Grey Matter

November 2026

Newsletter of the Greythorn Probus Club
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ROBERT'S REFLECTIONS



I would like to remind members that our General Meeting next week on 10th November is our second last General Meeting at the church before the AGM on 9th March 2027. Looking at the number of Committee vacancies to fill there is still a long way to go.

It has been rumoured that another Probus Club in our area "Balwyn Heights" has folded due to insufficient support from the membership to field a Committee of Management. Members, please do not let this happen to Greythorn Probus.

I am not making any apologies for sticking to my script on priorities. Currently I am only aware of two possible nominations. Hence, I have attached a nomination form to this newsletter.

I have made mention in last month newsletter about the opportunity to assist convenors. We already have several job-sharing situations operating very successfully with Dine Outs, Theatre, Third Sunday lunches.

This Club has thrived because of the strong commitment by Convenors.

At our General Meeting on 10th November we are delighted to induct two new members Robert and Julie Watson. Robert's former vocation was a Logistics Manager, and his interests include Genealogy, Reading and AFL football. Julie's former vocation was Pre - School Education, and her interests include Theatre and AFL football.

Robert Creek had a fall after the investment meeting about a week ago and ended up with quite serious injuries. Then drove himself home. He is now in Donvale Rehab Hospital and will be there for some time. Kay got quite a shock when he arrived home and thought he had been attacked. Perhaps it should be standard procedure that at our age the ambo gets phoned first. The Club is reviewing its policies.

Robert Van Woerkom,
President

November Speaker

'THE STORY BEHIND WALTZING MATILDA – OUR ACCIDENTAL NATIONAL ANTHEM' PRESENTED BY BENJAMIN LINDNER

'Benjamin is a retired barrister and over the last decade has forensically researched the intriguing origins of 'Waltzing Matilda'- when, where, by whom, how and why it was composed.

Enjoy this fascinating story with your best singing voice'!



MEETING ETIQUETTE
It would be appreciated if all members refrained from talking during our General Meetings.
It is disrespectful to the speaker & distracting to all. Please make it easier for all of us to hear.

November Calendar

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 & lunch	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

November Birthdays



Louise GILLETT	2
Ian FRESHWATER	3
Ilsa ROSE	3
Chris DANBURY	5
Judy BAILEY	6
Peggy JOHNSON	9
Diane ROBINSON	9
Roy PRICE	11
Peter PHELAN (90th)	12
Calvin CRISP	13
Liz JERICHO	17
Angela JOHNS	17
Pene WHITELEY	17
Kaye CREEK	22
Peter GILLETT	24
Phil PITSIKAS	24
Robin WILLIAMS	25
Janet COOK	27

To All Members

If you are unwell with a cold or cough, please wear a mask while attending the club's meeting/activity.

Welfare

Robert Creek had an unfortunate fall recently, but we are very pleased to hear, after a short hospital stay, that he is now recovering well with regular rehabilitation visits to Donvale Rehab. Speedy recovery Robert.

Get well cards were also sent to members who were unwell. We hope to see them back soon at probus meetings and activities.

Birthdays cards were sent to members celebrating their significant birthdays this month.

Do contact me if you know of anyone needing assistance if unwell or a friendly message from us all.

Heather Trumble
welfare@greythornprobus.org.au

Member News

Probus members enjoying a game of Bocce at Greythorn Park







Visit to Shepparton Art Museum - Archibald Prize 2026









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

Bendigo Bank Community Bank Inner East

Cox Plate Day Racing @ Yarra Valley



Seventeen keen Greythorn punters enjoyed a great day at Yarra Valley.

A lovely venue, great company, excellent lunch & watching our hot tips galloping past, (some are still galloping), made a most enjoyable day.

Unfortunately, none of us required an armed escort to our cars after the last race, but we all still had our shirts on & no one had mortgaged their house

Convenor: Judy Brophy –

Wiser Driver

NOVEMBER 6TH, 13TH, 20TH, 27TH

Time: 1.30 - 3.30pm

WHERE: THE HUB, NORTH BALWYN (GREYTHORN)

Drive in off Doncaster Road between Aldi and Trentwood Shops – Centre Way, go straight ahead.

Free parking is available under The HUB.
Meet upstairs near reception @ 1.25 pm

Convenor: Judy Brophy –

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

BOROONDARA

Wine, Cheese & Bocce

FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER @ 4.00PM
AT GREYTHORN PARK



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

MEET: On the left hand side as you go into the driveway off Robert St – Greythorn Park
PARK: along Robert St near the driveway OR as you go into the park – on your right facing onto the oval.

DO NOT PARK ALONG THE DRIVEWAY

A PICNIC TABLE & CHAIRS MAY BE HANDY

Convenor: Judy Brophy –

Dine Out 2027

FRIDAY 29 JANUARY 2027@ 12 NOON
NINI'S
Level 1/302 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 $65 per person. *No limit on numbers*.



There is a lift in the building if required. Payment is required by 12th January 2027 to the club bank account. Please advise treasurer (Ron Johnson).

Convenors: Barbara Van Woerkom & Margaret Cox –

Tipping Point

GREYTHORN PROBUS HAS BEEN INVITED TO BE IN THE AUDIENCE OF 'TIPPING POINT'!!
(Every weeknight, 5.00pm, Channel 9)



WHEN: Wednesday 25th November
TIME: 1.30 PM – 3.30 PM
LIVE SCREENING
VENUE: DOCKLANDS STUDIO

HOW TO GET THERE:
TRAM 70 WATTLE PARK ROUTE, you can board the 70 in Flinders St.
TRAM 35 CITY CIRCLE
TRAM 86 GET ON IN BOURKE ST

GET OFF AT THE TERMINUS - STOP D11 . . . (DOCKLANDS)
You are at THE STUDIOS.
MEET INSIDE THE GATES at 1.30 pm

Tickets are limited to 30, GET ON THE LIST ASAP for an afternoon of fun and entertainment.

WE HAVE BOOKED FOR DINNER at 'STOREHOUSE' in the VIBE HOTEL. (Opposite the Studios). Please indicate on the list if you'll join us for dinner - a great finish to a fun day.

Convenor: Judy Brophy –

HOUSE KEEPING

It would be appreciated if members who are fit and capable, assist with setting up the monthly meeting room. Assistance will also be required to return these chairs/tables to their respective places after the meeting.

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

Scrabble *1st Monday*

MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER @1.30 PM

Host was Liz Jericho.

MONDAY 7 DECEMBER @12 NOON
(PLS NOTE CHANGE OF TIME)

Host is Elaine Provan. This is our Christmas lunch and game. Please let Elaine know by Friday 4 December if you will be attending.

MONDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2027 @ 1.30 PM

Host will be Glenys Chalk. Please let Glenys know on January 2027 if you will be attending.

Convenor: Glenys Chalk –

Solo *1st Thursday*

THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER @7:30 PM
(PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME)

Host was Denise Powell.

THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER @ 12.30 PM

Our December meeting will be held at the home of Anne & Peter Harman. Lunch at 12.30 pm followed by cards at 2.00-2.30 pm. Please advise them if you will be attending.

Convenor: Denise Powell –

Canasta *2nd Wednesday*

WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER @1.30 PM

Details of activity will be advised at the November meeting.

WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER @1.15 PM
VENUE: R.S.L. BOX HILL
26-28 NELSON ROAD BOX HILL VIC 3128

Our Christmas lunch will be held at the above venue. Please let me know if you will be attending.

Convenor: Denise Boschetti –

3rd Sunday Lunch *3rd Sunday*

SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER @ 12 NOON
VENUE: OLD ENGLAND HOTEL
459 LOWER HEIDELBERG ROAD, HEIDELBERG 3084

For bookings call Diane O'Brien by 13th November. This will be our last Sunday lunch for the year.

Convenor: Diane O'Brien –

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. 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.

Walking for Enjoyment *3rd Monday*

MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER @ 10.00 AM

Walking Main Yarra Trail, Warringal Parklands. Meet in the carpark off Beverley Rd, Heidelberg. Melway 32 C4. Coffee at the Greenery.

Lunch at the Old England Hotel in Heidelberg. Please add your name to the list at November meeting.

MONDAY 21 DECEMBER @ 10.00AM
Kew Billabong Walk

Meet at Victoria Park carpark, High St, Kew. Enter carpark via High St opposite Belford Rd. Melway 45 G5
Coffee at Briquettes.

Convenor: John Astle –

Film & Luncheon *3rd Tuesday*

TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER
PALACE CINEMA WHITEHORSE ROAD BALWYN

Name and time of film will be announced at the meeting. Please have correct money ($12) in NAMED envelope. Optional lunch at PETIT PEACE, Whitehorse Road. This will be the last film for the year.

Convenor: Joan Teele –

Garden Appreciation *3rd Thursday*

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.
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 for 10:30am. The tour includes morning tea/ coffee. The tour is free provided we have 20+ participants otherwise the cost is $25per person payable by cash or card. At the moment we have 19 names on the list, so we NEED 2 or 3 more.

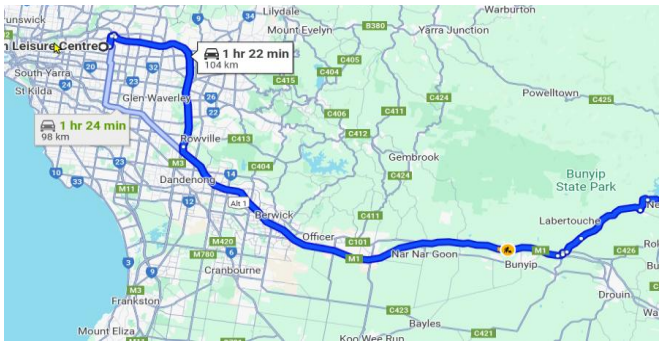
The garden is on a hillside overlooking the Tarago Reservoir and has several levels of terracing – mainly paths but with at least one flight of steps. There are areas with seats where you can take in the wonderful view.

Lunch has been booked at the Neerim South Hotel for 12:30pm

This is a car-sharing outing – please make your own arrangements with the members on the list.
How to get there
Princes Fwy/Hwy to turnoff (left) to Labertouche / Jackson's Track.

Follow Jackson's Track towards Jindivick, turn left at North Jindivick Rd (a km or 2 BEFORE Jindivick) and then Palmers Rd to Broughton Hall. There's a parking area opposite the garden entrance.

Ctrl + Click on the map below to download larger scale maps of the route.







Creative Pursuits and Garden Group Christmas lunch



Come and join us at this wonderful nursery and enjoy the Christmas decorations in the gift shop.
A wonderful place to shop for Christmas gift ideas.

Convenor: Liz Dawe –
New convenor required for 2027 and beyond

Creative Pursuits *4th Tuesday*

TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER @ 11.00 AM
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.

Meet: 10.00 am – where you get off the tram …

ROUTE 12 TRAM – VICTORIA GARDENS SHOPPING CENTRE TO ST KILDA –
Get off at Stop 129 – corner Clarendon St and Park St, South Melbourne.

ROUTE 1 TRAM – COBURG TO SOUTH MELBOURNE-
Get on in Swanston Street and get off at Stop 24 – corner Park St and Clarendon St, South Melbourne.

We will have **coffee at Huff Bagelry** and decide on our lunch venue on the day.

Convenor: Elaine Provan –

Secret Men's Business *last Tuesday*

TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER @ 9.30 AM
OLIVE LANE, 69 DONCASTER ROAD, BALWYN NORTH



A change of setting was arranged by Marty for the October Secret Men's Business meeting- The Anh Anh Vietnamese Restaurant in Kew.

A merry group of 14 diners enjoyed a lavish 3 course banquet experiencing the piquancy of this popular cuisine.

The November SMB meeting will return to the usual haunt- Olive Lane on the 24th.

Convenor: Peter Gillett –

Investors *4th Tuesday*

TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER @ 7.30 PM
VENUE: R.S.L. BOX HILL
26-28 NELSON ROAD BOX HILL VIC 3128

Last month's meeting went along quietly and we're all looking forward to this months End of Year Dinner- 24th November 7.30pm at Box Hill RSL. Maybe next year some of us might pick a better Share.

Convenor: Charlie Boschetti –

Book Groups *4th Thursday*

BOOK GROUP 1
THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER @2.00 PM

Meet at the Balwyn Library to discuss *'The Alternatives'*. by Caoilinn Hughes. This will be the last discussion/ meeting in 2026 for Book Group 1.

Convenor: Stanley Petzall –

BOOK GROUP 2
THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER @2.00 PM

Meet at the home of Wendy Le Get to discuss *'Here One Moment'* by Liane Moriarty. Please advise Lyn if you are unable to attend.

Convenor: Lyn Stavretis –

Theatre *various*

Bookings for *The Round*: Mary Dunn –

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 will be distributed at November 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

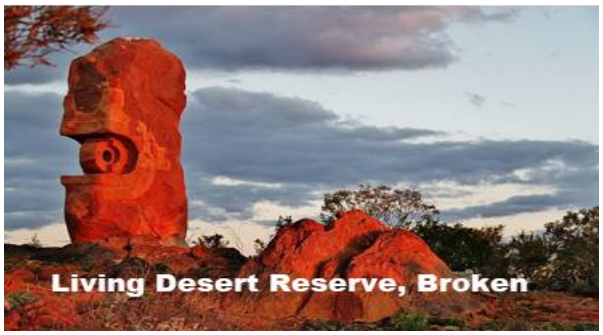
Bookings for the OSMaD performance of Titanic – the musical on **Friday 11 December are now closed**. Tickets will be distributed in due course. For those who haven't attended this company's performances before, this map shows the location of the theatre and parking areas.



Organiser: Russ Dawe –

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

Committee	1 December
Solo Lunch & game	3 December
Christmas- Wine, Cheese & Bocce	4 December
Scrabble Lunch	7 December
Christmas Lunch @ Greenacres	8 December
Theatre- Gina Hogan – The Christmas Belle	9 December
Canasta Lunch	9 December
Creative Pursuits/Gardening Group lunch	10 December
Titanic the Musical (OSMaD)	11 December
Walking for Enjoyment	21 December

January 2027

Ruffey Lake Picnic & Bocce	12 January
Dine Out – Nini's	29 January

March 2027 & Beyond

Annual General Meeting	9 March
Broken Hill Trip	17 May to 22 May

NEXT GREY MATTER

Important Reminder

It is likely that with the Christmas break, **there won't be a full Grey Matter in December 2026 or January 2027**. If you wish to have information disseminated via the newsletter over that period, please send it to the newsletter mailbox newsletter@greythornprobus.org.au by 5:00pm, Tuesday 24 November 2026
Late information may not miss out!

Probus Club of Greythorn

2027 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 clearly indicating in the appropriate space below.
Positions available for the 2027-28 Probus year:

President	Secretary	Treasurer
Vice President	Membership	Trips & Outings

Other committee member (4 positions - indicate below)

Nomination

I ..... , being a financial member of the Probus Club of Greythorn

Nominate .....

for the position of .....

Signed .....

Acceptance of Nomination

I ..... , being a financial member of the Probus Club of Greythorn consent to my nomination

for the position of .....

Signed .....

Nominations should be sent to
The Secretary, Greythorn Probus Club Inc. PO Box 85, Balwyn North 3104,
or secretary@greythornprobus.org.au to arrive **prior to**
the February general meeting (9 February 2027)
or delivered directly to Jack Morgan by the February meeting