

COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF BLACKBURN SOUTH INC.

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The Club meets at 10.00am 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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Diary Dates

Next Meeting	Wednesday 5 th February
Keeping Active	Friday 31 st January
Walking Group	Wednesday 12 th February
Discussion Group	Monday 17 th February
Cruden Park	Wednesday 19 th February
Theatre	Thursday 27 th February
Jazz at the Lake	Sunday 2 nd March
Book Club	Tuesday 4 th March
Theatre	Thursday 13 th March
Persian Flavours	Wednesday 19 th March ^h
Apollo Bay Tour	24 th – 29 th March 2025
Coffee Club	Friday 3.15pm weekly
Bulletin deadline	Friday 21st February

President's Message:

Welcome to our Club's first meeting in the year 2025.

I wish you all a Happy New Year.

After the long holiday season, the Club is resuming its normal function.

The Club's AGM will be held on 5th of March, when your new Managing Committee will be elected, to start functioning from April 2025.

Various positions in the new Committee are vacant. Nomination is open for those positions.

The last day for submitting a Nomination is 5th February 2025.

If you are thinking about it, then stop procrastinating. Talk to our Club Secretary, Gilly George. Grab this chance to do your bit for the Club!

There will be no guest speaker at the February meeting. Instead, your Managing Committee has organised an acknowledgement and appreciation session.

Your Club Secretary will make further announcement at the meeting.

Harish Shah



AFTER MEETING LUNCH

Time: 12:15 p.m. onwards

Venue: Bistro, The Chase Hotel.

Level 3, Forest Hill Shopping Centre, Forest Hill

BIRTHDAYS – FEBRUARY

Ron Chidgey 3rd, Dot Browne 6th, Trish Clifton 6th, Jennifer Birt 12th, Beryl Marston 14th, Harish Shah 14th, Joyce Wickins 15th, John Hally 19th, Mike McGorlick 20th.





V A L E

THOMAS TERRENCE CHEEVERS

22/10/1935 TO 14/12/2024

A CLUB MEMBER SINCE SEPTEMBER 2015
BUT NOW RETIRED



V A L E

PETER DOWLING RASMUSSEN

14/3/1934 TO 27/12/2024

A CLUB MEMBER SINCE APRIL 2009
CLUB PRESIDENT 2015 TO 2016

V A L E

NITA BATE

PASSED AWAY ON 28/12/2024
ABOUT 3 WEEKS BEFORE HER 90TH BIRTHDAY
CLUB MEMBER SINCE AUGUST 2013
LATER RETIRED
MEMBERS' SERVICES

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Gilly George 0408 801 624

MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING: Our next Monthly Meeting will be held at the Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill on Wednesday, 5th February, 2025 commencing at 10.00am.

Welcome back to the start of a new Probus year, hope you are all well and that you are looking forward to joining in the many activities the Management Committee have for you this year.

The Outings and Tours committee have been working very hard to come up with some new and interesting ideas for the coming year. If you have any questions about our Probus club please speak to Harish or myself.

The AGM for the Combined Probus Club of Blackburn South will be held on 5th March following the general meeting. All welcome.

The February meeting is a change from the normal format, we will not be having a speaker but have some fun activities and an extended morning tea, with cake and scones and a few surprises on the day. Please note we only have the hall from 9am - 12 so we cannot run any extended activities past this time frame.

TREASURER: Bob Grierson 040 955 3414

Club Bank Account: BSB 633-108 Account No 151023272

Make sure that your name is registered with the deposit. Thank you.

DISCUSSION GROUP - Mike Bampfield 0413 00 7528

Venue – Vermont South Bowls Club, 30A Livingston Rd, Vermont South.

Next Meeting – 2-4pm MONDAY, 17th February 2025 (3rd MONDAY of each month)

Our relaxed and enjoyable monthly meetings cover a range of local and international issues as well as lighter subjects. A “fun topic” each month also gives us a chance for some laughs.

Meetings conclude with a social chat over a cuppa and biscuit/cake.

New members are most welcome and should contact Mike Bampfield



BOOK CLUB - Gilly George 0408 801 624

Book Club will commence on Tuesday 4th March at 1.30 pm so all those lovely books you got as Christmas gifts you can read and tell us all about them.



ROSTER: February – May 2025

BEFORE MEETING:

WOULD ALL VOLUNTEERS PLEASE READ THEIR COPY ‘MONTHLY MEETING VOLUNTEER PROCEDURES’ & BRING THE COPY TO THE MEETING.

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

February	Nelson Knight	Ken George
March	Lindsay Borgas	Mike Bampfield
April	Rolf Arnoldi	Glen Knight
May	Mike McGorlick	Col Sando

WELCOME & DIRECTING TO SIGN IN

February	Jaya Shah	Beryl Pakes
March	Dennis Birt	Bev Sutherland
April	Lorraine Low-Shang	Gerry Burton
May	Sheilah Blanchfield	Sue Needham

ATTENDANCE RECORDING

February	John Hally	Eric Sutherland
March	Christina Hunter	Dot Brown
April	Keith Wickins	Bruna Rosaia
May	Cushla Appleby	Rod Needham

MENTOR TO VISITORS

February	Sandra Knight	Kath Hawthorne
March	Lorelle Borgas	Jenny Birt
April	Ken Pakes	Val Nixon
May	Dot Thomson	Jan Roche

MORNING TEA TEAM

February	Denis Hawthorne	Glen Knight
March	Alan Hunter	Keith Booth
April	Ken George	Joyce Wickins
May	Mary Burton	Terry Roche

Please arrive at 9:00am to set up for your task

If unable to attend Roster Duty please try to exchange with another member.

OUTING - SHOWBIZ CINEMAS Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

FILM - ‘The Last Journey’ (Based on a personal story)

Sweeden’s entry for best international film for the 2025 Oscars.

Date: Thursday, February 27TH, 2025

Time: 10.30am (Meet at cinema 10.15)

Address: Pinewood Shopping Centre, 41 Centreway, Mount Waverley

Cost: \$20.: Film followed by ‘Basket Lunch’ in the cinema

(Pay on the day to Ree. Exact money appreciated.)

Requires a minimum of 15

Cinema Parking: Designated Cinema Parking - opposite Coles

(Must collect parking voucher from one of our members in the car park and display it on your dashboard. Voucher covers film & lunch time.) **Access to cinemas:** Suitable for all

FILM - 'Black Bag' (Thriller)

Director: Steven Soderbergh.

Actors: Cate Blanchett, Pearce Brosnan, Michael Fassbender

Date: Thursday, March 13TH, 2025

Time: 10.30am (Meet at cinema 10.15)

Details re venue, parking, cost etc. same as for above film,

Welfare: Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Hopefully members have enjoyed the celebrations of Christmas, New Year & Australia Day.

Mary Rasmussen:- Mary came out of hospital followed by time at Donvale rehab and was improving well.



OUTING – CRUDEN FARM Catherine Pratt 0417 058 804

This is a public recreation area left by Dame Elizabeth Murdoch to Victoria.

Self – Drive & Share a ride with another member

Date: Wednesday, February 19th, 2025

Address: Entry via Cranhaven Rd.

60 Cranbourne- Frankston Rd, Langwarrin.

Arrive 11.00 am approx. Travel time 45 min approx.

Entrance fee: \$10.00

Bring your own morning tea snack. Tea, coffee & water available for purchase.

Toilets available. Pathways are flat with seats dotted throughout the area.

Allow an hour to enjoy a meander around these beautiful gardens which display Dame Elisabeth's 80 years of horticultural endeavour.

Lunch 12.30 meet at 'Beretta's' Langwarrin Hotel

220 Cranbourne – Frankston Rd., Langwarrin

Open Menu & \$15 Extensive Senior Menu

Outing - Mornington Peninsula by Coach Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Date: Thursday, April 10th 2025

Travel by: 24-SEATER CROWN COACH. Cost: \$50:00pp (Seatbelts must be worn)

Pay to Bendigo Bank prior to, or by cash at the **March** Monthly meeting.

Meet at: The Horticultural Center Jolimont Rd. Park at the center carpark.

Arrive: 8:45 - 9:00

Departure: **9:15** (No delays possible)

First Stop 10:15: ARTHURS SEAT – The Eagle Cafe.

Morning Tea & 1 way Gondola Ride - \$20:00 (Pay by or on **April** Monthly meeting)

11.15: Onto the Cable Car **Gondolas** with views of Port Phillip Bay as you're gliding from the top to meet up with the Coach at the bottom. Access for all in a number of Gondolas.

Second Stop 12:15: GORDON STUDIO – GLASS BLOWERS RED HILL - Free

Family owned. Three generations of glassblowers have exhibited their own interpretation of this ancient craft. Large sculptures to smaller pieces all hand-made are on show & for sale.

Watch the glass blowing in progress.

Return to the coach 1.15

Third Stop 1:30: CAFE - 'TULUM STORE' - BALNARRING BEACH

Lunch at own expense. Time allocated to relax & chat or take a walk across to the Beach.

Return to the coach at 3.15: For 3.30 return to Melbourne.

Ramps or flat surfaces available for all to participate. Walkers accepted. These are placed on a trailer behind the coach at no extra cost.

It's only a 24 - Seater so be quick to place your name on the list to go.

DINEOUTS

DINE OUT - PERSIAN FLAVOURS : *Ree Dowling 0410 478 304*

Date: Wednesday March 19th, 6:00pm

Address: 338 Springvale Rd., Forest Hill

Menu: A La Carte – Wide ranging & BYO

Access: Suitable for all

Parking: Some on Springvale Rd / Some on Glen Valley Rd.

KEEP THE DATE: Gala Christmas in July Event

Friday, 25th July 2025

12:00 – 3:00pm

FRIDAY COFFEE

For the month of February, commencing on February 7th at 3.15pm our coffee catch up will move to Koffee Kult (Outside Target).

This will be a trial for the month. We look forward to the continued catch up.



CLUB MEMBERS - KEEPING ACTIVE

Come and enjoy our 'Roll Back the Clock' Program commencing again 31st January 2025.

Helen – our qualified and very experienced leader organizes a suitable, interesting & fun program for retirees.

The hourly sessions are split into 2 sections.

An engaging and instructive visual presentation related to all aspects of health & positive living followed by activities to benefit flexibility, strength and general movement. There's always fun activities involved. Enjoy a free cuppa and chat to follow.

Date: Commences January 31, 2025 (thereafter weekly)

Time: 11.30 – 12.30, Weekly

Venue: Vermont South Bowling Club. 30a Livingston Rd. Vermont South - ALL WELCOME

WALKING GROUP - Harish Shah Mob: 0430 380 806

WALK: Jells Park Walk, Wheelers Hill

Wednesday, 12th February 2025 Time: 10:00 AM

Distance: 4.16 Km Walk Duration: 1 h 30 m

Path: Combination of sealed and gravel paths.

Shared path: few bikes, strollers, runners and walkers.

Difficulty: Easy Walk. Path is level for most of the walk.

Facilities: Toilets, Shelter, Restaurant, 2 Water fountains, Picnic Tables.

BYO: Chairs, Lunch, water bottle, hat.

Start & Finish: Car Park at the Visitor's Centre.

Start Time: 10:00 AM Please arrive by 9:45 for briefing.

A popular gentle loop walk that includes open parkland, lake views, birdlife and lush wetlands.

From the visitor's centre walk down to the lake, turn left at the lake. We will walk the loop keeping the lake to our right side. There are beautiful views across the lake. On leaving the conservation area, continue north along the lake shore. Turn left back up the hill towards the visitor centre. Before reaching the visitor centre, take the first left and follow the path through beautiful parkland before passing behind the playground. Cross the road and follow the path around to the visitor centre.

LUNCH: After the walk, please join us for lunch.

WALK APPROACH AND PARKING:

From Forest Hill drive Southwards on Springvale Road. Turn Left into Waverley Road.

Keep going straight on Waverley Road to enter Jell's Park. Drive past the picnic ground car parks.

At the top, Turn Left towards the Visitor's Centre and drive past it.

PARKING: Car Park is reached after passing the Visitor's Centre. Park in marked bays.

There is more on our web pages <https://probusblackburnsouth.org.au> – thanks to the Bendigo Bank Blackburn South for sponsoring our website.

The password for the members-only pages is "██████"

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