup of coffee. Despite a lousy weather forecast, previous day flooding and raining on departure did not stop 45 Greythorn Probians from enjoying a Magical, Mystery bus Trip to Hastings stopping on the way for coffee, a very interesting and attention-grabbing lecture at the Dolphin Research Institute and an A la Carte lunch at the Western Port Hotel. This was topped off with a rain free return to Melbourne. All together a great day. Thank you Judy Bailey.

Members are reminded that we will be canvassing for a well subsidised Christmas Lunch on our normal general meeting day on 8th December at the Greenacres Golf Club.

Action on my key priority of Succession Planning for the remainder of this year is moving forward albeit a bit slow due to holidays and travel commitments. In the meantime, anybody interested to gain a closer look at how our Probus Management Committee operates is more than welcome to attend a committee meeting. Just speak to me, or any other Committee member.

Your Club is also interested in talking to members who are willing to share some of the workload of convenors. Support to keep the activities going, that we enjoy as a

club, does not just happen at the Committee level. It also requires back up for activity convenors.

Robert Van Woerkom,
President

October Meeting

'GEOLOGY OF MELBOURNE'
PRESENTED BY ANDY GLEADOW

Did you know that Melbourne is heading in a north - easterly direction towards Japan at a rate of 75mms annually?

Let Andy explain, (in the words of Julius Sumner Miller) 'Why is it so'?

Many other fascinating nuggets of information will be shared with you at the October meeting.

Andy is an Emeritus Professor of Earth Sciences at the University of Melbourne.



Welfare



Most of our members seem reasonably well and active at this stage, and there are no major Birthdays to celebrate this month. Do contact me if you know of anyone needing assistance if unwell or a friendly message from us all. Wishing you lots of beautiful Spring weather ahead to enjoy the outdoors.

Heather Trumble
welfare@greythornprobus.org.au

October Calendar

Solo	1 October
Magical Mystery Tour	2 October
Theatre- Frozen	4 October
Scrabble	5 October
Committee	6 October
Wine, Cheese & Bocce commences	9 October
General Meeting	13 October
Canasta	14 October
Theatre-The Australian Barbra Streisand Show	14 October
Garden Appreciation- Melton	15 October
3rd Sunday Lunch	18 October
Walking for enjoyment	19 October
Film & luncheon	20 October
Book Groups	22 October
Cox Plate Race Day	24 October
Creatives- Archibald Prize at SAM	27 October
Investors	27 October
SMB	29 October
Dine out at Avatar	30 October

October Birthdays

Barbara Van WOERKOM	3
Frank DEVLIN	3
Klaus KLAPP	4
Jillian QUARTEL	8
Denise BOSCHETTI	14
Kerryn WILLIAMS	21
Marty MALONE	28
Joan TEELE	30

Member News



Michael Warner, President of Friends of Kyneton Botanical Gardens (FKBG) providing information to Gardening members on the 1860's plantings at the gardens – which is now



massive – daffodils are still evident
Gardening members under 2 of the redwoods listening to

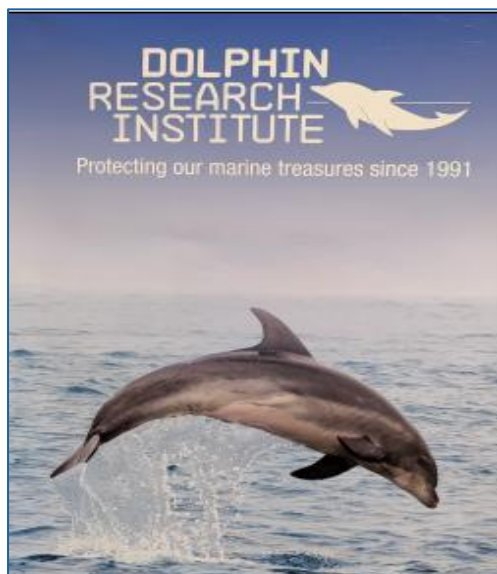


Michael's explanation on the varieties in the garden
Members enjoying a coffee break at Kew

Magical Mystery Tour Photos



Magical Mystery Tour Photos cont



Wine, Cheese & Bocce

FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER @ 4.00PM
AT GREYTHORN PARK



COME ALONG, RELAX & enjoy the company of your fellow Greythornians.



Convenor: Judy Brophy –

Yarra Valley Races

COX PLATE DAY at YARRA VALLEY RACING



Saturday 24 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!!
ONLY THREE PLACES LEFT!!**

Make sure your name is on the list by the October meeting.

Payment due NOW!

Convenor: Judy Brophy –

Dine Out

**Join us for our last DINE OUT for 2026
FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER @ 12 NOON**

A Banquet Lunch will be held at



AVATAR INDIAN / NEPALESE RESTAURANT

291 Whitehorse Road, Balwyn
(Opposite Balwyn Park)

Cost \$55pp

Drinks are not included but we will NOT be charged for corkage.

**Payments to be paid to the club bank account by
Monday 19th October**

Convenors: Barbara Van Woerkom –
Margaret Cox –

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.

The participation list is now full but you may add your name to the waiting list.

Convenor: Judy Brophy –

Tipping Point

**GREYTHORN PROBUS HAS BEEN
INVITED TO BE IN THE AUDIENCE OF
'TIPPING POINT'!!
(A game show on Channel 9)**



**WHEN: Wednesday 25th November
TIME: 1.30 PM – 6.15 PM
LIVE SCREENING
VENUE: DOCKLANDS STUDIO**

**NUMBERS ARE LIMITED, 30 ONLY! PUT YOUR NAME
ON THE LIST AT THE OCTOBER MEETING**

More details to follow

Convenor: Judy Brophy –

Christmas Lunch

CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2026

To be held on
TUESDAY, 8th DECEMBER 2026
@ 12.00 Noon

Once again our lunch will be held at Our preferred venue

GREENACRES GOLF CLUB
51 Elm. Grove, Kew East

Cost to Members \$55.00
Non Members \$95.00

3 course meal plus
entertainment
by our favourite Guitarist
JASON VORHERR

So put on those dancing shoes & wet the vocal chords for a fun afternoon.

Payment due by 10th November to the club's account. Bank details are in the newsletter.

All payments to be addressed to Ron Johnson, Treasurer. When payment is made, please notify Convenors- Barbara van Woerkom & Margaret Cox

Also advise Barbara or Margaret of any Dietary requirements.

Convenors: Barbara Van Woerkom –& Margaret Cox –

Solo 1st Thursday

THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER @1:30PM

Host was Rhonda Brown.

THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER @7.30 PM
(PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME)

Host will be Denise Powell. Please let her know if you will be playing.

Convenor: Denise Powell –

Scrabble 1st Monday

MONDAY 5 OCTOBER @ 1:30PM

Host was Theresa & Stanley Petzall.

MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER @ 1:30PM

Host will be Liz Jericho. Please let Liz know by Friday 30 October if attending.

Convenor: Glenys Chalk –

Canasta 2nd Wednesday

WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER @1.30 PM

Will be held at the home of Diane Robinson.

Please advise Diane if attending.

Convenor: Denise Boschetti –

Garden Appreciation 3rd Thursday

THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER @ 10.00 AM

MELTON BOTANIC GARDEN

where the



Friends of the Melton Botanic Garden Inc.

will take us on a guided tour of their award winning gardens at 10.30am.

Meet at the entrance, **40 LAKEWOOD BOULEVARD, MELTON, 10.00am.**

There is a rotunda & toilets located here.

The gardens have developed an exceptional collection concentrating on plants for a dry climate and low water requirements. They are arranged in areas specifically dedicated to particular regions, such as the Mediterranean garden, Victorian volcanic plains and many more. It includes a nationally recognised collection of more than 100 dryland eucalypt species.



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

Bendigo Bank

Community Bank Inner East



You may wish to have a coffee beforehand at the **Grey Matter Café**, 1/265 High Street, Melton.



We have booked for lunch at this aptly named cafe at 12.30pm.

This will be a car sharing day.

Organiser: Judy Brophy

THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER @ 10.30 AM
BROUGHTON HALL SPRING GARDEN
125 PALMER RD, JINDIVICK

Jindivick is an hour and a half drive from Melbourne via the Monash Freeway/ Princes Hwy. There is a parking area opposite the garden. Maps and directions next month.

The group who visited the garden in Autumn last year were so impressed that they requested a return visit in Spring.



Subject to there being at least 20 participants, a tour of these spectacular gardens has been booked. The tour includes morning tea/coffee. Cost to be advised.

The garden is on a hillside overlooking the Tarago Reservoir and has several levels of terracing – mainly

paths but with at least one flight of steps. There are areas with seats where you can take in the wonderful view.

Lunch TBA

Convenor: Liz Dawe –

3rd Sunday Lunch 3rd Sunday
SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER - 11.30 AM TO 12 NOON

VENUE: R.S.L. BOX HILL
26-28 Nelson Road BOX HILL VIC 3128

For bookings contact Diane O'Brien by 16th October.

Convenor: Diane O'Brien –

Walking for Enjoyment 3rd Monday
MONDAY 19 OCTOBER @10.00 AM
WALK AROUND WESTERFOLDS PARK

Meet in the carpark off Porter St Templestowe
Melway 33 E3

Coffee at Carlucci's Anderson St Templestowe

Bookings will also be taken for lunch to be held on Monday 16th November at the Old England Hotel in Heidelberg

Convenor: John Astle –

Film & Luncheon 3rd Tuesday
TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER
PALACE CINEMA WHITEHORSE ROAD BALWYN

Name and time of film will be announced at the meeting. Please have correct money (\$12) in NAMED envelope. **NEW VENUE** for optional lunch at **PETIT PEACE**, Whitehorse Road, up from cinema

Convenor: Joan Teele –

Book Groups 4th Thursday

BOOK GROUP 1
THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER @2.00 PM

Meet at the Balwyn Library to discuss 'The Lincoln Highway' by Amor Towles.

Convenor: Stanley Petzall –

BOOK GROUP 2
THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER @2.00 PM

Meet at the home of Jan Wedekind-Coffey to discuss 'The Remarkable Mrs Reibey' by Grantlee Kieza. Please advise Jan and Joan if you are unable to attend.

Convenor: Joan Teele –

Creative Pursuits 4th Tuesday

TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER

Archibald Prize 2026 Shepparton Art Museum (SAM)

Please meet **under the clock at Southern Cross Station by 9.00am** so we can all go to the correct platform for the train departure at 9.25am. Pre-ordered taxis will meet us at the Shepparton train station to take us to SAM for lunch. Our "Guided Tour" has been scheduled for 1.45 pm and following that you will be free to wander through the exhibition at your leisure. Taxis will collect us for our return trip to the station in time for the 4.14 pm train to Melbourne.

Admission cost: \$34/- pp

Organiser- Denise Powell

TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER

COME ALONG TO THE AUSTRALIAN TAPESTRY WORKSHOP

262-266 PARK STREET, PORT MELBOURNE

An international leader in contemporary tapestry. Watch the talented weavers at their giant looms, weaving magical scenes.



WE HAVE A TOUR BOOKED for 11.00 am

Coffee & lunch details to be confirmed.

Put your name on the list at the October meeting.

Convenor: Elaine Provan –

NEXT GREY MATTER

If you wish to have your information included in the **November** Grey Matter details MUST reach the newsletter team on

newsletter@greythornprobus.org.au by

5:00pm, **Tuesday 27 October 2026**

Late information may not miss out!

Investors 4th Tuesday

TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER @ 7.30 PM

AT GREYTHORN HUB

Our pseudo investors had a great meeting last month with one member wishing she had her pick in reality.

Our final meeting for the year is dinner at RSL Box Hill at 7.30pm on November 24th.

See you all on October 27th, usual time and place.

Convenor: Charlie Boschetti –

Secret Men's Business last Tuesday

THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER @ 12 NOON



There will be a temporary change of date and venue of SMB.

To celebrate 2 years of Secret Men's Business a lunch will be held at

Anh - Anh Vietnamese Restaurant
285 - 287 High Street Kew

If you wish to attend the lunch, please call Marty by 22 October 2026.

20 maximum attendees (a waiting list will be maintained)

Organiser: Marty Malone

Convenor: Peter Gillett –

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



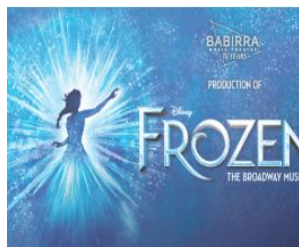
Theatre *various*

Bookings for these: Barbara Mathews –

FROZEN

Sunday 4 October @ 1.00 pm 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. Tickets have been distributed.



Bookings for *The Round*: Mary Dunn –

THE AUSTRALIAN BARBRA STREISAND SHOW Wednesday 14 October at The Round @ 11.00 AM

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

Tickets will be distributed at the October meeting.



POT-POURRI

Wednesday 18 November at The Round @ 11.00 AM



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

Tickets \$22/- payable by October Meeting.

GINA HOGAN – THE CHRISTMAS BELLE 9 DECEMBER AT THE ROUND @ 11.00 AM

Sit back and enjoy as Gina captures the true essence of Christmas.

Tickets \$22/- payable by November meeting.



OSMaD Musical

FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER

TITANIC

the musical.

Final call to be part of the big Probus group attending this great musical

Geoffrey McComas Theatre, Morrison St., Hawthorn presented by OSMaD - always wonderful presentations.

Winner of 5 Tony Awards including Best Musical and the Drama Desk Award for Orchestration, Titanic has a score that can only be described as symphonic grandeur. Epic and majestic, with moments of heartbreaking intimacy, Titanic captures the triumph and tragedy of the hopeful passengers on the ill-fated Ship of Dreams.

The sinking of the Titanic in 1912 remains a defining disaster of the 20th century. The loss of 1,517 people, contrasted with the ship's reputation as unsinkable, defied belief. Beyond the tragedy, it prompted re-evaluation of progress and class divisions. The unequal survival rates among passengers highlighted social inequalities and marked a shift in societal values. This event signalled the end of 19th-century ideologies and questioned perceptions of wealth and privilege.

Our special probus group ticket price is \$44.

Please ensure your name is on the list at the General meeting.

Payment to the club bank account required by 13 October.

Organiser: Russ Dawe –

Theatre Convenor: Barbara Mathews –

Footy Tipping *weekly in season*



The winner of the Mavis Cup for 2026 is Roy Price. In the end, Roy won comfortably by four tips and has been a consistent performer during all years of our Footy Tipping competition. He was Runner-up in both 2022 and 2023 and finished fourth last year. Congratulations Roy!

The other results and awards for 2026 are:

Second Place: John Brophy (also a consistent tipster and first time on the podium)

Third Place: Phil Pitsikas

The Recognition awards are:

Rising Star Award: Pat McLellan;

Trusty Perennial Awards: (for continuing meritorious performance) Chris Thornton, Shirley Branigan & Judy Lewis;

The Lead Sinker Award: Wal Hamilton;

The Soufflé Award: Anne Harman;

The BAFTA: Rhonda Browne;

The Benedict Arnold Award: Stuart Williams.

Recruiting for 2027 starts in February and we hoping for some new tipsters so that we can re-institute the Best First Year Player Award.

Thank you to all our tipsters, we hope you all enjoyed your season.

Convenor: Peter Harman –
Philip Pitsikas –

Trips & Tours

BROKEN HILL

THE ACCESSIBLE OUTBACK

Monday 17 – Saturday 22 May 2027

6 days 5 nights experiencing Australia's first Heritage-listed city and discovering the unique landscape.



Experience the 'Accessible Outback', enjoy Broken Hill and its surrounds as well as a cruise on the Murray River as we return via Mildura.

Ctrl + Click on the picture for the link on tour itinerary.

FORWARD PLANNING

Scrabble	2 November
Committee	4 November
Solo	5 November
Wiser Driver (start)	6 November
General Meeting	10 November
Canasta	11 November
Wiser Driver (2nd session)	13 November
Wine, Cheese & Bocce	13 November
3rd Sunday Lunch	15 November
Walking for enjoyment	16 November
Film & luncheon	17 November
Theatre- Pot Pourri	18 November
Garden Appreciation – Broughton Hall	
Spring Garden, Jindivick	19 November
Wiser Driver (3rd session)	20 November
Creative Pursuits – The Australian	
Tapestry Workshop	24 November
SMB	24 November
Investors	24 November
Tipping Point	25 November
Book Groups	26 November
Wiser Driver (last session)	27 November
Xmas Wine, Cheese & Bocce	4 December
Christmas Lunch	8 December
Theatre- Gina Hogan – The Christmas	
Belle	9 December
Titanic the musical (OSMaD)	11 December

2027

Broken Hill trip	17-22 May
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SUBSCRIPTIONS AND PAYMENTS

Direct Debit (EFT)

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 Treasurer@greythornprobus.org.au (Treasurer, Ron Johnson) advising the activity/ies you have paid for into the club account.