

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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Committee Members

President	Sandra Knight OAM	0409 551 029
Vice President	Lindsay Borgas	0418 177 405
Past President	Harish Shah	0430 380 806
Secretary	Gilly George	0408 801 624
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Welfare	Ree Dowling	0410 478 304
Guest Speakers	Dot Thomson	0459 535 987
Membership Officer	Harish Shah	0430 380 806
Publicity	Mike Bampfield	0413 007 528

Diary Dates

Next Meeting	Wednesday 2 nd April
Keeping Active	Friday 11.30 am weekly
Book Club	Tuesday 1 st April
Walking Group	Thursday 3 rd April
Mornington Trip	Thursday 10 th April
Discussion Group	Tuesday 15 th April
Men's & Ladies Lunch	Wednesday 30 th April
Lilydale Theatre	Sunday 4 th May
Tram Safari	Wednesday 14 th May
Theatre	Wednesday 28 th May
Coffee Club	Friday 3.15pm weekly
Bulletin deadline	Friday 25th April



President's Message: 2024-25

Well! Happy New Probust Year

I would like to thank you all for having faith in me to lead the club for the next year.

I hope that we can build on the long-standing success of our club, increase our membership and continue to expand the club's activities and outings. I would like to thank all outgoing members of the committee for their hard work and commitment to the club for many years.

A big thanks to Harish who has served the club as President and worked hard reinvigorating our club after the impact of COVID-19.

A big thank you to all those returning committee members and a heartfelt welcome to all new members joining us this year.

At our March meeting you will have noticed the new signage for all the current and proposed activities for the coming year. I encourage all members to participate in any activities that interest them. This is a great way to meet other members.

Cheers

Sandra

AFTER THE MEETING LUNCH

Time: 12:15 p.m. onwards

**Venue: Blackburn Hotel
111 Whitehorse Rd,
Blackburn.**



BIRTHDAYS APRIL

Best wishes to the following members

Sandra Both 15th Sibylle Ahrens 17th Gerry Burton 20th



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 2nd April commencing at 10am.

Thank you all those who attended the AGM, it was great to see so many of you able to attend. Please advise me before the meeting if you will not be attending.

The committee are excited to be working with our new President Sandra, and we look forward to a great year as Sandra leads our club. Ree and Catherine have planned lots of great activities which we hope you will join in. Sandra is organising a bus tour for later in the year, so we have a varied and interesting program for all.

We are still trialling the Koffee Kult for our Friday Coffee Catch up, so let a member of the management committee know how you feel about the venue please, so we can decide which one works better.

Fees are now due at the April meeting. These are \$60 for the coming year.

If possible, can you please do a direct debit into the bank account listed at the top of the bulletin. Please put your name and the word fees next to your payment so we can issue a receipt and we will know who the payment is from.

The treasurer is also available to take the fees at the next meeting, please have the correct money as this makes the job much easier for all.

TREASURER - Denis Hawthorne 0400 023 075

Club Bank Account: BSB 633-108 Account No 151023272

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

Our New President Sandra Knight OAM

At the March 2025 AGM, our Club was delighted to appoint Sandra Knight OAM as its new President, as well as a new Committee.

Outgoing President Harish Shah and his hardworking team were acknowledged and thanked for their excellent work and leadership in growing and maintaining strong participation in the Club during their time in office.

In 2024, our new President Sandra was awarded an Order of Australia in recognition of her service to people who are blind or have low vision.

She has been President, Treasurer and Secretary of Blind Citizens Australia (Melbourne Branch), worked at Vision Australia, worked with and volunteered with Blind Sports and Recreation Victoria, and has received numerous awards for participation in local and international Blind Sports including tennis and tenpin bowling.

She has also organised walks and camps for Blind Sports & Recreation Victoria, is on various committees at the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital and is a committee member of Guide Dogs Victoria.

Sandra has been married to Glen for 48 years and has 5 Children and 11 grandchildren.

She enjoys walks with her beautiful Guide Dog Ishka and traveling to explore other cultures and their customs. Sandra relaxes with card making, media art journalling, jigsaw puzzles, cards and board games and sharing this time with her grandchildren.

We are indeed grateful and privileged to have Sandra as our new President this year together with our new Committee.

ROSTER: APRIL - JUNE, 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

April	Rolf Arnoldi	Vic McNamara
May	Mike McGorlick	Col Sando
June	Alan Hunter	Jurgen Ahrens

WELCOME & DIRECTING TO SIGN IN

April	Bev Sutherland	Gerry Burton
May	Sheilah Blanchfield	Jenny Birt
June	Beryl Pakes	Sibylle Ahrens

ATTENDANCE RECORDING

April	Joyce Wickins	Bruna Rosaia
May	Cushla Appleby	Dot Farr
June	Lorraine Hally	Kath Hawthorne

MENTOR TO VISITORS

April	Ken Pakes	Col Farr
May	Dot Thomson	Jan Roche
June	Ree Dowling	Harish Shah

MORNING TEA TEAM

April	Ken George	Rachel McAlavey
May	Mary Burton	Terry Roche
June	Lorelle Borgas	Val Nixon

BUDDY FOR SHEILAH

April - Cath Pratt
May- Jenny Birt
June - Rachel McAlavey

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

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

BOOK CLUB - Gilly George 0408 801 624

The book club will be on Tuesday 1st April at the home of the secretary Gilly, 3 Howqua Ct, Vermont South. 1.30pm-3.00pm.

Please bring a book you are currently reading or have just read, and we can discuss these and enjoy a cuppa.

All are welcome, we would love you to join in.



DISCUSSION GROUP - Mike Bampfield 0413 00 7528

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

TUESDAY 15th April 2-4pm (now 3rd TUESDAY of each month)

Enjoy a friendly discussion about what's happening in the world and locally.

It's always interesting to share a variety of views on such matters.

A "Fun Topic" always concludes each meeting with a laugh before we break for a pleasant afternoon tea.

New members are most welcome to contact Mike Bampfield



GUEST SPEAKERS - Dot Thomson 0459 535 987

April We have a representative from Traveler's Aide to speak.

May Fay Veitch from Mercy Ships

OUTINGS

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 **April** Monthly meeting.

Meet at: The Horticultural Centre Jolimont Rd.

Park at the Centre car park.

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 at **April** Monthly meeting)

11.15: On to 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, that are all hand-made, are on show and for sale. Watch the glass blowing in progress.

Return to the coach at 1.15

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

Lunch at your 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 are available for all to participate. Walkers accepted.

These are placed on a trailer behind the coach at no extra cost.

SHOWBIZ CINEMAS *Ree Dowling 0410 478 304*

FILM – THE PENGUIN LESSONS

Date: Wednesday 28th May.

Time: 10.30am (Meet at cinema 10.15)

Address: Pinewood Shopping Centre, Blackburn Rd, Mount Waverley

Cost: \$20 (CORRECT MONEY APPRECIATED PLEASE)

Film followed by 'Basket Lunch' in the cinema

Film Actor – Steve Coogan and Penguin

The film follows an Englishman's personal and political awakening after he adopts a Penguin during a cataclysmic period in Argentine history.

Witty, funny and delightful!

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



TRAM SAFARI "CITY HISTORIC LANDMARKS" - Catherine Pratt – 0417 058 804

Wednesday May 14th

Tram at Vermont South to Flinders Street – Tram 75 departs 9.20am

Guided Tour: Melbourne Town Hall, cnr Collins & Swanston Streets

- meet guide at 11.00am no cost.
- Lunch: Brunetti's – 250 Flinders Lane – own expense – 12.10pm.
- Self-guided tour, St. Paul Cathedral 1.15pm. booklets provided.
- Elevator to South Bank, for coffee – along the Yarra.
- Return on tram back to Vermont.



Lilydale Theatre Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Matinee Play: 'HAUNTED' - A COMEDY

Date: Sunday, May 4th, 2025

Time: 2:00pm [Free Sherry in the theatre foyer from 1.30]

[Free Coffee & Tea available at the interval]

Address: 39 – 41 Castella Street, Lilydale

Cost: \$26.00

Parking: Around the theatre. Access ramps.

Pre-Theatre Lunch: 'Gracious Grace' café [Meet at 12.00] [Attached to the Theatre. Own expense]



NB In order to have reasonable seats we need to book asap. Payment must be at the time of booking. [Good seats available at present.]

Please pay into the *Probus Account* & leave a voice mail on my phone (Ree 0410 478 304) that you've paid. Otherwise pay our treasurer at the April Probus meeting

Storyline: 'Aspiring Playwright Nigel Burke is a neurotic, agoraphobic and hasn't written a word for 3 months, to the chagrin of his wife, who is at the end of her tether. His agent is desperate for him to start writing again. A mysterious man who knows of Nigel's interest in Lord Byron, gives him a goblet used by the poet. Nigel drinks from it and there is a change in his confidence and manner. Then Byron himself appears. Part ghost story, part thriller, part battle-of-the-sexes comedy.

DINEOUTS

LADIES AND MENS LUNCH – Kath Thompson - 0418 390 875

Wednesday 30th April at 12.30 pm

Box Hill Golf Club

Address - 202 Station Street Box Hill South

FRIDAY COFFEE

Fridays at 3.15pm

Koffee Kult (Outside Target).

We look forward to the continued catch up with members.

KEEP THE DATE: GALA CHRISTMAS IN JULY EVENT

Friday, 25th July 2025 12.00-300pm



WALKING & EXERCISE GROUPS

WALKING GROUP - Ken George 0409 615 618

The next walk will take place on **Thursday 3rd April**, the form will be on the bench at the meeting for you to put your name down to join in. All are welcome.

STRATHDON HOUSE AND GARDENS WALK.

Date: Thursday 3rd April 2025 Time: - 10am

Meeting place – Whitehorse Council Horticultural Centre Carpark.

Duration – 1.5 Hours – Approximately 30 mins walk to Strathdon House – 30 minutes to look around the house and garden area – 30 minutes return to the Jolimont Café for a cup of tea/coffee/cake.

Toilets available at Strathdon House and the Jolimont Café.

If you do not want to walk, you can meet at Strathdon House, just to look around the precinct.

Or you can meet us at 11.30am for a cuppa at the Jolimont Café.

There is an extended walk available for the "fast walkers".





CLUB MEMBERS - KEEPING ACTIVE

Come and enjoy our 'Roll Back the Clock' Program

Time: 11.30 – 12.30 FRIDAYS Weekly

Venue: Vermont South Bowling Club. 30a Livingston Rd. Vermont South Helen – our qualified and very experienced leader organises 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.

TRIPS & TOURS

Murray Magic Border Hopper Tour Barham Sandra Knight 0409 551 029

Full itineraries will be available at the next monthly meeting

Date Sunday 12th October until Saturday 18th

Cost Double/Twin share \$1400. Single traveler \$1600

Tour inclusions

6 nights' accommodation

5 Days of tours to places of Cultural and Historical significance

Entrance fees for all tours

Travel with a professional tour guide

1 hot continental breakfast and 5 continental breakfasts

light snack meal with dessert on night of arrival and 5 2 course set menu dinners

4 morning teas.

Please let me know if you would like to come along for this informative and fun holiday. It will be a great way to get away and enjoy each other's company.

Self-Drive / Carpool trip to Castlemaine Sandra Knight 0409 551 029

This trip will most likely be held in early August, I am just waiting for information from the Goldfields Railway re-cost

and availability of Wednesday services.

Stay tuned for more information next month.



Thank you to John Mullahy MP, State Member for Glen Waverley District, for assistance with printing of this publication. If you require assistance with State Government or community matters, please contact John's office.



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