

# 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

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## Diary Dates

<u>Next Meeting</u>	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March
<u>Keeping Active</u>	Fridays 11.30 am
<u>Book Club</u>	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March
<u>Happy Hour</u>	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March
<u>Darts</u>	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March
<u>Discussion Group</u>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month next one 17 <sup>th</sup> March
<u>Dine Out</u>	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March
<u>Coffee at Round</u>	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March
<u>Bright Chalet</u>	13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> April
<u>Tramboat cruise</u>	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April
<u>Coffee Club</u>	Friday 3.30pm weekly
<b>Bulletin deadline</b>	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March



## PRESIDENTS REPORT

**Sandra Knight OAM - President**

Hello Everyone

It was lovely to see so many people at the February meeting, the hall certainly was buzzing. There were 18 visitors and it was lovely to welcome them. We have hit the year at a tremendous pace with 41 people coming to lunch at the Blackburn Hotel - wow 😊.

It is great to see that many of the new members are already getting involved and have their names down for some activities and trips. A big welcome to all the new members and welcome back to a new year to all our existing members.

Our club is very lucky to have such great and generous members. As you will all know, we were desperately in need of a new computer and software to ensure we could maintain our website and club records. Thanks to an anonymous donor within the club we now have that computer and software. On behalf of the club thank you so much.

This month's meeting will be followed by the AGM. THANK YOU to all the members who have put their hands up to take on committee positions.

## After Meeting Lunch

Wantina Hill Club

12.30PM

715 Boronia Rd Wantirna



## SECRETARY'S REPORT – Gillian George 0408 801 624

Our next meeting will be held on 4th March at the Whitehorse Horticultural centre, starting at 10.00am, the AGM will follow the general meeting. All members welcome and encouraged to attend and stay for the AGM.

We will be inducting new members at our meeting; these new members will have badges with blue dots on them. Please look out for these new members and welcome them to our club and have a chat with them when you get the chance.

Don't forget your emergency contact forms if you have not filled one out, please see me for a copy. This is required for our Duty of Care to our members. Please also fill out or update the info on your badges.

If you will be an apology for the meeting, could you please advise me on 0408 801 624.

## **MEETING ROSTER**

<b>BEFORE MEETING – SET UP/ AFTER MEETING - PACK UP &amp; LOCK UP</b>		
March	Rolf Arnoldi	Mike Bamfield
April	Jurgen Ahrens	Denis Hawthorne
May	Nelson Knight	Bob Grierson
<b>WELCOME &amp; DIRECTING TO SIGN IN</b>		
March	Hazel Hoellmueller	Lorraine Hally
April	Bruna Rosaia	Denise Parry
May	Cushla Appleby	Jill Hiam
<b>ATTENDANCE RECORDING/COLLECTION OF NAME TAGS</b>		
March	Christina Hunter	Dot Brown
April	Jenny Fackrell	Kath Hawthorne
May	Keith Wickens	Woty Fanoy
<b>MENTOR TO VISITORS</b>		
March	Ken George	Jenny Birt
April	Phil Colbert	Mary Burton
May	Vic McNamara	Lorelle Borgas
<b>MORNING TEA TEAM</b>		
March	Rachel McAlavey	Terry Roche
April	Cath Pratt	Joyce Wickins
May	Val Nixon	Dot Thomson
<b>Buddy for Sheilah</b>	March	Jan Roche
	April	Lois Cheevers
	May	Sibylle Ahrens

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

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

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

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

## **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

We accept Visa and Mastercard. Card payments.

Fees Apply. Credit Cards 1.4%. and Debit Cards. 0.7%

## **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Best wishes to the following members

Geoff Parry 15th, Jan Wajs 21<sup>st</sup>, Val Nixon 22nd, Bev Sutherland 29th



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

Bruna Rosaia: When I checked in with Bruna, I was shocked to find out she had gone out for her first walk & fell on a road. The outcome a stay in Box Hill hospital, a fractured elbow and is now in Wantirna Rehab & hopefully going home next week. She was just appreciative that it was her left arm!!!

Eric Sutherland: Bev has contacted us to advise that Eric was transferred to Box Hill Hospital to have his pacemaker changed. This went well & he will likely go to respite. He is in good spirits. Also, they both wished to thank members who have visited Eric over this very long hospital stay.

Palli Gajree: Palli is now undergoing 20 sessions of physio at Eastern Health and is looking forward to when he can return to Probus.

Dennis Birt: Dennis is home from hospital and slowly recovering with a nurse coming to change dressings.

Ron Chidgey: Ron said he was feeling a little better this week, but it is only a couple of weeks since Emma, his daughter's passing. I'm sure he could do with some of our special Probus friendliness & kindness

## **DISCUSSION GROUP - Mike Bampfield 0413007528**

**Next Meeting – 2 - 4pm TUESDAY 17 March 2026 (3rd TUESDAY of each month)**

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

There was spirited discussion about world and domestic affairs including the horrific Bondi massacre, the former Prince Andrew, social media ban for under 16 y olds, USA government happenings, capital gains changes in Australia etc.

The regular fun topic was bad fashion choices over the years. There were laughs aplenty over stone-washed jeans, women's miniskirts and high cork shoes, men's ripple soled and "winkle-picker" pointy shoes, flared pants, hair tints that went wrong and mod & sharpie hairstyles etc. Next month's topic will be funny travel experiences over the years.

The meeting concluded with afternoon tea and a chat.

**NOTE: The Discussion Group will move to the 3rd TUESDAY of each month starting 17 March, due to the start of the Autum/Winter Bowls season.**

**New members are most welcome – contact Mike Bampfield**



## **BOOK CLUB - Gilly George 0408 801 624**

**Tuesday 10th March at 1.30pm**

**3 Howqua Crt. Vermont south**

Please bring a book you have read or are currently reading or a movie you have recently seen and discuss this and share your comments on the book/movie or feel free to join us just for company.

**FUN AFTERNOON**

**FOLLOWED BY A FRIENDLY CUPPA**



**COME & JOIN IN A 'HAPPY HOUR'      *Ree Dowling 0410 478 304***

**Forest Hill Chase Bar 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

**Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm**

Share what's been happening with you & others over a quiet beverage!!

Stay for dinner if it suits.

— JOIN US —  
FOR HAPPY HOUR



**COFFEE MORNING AT THE ROUND- *Catherine Pratt 0417 058 804***

**Date: Mon March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Time: 10:30 am

Address: Whitehorse City Council – The Round Nunawading.

Access: for all.

Spacious Venue: Meet in the foyer to the left of the café/bar.

Parking: Ample.

Come and meet up for a chat & a morning cuppa!!



**COFFEE AND A CHAT - Every Friday**

3.30pm 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.

**DINE OUTS**

**WHEELERS HILL HOTEL**

***Kath Thompson 0418 390 875***

**Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**

Address: 671 – 881 Ferntree Gully Rd, Wheelers Hill

Menu: Broad - (Allergies - advise staff on ordering)

Access: Suitable for all. Lift & ramps

Parking: Ample provisions

**OUTINGS:** Contact: Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

**A small group are attending The Sound of Music at The Round Theatre on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30**

**Melbourne Celtic Festival Karralyka Theatre**

**Date: Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Cost: \$45:50 (conc) Tickets already purchased for a group.

**JAZZ AT THE LAKE - WHITEHORSE EVENT      *Ree Dowling 0410 478 304***

**Venue: Blackburn Lake Sanctuary 103 Central Rd, Blackburn.**

**Date: Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 3.30 – 7.30**

Free. This is a family friendly event that welcomes music lovers of all ages to experience the joy of live jazz.

Attendees are encouraged to bring chairs, snacks, etc. and settle in for an afternoon/evening of jazz.



## **Melbourne Tramboat Scenic Cruise**

**Date: Wednesday, April 29th, 2026**

Transport: Tram 75 from Vermont directly to Stop D3

Arrive at tram stop 8:50am

(Cruise departs – 131 Harbour Esplanade Docklands Ferry Terminal)

Tramboat departs: 10.30am - Returns:2.00pm

Cost: \$55:00 (con)

MINIMUM OF 30 REQUIRED

**Included:**

- Cruise to Williamstown
- Commentary
- Morning tea: light refreshments
- Stop over for a wander at Williamstown for an hour. (Can remain on the ferry if you wish)
- Return cruise to Melbourne Lunch on board: Fish & Chips (GF) (Licensed – drinks at own expense)

NB: Male & Female toilet on board.

Access suitable to all. Also Staff ready to assist.

Inside Seating + Outside roof area

**Trip:** Cruise downstream along the Yarra River through the port of Melbourne, past Swanston Dock under the Westgate Bridge, out into Hobsons Bay to the historic port of Williamstown. Then dock alongside Gem pier for an hour to allow for a stroll around Williamstown before the return trip.PS. It is sometimes referred to as 'The Fish & Chips Cruise!!'

### **Keep the dates!**

#### **Morning Melodies: Club Ringwood**

Mondays: 10:00 – 1:00 Cost: \$25:00

- **May**               **11th The Best of the Crooners**
- **August**           **10th Hits of Motown**
- **September**      **14th Hot August Night**

Held in the bistro, showcasing a range of musical acts.

Enjoy these musical sessions starting with light refreshments on arrival at 10am.

Entertainment commences at 10:30 followed by a 2-course set lunch.

Contact Ree Dowling 0410 478 304



## **TRIPS – see Sandra for any details on these trips**

### **KING ISLAND TRIP - Sandra Knight      0409 551 029**

4 Days, 3 nights

Date to be announced

This trip would be run by Trade Travel

Please put your name down if you are interested

### **BRIGHT CHALET 13th to 17th April      Sandra Knight 0409 551 029**

There are still vacancies for this trip, so if you would like to join us.

Please check out the itinerary on the bench and put your names down.

Bus trip will pick up and return Forest Hill area.

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

Deposits are now due, \$200.00 per person and final payment is due by 20th March.

Cost Double/Twin Share \$795.00      Single \$995.00

Please put any dietary and room requirements on the form.

or speak to me, please do not contact the Chalet directly.

Itineraries will also be available on the bench.



# Murray Magic Riverina Tour

**October 18 to 23rd 2026 – 6 day 5 nights**

Cost Double or Twin Share \$1550.00 per person approx.  
Single \$1750.00 approx.  
The actual cost will depend on how many people come along.



Pick up by Coach at Hall and returned to the Hal.I

Four-day tours to places of interest as per itinerary.

- Entry fees covered for attractions listed on the itinerary.
- Travel in our coach with a professional coach driver / tour guide.
- Two cooked / continental breakfast and three continental breakfasts.
- Light snack meal and dessert on the night of arrival.
- Three two-course set menu evening meals at Riverland Motel, one two-course set menu at Pretty Pine Hotel.
- Three morning teas and one afternoon tea
- Two lunches.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

The Spanner Man! • Shepo's Whey: A dairy farm with a twist! • Shear Outback Hay • Bishops Lodge Hay • The Great Aussie Beer Shed • Deniliquin's Ute Muster Display and The Depot • Restdown Wines • Wedderburn's Coach House Museum and live demonstration of the Eucalyptus Distillery.  
List on bench please put your name down if you wish to attend.

**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

There are always fun activities involved. Senior exercises and fun discussions

Enjoy a free cuppa and chat to follow.



**DARTS Ree Dowling** 0410 478 304



Second FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Next Darts Day 13<sup>th</sup> March at 10.15 am  
held at the Vermont South Bowling 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, friendship and a good laugh

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