

# COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF BLACKBURN SOUTH INC.

**Club Bulletin**

**No. 401**

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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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Welfare	Ree Dowling	0410 478 304
Guest Speakers	Dot Thomson	0459 535 987
Publicity	Mike Bampfield	0413 007 528

## Diary Dates

Next Meeting	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> August
Keeping Active	Friday 11.30 am weekly
MCG Tour	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> August
Discussion Group	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> August
The Round	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> August
Showbiz Cinemas	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> August
Ladies' & Men's Lunch	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> August
Darts	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> September
Show Biz Cinema	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> September
City History Trip	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September
Coffee Club	Friday 3.30 pm weekly
<b>Bulletin deadline</b>	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August



## **President's Message:**

To start, I would like to thank the committee members who stood in for me while I was unwell.

A big thanks to our Vice President Lindsay who put his L plates on and chaired the meeting last month.

Also, I would like to acknowledge the great work done in the background for the Club Health check last month. I hope you enjoyed having your say about our club, it is important to do these Health Checks from time to time to ensure that our club is growing and remaining relevant.

It was great to see so many of you at the Christmas in July lunch today, I hope you all enjoyed yourselves.

Our next after Meeting lunch will be held at the Chase Hotel,  
3rd floor, Forest Hill Chase.

See you all at your next Meeting

Sandra

President

## **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, 6<sup>th</sup> August 2025 commencing at 10.00 am.

**TREASURER: Harish Shah 0430 380 806**

Bank Account BSB 633-108 Account No 151023272

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



## **VALE**

**JOHN HENWOOD – 5/5/1945 -8/7/2025**

It is with sadness that we advise the passing of one of our members, John Henwood, on Tuesday, 8th of July, aged 80 years.

John recently celebrated his 80th birthday with friends at the Box Hill RSL. John and his wife, Liz, joined our club in May 2025. He was a keen lawn bowler. Unfortunately, due to health reasons, John had to step away from the game he loved. John also enjoyed travelling, fishing, and reading.

Our heartfelt thoughts are with Liz, his son, and two grandchildren at this difficult time. As per the family's wishes, there will be no funeral service, and they will celebrate John's life privately. He will be missed by all who knew him.

## **ROSTERS: AUGUST - OCTOBER**

**BEFORE MEETING:**

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

(If you don't have one, please collect one from Gilly.)

**Please arrive at 9.00 am to set up your task.**

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

August	Bob Grierson	Denis Hawthorn
September	Nelson Knight	Mike Both
October	Mike McGorlick	Col Sando

## **WELCOME & DIRECTING TO SIGN IN**

August	Lois Cheevers	Lorelle Borgas
September	Rachel McAlavey	Jaya Shah
October	Lorraine Hally	Jan Roche

## **ATTENDANCE RECORDING/COLLECTION OF NAME TAGS**

August	Rolf Arnoldi	Ree Dowling
September	John Hally	Keith Wickins
October	Glen Knight	Gerry Burton

## **MENTOR TO VISITORS**

August	Dot Brown	Ken Pakes
September	Mike Bamfield	Joyce Wickins
October	Mary Burton	John Hally

## **MORNING TEA TEAM**

August	Catherine Pratt	Rachel McAlavey
September	Terry Roche	Sandra Both
October	Val Nixon	Jenny Birt

## **BUDDY FOR SHEILAH**

August	Kath Hawthorn
September	Dot Thomson
October	Ree Dowling

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

## **WELFARE: Ree Dowling 0410 478 304**

It is always much more of a challenge to be out and about in winter. Appointments to maintain health can seem like the only outings. And we all have our share of those!

The kindness of members offering to carpool or drive others to and from our events doesn't go unnoticed. Any sharing helps us know each other better & be aware of each other's situation.

We can chat & laugh with each other more. Surely the best medicine!!!

**GUEST SPEAKERS: Dot Thomson 0459 535 987**

AUGUST – Eric Panther – Down Memory Lane

SEPTEMBER – Ernie Brigham - webmaster & member of East Malvern Combined Probus Club

**BOOK CLUB: Gilly George 0408 801 624**

Book Club is cancelled for August & September



**DISCUSSION GROUP: Mike Bampffield 0413 007 528**

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

Next Meeting: 2-4 pm Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> August (the 3rd TUESDAY of each month)

Despite the recent cold weather, our July meeting was very well attended in the lovely warm meeting room of the Vermont South Bowls Club, where we had a relaxed time discussing a range of local issues.

There wasn't enough time to hold our "Famous Lines from Movies" Quiz, which will now be held at the start of our August meeting. Prizes will be awarded.

The meeting concluded with a social chat over a cuppa and a biscuit/cake.

New members are most welcome. Please contact Mike Bampffield



**DINE OUT: MORNING TEA: Catherine Pratt 0417 058 804**

'THE ROUND' 379-399 Whitehorse Rd, Nunawading.

Date: Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> August

Time: 10.30 am

Winter Coffee Warm Up.

Just as July heralds the chills, 'The Round' provides a local gathering venue for a morning catch-up.

An area has been allocated for us in this spacious foyer.

Parking: Ample parking is available around the venue. Accessible building.

**LADIES' AND MEN'S LUNCH: Kath Thomson 0418 390 875**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 12.30 pm

Wantirna Hill Club

715 Boronia Rd, Wantirna.



**COFFEE AND A CHAT**

Every Friday at 3.30 pm at the Moon and Spoon, Forest Hill Chase, 2nd floor.

All are welcome to come along and join this friendly group.

Great catch-up time.



**OUTINGS**

**MCG & Australian Sports Museum**

Date: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Departure: 9.00 am on Tram 75 at Vermont

Arrive at tram stop No. 11 - Jolimont Station

We walk to MCG Gate 3 - Yarra Park, Jolimont.

Guided Tour of the MCG & Australian Sports Museum our time is 10.30 -12.30

Cost: \$31 (Concession)

Please pay the treasurer at the August Probus Meeting.

(Correct money if cash)

Lunch: We have a booking at 'Hugh Trumble Café' – nearby where the tour ends. (Own cost)

Return via Tram 75 to Vermont

At the MCG enjoy the history of the largest stadium in the southern hemisphere, affectionately known as the people's ground

Discover some of the most significant pieces of sporting history.

The Museum provides interactive experiences where the latest technology has been used to create immersive exhibits & galleries.



**City History Trip by Coach: Ree Dowling 0410 478 304**

Parliament House & Old Treasury Building

Date: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Meet: 9.00 (Promptly) at the Horticultural Centre

Depart by Coach: 9.15 - (Must leave on time)

Guided Tour of Parliament House: 10.30 - 11.30 (Security Check on entry)

Lunch: 12:00 - 1.15 'Café Excel' - 99 Spring St. (Own cost: \$1 - 20)

Guided Tour of Old Treasury Building: 2.00 - 3.00 (Security Check on entry)

Depart by Coach: 3.30 (Arrive back at Horticultural Centre 4.15)

Cost: \$42.00 - Pay by September Probus Meeting (Correct money if cash - in envelope)

24 members are required for this trip at this cost

**TRIPS**

**BARHAM TRIP: Sandra Knight 0409 551 029**

This trip is all booked in and coming up soon.

It is time to pay the remaining money for the trip.

Single rooms \$1,500

Twin Share and Double rooms \$1,300 per person.

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS NON-REFUNDABLE.

**CASTLEMAINE TRIP: Sandra Knight 0409 551 029**

Self-Drive Castlemaine trip, including Stream Train ride, is fully booked. A deposit of \$110 per person will be due in September, with the remaining money due in October.



**BRIGHT CHALET: Sandra Knight 0409 551 029**

Dates: TBA (5 days)

Cost \$795.00

Bus trip will pick up and return to the Forest Hill area.

This will be a very picturesque time to visit Bright, and the accommodation in the itinerary looks fabulous.

There will be a board along the bench at the meeting where you can put your name down as an expression of interest. Itineraries will also be available on the bench.



**KING ISLAND TRIP: Sandra Knight 0409 551 029**

Dates to be announced (4 Days 3 nights)

This trip would be run by Trade Travel.

Please put your name down if you are interested in coming along.

Hopefully, by the meeting, I will have more information for you all.



**SHOWBIZ CINEMAS: Catherine Pratt 0417 058 804**

Date: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August (15 Minimum required)

**'Four Letters of Love'** Drama (Based on the Best-Selling Novel by Niall Williams)

Time: 10.30 am (Meet at the cinema by 10.15)

Address: Pinewood Shopping Centre 41 Centreway, Mount Waverley

Cost: \$22.00 Film followed by 'Basket Lunch' in the cinema.

(Pay Catherine on the day. Exact money required.)

Parking: Designated Cinema Parking - opposite Coles

Parking vouchers will be available

*'Four Letters of Love' is a heartfelt, lyrical and deeply moving novel about fate, love and mysterious ways lives intertwine.*

*Pierce Brosnan, Helena Bonham Carter and Gabriel Byrne, seasoned actors, lead in providing a heartfelt adaptation.*

**SHOWBIZ CINEMAS: Ree Dowling 0410 478 304**

Date: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September

**'The Friend'** Drama/Comedy

Time: 10.30 am (Meet at the cinema 10.15)

Address: Pinewood Shopping Centre, 41 Centreway, Mount Waverley

Cost: \$22.00 Film followed by 'Basket Lunch' in the cinema

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

Parking: Designated Cinema Parking - opposite Coles

Parking vouchers will be available

Based on the 2018 Novel by Sigrid Nunez.

Actors: Naomi Watts & Bill Murray + a Great Dane called Bing

Writer & teacher Iris finds her comfortable, solitary New York life thrown into disarray after her closest friend and mentor bequeaths to her his beloved Great Dane, Apollo.

The regal yet intractable dog immediately creates practical problems for Iris.

A heartwarming and human story.

**LILYDALE THEATRE: Ree Dowling 0410 478 304**

Date: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September

**'The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde'** a comedy

Time: 8.00 pm [Free Sherry in the theatre foyer from 7.30]

[Free Coffee & Tea available at the interval] [Free Champayne after the show]

Address: 39 – 41 Castella Street, Lilydale

Cost: \$23.00 (Group Booking) [Probus account by September Meeting]

Parking: Around the theatre. Access ramps.

Pre-Theatre Dinner: 'Gracious Grace' café [Meet at 6:00]

Storyline: Two young gentlemen living in 1890's England use the same pseudonym ("Ernest") on the sly, which is fine until they each fall in love with women using that name, which leads to a comedy of mistaken identities.

A Trivial Comedy for Serious People. Oscar Wilde portrays clever observations of the social norms of Victorian England. The entire play is a satirical critique of those norms through the lens of Wilde's absurd characters.

**DARTS: Ree Dowling 0410 478 304**

Dates: Friday, 12th September / 10th October

(Second Friday of the month).

Time: 10.15 am

Held at the Vermont South Club, Livingstone Rd, Vermont

Anyone interested in darts, please pop your name on the sheet.

All levels accepted, give it a try have some fun and friendship and a good laugh.



### **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 Livingstone 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 are always fun activities involved.

Enjoy a free cuppa and chat to follow.



Probus Members enjoying Friday Coffee at Moon & Spoon.

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