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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	Book Club	Tues, 9 th June
Treasurer	Lindsay Borgas	0418 177 428	Happy Hour	Thurs, 11 th June
Bulletin Editor & Website	Doug Westcott	0412 015 126	Discussion Group	Tues, 16 th June
			Showbiz Cinemas	Wed, 17 th June
Outings & Activities	Ree Dowling &	0410 478 304	Men's & Ladies Lunch	Wed, 24 th June
	Catherine Pratt	0417 058 804	Lilydale Theatre	Sat, 11 th July
Wellbeing	Ree Dowling	0410 478 304	Christmas In July	Wed, 15 th July
Guest Speakers	Dot Thomson	0459 535 987	African Drumming Circle	Tues, 28 th July
Member Services	Rachel McAlavey	0423 663 979	Morning Melodies	Mon, 10 th August
Publicity	Mike Bampffield	0413 007 528	Murray Magic Tour	Sun, 18 th - Fri, 23 rd Oct
<i>This Month's Meeting – Wednesday, 3rd June</i>			<i>Next Bulletin Deadline – Friday, 19th June</i>	

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Everyone

I hope you are all well, but having said that, I know we have quite a few members who aren't feeling crash hot at the moment, so I wish you all a speedy recovery.

June already; good grief, this year is going so fast.

Probus is all about friendship, fellowship, and shared experiences — and what better shared experience than the daring adventure of talking to someone you've never met. Think of it as a mini-expedition. No passport required, no jet lag, no lost luggage, and absolutely no need to declare anything at customs.

All you have to do is spot a new face, stroll over, and say hello. That's it. The hardest part is deciding whether to open with your name or your favourite hobby. And who knows — you might discover someone who shares your love of travel, gardening, good stories, or even the fine art of complaining about the weather.

So go on, be bold, be brave, and embrace the Probus spirit. Start a conversation with someone new. The only thing you risk is making a new friend ... or finding someone who tells even better stories than you do.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting.

Take care until then.

Sandra Knight OAM
President

AFTER MEETING LUNCH

Time: 12:30 pm
Venue: Poppies on Canterbury
Address: 102A Canterbury Rd, Blackburn South

BIRTHDAYS – June

Best wishes to the following members:



Lorraine Hally 5th
 Nelson Knight 20th
 Jillian Colbert 27th

Mike Bampfield 13th
 Glen Knight 23rd
 Philip Colbert 28th

Ken George 19th
 Gilly George 24th
 Stephen Clifton 30th

Bob Grierson 20th
 Kath Hawthorne 26th

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

June	Graham Ebert	Col Sando
July	Anthony Neve	Gerry Burton
August	Alan Hunter	Jurgen Ahrens

Welcome and Directing to the Sign-in Desk

June	Mary Rasmussen	Jenny Birt
July	Lyn Neve	Norma Gouge
August	Elaine Keast	Joyce Wickins

Attendance Recording/Collection of Name Tags

June	Jenny Walker	John Hally
July	Phil Smith	Mike Bampfield
August	Rolf Arnoldi	Keith Wickins

Mentor to Visitors

June	Lorelle Borgas	Bruna Rosala	Mike Bampfield
July	Ken Pakes		Mary Burton
August	Phil Colbert		Val Nixon

Morning Tea Team

June	Carol Ebert	Jill Hiam
July	Chris Frederic	Barbara Biggs
August	Edith Krizmancic	Kath Hawthorne

Buddy for Shelia

June	Christina Hunter
July	Dot Thomsom
August	Jan Roche

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

Hello, I am still collecting emergency contact information. If you need a form, please get one from the front bench at the next meeting, fill it out and return it to Gillian.

We have one induction this month and welcome Ivan to our group.

The special activities form will be on the bench. If you wish to join one of these or would like to nominate any other activity, please place your name on the list. We would love feedback from you. Sandra would greatly appreciate your support and feedback.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, could you please advise me on 0408 801 624.

Gilly

GUEST SPEAKERS – Dot Thomson 0459 535 987

This month's speaker will be the poet, Glen Ewing.

Glen is a member of Australian Poetry Slam, a live literary performance program which started in 2005, and is now internationally recognised.

WELLBEING – Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Rachel McAlavey: Rachel's ankle surgery went well. Resting and elevating her leg is important for recovery, but she is finding it challenging to be so inactive.

Shirley McGorlick: Shirley is now at home recovering slowly.

Bev Sutherland: Bev has been recovering from a bout of RSV.

Eric Sutherland: Eric has made steady physical progress and is now eating other than fluids.

Gillian Horlock: Improving slowly. "Each day is a better day", she commented.

Dot Thomson: Dot recovered from pneumonia but has had further infections and fatigue.

Cath Pratt: Cath has had recurring throat infections and is now recovering.

Keep warm now that winter is upon us!

TREASURER – Lindsay Borgas 0418 177 428

Where possible, please make deposits online from your bank account when paying for 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).

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.

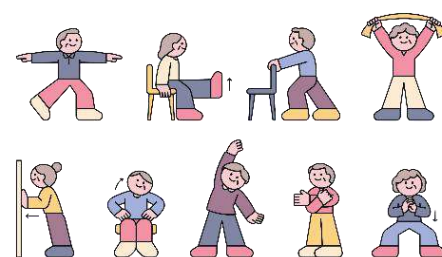
Helen, our qualified and very experienced leader, organises a suitable, interesting and fun program for retirees.

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.



BOOK CLUB – Gilly George 0408 801 624

Tuesday, 9th June at 1:30 pm.

Venue: 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.

Book Club is on 9th June; hope you can come along.



DISCUSSION GROUP – Mike Bampfield 0413 007 528

Tuesday, 16th June, 2:00 pm - 4 00 pm.

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

The last meeting saw a spirited discussion about the Government's unexpected proposal to change the Capital Gains Tax and a wide range of other taxes. Also discussed were immigration and Welcome to Country at recent Anzac Day ceremonies and football matches. Two new prospective club members were welcomed to the group, and their contributions to the discussion were appreciated.

The meeting concluded with an enjoyable afternoon tea.

New members are most welcome and should contact Mike Bampfield.



Discussion group enjoying a cuppa after the meeting.

FOOD & DRINK

COFFEE AND A CHAT – MOON & SPOON

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

All are welcome to join this friendly group.

Great catch-up time.



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

Venue: Box Hill Golf Club, 202 Station St, Box Hill

Parking onsite and easy access.

Order and pay for your own meal.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY – Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Wednesday, 15th July at 12:30 pm

Venue: Young Jackson's Hotel.

Cnr Swanston & Flinders Streets, Melbourne.

Travel: Train to Flinders Street (myki card required). Train departure time to be advised.

Share a ride to a local train station or make your own travel arrangements - to be organised at the June meeting.

Access: Lift at Nunawading Station; lift and escalator at Flinders Street Station; and lift at the hotel.

Set Menu (to be advised), drinks extra.

Cost: \$55.00 – payment absolutely by the July meeting.

Enjoy our mid-year festive gathering at this iconic Melbourne Venue.



THE JOHNSTON COLLECTION HOUSE/MUSEUM

Please note this outing has been deferred until later in the year.

FILM 'THE SHEEP DETECTIVES' – Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Wednesday, 17th June

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 one of our members in the car park.)

Cost: \$23.00 for the film, followed by 'Basket Lunch' in the cinema - exact cash, please.

Sandwiches are now outsourced (delicious), hence the slight price increase.

Storyline: based on the 2005 novel 'Three Bags Full' by L Swann.

Synopsis: George Hardy is a shepherd who loves to read murder mysteries to his sheep, never suspecting that they can understand him. When George is found dead under mysterious circumstances, the sheep decide to solve the crime themselves, even if it means leaving their meadow for the first time and facing the fact that the human world isn't as simple as it appears in books. However, even sheep can be brilliant crime-solvers!!



LILYDALE THEATRE PLAY – 'SLEUTH' – Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Saturday, 11th July - 2 pm Matinee

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

Parking: Street parking around the venue.

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

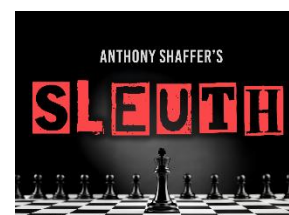
Free sherry available in the theatre foyer from 1:30 pm.

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.



AFRICAN DRUMMING – Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Tuesday, July 28th 10:30 am

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

Parking: Plenty available.

Access: Suitable for all with a ramp.

Cost: \$15:00 (20+ participants required)

1-hour session followed by Morning Tea.

Drums: All supplied

The Hopscotch Drum Circle Session is set up and guided by Dave Sellick.

“Drum Circle is about connection, laughter and rhythm

Come and join in a fun, creative and engaging activity.

A wonderful activity for body, mind, and soul”, Dave.



MORNING MELODIES – Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Monday, August 10th, 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 ‘Hits of Motown’ show, starting with light refreshments on arrival at 10 00 am.

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



Keep the date for the next Morning Melodies outing.

- September 14th ‘Hot August Night’

TOURS

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.

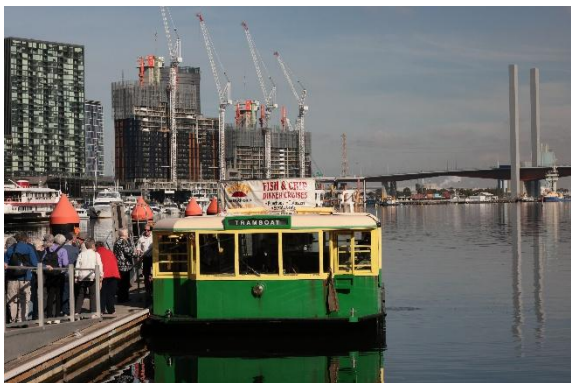
Highlights

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.



MELBOURNE TRAMBOAT SCENIC CRUISE – Wednesday, 29TH April



MORNING MELODIES – Monday, 11th May





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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