

# COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF BLACKBURN SOUTH, INC.

**Club Bulletin**

**No. 383**

**6th December, 2023**

Registration No.A0029946T

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at the City of Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill.



All correspondence to: The Secretary, P.O. Box 620, Brentford Square, 3131.

Web address: [www.probusblackburnsouth.org.au/](http://www.probusblackburnsouth.org.au/)

**Club Bank A/C BSB 633 108 - A/C No 151023272 (Bendigo Bank)**

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Events Co-Ordinator		
Guest Speakers	Beryl Pakes	9897-3454
Outings		
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## Diary Dates

Next Meeting	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February
Discussion Group	TBA
Christmas Luncheon	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December
Coffee Club	Friday 3.00pm weekly
<b>Bulletin deadline</b>	<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>



## Presidents Message:-

Hello Everyone,

I would like to give a big THANKYOU to Ree, Ron and John for the extra work they took on to keep things running smoothly during my absence. Also, well done and thank you to Bill Wallis who has been the leader of the popular Discussion Group for many years. Bill has now handed the reins to the very capable Mike Bampford. Thanks, Mike for taking on this event. The Discussion Group will start meeting again in February.

As the year comes to a close and the festive season is with us, the Committee and I would like to wish you all a joyful Christmas with your family and friends and a very happy, healthy and safe New Year.



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### **BIRTHDAYS DECEMBER**

Best wishes to the following members:-

Christina Hunter 3<sup>rd</sup>    Ree Dowling 8<sup>th</sup>    Cushla Appleby 11<sup>th</sup>  
Ian Rose 13<sup>th</sup>        Colin Sando 13<sup>th</sup>    Dorothy Thomson 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Graeme Thomson 24<sup>th</sup>

### **BIRTHDAYS - JANUARY** -

Valerie Danks 3<sup>rd</sup>        Catherine Pratt 9<sup>th</sup>    Nita Bate 17<sup>th</sup>  
Ron Henderson 18<sup>th</sup>    Warwick Stott 30<sup>th</sup>

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT - John Hally 0411 314 218**

**MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING:** Our next Monthly General Meeting will be held at the Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 commencing at 10.00am.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Email 21/11/2023, from Corporate Affairs Victoria, advising of new incorporated association regulations as from 18/11/2023 which include:-

- Updated fees
- New financial reporting revenue thresholds
- Flexible digital options for the governance of model rules
- Easier processes to voluntary close your incorporated association.

### **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

The Annual General Meeting of the Combined Probus Club of Blackburn South Inc. will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2024, at the Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill immediately following the March Monthly General Meeting.

The business of the meeting shall be:-

- Presentation of reports
- Acceptance of Financial Report for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2024
- Presentation of Budget for financial year 01/02/2024 – 31/01/2025
- Confirmation or otherwise Committee recommendation of annual subscription
- Election of Office Bearers for the ensuing year
- Any other business which lawfully may be brought forward

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:**

Pursuant to Clause 5(c) of the Constitution, members are respectfully reminded all committee positions become vacant at the end of the March Monthly Meeting. Nominations for Officers and Committee members for the ensuing year must be in writing, signed by the candidate, nominator and seconder, and lodged with the Secretary no later than at the conclusion of the February Monthly General Meeting on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.

### **GUEST SPEAKERS - Beryl Pakes 9897 3454**

February- Nelson Knight will be speaking about antiques.

### **DISCUSSION GROUP**

The last meeting for the year was an enjoyable one with a wide range of topics discussed ranging from nuclear energy to how airlines saved money by omitting one olive from inflight meals.

Bill Wallis announced his retirement as longtime leader of the Discussion Group and was presented with a gift in appreciation.

Harish and Jaya Shah were also thanked for providing lovely afternoon teas following each meeting.

Mike Bampfield agreed to take over leadership at the next meeting in February 2024.

ROSTER —FEBRUARY – APRIL 2024

BEFORE MEETING –

WOULD ALL VOLUNTEERS PLEASE READ THEIR COPY OF

**“MONTHLY MEETING VOLUNTEER PROCEDURES” AND BRING COPY TO MEETING**

BEFORE MEETING – SET UP / AFTER MEETING PACK UP & LOCK UP

FEBRUARY	Mike McGorlick	Keith Wickens
MARCH	Colin Sando	Nelson Knight
APRIL	Rolf Arnoldi	Glen Knight

WELCOME & DIRECTING TO SIGN IN

FEBRUARY	Cushla Appleby	Nancy Greenslade
MARCH	Mary Rasmussen	Jennifer Birt
APRIL	Mary Burton	Jaya Shah

ATTENDANCE RECORDING

FEBRUARY	Catherine Pratt	Joyce Wickens
MARCH	Chris Stott	Ken George
APRIL	Denis Hawthorne	Kath Hawthorne

MENTOR TO VISITORS

FEBRUARY	Jan Roche	Terry Roche
MARCH	Dorothy Thomson	Val Nixon
APRIL	Ken Pakes	Bruna Rosaia

MORNING TEA

FEBRUARY	Lois Cheevers	Col Rogers
MARCH	Alan Hunter	Christina Hunter
APRIL	Ree Dowling	Beryl Pakes

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Please arrive for duty by 9.15 am.

**FRIDAY COFFEE: MOON & SPOON,**

**Every Friday afternoon, 3:15pm, Level 2, Forest Hill Chase Shopping Centre**



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## **'Race Readiness' at our November Probust Meeting**



**Your favourite, fabulous, finest or funniest.**

*Dust off those tucked-away hats in trunks or hat boxes or dash to a Reject store or Op Shop. Add your deft decorative touch to make it uniquely your style. Make it lively, sparkly, elegant, outrageous or effortlessly simple.*

Top hats, slouch hats, berets, party hats, stylish hats, fascinators, sun hat, bowler or your choice

Let's have some relaxed enjoyment together.

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### **Meeting Procedure:**

10:00 am **Business** section of the meeting

10:30 am **Pop on those hats** and enjoy a very special extended **Morning Tea**.

Let's enjoy each other's unique style and have a good long natter.

Kath is organizing 'Chicken sandwiches & Champs; non-alcoholic of course!!

11:30 am **Judging Awards:**

Categories: The most 1. Skillful 4. Hilarious

2. Flamboyant 5. Elegant

3. Minimalistic 6. Historic

(The Judges decision is final and no discussion will be entered into. Ho! Ho!)

AFTER MEETING LUNCH – Sausage Sizzle.



BIRTHDAYS – November

Best wishes to the following members.

Col Rogers 2<sup>nd</sup>                      Jaya Shah 9<sup>th</sup>                      Woty Fanoy 12<sup>th</sup>  
Lois Cheevers 13<sup>th</sup>                Eric Sutherland 24<sup>th</sup>                Rolf Arnoldi 29<sup>th</sup>



TREASURER: - Bob Grierson 9887 1431

Club Bank Account: BSB 633-108      Account No 151023272

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

**MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING:** Our next Monthly Meeting will be held at the Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill, on Wednesday, 1st November 2023, commencing at 10:00 am.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Letter from Mercy Ships.

ROSTERS - October to NOVEMBER

*Before the meeting, would all volunteers please read their copy of the "Monthly Meeting Volunteer Procedures" and bring that copy to the meeting.*

**MEETING VOLUNTEERS ROSTER**

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Welfare: Ree Dowling 0410 478 304 or 8868 7871

Bev Sutherland is now recuperating at home after a few days in hospital.

GUEST SPEAKERS: - Beryl Pakes 9897 3454

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## DINEOUTS

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH:

Date: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 @ 12 noon

#### **Chirnside Park Country Club**

68 Kingswood Drive, Chirnside Park

3 Course Seniors with Christmas decorations

Cost: \$35.00 per head - Cash Bar

Please place your name on the list if you will be attending and indicate if you require transport.



### FRIDAY COFFEE: MOON & SPOON,

Every Friday afternoon, 3:15 pm, Level 2, Forest Hill Chase Shopping Centre.

### DISCUSSION GROUP - Chairperson – Bill Wallace 0458 880 866.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00 pm

The meeting will be held at the home of Harish and Jaya Shah  
12 Chippendale Terrace. Burwood East 0430 380 806

We had a large group attending in October, all keen to talk about what's been in the news recently. A lively discussion took place analyzing the recent Voice Referendum results, the campaigns by both the Yes/No camps, and how we now move on given the strong "No" result across Australia. The discussion was respectful, and as always, political debate was avoided.

Other random topics included sails on container ships, nuclear waste disposal, historical migration of ethnic groups throughout the world, and even a jovial survey as to how many members of the group had managed to escape catching covid.

The meeting concluded, as usual, with a lovely afternoon tea provided by hosts Jaya & Harish Shah.

All are welcome.

*Compiled by Mike Bampfield*

## OUTINGS

### COOMBE COTTAGE Melba Estate – Val Nixon 9808 5740

Dame Nellie Melba became one of the most famous, world-renowned soprano singers in the late Victorian era.

Melba purchased the 60-acre dairy farm in 1909, renaming the property Coombe Cottage after a house she rented in England while performing at Covent Garden.

The garden designer was William Guilfoyle. (also the designer for the Royal Botanic Gardens).

Venue: Coombe Yarra Valley

673 – 675 Maroondah Highway, Coldstream (approx 45 mins drive from Jolimont Road.)

Date: Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>

Time: 10:00 am (Meet at the cottage at 9:45 am)

Activity: 10:00 am – Devonshire Tea

11:00 am – Garden Tour

The garden contains rare plants and old-world trees.

Cost: \$30.00 Payment to be made on the day. No Cheques.

Parking: Available

Car Pooling: Possible option. Arrange through Val where needed.

Make a day of it!

Arrange to go on to lunch in Yarra Glen. There are many cafes & the Yarra Glen Hotel is recommended.



LILYDALE THEATRE – Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Date: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Time: 7:30 pm for 8:00 pm (Free sherry available in the theatre foyer from 7:30 pm)

Play: 'Fracked! Or please don't use the F..word' - A Black Comedy

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(Coffee & Tea available at the interval.

Address: 39-41 Castella Street, Lilydale.

Cost \$25.00

Parking: At the venue and on the street

Pre-Theatre Dinner: 'Gracious Grace Café' (attached to the theatre) Meet at 6:15 pm.

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Next Meeting	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October
Discussion Group	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October
Walking Group	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October
Ladies & Men's Lunch	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December
Coffee Club	Every Friday 3:00 pm
Lilydale Theatre	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November
Bulletin Deadline	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### **"2024" – WHAT IS IN STORE?**

Our Probis Club held its first meeting on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 1989, chaired by inaugural President Ron Henderson. We are so blessed to have Ron as an active member today. On Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 we will be celebrating the 35<sup>th</sup>

anniversary of the Commencement of our Club.

As a registered Probis Club, we operate under three Authorities: -

- A) Probis South Pacific Ltd Constitution
- B) Corporate Affairs Victoria as a Registered Corporate Organization
- C) City of Whitehorse as a registered Corporate Organization for the use of Council premises for our monthly meetings.

We are required to adhere to an accepted Constitution by the above three Authorities; otherwise, we would not be allowed to operate as a Probis Club.

Clause 4 of our Constitution reads inter alia: "The Club shall be managed by a Management Committee, comprising a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer (known as "Officers") and such number of other members of the Management Committee (collectively known as "Committee Members"), as provided in the By-laws of the Club." Despite repeated requests for members to fill vacancies on the Committee this year, there has been no response.

Looking to 2024, the current "Management Committee" will not be seeking office at the AGM on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024. This will mean we cannot operate as a "Registered Probis Club" unless these positions are filled.

It is not the role of the "Officers of the Committee" to determine if we should continue or wind up our Club, but it is the duty of every member to decide our future. This decision will be made by you, the members, by your response or otherwise at the Annual General Meeting next March.

**If we do not fill the abovementioned positions, then we are in breach of Clause 4 of the Constitution and must wind up our Club accordingly.**

**Please give this matter your urgent attention now.**

AFTER MEETING LUNCH - Sofia's Restaurant, 299 Burwood Highway, Burwood East.

BIRTHDAYS – October

Best wishes to the following members.

Julie Stewart 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kath Thompson 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jurgen Ahrens 12 <sup>th</sup>
Denis Birt 13 <sup>th</sup>	Shirley McGorlick 13 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Wallis 16 <sup>th</sup>
Nelsa Counsell 21 <sup>st</sup>	Bill Moncrieff 21 <sup>st</sup>	Terry Cheevers 22 <sup>nd</sup>
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TREASURER: - Bob Grierson 9887 1431

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CORRESPONDENCE: Nil

ROSTERS - October to NOVEMBER

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Welfare: Ree Dowling 0410 478 304 or 8868 7871

Dot Thomson fell while visiting Graeme. Although she also hurt her face, her knee was the most problematic. She had surgery at Knox Hospital and is having rehab for a few weeks at Vic Rehab. Bev Sutherland had hip surgery on Thursday, the 21<sup>st</sup> and all went well. She is still waiting on information regarding rehab.

Dennis Birt has recovered from his foot surgery.

GUEST SPEAKERS: - Beryl Pakes 9897 3454

October – Our speaker for the September meeting is Margaret O’Mahony. She is a local author and will be speaking on writing your memoirs.

This is something that most of us have no intention of doing, but it is important for your family to have some knowledge of your activities throughout your life.

### DINEOUTS

MEN’S & LADIES LUNCH – Kath Thompson 9817 5546

Date: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October @ 12:30 pm

**Box Hill Golf Club**

202 Station Street, Box Hill

Please put your name down if you are attending.



### CHRISTMAS LUNCH:

Date: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 @ 12 noon

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The Voice Referendum, nuclear energy, electric vehicles, train vs plane travel, council bin policies, the role of the military in domestic natural disasters such as bushfires.

We also welcomed Judith into the group, a visiting local, as a potential member of the club who shared her views on the potential effects of video gaming on our youth.

Regular meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of the month, so come along and join us at the next meeting for an interesting and social get-together.

**All are welcome.**

*Compiled by Mike Bampffield*



WALKING GROUP - Ken George 0409 615 618 kengeorge220@gmail.com

Date: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 10 am.

**The walk will follow the Eastlink Indigenous Art Trail.** The walk is over undulating country and is mainly formed of concrete with some gravel if members want to do the full trail.

There are turn around points for a 1km, 2km and 3km walk for those wanting an easier walk and more social time at the picnic; the complete walk is 5km.

Parking is available at the Schwerkolt Cottage Museum Complex 2-10 Deep Creek Road, Mitcham, 3132, with toilets adjacent to the car park.

Picnic tables and BBQs are available should non-walkers want to have a picnic and for lunch after the walk.

Please meet at the picnic area next to the car park at 10 am. Please wear weather-appropriate clothing comfortable walking shoes and bring a water bottle.

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**NB** In order to have reasonable seats we need to book asap. Payment must be at booking. Good seats are available at present. Please *pay into the Probus bank account* and leave a voicemail on my phone (Ree) that you’ve paid. Otherwise, *pay Bob*, our treasurer, at the October meeting

PAY BY: October 4<sup>th</sup> Probus meeting.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone

Well, times marching on and we still have not filled the positions of Secretary and Vice President. Clubs like ours can only survive by how much its members are willing to contribute. Seriously consider volunteering and taking on a committee role now, to ensure our club can still function next year.

As the weather improves, we also need a member to take charge of the Walking Group. This can be shared by several members - each one taking responsibility for one walk during the month. We have a comprehensive list of walks, which includes the distance and available amenities so it's just a matter of making sure everyone keeps together. Usually, members bring chairs and lunch for the end of the walk as it ends back at the parking area.

## **Trivia for the month:**

Did you know the moon has moonquakes (the lunar equivalent of our earthquake)?

## AFTER MEETING LUNCH

"A Sausage Sizzle" on the City of Whitehorse Horticultural Centre's Meeting Room back lawn.



## BIRTHDAYS – AUGUST

Best wishes to the following members.

Terry Roche 25<sup>th</sup>

Mary Burton 28<sup>th</sup>



TREASURER: - Bob Grierson 9887 1431

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**CORRESPONDENCE:** Mercy Ships:- The Africa Mercy is having a refit in Durban before returning to Madagascar and the Global Mercy will service Sierra Leone this month.

Heritage Family Day Schwerkolt Cottage, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 11 am – 4 pm. Bring your picnic basket.

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DISCUSSION GROUP - Chairperson – Bill Wallace 0458 880 866.

**NOTE: The venue has changed for this meeting ONLY**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 2:00 pm

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Unit 1, 9 Rolls Court, Glen Waverley. 0413 007 528 Melways 71 E2

**All are welcome.**

GUEST SPEAKERS: - Beryl Pakes 9897 3454

**September** – Our speaker for the September meeting is Margaret O’Mahony. She is a local author and will be speaking on writing your memoirs.

This is something that most of us have no intention of doing, but it is important for your family to have some knowledge of your activities throughout your life.

**October** – Our speaker for the October meeting is Bev Blennenhasse who will talk about the Costa Concordia, which crashed in Italy.

At the time there was a great deal of publicity. It should be interesting.

## OUTINGS

BOX HILL TOWN HALL TOUR - Mary Burton 9722 1249

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 10:00 am

**Morning Tea - Cost \$17.95. Please pay our Treasurer TODAY**

Includes Morning tea of ribbon sandwiches, scones with jam and cream, and fruit platter. Tea and coffee

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Time: 7:30 pm for 8:00 pm (Free sherry available in the theatre foyer from 7:30 pm)

Play: 'Fracked! Or please don't use the F..word' - A Black Comedy

How would you feel about sitting in front of the nice old village pub on a sunny afternoon while convoys of 40-ton tankers roll past 6 feet away? Deerland Energy's plans to drill for shale gas in the pretty village of Fenstock are going well. The company is looking at big profits with scientists & councillors open to lucrative offers. The only slight snag is a ragged band of protestors, headed by just another 'mad old biddy'.

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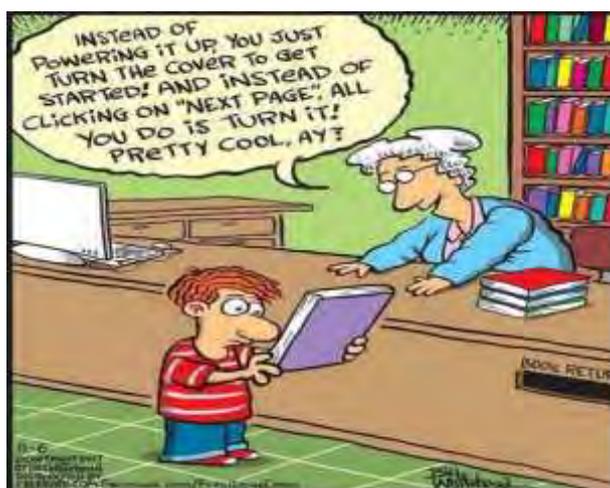
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Ladies' and Men's Lunch	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone,

Can you believe it, next month is the start of spring. The latter end of July seems to have been particularly cold and windy so I was pleasantly surprised and pleased the other day when so many (18 members) made the journey out to Caldermeade Farm for Christmas in July (see photo). I wasn't sure what to expect as I had never been to a Morning Melodies before, but I really enjoyed it. The venue was nicely decorated, and the music was suitable to the occasion, with well-known modern and Christmas songs. It was good fun! and I think most people exercised their singing voice.

## **Trivia for the month:**

Did you know that the first person in the world convicted of speeding was going 13 km/h.

## AFTER MEETING LUNCH

Wantirna Hill Club, 715 Boronia Road, Wantirna

## BIRTHDAYS – AUGUST

Best wishes to the following members.

Ken Pakes 4<sup>th</sup>

Laurie Williams 19<sup>th</sup>

Hocking 24<sup>th</sup>



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

**MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING:** Our next Monthly Meeting will be held at the Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023 commencing at 10:00 am.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Probus Association (PAV) advising of minor changes to their constitution and annual fees of 40 cents per member are now due.

### TREASURER: - Bob Grierson 9887 1431

Club Bank Account: BSB 633-108 Account No 151023272

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### ROSTERS - AUGUST to NOVEMBER

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WELFARE: - Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

The challenge of August is to keep warm and well!!!!  
We have had a few icy days, but hopefully no bouts of flu.

Sue Needham – 0412 356 082 – Sue has had some setbacks but is now on the recovery track again. She intends to be back at the August meeting.

GUEST SPEAKERS: - Beryl Pakes 9897 3454

**August** – Speaker will be Martin Semken.

Martin is a landscape gardener and will talk about his role in creating displays at gardening shows, including Australia's exhibit at the Chelsea Garden Show in the UK and the Melbourne Flower and Garden Show. Our member Doug Westcott has heard his talk and can recommend it.

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Hello Everyone,

I don't know about you but, to me, the last month seems to have gone by very quickly. I've been spending time in the garden on the very few fine days and sitting by the fire catching up on my reading on the rest.

The days are now getting longer as the winter solstice was on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June, but we still have a way to go before it's noticeable.

Keep smiling and stay warm and think about supporting your club by volunteering your services on the committee.

We are still needing a Secretary and Vice president.

Trivia for the month: Did you know that cats once delivered mail in Belgium?  
(I think they stopped it because the cats kept falling off their bikes.)

## AFTER MEETING LUNCH

Knox Club, 480 Boronia Road, Wantirna South

## BIRTHDAYS – JUNE

Best wishes to the following members.

Bruna Rosaia 5<sup>th</sup>  
Beryl Pakes 13<sup>th</sup>  
Chris Stott 28<sup>th</sup>

Keith Wickins 5<sup>th</sup>  
Doug Westcott 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Jan Roche 29<sup>th</sup>

Alan Hunter 8<sup>th</sup>  
Lyn Williams 24<sup>th</sup>



SECRETARY'S REPORT – John Hally 0411 314 218

MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING: Our next Monthly Meeting will be held at the Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill on Wednesday, 5th July 2023 commencing at 10:00 am.

CORRESPONDENCE: Proms Concert – “The Legends of Brass” Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August at The Ivanhoe Centre, 275 Upper Heidelberg Road. Tickets \$30. Brochures on counter

TREASURER: - Bob Grierson 9887 1431

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WELFARE: - Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Sue Needham – 0412 356 082 Sue is recovering at home after surgery and two weeks in the hospital. She was diagnosed with a brain tumor which was removed and was fortunately non-malignant. She is hoping to be back at our meetings and events in August.

Peter Rasmussen – (Mary 0427 057 638) Peter is moving permanently to Regis Blackburn Residential Aged Care, Central Rd Blackburn as of Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

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August – The speaker is Harish Shah, one of our own members, a keen student of British Indian history.

PRELUDE

**Year 1942.**

Japanese Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita attacked Singapore on 8th February, with 35,000 men. The defender, Lieutenant General [Arthur Ernest Percival](#), had 85,000 men and Singapore was considered to be an invincible fortress and yet, he surrendered unconditionally on 15th February. That was while Gen. Yamashita himself was considering a withdrawal from the island of Singapore!

The photo depicts Gen Percival being led by a Japanese Officer to sign the surrender treaty.



There were 22,000 Australian soldiers in Singapore. 14,972 were taken prisoner. Of the remaining, some died fighting and others escaped. Among the escapees was Major General Bennett; two post-war inquiries found him to be unjustified in leaving his command.

The loss of almost a quarter of Australia's overseas soldiers, and the failure of the Singapore Strategy had stunned the country.

Amongst the POWs, there were 45,000 Indian soldiers of the British Indian Army. They had left their homeland and loved ones to fight for their oppressors and defend Singapore. They were demoralised and felt debased and betrayed by their surrender under order by the meek British command.

Gen. Percival was well placed but surrendered after just five days of fighting. In stark contrast, an Indian civilian, Mr. Subhash Chandra Bose, having no military experience, left Germany in a submarine, travelling through enemy infested waters, he reached Singapore to organise these demoralised Indian POWS into a fighting force again.

He called his army, the Indian National Army (INA for short). Besides the Indian POWs, it recruited Indian ex-pat men and women from Malaya. He even created a woman's Regiment, who took up arms and fought the British forces in the jungles of Burma. He had only two criteria for recruiting; adults of Indian origin and willingness to fight for India's freedom. Thus, INA turned out to be a true representation of a united India.

The INA soldiers marched 3550 Kms from Singapore to Burma. The hungry and exhausted army had but one aim, to throw the British out of India. It succeeded in doing so. The outcome got delayed due to the Japanese surrender in 1945. However, the British were forced to leave India by 1947 and that triggered the winddown of the British Empire. The corrupt despot-ruling politicians of independent India made concerted efforts to erase all memories of the INA from peoples' minds. Hence the name "Forgotten Army". But the DNA of the "Forgotten Army" lives on in the present-day Indian Army and in the hearts of every nationalistic Indian at home and abroad. The new ruling government (since 2014) has reinstated Subhash Chandra Bose into his rightful place in the modern Indian history.

During my talk, you will view unseen original footage from that era, discover shocking secrets and learn the truth behind distorted facts and propaganda.

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Greetings Everyone,

Now that winter has arrived it's time to rug up, keep warm and if you do have to be out and about be especially careful with all the wet leaves on the ground.

As the weather plays such a large part in our daily lives it is tempting to stay home at this time of year, but getting out of our comfort zone and making time to be with friends is important to our wellbeing.

It was so pleasing to see so many members at Oggi's Bistro dinner the other evening. Even though it was such a cold night. I think a good time was had by all – good food and of course good company.

Due to the unpredictable weather, the Committee decided to postpone the Walking Group until the Spring unless a member would like to organise a walk in the meantime. To help there is a list of walks (i.e. distances etc.) available.

Well once again due to the lack of response, we still have two important positions vacant:

- Secretary
- Vice President.

I can't stress enough how important and urgent it is to fill these two vital positions. Help and assistance are available for both positions.

## AFTER MEETING LUNCH

Waverley RSL – 161 Coleman Parade, Glen Waverly

## BIRTHDAYS – JUNE

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**CORRESPONDENCE:** Email letter from PSPL Chairman Judith Maestracci AM thanking members who have taken on leadership roles in their respective Clubs.

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## WELFARE: - Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Hopefully everyone is rugging up as winter arrives and keeping the 'bugs at bay'. Pleasingly I haven't heard of any particular medical situations with our members this month.

## GUEST SPEAKERS: - Beryl Pakes 9897 3454

**June** - Vonda Fenwick recently retired CEO of South East Melbourne Manufacturers Alliance (SEMMA). She will share how SEMMA gives members a voice and participation in decisions regarding critical needs and the chance of greatest success for an innovative and sustainable manufacturing community.

Introduction to SEMMA

- The Association
- History
- Purpose - to be the voice of manufacturers in the South East region of Melbourne
- SEMMA's advocacy
- SEMMA's Board, membership and supporters
- Recent Projects
- Impact of COVID on manufacturers
- The skills and staffing challenges
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- Upcoming events and activities

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# COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF BLACKBURN SOUTH INC.

**Club Bulletin**

**No. 376**

**3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023.**

Registration No. A0029946T

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Hello,



Once again, my thanks to Ree for stepping in and conducting the April Meeting. It's good to know that should the need arise a member is always willing to help. Holidays from time to time are a necessary way to refresh and re-energise one's self but, enjoyable as they are, I don't like to stay away from family, friends and familiar surroundings for too long. Autumn is well and truly with us, and Melbourne is looking spectacular with the changing colour of the leaves and foliage. I think this is my favourite time of the year.

**Please give the following important notice your attention as it concerns the future of the club.**

**URGENT NOTICE:** - We have 67 active members in the club yet **NOT ONE NOMINATION** to fill the positions of Vice President and Secretary. Without these positions being filled in the near future our club will not survive next year. **By law, we cannot continue.**

**Secretary:** - John Hally our temporary Secretary has been in the position of Secretary for the last eight consecutive years plus three years previously. I think you will agree that this is above and beyond what can reasonably be expected of anyone. John is more than willing to discuss what is involved and assist anyone who takes up this position.

**Vice President:** - We also need a Vice President to understudy the President's role and ensure that the club will have a leader next year. The Vice President's duties are to assist and support the President and familiarise themselves with the responsibilities of the President.

**If you really care about the continuation of our club, help to stop it from folding and volunteer your service.**

**AFTER MEETING LUNCH** - Sofia's Restaurant, 299 Burwood Highway, Burwood East.

## BIRTHDAYS – MAY

Best wishes to the following members:

Ron Rivett 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sue Needham 4 <sup>th</sup>	Vin White 4 <sup>th</sup>
Graeme Brookes 6 <sup>th</sup>	Lorna Moncrieff 13 <sup>th</sup>	Rod Needham 16 <sup>th</sup>
Denis Hawthorne 26 <sup>th</sup>	Keith Booth 29 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Rasmussen 30 <sup>th</sup> .



# **VALE**

**William (Bill) Jackson**

**10<sup>th</sup>. September 1936 to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023**

**Police Chief Superintendent (Rtd.) Club President 2008**

**A Club member since September 1998**

SECRETARY'S REPORT - John Hally 0411 314 218

MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING: Our next Monthly Meeting will be held at the Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May commencing at 10.00 am.

CORRESPONDENCE: Probus South Pacific Ltd has advised that Capitation Fees for this year are set at \$16.75 per member and are due and payable by 30<sup>th</sup> April.

TREASURER - Bob Grierson 9887-1431

Club Bank Account: BSB 633-108 Account No 151023272  
(PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF BANK A/C)  
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WELFARE - Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Like yourselves, when we catch up with members at the meeting or events, I hear about members who are attending medical appointments etc. which reminds us how important catchups are and keeping smiles on faces. Humour is the best medicine!!!!

The colder weather has already triggered the relentlessness of Covid. Despite our now five vaccines, we are still vulnerable.

Keeping ventilation awareness is a priority at our meetings and the selection of outings.

We are seeking portable Ventilators at the hall (not just for our club) with the Whitehorse Council which would alleviate the problem and we can stay warm.

GUEST SPEAKERS - Beryl Pakes 9897 3454

### **May - Colin Neave**

Colin will give us a most interesting talk as he recounts facets of his very extensive career in law, consumer affairs, and government administration. He served as Chairman of the Commonwealth Consumer Affairs Advisory Council from 1997 to 2013 and was President of the Administrative Review Council. He was honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals for his contributions as an ombudsman and his work in resolving issues. In June 2005, Colin was recognised for his service to public administration and the banking and finance industry, and was appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia.

During his talk, Colin shares his journey from working at Myers part-time in 1958 to serving as the Chief Ombudsman of the Financial Ombudsman Service, Chairperson of the Legal Services Board of Victoria, the Australian Banking Industry Ombudsman, and Vice Chair of the Australian Press Council.

He has held many other high-level positions in public sectors in several areas, including Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department, Managing Director of the Legal Aid Commission of NSW, Secretary of the Victorian Attorney-General's Department, and Director-General of the South Australian Department of Public and Consumer Affairs.

### **June - Vonda Fenwick**

Vonda recently retired as CEO of South East Melbourne Manufacturers Alliance (SEMMA). She will share how SEMMA provided members with a voice and participation in decisions regarding critical needs and the chance of greatest success for an innovative and sustainable manufacturing community.

### **ROSTERS - MAY to JULY**

*Before the meeting would all volunteers please read their copy of the "Monthly Meeting Volunteer Procedures" and bring that copy to the meeting.*

### **MEETING VOLUNTEERS ROSTER**

#### **Before Meeting Set Up and After the Meeting Pack Up & Lock Up**

May	Colin Sando	Mike Bampffield
June	Mike McGorlick	Harish Shah
July	Alan Hunter	Nelson Knight

#### **Welcome and Directing to Sign-in Desk**

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June	Bruna Rosaia	Catherine Pratt
July	Keith Hawthorne	Kath Hawthorne

#### **Attendance Recording**

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### **Please arrive for duty by 9.15 am**

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### **DISCUSSION GROUP - Chairperson - Bill Wallis 0458 805 866.**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00 pm **All are welcome.**

Meeting will be held at the home of Harish Shah,  
12 Chippendale Tce. Burwood East. Mob. 0430 380 806

## FRIDAY COFFEE: MOON & SPOON,

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## DINEOUTS

### Christmas in July:-

The Committee have decided that Christmas in July should be cancelled this year because in winter time the Covid Virus is most active and people are more vulnerable.

One of our members Lois Cheevers has put forward an alternative suggestion i.e. a Spring Carnival Lunch close to Cup Day. This will be discussed at the next Committee Meeting and details will be published in the June Bulletin.

It is pleasing to have members put forward ideas and suggestions.

### Bistro - Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Oggi Restaurant - Down to earth Italian Restaurant



*'Italian-European-Australian favorites to suit every palette.'*

Address: 1 Lakeside Drive, East Burwood. (Off Burwood Highway from corner with Springvale Rd)

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

Time 6 pm – Ordering from 6.15 pm (as mentioned at our meeting)

Menu: A La Carte

Bar: Full access (no BYO)

Access: Easy and drop off at entrance ramp.

Parking: Ample – around the restaurant

## OUTINGS

### Play: Switzerland

A Thriller by Australian writer Joanna Murray-Smith

Venue: Lilydale Athenaeum Theatre (Stylish old theatre)

Date: Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> July

Time: 7.30 pm for 8.00

Address: 39 – 41 Castella Street, Lilydale

Cost: \$22.00 (if 10+ group) otherwise concession \$25.00

Parking: At the venue & on the street.

Good seats are available at present.

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Hello everyone.



Unfortunately, I will not be at the meeting this month as I am taking a much-needed holiday. I was supposed to go away at the latter end of last year, but Covid stepped in. Ree has kindly offered to conduct procedures at the meeting, which is greatly appreciated.

The Committee is working very hard to make our club interesting and entertaining, and we would welcome fresh ideas from any of our members.

Please let us know if you have venues, outings or trips you think we would all enjoy.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy Easter; go easy on the chocolate!

I look forward to catching up with you all next month.

## BIRTHDAYS – APRIL

Best wishes to the following members:

Trish Hogan 13<sup>th</sup>      Gerry Burton 20<sup>th</sup>.



## AFTER MEETING LUNCH:

Mitcham Hotel, corner Whitehorse and Mitcham Roads, Mitcham.

## TREASURER - Bob Grierson 9887 1431

Club Bank Account: BSB 633-108 Account No 151023272

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT - John Hally 0411 314 218

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### COMMITTEE POSITIONS NOT FILLED:

Vice President, Member Liaison, Tours Organizer, Outings Co-Ordinator, Publicity Officer.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

BABIRRA Music Theatre, Karralyka Centre, Ringwood East.

"ALL SHOOK UP" musical built around the songs of Elvis Presley, 10<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> June.

\$50 concession. Brochures are available.

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GUEST SPEAKERS - Beryl Pakes 9897 3454

April - Lorraine Smith who has written a book about an old manuscript found in a copy of Alice in Wonderland.

May - Colin Neave talking about his career in the Public and Private sectors.

WELFARE - REE DOWLING 0410478304

I'm sure everyone is managing some health challenges & appointments etc. but the Autumn months are still warm enough to be out enjoying the colourful changes.

Peter Rasmussen: Peter has had exceptional care from South Eastern Health Wantirna. In fact, Mary said home has been like a mini hospital!! It has been a support for her too with the all-round care for Peter.

DISCUSSION GROUP - CHAIRPERSON BILL WALLIS 0458 805 866.

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LILYDALE THEATRE: "SWITZERLAND" – Ree Dowling - 0410 478 304

A thriller play by Australian writer Joanna Murray-Smith

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NB In order to have reasonable seats we need to book asap even though it is a few months away.

Good seats are available at present.

Payment must be at booking - please pay into the Probus Bank Account and leave a voice mail on my phone (Ree) that you've paid. Otherwise, pay Bob our treasurer at the **April** Probus meeting.

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Mary Burton with the outgoing President Ree Dowling, after being presented with the President’s Collar

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Hello everyone

Marvelous month of March – usually predictable pleasant days and balmy nights!! Hence the month of our Moomba Parade.

It is the month of our AGM which means changes to our committee. I've always said that being in this role is a learning curve and it only happens with generous support from the committee and all members in so many different ways. To those leaving the committee Mary Rasmussen for Outings and Ken Pakes for Publicity, thank you for all you have

done.

Thank you also to Kath Thompson in her role as Past President – our Covid President!

A mammoth thank you is extended to John Hally as our Secretary. Probably only in my role does one realize how much John does behind the scenes. Nothing is ever a trouble, no matter how many requests for information or phone calls by day and sometimes at night. Everything is always attended to and prepared easing the way for us. Ten years in this role is such a significant commitment to our members.

Some updates: Because of the low number who signed up our tour is cancelled.

However, an Outing and Men's and Ladies' lunch have been arranged for April. (See Below).

June Cant who ran Forest Hill Typing & Duplicating and did all our printing right up until the November Bulletin 2022, passed away on 2/2/2023. June had printed all our documents for many years and at such a reasonable cost and was a great friend to our club.

Our printing will now be outsourced and we will need to be more cautious with the cost.

Several members approached us about donating to 'Angel Flights' after our guest speaker last month. A box will be available at the March meeting if anyone wishes to donate.

After Meeting Lunch:



'Sausage Sizzle' – Thanks to Keith Booth & Gerry Burton

BIRTHDAYS – MARCH

Best wishes to the following members:



Brenda Griffin 1 <sup>st</sup>	Peter Rasmussen 14 <sup>th</sup>	Val Nixon 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Nancy Greenslade 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Bev Sutherland 29 <sup>th</sup>	

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**CORRESPONDENCE:** The following have resigned as members of our Club:-

Jo Glasson joined on 02/09/1992, Bill Jackson joined on 06/07/1998, Phil Jean joined on 03/10/2007, and Colleen Jackson joined on 05/06/2013.

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

The Annual General Meeting of the Combined Probus Club of Blackburn South Inc. will be held on Wednesday 1st March 2023, at the Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill immediately following the March Monthly General Meeting and morning tea break.

The business of the meeting shall be:-

- Presentation of reports
- Acceptance of Financial Report for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023
- Presentation of Budget for financial year 01/02/2023 – 31/01/2024
- Confirmation or otherwise Committee recommendation of annual subscription
- Election of Office Bearers for the ensuing year
- Any other business which lawfully may be brought forward.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OFFICERS:**

President: Nomination Mary Burton

Vice President: No Nomination

Secretary: No Nomination

Treasurer: Nomination Bob Grierson

Past President: Ree Dowling

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Guest Speakers: Nomination Beryl Pakes

Bulletin Editor: Nomination Nelsa Counsell

Publicity Officer: No Nomination

Member Services: Nomination Kath Thompson

Outings Co-Ordinator: No Nomination

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Member Liaison: No Nomination

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#### **GUEST SPEAKERS - Beryl Pakes 9897 3454**

We will not have a speaker in March due to AGM.

#### **WELFARE - REE DOWLING 0410478304**

YES, IT'S SPRING AND KEEP A SPRING IN YOUR STEP. Enjoy the longish days before winter!!

Peter Rasmussen. At present Peter is still in Wantirna Eastern Health Rehab but it is hoped he will be home soon.

Bruna Rosaia. Brunna is home stoically managing as her fractures heal.

#### **CURRENT AFFAIRS:- Chairperson - Bill Wallis 0458 805 866.**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 2 pm.

Meeting will be held at the home of Harish Shah,

12 Chippendale Tce. Burwood East. Mob. 0430 380 806.

General issues are discussed. Bill would like those interested in attending to catch up with him and Harish during morning tea at the March Probus Meeting to have a chat about the meetings.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

DINE OUT – BISTRO EVENING - Ree Dowling 0410 478 304 or 8868 7871



Persian Flavours Restaurant.  
338 Springvale Road Forest Hill.  
Date: Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023.  
Time: 6 pm  
Menu: A La Carte – Wide-ranging.  
BYO wine.  
Parking: Ample - on Springvale Rd or Canterbury Rd  
sideroad.

LADIES' AND MEN'S LUNCH – Kath Thomson 9817 5546

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OUTING - BLUE LOTUS WATER GARDEN - Mary Rasmussen 0427 057 638

Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
2628 Warburton Highway, Yarra Junction.  
Self-drive to the gardens in Yarra Junction (or carpool with someone else) to arrive by 11:00 am. (Travel time from Blackburn South is approx 50 mins to one hour).  
Cost \$34.00 (minimum 20 people), payable at the March meeting This includes the entrance fee and picnic lunch.



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# COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF BLACKBURN SOUTH INC.

**Club Bulletin**

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The Club meets at 10.00 am on the first Wednesday of every month (except Dec and Jan) at the City of Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill.



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## Committee Members

President	Ree Dowling	0410 478 304
Vice President	Mary Burton	9722 1249
Past President	Kath Thompson	9817 5546
Secretary	John Hally	0411 314 218
Treasurer	Bob Grierson	9887 1431
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Services	Kath Thompson	9817 5546
Guest Speakers	Beryl Pakes	9897 3454
Outings	Mary Rasmussen	9894 3680
Welfare	Ree Dowling	0410 478 304
Events Co-Ordinator	Mary Burton	9722 1249

## Diary Dates

Next Meeting	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March
Current Affairs	TBA
Walking Group	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February
Picnic in the Park	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February
Blue Lotus Water Garden	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March
Bistro - Persian Flowers	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March
Coffee Club	Friday 3.00 pm weekly
Golf	TBA
South Gippsland Tour	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April - Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April
Bulletin Deadline	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February

Hello Everyone



We welcome the New Year – 2023 (The year of the Rabbit)

We look forward to catching up and sharing how the holidays have been spent. Maybe you're watching or attending the Tennis. There are always plenty of events in January before we celebrate Australia Day ... depending on our usual unpredictable weather of course.

There are activities already prepared for our club for the next few months. Please when you sign up can you mark your diaries immediately, so our records are correct. If you are unable to attend, please contact the member organizing. Venues are tending to be more prescriptive and are setting minimum numbers to attend.

Our Gippsland Tour requires a minimum of 30 people. The tour is for our members to spend time together so we will only run it if we have the numbers. Probably the best aspect of it is that we will be staying in one place for the week. Please sign up at the February meeting so that we know how to proceed.

Doug Westcott has offered to provide a rolling feed of our activities on the screen prior to the Meetings as reminders.

At the AGM in March all major roles must be filled for the Club to continue. We require a Vice President and Secretary. I'll be happy for you to rush me at the February meeting to take up a role!!! Everyone is very supportive and assists those in the roles. I can absolutely attest to this.

Diaries: Mark the date Christmas Lunch 2023 – *Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023* at Chirnside Park Country Club (12pm -3pm)

After Meeting Lunch

Waverley RSL – 161 Coleman Parade Glen Waverley

BIRTHDAYS – FEBRUARY

Best wishes to the following members:



Dot Browne 6 <sup>th</sup>	Trish Clifton 6 <sup>th</sup>	Colleen Jackson 9 <sup>th</sup>
Dot Farr 10 <sup>th</sup>	Jenny Birt 12 <sup>th</sup>	Beryl Marston 14 <sup>th</sup>
Harish Shah 14 <sup>th</sup>	Joyce Wickins 15 <sup>th</sup>	Gwenda Davey 18 <sup>th</sup>
John Hally 19 <sup>th</sup>	Mike McGorlick 20 <sup>th</sup>	

TREASURER - Bob Grierson 9887 1431

Club Bank Account: BSB 633-108 Account No 151023272

**(PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF BANK A/C)**

Make sure that your name is registered with the deposit

SECRETARY'S REPORT - John Hally 0411 314 218

MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING: Our next Monthly Meeting will be held at the Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill, on Wednesday, 1st February 2032, commencing at 10.00 am.

CORRESPONDENCE: Probus South Pacific Ltd. (Head Office) have advised that Capitation Fees per member for year 2023 – 2024 have been set at \$16-75. This amount is paid from your annual subscription.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The Annual General Meeting of the Combined Probus Club of Blackburn South Inc. will be held on Wednesday, 1st March 2023, at the Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill, immediately following the March Monthly General Meeting.

The business of the meeting shall be: -

- Presentation of reports
- Acceptance of Financial Report for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023
- Presentation of Budget for the financial year 01/02/2023 – 31/01/2024
- Confirmation or otherwise Committee recommendation of the annual subscription
- Election of Office Bearers for the ensuing year
- Any other business which lawfully may be brought forward.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

Pursuant to Clause 5(c) of the Constitution, members are respectfully reminded that all committee positions become vacant at the end of the March Monthly Meeting. Nominations for Officers and Committee members for the ensuing year must be in writing, signed by the candidate, nominator, and seconder, and lodged with the Secretary no later than the conclusion of the February Monthly General Meeting on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023.

WELFARE - Ree Dowling 0410 478 304 or 8868 7871

Hopefully everyone is doing well as we move into 2023.

Brenda Griffin had surgery over Christmas and then Rehab and she has recovered very well.

Peter Rasmussen had a fall a couple of weeks ago and was in Box Hill hospital for a while. At present he is in Wantirna Eastern Health Rehab as he is weak and requires assistance walking.

## ROSTERS

### MEETING VOLUNTEERS ROSTER

#### Before Meeting Set Up

February	Ree Dowling	John Hally
March	Ree Dowling	John Hally
April	Rolf Arnoldi	Col Rogers
May	Colin Sando	Mike Bampfield

#### Welcome and Directing to Sign-in Desk

February	Mary Burton	Lois Cheevers
March	Jaya Shah	Beryl Pakes
April	Joyce Wickins	Ron Henderson
May	Dennis Birt	Christine Hunter

#### Attendance Recording

February	Jerry Burton	Mike Bampfield
March	Harish Shah	Ken Pakes
April	Bruna Rosaia	Cushla Appleby
May	Alan Hunter	Gilly George

#### Mentor to Visitors

February	Jenny Birt	Nancy Greenslade
March	Eric Sutherland	Bev Sutherland
April	Trish Clifton	Stephen Clifton
May	Chris Stott	Warwick Stott

#### Morning Tea Team

February	Chris Stott	Val Nixon
March	Vin White	Vic McNamara
April	Dot Thomson	Kath Hawthorne
May	Keith Booth	Ken George

#### After Meeting Pack Up & Lock Up

February	John Hally	Ree Dowling
March	John Hally	Ree Dowling
April	Denis Hawthorne	Keith Wickins
May	Mike McGorlick	Harish Shah

#### **Please arrive for duty by 9:15 am**

If you are unable to attend Roster Duty, please initially try to exchange with another member; failing that, please contact Ree Dowling ASAP - 0410 478 304.

#### GUEST SPEAKERS - Beryl Pakes 9897 3454

The guest speaker for our February meeting will be Carmel Martin from "Angel Flight" an organization similar to the Flying Doctor. They arrange to fly individuals in Queensland to health appointments.

In March there will be no speaker due to our AGM

SOUTH GIPPSLAND TOUR - Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

5 days, 4 nights staying at "Ship Inn" Yarram.

Itinerary as per hand-out at Xmas lunch

PICNIC IN THE PARK - Mary Rasmussen 9894 3680 Mob 0427 057 638

Simpsons Park, Cochrane Street Mitcham

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023. 12 noon.

**BYO food, drink, chairs, and sun hats**



DINE OUT - Bistro Evening - Ree Dowling 0410 478 304 or 8868 7871



Persian Flavours Restaurant.

338 Springvale Road Forest Hill.

Date: Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023.

Time: 6 pm

Menu: A La Carte – Wide-ranging.

BYO wine.

Parking: Ample - on Springvale Rd or Canterbury Rd  
sideroad.

OUTING - BLUE LOTUS WATER GARDEN - Mary Rasmussen 0427 057 638

Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023

2628 Warburton Highway, Yarra Junction.

Self-drive to the gardens in Yarra Junction (or carpool with someone else) to arrive by 11:00 am. (Travel time from Blackburn South is approx 50 mins to one hour).

Cost \$34.00 (minimum 20 people), payable at the March meeting This includes the entrance fee and picnic lunch.



WALKING GROUP - Ken Pakes 0401004744

Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Burwood – Wattle Park – Gardiners Creek Melways 61 B4

Starting and Finishing Point - Wattle Park car park Start: 10.00 am

Bring lunch and seats

Starting from the car park, we will go South East to Elgar Road, where we will cross and walk down Stott St. to connect with the Gardiners Creek path. We will turn anti-clockwise and follow the path to Station Street, where we will follow the path on the opposite side of the creek back to the new bridge over the creek. We will cross over and retrace our steps to Stott Street and finally back to the car park.

FRIDAY COFFEE: MOON & SPOON,

Every Friday afternoon, 3.15 pm

Level 2, Forest Hill Chase, Shopping Centre Forest Hill Chase.





Toward the end of last year, our Monthly Bulletin included a new regular “Who Am I?” section. Each month there was a brief profile of one of our members, and we were asked to guess who that member was - the answer was provided later at that month’s meeting. These profiles offer insight into our members’ backgrounds and enable us to get to know each other just a little bit better. The member profiles from last year have now been uploaded to a new “Member Profiles” page on our website, and additional profiles will be uploaded as they become available.

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