



# COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF AUBURN

## NEWSLETTER #186 Nov-Dec 2020



### Next meeting Mon 7th. December will be by Zoom

Our speaker for December is Elida Brereton  
Title -The adventures of a Principal

She grew up in Ashburton , attended school there and in Kew, served the Education Department in government schools for 43 years, being a principal for over 17 years, the last 15 years as Principal of Camberwell High School from 1994 until Jan 2010. (She was also Miss Margaret Murray, Principal of Summer Heights High in the ABC series !)

Have you heard a good speaker lately? If so please send me the name and contact details by email . Thankyou

Regular Activity Days This Month	All SUSPENDED until further notice
Armchair Travel	4th. Wednesday
Brew and Chew	4th. Wednesday
Canasta	1st Tuesday
Cycling	1st and 3rd Thursday
Dine Out	3rd Monday evening
Golf	Every Monday, except public holidays and meeting days
Mah-jong	Last Thursday
Sew and Sews	3rd. Friday.
Stitch 'n Knit	2nd. Friday
Tuesday Evening Book Group	2nd. Tuesday
Walking	2nd. And 4th. Monday
Wed Afternoon Book Group	2nd. Wednesday

### Club Diary

The Club Diary is held by Jan Lester  
janetlester@bigpond.com The diary lists all Club activities for the whole year. All Organisers and Convenors must contact Jan to let her know the date of activities planned. This ensures that there are no clashes of activities .

### Convenors

The Interest and Activity Groups are the soul of the Club and are there for members to participate in and enjoy. If any member is interested in finding out more about any Group, you are encouraged to contact the Convenor of that Group to find out more about it.

### Your Newsletter

The newsletter reports on the activities of the past month and announces future activities for the coming months, convenors are expected to

submit articles and photographs covering both facets of past and future events. General members are also invited to submit articles of interest along with comments on attended activities. This is important for the new and regular members to know about activities of interest.

Members may also ask for expressions of interest for new activities.

New groups can be started if activity support is strong enough.

This is your Newsletter so having your say will strengthen your Club . Any number of groups can be supported Book-Sewing-Walking-

Travel Etc, Etc. limited only to the available convenor and meeting space in individual homes. Items must be submitted to the editor up to nine days prior to the next club meeting date. Show interest and strengthen our club.



# KNOW YOUR COMMITTEE

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**PRESIDENT**  
**TONY SMYTHE**



**VICE-PRESIDENT**  
**JAN LESTER**

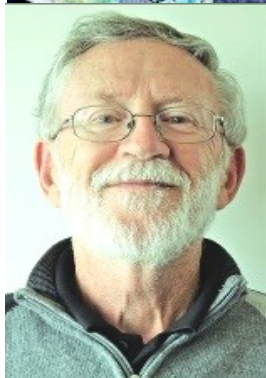


**PAST  
PRESIDENT**  
**ERIL HUDSON**



**SECRETARY**  
**PETER  
MATTHEWS**

**ASSISTANT**  
No appointment yet.



**TREASURER**  
**DAVID OLNEY**



**ASSISTANT**  
Robin Gilchrist



**MEMBERSHIP**  
Jeny MATTHEWS

**ASSISTANT**  
Brenda Mackey



**WELFARE**  
**LEE PHILLIPS**



**ASSISTANT**  
Glen Keane



**WEB MASTER**  
**MICHAEL PAVEY**

**ASSISTANT**  
No appointment yet.



**SPEAKERS**  
**TRISH ABBOTT**

**ASSISTANT**  
No appointment yet.



**NEWSLETTER**  
**BERN CONNELL**



**ASSISTANT**  
Einhart Lincke



## PRESIDENTS' REPORT.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR NEWSLETTER NOV-DEC 2020



I am drafting this just after listening to the Victorian premier inform us as to what the rules for the next phase of the COVID 19 restrictions will be. Things are certainly improving, thank goodness. Whilst the rules regarding public gatherings will still be such as to not permit meetings of the size of our PROBUS group, they are certainly heading in the right direction, and faster than probably many of us thought were going to be possible during the darkest days of the phase two lockdown. Those of you who have not been able to enjoy the company of some of your family members and good friends during recent times, will no doubt be revelling in the new situation. It also means too that plans for Christmas are going to be much easier to put into place and I wish you well in doing that as the festive season draws nigh.

I was saddened to learn of the passing of Eric Heyburn recently. He and his late wife Val were early members of our club: Val was a keen member of the mahjong group and Sew and Sews, as was my late wife Jay. I well remember happy groups of PROBUS ladies, including Val, at my home from time-to-time, enjoying each other's company and engaged in those activities. Eric I remember for his inestimable knowledge of red wine amongst other things. They have been, and will be, missed by many.

I look forward to seeing many of you again at our forthcoming Zoom meeting on 7 December. I am sure we are going to be entertained right- royally by the guest speaker, Elida Brereton.

Regrettably we are unable to hold our annual Christmas get-together this year for reasons of COVID restrictions. As I said, or implied, at the last meeting, being in your own homes for our December meeting you are welcome to inject a little Christmas spirit (or spirits) into the occasion. To those who are unable to attend I take this early opportunity to wish you and yours every good wish for the forthcoming festive season. Please continue to stay safe and well and we look to seeing you in the new year.

#### **BREW & CHEW : Ian Phillips**



For the remainder of 2020, with the probable exception of Christmas and New Year's eves, Brew and Chew will continue to meet by Zoom by courtesy of Mike Pavey at 10.00 each Wednesday.



In 2021, it is hoped we will resume meeting face to face at the Camberwell library on the fourth Wednesday of each month – however, the library has yet to provide any confirmation of those arrangements. Despite that, it is suggested that 10.00 a.m. January 27, 2021 be put into your new diary, even if we have to meet in a bandstand.

For more, contact Ian Phillips

#### **EXCURSIONS : /**

**SUSPENDED but planning needed.**



We urgently need a convenor and assistant for Excursions or there won't be any excursions when the corona scare is over.

Country towns will be looking for visitors to help their economic recovery and members will be itching to get together and travel to interesting destinations. Contact a committee member assistance.



#### **STITCH' N KNIT : Betty Collins OAM /**



After a lapse of eight or nine months members of the group are looking forward to meeting again at 10am on Friday 11th December at the home of Betty Collins. Keeping Probus members in touch through Zoom for the monthly meetings has been excellent and the Committee members are to be congratulated for holding the Club together throughout the all of difficult circumstances Covid 19 has wrought.





## MEMBERSHIP : Jeny Matthews / Brenda Mackey

Attendance via zoom for November 2020

Attendees - 78 Apologies - 7 No Responses - 56



### Birthdays for December

Lorraine Borley, Bernard Coburn, Ross King, Val Lee, Colin Richards, John Garraway, Marilyn Hunter, Janene Marshall, Barbara Arbon, Astrid Zanini, Maxine Lewis, Barbara Mann, Don Porter, Rosemary Sier, Jan Cheney, Robert Pitts, Jan Macfarlane.



Death - Eric Heyburn

Cheers Jeny

THE COMMITTEE		AND			ASSISTANTS
President	Tony Smythe				....
Vice-President	Jan Lester				....
Past President	Eril Hudson				....
Secretary	Peter Matthews				No appointment yet.
Treasurer	David Olney				Robin Gilchrist
Excursion	No appointment yet.				No appointment yet.
Speakers	Tricia Abbott				No appointment yet.
Welfare:	Lee Phillips				No appointment yet.
Web Master	Michael Pavey				No appointment yet.
Newsletter	Bern Connell				Einhart Lincke
Membership	Jeny Matthews				Brenda Mackey

### ACTIVITY CONVENORS

Armchair Travel	Shirley Fenemor			
Brew and Chew	Ian Phillips			
Boroondara Band Recitals	Colin Richards			
Canasta	Thelma Bourke			
Cinema	Meg McClean			
Cycling	Gary Jackson			
Dine Out	John Hutchins			
Football Tipping	Michael Pavey			
Golf	Gary Jackson			
Mahjong	Barbara Richards			
Sew and Sews	Barbara Arbon			
Stitch 'n Knit	Betty Collins			
The Getaway Group	John McIntosh			
Theatre & Concerts	Graeme McRae			
Tuesday Evening Book Group	John Curry			
Walking	Lorraine Borley			
Wed Afternoon Book Group	Karen Pond			





Sew and Sew Barbara Arbon

Hope to get back to normal next year, and to catch up before year ends.

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### **CINEMA : Meg McLean / Neil Hookey **SUSPENDED****

"Suspended Until We (Can) Meet Again. Fond "hello" to everyone.  
Meg McClean.



### **ARM CHAIR TRAVEL : Shirley Fenemor / **SUSPENDED****

Hi "Fellow travellers"

Thought we should have a get-together in December now that we can. There will not be a presentation, but just an opportunity to chat about the trips we were going to make in 2020 and to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2021.....



As usual we will be at the Meeting Room at Barnsbury for a 7.30 pm start , this time on Wednesday 16 December.

Anyone needing further information can contact me on . Look forward to seeing you all then.

Shirley Fenemor



### **Golf Group – Gary Jackson / Golf results for October/November games**



<u>Date</u>	<u>Weekly Winners</u>	<u>Longest Drive</u>	<u>Nearest the Pin</u>	<u>Best off the stick</u>
26/10	Peter Matthews -	-	Ian Bourke	Ross king
4/11	Ross King -	-	Ross King	
9/11	<u>C Mavrodoglos Gary Jackson</u>	C Mavrodoglos	John Phillips	John Phillips
16/11	Tom Fenemor Ross King	Einhart Lincke	Tom Fenemor	
23/11	Round abandoned due to heavy rain			

**December Golf will move to Freeway Golf** 47-49 Columba St, Balwyn North, 98599000, (Melway page 32 C11) Tee of times for both Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup> and Monday December 14<sup>th</sup> will be 10am.

**After Monday's game our Christmas break up lunch will be at the Manningham Club, 1 Thompsons Rd Bulleen (Melway page 32 D10)**



Dear friend The President Tony invites you to attend our 5th. Virtual Club Meeting It will be held on our normal meeting date on Monday 7th. December and will commence at 10 am for Our Speaker



How To optimise your connection To those who have not experienced the use of Zoom I hope you all will embrace this idea and join the first Club's Zoom meeting and assist us all in getting over this self-isolation I will send to you all the meeting link ID and password closer to the 2nd. November If you have not previously used Zoom and would like to join this meeting, follow the instructions below You can use Zoom on any smart device, ie phone, tablet , PC or Mac You will need a camera on your device as well as a microphone and speakers If you would like to join you will need to download the App Zoom. PC Installation To download and install Zoom on your PC computer, follow these steps

1. In your chosen Browser (Firefox,Chrome, E,) type in [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) which will take you to the Zoom Download Web Page Or alternatively click on the link below <https://zoom.us/support/download>
2. This should open on the Zoom down load page and it should start the download automatically. If not click on "restart the download"
- 3 .When downloaded click on down load, Save the file and it should install itself, follow the prompts
4. When installed a Box titled Zoom Cloud Meetings should open which has two prompts, "Join A Meeting" and "Sign In"
5. You should Sign In so click Sign In and a new box will open click on "Sign In Free" and a another box will open which you can register using your email and password.
6. Follow all prompts and that should be that.
- 7.When you open Zoom on your computer you will get the same menu box as in 4 above. And you can sign in to Zoom or Join a Meetings
8. Meetings are generated by a host who invites participants to Join. This is done by an email to each participant
9. The email will have a hyperlink to the Zoom meeting as well as a meeting ID numbers in threes with gaps between and a 6 numbered password
10. From the Zoom Cloud Meetings box if you click on Join A Meeting you can enter the Meeting ID and Password into the relevant boxes and you should join the meeting Phone or Tablet Installation
11. If you want to load the App onto your phone or tablet you will have to go to your Google or Apple App Store, look for Zoom and install
12. When Open you will see a screen similar to the Zoom Cloud Meetings boxes described with the computer i.e. Join A Meeting or Sign In

I hope all can take the effort to download the App and join the meeting which will make this Isolation more bearable If any member requires assistance please contact me either email [m.pavey1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:m.pavey1@optusnet.com.au) or mobile 0418 990 815 Best wishes to all Mike Pavey Web Master



#### **TREASURER : DAVID OLNEY /**

There have been no financial transactions during the month and therefore no change to our previously reported position.

We have accumulated club funds of \$9274 which excludes the Council grant of \$2475 and monies carried over from previous activities. David OlneyTreasurer





### **Getaway Group : John McIntosh /**

#### **SUSPENDED**

My message to members is that while we are on hold we have time to research what might be future GETAWAY trips Put your suggestions forward please.



### **Tuesday Evening Book Group John Curry /**



### **WELFARE : LEE PHILLIPS /**

If any member is ill and unable to attend meetings please let Lee know so that contact can be maintained during your illness.94996373



### **WEDNESDAY BOOK GROUP : Karen Pond /**

Hello all

Good news! The Barnsbury Clubhouse is available for us to have our end of year break up on Wednesday, 9 December, at our usual time of 2pm.



Everyone please bring something for afternoon tea. Tea, coffee,...(and a little afternoon bubbles) will be provided.

I hope parking will be available in the Barnsbury car park. If anyone would like me to reserve the disability space, please let me know.

And please RSVP to me.

Best regards

### **WALKING GROUP – Lorraine Borley –**



Our first walk for many months was through the Rosanna Parklands. Thanks Janene for organizing the walk and the coffee. For the third time this Year Norm's planned walk was cancelled. This time the weather was against us. However, 6 of us solved the world's problems over a coffee in Camberwell.



There are no walks planned for December or January. Hopefully we'll get active again with a new convenor in February/March. Volunteer/s urgently needed!!

Thanks to all who have supported Ann and I by planning walks and coffee in the past 2 years.

### **Mah-jong : Barbara Richards**



Mahjong has had a very long break this year and we look forward to getting back to playing games in the new year. We would welcome some new members, either beginners or experienced players. We play on the last Thursday of each month. For further information please contact Barb Richards . In the meantime, Merry Christmas to everyone and have a very happy New Year and we will look forward to meeting up again 2021.





## **Bike Group – Gary Jackson**



### **December Rides**

Thursday December 3rd. Meet at Elgar Park a 9.30am (Melway 47 B3). We will follow the Koonang Creek trail to Burke Road crossing the Yarra river to join the Main Yarra trail through the Yarra Flats to Heide Café for coffee. All on designated bike paths on compacted gravel and sealed bike paths, mainly flat. Approx. 20k return. Organizers Thelma and Ian Bourke mob 0418 381 279.

Thursday December 17th. This will be our Christmas break up ride and lunch at Melissa Café 65 Parker St, Templestowe Lower (Melway 33 C4)

Riders to meet at Melissa's Café at 10.30am for coffee then we will have a short ride up to Ruffy Park and return for Lunch at 12 noon. All on sealed designated bike paths, mainly flat. Approx. 8k return. Organizer Gary Jackson Mob. 0148 578 863.

### **November Rides**

Thursday November 5th. After a long 4 months of lock down it was wonderful to get back on our bikes despite the 25k limit. 9 riders gathered at Victoria Park Kew, cycling down to the Main Yarra trail to Fairfield stopping at Studley Park Boathouse for refreshment. Returning via Darebin Park, Alphington and Ivanhoe. Thanks Colin

Inverloch (November 10th to 13th)

Our scheduled trip away to Inverloch looked very much in doubt however the day before our planned trip away the Melbourne Ring of Steel was lifted allowing 16 Probian's to spend 4 wonderful days of freedom in South Gippsland.

Day 1 – Our team met at Caldermeade Farm & Café for lunch which was great to be all together again. After checking into our Big 4 Inverloch Holiday Park cabins our warm up ride (9 km return) along the Inverloch foreshore passing through the main street shopping area to the surf beach and return. Happy hour each night was in the Camp Kitchen where we could reflect on the day's events with a beer and a glass of wine.

Dinner was a byo barbeque and we were all looking forward to the days ahead.

Day 2 – On clear morning with bikes loaded we drove to Leongatha for our ride on the Great Southern Rail Trail (32km) passing through beautiful green farmland to Koonwarra where we meet the non-riders for coffee. Continuing on the Rail Trail as we cycled over a number of the old and new trestle bridges to Meeniyan for lunch at Pandesal Bakery returning to Leongatha.

Dinner was at The Inlet Hotel. highly recommended

Day 3 – Another clear morning with bikes loaded we headed to Wonthaggi for a ride along the Bass Coast Rail Trail again passing through coastal farmland before reaching the coastline with magnificent views of the ocean and Phillip Island. We reached Kilcunda to join the non-riders for refreshments. On the way back we diverted to ride into see the mouth of the Powlett river where it met the ocean. Lunch was enjoyed at Connells Bakery in Wonthaggi. Our celebratory dinner was in the Camp Kitchen where we discussed our riding achievements during our week away.

Day 3 – This was check out day and with bikes loaded there was still plenty of time to explore Inverloch and other places on the way home.

A most enjoyable 4 days away and a very big thankyou to Christine Mavrodoglos for her assistance and local knowledge in planning this trip.

Thursday November 19th. Rider cycled from Eaglemont Tennis Club following the Main Yarra trail through the Yarra Flats then detour around the Banyule Flats and back to the Main Yarra trail. Crossing the Yarra at Finns reserve we cycled to Melissa's café for coffee then return.







**Peter Brown contribution**



**PROBUS ZOOM (VIRTUAL) MEETING MONDAY 3 AUGUST**  
**Secretary's Report**



**Theatre & Concerts: Graeme McRae /**

**SUSPENDED**



**DINE OUT : John and Susan Hutchins /** **SUSPENDED**



**CANASTA GROUP : Thelma Bourke /**

**SUSPENDED**



**Boroondara Symphonic Band : Colin Richards /**

**SUSPENDED**

