

Combined Probus Club of Blackburn South Inc.

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Committee Members			Diary Dates	
President & Tours	Sandra Knight OAM	0409 551 029	Keeping Active	Fridays 11:30 am
Vice President	Glen Knight	0430 808 236	Coffee and a Chat	Fridays 3:00 pm
Secretary	Gilly George	0408 801 624	Social Darts	Fri, 8 th May
Treasurer	Lindsay Borgas	0418 177 428	Morning Melodies	Mon, 11 th May
Bulletin Editor & Website	Doug Westcott	0412 015 126	Book Club	Tues, 12 th May
			Showbiz Cinemas	Thurs, 14 th May
Outings & Activities	Ree Dowling &	0410 478 304	Discussion Group	Tues, 19 th May
	Catherine Pratt	0417 058 804	Duldig Studio Museum	Wed, 20 th May
Wellbeing	Ree Dowling	0410 478 304	The Round Morning Tea	Wed, 27 th May
Guest Speakers	Dot Thomson	0459 535 987	Happy Hour	Thurs, 11 th June
Member Services	Rachel McAlavey	0423 663 979	Johnston Collection	Wed, 17 th June
Publicity	Mike Bampfield	0413 007 528	Men's & Ladies Lunch	Wed, 24 th June
			Lilydale Theatre	Sat, 11 th July
			Murray Magic Tour	Sun, 18 th - Fri, 23 rd Oct
This Month's Meeting – Wednesday, 6th May			Next Bulletin Deadline – Friday, 22nd May	

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Everyone

I hope you have all had a good month and are enjoying this lovely Autumn weather, this is always a beautiful time of year in Melbourne.

The club ran a trip to Bright last week and I am sure everyone enjoyed not only the whole experience of the trip but also the opportunity for companionship with other members and getting to know each other better.

There was a riotous game of 5 Crown (a card game) on the last night. There will be another trip to Barham later in the year. Please consider if this is something you would like to participate in.

You will have all received an email with three important Special Resolutions for the club members to consider and vote on at the next General Meeting:

- To change the Club's name from Combined Probus Club of Blackburn South to Probus Club of Blackburn South. This change will shorten the name used in official documents and will return the Club to its original name.
- The adoption of a more modern and up-to-date Constitution, as proposed by PSPL.
- Updated Standing Resolutions in line with the new Constitution.

Sandra Knight

President

AFTER MEETING LUNCH

Time: 12:30 pm
 Venue: Fat Chef
 Address: Level 3, Forest Hill Chase Shopping Centre,
 270 Canterbury Rd, Forest Hill

BIRTHDAYS – May

Best wishes to the following members:



Vin White 4th

Lindsay Borgas 24th

Elaine Kendler 19th

Denis Hawthorn 26th

Jill Hiam 21st

Mary Rasmussen 30th

ROSTERS – Please arrive for duty by 9:00 am

MEETING VOLUNTEERS ROSTER

Before the Meeting Set Up and After the Meeting Pack Up and Lock Up

May	Nelson Knight	Bob Grierson
June	Graham Ebert	Col Sando
July	Anthony Neve	Gerry Burton

Welcome and Directing to the Sign-in Desk

April	Cushla Appleby	Hazel HoellMueller
May	Mary Rasmussen	Jenny Birt
July	Lyn Neve	Norma Gouge

Attendance Recording/Collection of Name Tags

May	Woty Fanoy	Harish Shah
June	Jill Hiam	John Hally
July	Phil Smith	Mike Bampfield

Mentor to Visitors

May	Vic McNamara	Phil Colbert & Cath Pratt
June	Lorelle Borgas	Bruna Rosala
July	Ken Pakes	Mary Burton

Buddy for Shelia

May	Sibylle Ahrens
June	Christina Hunter
July	Val Nixon

Morning Tea Team

May	Terry Roche	Dot Thomson
June	Carol Ebert	Jenny Walker
July	Chris Frederic	Barbara Biggs

Before the meeting, could all volunteers please read their copy of the 'Monthly Meeting Volunteer Procedures' and bring it to the meeting. (If you don't have one, please collect one from Gilly.)

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

If you cannot attend Roster Duty, please try to exchange with another member.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Gilly George 0408 801 624

Our next meeting will be held on 6th May at the Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, starting at 10:00 am. All are welcome to attend.

We will be inducting new members at our meeting this month; they will wear name badges with blue dots. Please look out for these new members, welcome them to our club, and have a chat with them when you get the chance. The Blue dots on badges represent all our new members.

Don't forget your emergency contact forms if you haven't filled them 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.

We will have some expressions of interest forms on the bench for a few different activities, e.g., card playing, crafts, walking group, or any other activity you would like the committee to explore. We need your feedback on these. The club is growing, and we want it to offer activities for all.

Rachael has planned a Mother's Day-themed morning tea for today, and we thank her and her team for this.



Happy Mother's Day to all mums everywhere.

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

Gilly

Probus 50 Years in Australia

As you know, Probus is celebrating its 50th anniversary in Australia this year. The Probus Association of Victoria has been asked to host some events to celebrate this.

You have been invited to attend these events.

Chirnside Park Country Club High Tea, July 30th. This event has now been opened to as many members from each club as would like to attend. Please add your name to the form on the bench if you wish to attend.

In September, there will be an Afternoon Tea Dance at Chadstone Bowls Club with music and dancing. Details to follow.

Also, any Golfers out there: the 17th Annual PAV Golf Day will be held on 12th November 2026 at Goonawarra Golf Club, Sunbury. Probian golf players from all clubs are invited to attend. A Flyer will be sent to all clubs with full details. If you are interested, please let Gilly know.



At the last meeting, long-serving members Kath Thompson (famous for her morning teas), Harish Shah (past President and Treasurer), and Nelsa Counsell (Bulletin editor) were again acknowledged and thanked for their many years of dedicated service to the Club in their respective roles.

GUEST SPEAKERS – Dot Thomson 0459 535 987

This month's speaker will be Ken George, who will take us through the evacuation procedures for the Club's meeting room and more . . .

WELLBEING – Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Shirley McGorlick: Shirley had a knee replacement operation recently. She is now at Donvale Rehab for two weeks.

Eric Sutherland: Eric recently fell & hurt his shoulder, so he is in Box Hill Hospital.

Gillian Horlock: Gillian has recently had a hip replacement.

Dennis Birt: Dennis is to have further surgery in the near future on the leg he had problems with.

Peter Taylor: Peter has recently had cataract surgery.

We wish these members a smooth recovery.

TREASURER – Lindsay Borgas 0418 177 428

Where possible, please make deposits online from your bank account when paying Club fees and outings.

- Make sure your name is detailed with the deposit and indicate what the payments are for.
- Club's Bendigo Bank details: -
 - BSB 633108 Account No. 151023272
- For members unable to pay online, we accept Visa and MasterCard at our regular monthly meetings.
 - (Fees apply: 1.4% Credit Cards and 0.7% Debit Cards).

Probus Membership Fees 2026/27.

The annual \$60.00 Membership Fee per member is now past due. In addition, new members (**excluding** those transferring from the Whitehorse Probus Club) need to pay a \$20 Joining Fee.

Please pay online where possible, using the Bendigo Bank details above. Thank you to those who have already paid.

BOOK EXCHANGE

You can leave books, CDs/DVDs, jigsaw puzzles and the like on the table in the meeting room foyer for others to take home and read or pass on to friends. As we do not have the facility to store these, any items you bring that are not taken by the end of the meeting must be taken home.

CLUB MEMBERS - KEEPING ACTIVE

Come and enjoy our 'Roll Back the Clock' Program.

Time: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, Fridays.

Venue: Vermont South Club, 30A Livingstone Road, Vermont South.

Cost: \$12.00 per individual for weekly sessions, or \$80 per block of 8 sessions.

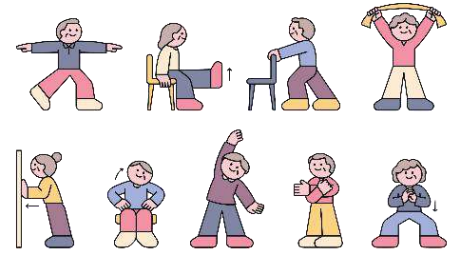
Helen, our qualified and very experienced leader, organises a suitable, interesting and fun program for retirees.

The hourly sessions are split into two sections:

An engaging and instructive visual presentation related to all aspects of health and 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.



SOCIAL DARTS – Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Next Darts morning will be on 8th May at 10:15 am.

Venue: Vermont South Club, 30A Livingston Road, Vermont South.

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

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

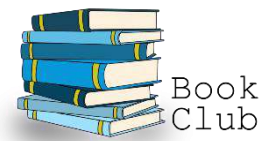


BOOK CLUB – Gilly George 0408 801 624

Tuesday, 12th May at 1:30 pm.

3 Howqua Court, Vermont South.

Thank you to those members who have been attending. We have discussed lots of books and films, and we are all enjoying learning from each other.



DISCUSSION GROUP – Mike Bampfield 0413 007 528

Tuesday, 19th May, 2:00 pm - 4 00 pm.

Venue: Vermont South Club, 30A Livingston Road, Vermont South.

The April meeting saw a variety of views on the Iran War, Ben Roberts-Smith's pending court case for alleged war crimes, Prince Harry and Megan's Australian Tour, illegal cigarette sales, and whether the government's net-zero policy is delivering cheaper power as promised.

The fun topic – "School Days" – had us laughing as we heard never-before-admitted admissions of who got the strap or cane and why.

The meeting concluded with afternoon tea and a chat.

New members are most welcome and should contact Mike Bampfield.



FOOD & DRINK

COFFEE AND A CHAT – MOON & SPOON

Every Friday afternoon, at 3:00 pm, Level 2 Forest Hill Chase Shopping Centre.

Note: New start time.

All are welcome to join this friendly group.

Great catch-up time.



MORNING TEA AT THE ROUND – Catherine Pratt 0417 058 804

Wednesday, 27th May at 10:30 am,

“The Round” 379-399 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading

Ample parking with access for all.

Meet in the foyer to the left of the café/bar.

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



COME AND JOIN IN A ‘HAPPY HOUR’ – Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Thursday, 11th June at 4:00 pm

New Venue: “Bar Nearby”

1115 – 1117 Whitehorse Rd., Box Hill

Share what’s been happening for you and others over a chat and beverage!!

(Wine, Cocktails, Beers and great vibes!)

Outside food permitted, so bring some nibbles to add to a shared platter.



MEN’S AND LADIES’ LUNCH – Catherine Pratt 0417 058 804

Wednesday, 24th June at 12:30 pm

Box Hill Golf Club, 202 Station St, Box Hill

Parking onsite and easy access

Order and pay for your own meal.

Outings

MORNING MELODIES – Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Monday, May 11th, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Venue: Club Ringwood Bistro, 523-535 Maroondah Highway, Ringwood.

Cost: \$25.00; pay at the door upon entering.

Enjoy ‘The Best of the Crooners’ show, starting with light refreshments on arrival at 10 00 am.

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

Suggestion: come early for a table, as it can be busy.



Keep the dates for future sessions!

- August 10th Hits of Motown
- September 14th Hot August Night

FILM 'THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA 2' – Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Thursday, 14th May

Showbiz Cinemas Pinewood Shopping Centre, 41 Centreway, Mount Waverley.

Time: 10:30 am (Meet at the cinema before 10:15 am.)

Parking: Designated Cinema Parking - opposite Coles.

(Members without a disability sticker can collect an extended parking pass from Ree in the car park.)

Cost: \$22.00 for the film, followed by 'Basket Lunch' in the cinema (exact cash, please).

Minimum of 15 required.

Synopsis: Miranda Priestly struggles against Emily Carlton, her former assistant turned rival executive, as they compete for advertising revenue amid declining print media, while Miranda nears retirement.

(Original all-star team reconvened for this film.)



DULDIG STUDIO MUSEUM AND SCULPTURE GARDEN – Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Wednesday, May 20th.

Address: 92 Burke Road, Malvern East.

Time: 10:30 am.

Cost: \$26.00 for Tour and Morning Tea (Please pay at or before the May Meeting).

Self-Share Drive (***Whom could you offer a lift to??????***).

Parking: Nyora Street / Brunel Street / Burke Road. Plenty of parking - explanation at the monthly meeting.

Access: Suitable for all.

Discover the rich artistic and cultural legacy of Viennese Australian artists Karl & Slawa Duldig.

Private 90-minute guided tour includes:

- Morning Tea.
- A short introductory documentary to set the scene.
- A guided walk through the current exhibition.
- Access to the historic Duldig family home, complete with original rooms, the artists' studio and the sculpture garden.

Lunch: Racecourse Hotel, 895 Princes Highway, Caulfield South.

A five-minute drive and easy access to parking behind the Hotel.

Booking for 12:30 pm. Table Service - a broad menu, especially for seniors.

THE JOHNSTON COLLECTION HOUSE/MUSEUM – Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Wednesday, June 17th

Address: 192 Wellington Parade, East Melbourne (*housed in the 1860's townhouse 'Fairhall'*)

Time: 12 noon to 1:30 pm

Cost: \$30:00 (conc)

Travel: Tram 75 from Vermont to Pullman Melbourne

Stop 11 Jolimont Station (Pullman) by 11:45

Courtesy bus 11:50 am from The Pullman to Fairhall.

Ticket Includes:

- Courtesy bus to and from the Pullman
- Introduction to the Johnston Collection
- Guided tour (8 per guide)
- Tea/coffee served from Wedgewood China
- Time to explore gifts/books/homewares.

Access in the house: As it is a 1860s home, there are stairs.

Lunch: At own cost - near Pullman – TBA

LILYDALE THEATRE PLAY – ‘SLEUTH’ – Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Saturday, 11th July - 2 pm Matinee

Lilydale Athenaeum Theatre, 39-41 Castella Street, Lilydale.

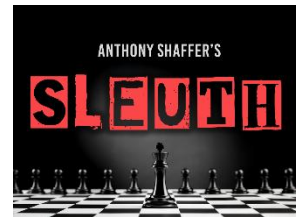
Parking: Street parking around the venue.

Cost: \$28.00 plus lunch (optional) at own cost.

Free sherry available in the theatre foyer from 1:30 pm.

Free coffee and tea available at the interval.

Free champagne after the show.



Lunch: 12 noon at ‘Gracious Grace Café’, which is attached to the theatre.

Synopsis: The ultimate game of cat and mouse is played out in a cozy English country house owned by celebrated mystery writer Andrew Wyke. He has invited Milo Tindle to his house. Milo, a young rival, shares not only Wyke's love of mystery writing but also his wife. Milo has come to lay claim to Andrew's wife, Marguerite. Revenge is devised, and murders are plotted as the two plan the ultimate whodunnit.

TOURS

TRIP REPORT – BRIGHT CHALET Monday, 13TH to Friday, 17TH April 2026 – Glen Knight 0430 808 236

At about 10.30 am, 19 Probus members boarded the Bright Chalet bus at the Nunawading Horticultural Centre. We made pit stops in Wallan, Euroa, and Myrtleford, and arrived at the Bright Chalet at 5:15 pm.

The accommodation at the Chalet was very good, one of our members being allocated what can only be described as the “penthouse suite” on the ground floor.

Over the next four days, we travelled to several places, including Harrietville, going through small towns like Freeburgh and Smoke, and having a nice morning tea not far from the Ovens River. We went through Wandiligong, known for its 1850's gold rush days, and visited the Nightingale Bros Alpine Apple shop, and stopped at the Bright city centre for lunch and had a good look around the Bright township.

We travelled to the Mt Buffalo Chalet, which is still undergoing repairs, went through Myrtleford, Yackandandah and Wodonga, and into the city of Albury and had lunch at the Commercial Club before going to Bonegilla, where many of Australia's migrants were housed in the 1950's and 1960's. One of our members viewed the records of her stay at Bonegilla, which was an exciting find for her. We had a trip to Pepo Farms Pumpkin Seed, Australia's only pumpkin seed producer, and had a tasting of various types of pumpkin seeds and flavours they had on offer. Our next location was a tour of some of the historic places in Beechworth, followed by lunch in the city centre. Afterwards, we had time to take a walk and see some of Beechworth's many historic buildings. From Beechworth, we went to the Red Stag and Emu farm in Eurobin. Our final bus trip before we left for home was a visit to the Milawa Cheese factory and some nearby shops. Despite some heavy traffic toward the end of our homeward trip, the bus got us safely back home again.

Our time at the Bright Chalet was very nice and full of camaraderie among all our members. The breakfasts and dinners provided by the Chalet staff were what one would expect from a country area - good, wholesome, no-frills meals and with a lot of variety for its patrons. All in all, we had a wonderful trip.



MURRAY MAGIC RIVERINA TOUR – Sandra Knight 0409 551 029

Sunday, October 18th to Friday, 23rd – 6 Days, 5 nights.

Cost Double or Twin Share \$1,550.00 per person approx. Single \$1,750.00 approx.

The actual cost will depend on how many people come along.

Pick up by coach at the Hall and returned to the Hall.

Four days of tours to places of interest as per the itinerary.

- Entry fees covered for attractions listed on the itinerary.
- Travel in our coach with a professional coach driver/tour guide.
- Two cooked / continental breakfasts 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 the bench, please put your name down if you wish to attend.

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am (except December and January) at the City of Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill 3131.

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