



# COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF **AUBURN**

## **NEWSLETTER #194 July-August 2021**



**The next General meeting is Monday August 2nd.  
If lockdown persists this will be a ZOOM meeting with  
invitations emailed at a later date.**

Speaker for August will be Coral Ross  
Title--From Journalist to Mayor.

Coral Ross talks about her life as a Fleet Street journalist  
and as Boroondara,s ,longest serving female councilor  
and Mayor Emeritus

If you have heard of a good speaker please let me know by email name and  
contact details- Thankyou.

### **Regular Activity Days This Month**

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
Rummikub	3nd. Friday.
Sew and Sews	3nd. 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 the Vice President Trevor Mackey The diary lists all Club activities for the whole year. All Organisers and Convenors must contact Trevor to let him know the proposed date of activities planned for verification thus ensuring 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 encouraged 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. News items must be submitted to the editor up to nine days prior to the next club meeting date. Show interest and strengthen our club.

## THE COMMITTEE

President	Jan Lester			
Vice-President	Trevor Mackey			
Past President	Tony Smythe			
Secretary	Peter Matthews			
Treasurer	David Olney			
Outings	John McIntosh			
Speakers	Tricia Abbott			
Welfare:	Lee Phillips			
Web Master	Michael Pavey			
Newsletter	Bern Connell			
Membership	Jeny Matthews			

## ACTIVITY CONVENORS

Armchair Travel	Shirley Fenemor			
Brew and Chew	Ian Phillips			
Canasta	Thelma Bourke			
Cinema outings	Meg McClean			
Cycling	Gary Jackson			
Dine Out	John Hutchins			
Football Tipping	Michael Pavey			
Golf	Gary Jackson			
Mahjong	Barbara Richards			
Rummikub	Thelma Bourke			
Sew and Sews	Barbara Arbon			
Stitch 'n Knit	Betty Collins			
The Outings Group	John Mcintosh			
Tuesday Evening Book Group	John Curry			
Walking	Janene Marshall			
Wed Afternoon Book Group	Karen Pond			



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

With Covid Lockdown 5.0 upon us, it has been very disappointing that in the weeks since our last meeting, the majority of our Interest Groups have had to be cancelled. It is not only disappointing for Members, but especially the Convenors who put a lot of time into planning the events.

As I write this report, our meeting to be held on 2nd August is still planned as a live face to face meeting.

QR check in is required before entering the building at NBBC. Assistance from a committee member is available if members do not have this facility on their mobile phone. After using the QR code check in, please do not forget to proceed to the Membership desk, just inside the door, to have your name marked off for our Club attendance records.

The wearing of masks is compulsory.

Jan Lester

## TREASURER'S REPORT : David Olney



The covid lockdown has again impacted our proposed activities resulting in the need for numerous refunds of excursion payments. If you wish to claim a refund, please send me an email at including your bank BSB and account number.

The Club bank account details for receipt of electronic payments is BSB 083 277, Account No. 56952 1388. Please include your name and the purpose of the payment.

We have ended the month with accumulated club funds of \$7572. This does not include the Boroondara Council grant of \$2475, the \$500 deposit held at the Kew Golf Club for our Christmas lunch and some activity monies carried over from previous years.

David Olney

### Footy Tipping 2021

#### Mike Pavey



The footy season is now in its last few matches, but the tipping remains difficult with many upsets.

Congratulations to the winners for the Rounds 15 to 18:

Round 15 **Lorraine Borley**

Round 16 **Brenda Mackey**

Round 17 **Maureen McIntosh**

Round 18 **Maureen Couch**

Winners will be paid in cash at the monthly meetings

The full results including a copy of the up-to-date Ladder is available to see on the Club Web Site.

If more information or assistance is required contact Mike Pavey

#### NEW ACTIVITY: RUMMIKUB

Rummikub will be held at Applewood (Victorian lockdown permitting) on Friday August 20th at 1:PM. All welcome, including beginners.

Cheers  
Thelma

Thelma & Ian Bourke





### **MEMBERSHIP : Jeny Matthews**

Membership : Jeny Matthews Assistants : Ann Alexander and Carole Williams

Attendance at July Meeting Attendees - 71 Apologies -41 No Response -23

Total Membership - 135

### **Birthdays**

Janet Howard-Smith, Judy Lear, Pam Anderson, John Anderson,  
Peter Berndt.

### **New Addresses**

### **Phone**

John and Maureen McIntosh landline removed.

Please ring Jeny Matthews in advance if unable to attend a meeting.

With thanks - Jeny Matthews



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

At the time of writing, it is unclear whether we will be free to meet at the Camberwell library on 28<sup>th</sup> July, as restrictions may not have been wholly lifted by that date – if restrictions continue, no doubt a Zoom meeting can be arranged.

One can hope for greater certainty by 10.00 o'clock on 25<sup>th</sup> August, but then, only taxes and death are certain. Setting aside those and all the other depressing topics of the day, there is bound to be something to laugh about by then.

For more, contact Ian Phillips



### **Cinema outings : Meg McClean**

On the assumption that there are no further COVID restrictions in August I will send out a notice about a film mid/late August.

Meg McClean



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

Greetings from Far North Queensland!!!

August get together is on 25 August at 7.30 pm, Barnsbury as usual. Tom will present on Spain and Portugal

Phone me on if you need further information Shirley

Any newcomers interested please contact me on Shirley Fenemor



### **SEW AND SEW : Barbara Arbon**

We were disappointed that we couldn't meet on July 16<sup>th</sup>, lock downs upset our plans. Next meeting to be at Joan Woodhouse's on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Her phone number is





## **TUESDAY EVENING BOOK GROUP : John Curry**

We reviewed "The Tolstoy Estate" by Stephen Conte. The book was an historical novel based on a short period of time in the war between Russia and Germany. The action takes place at the estate where Tolstoy lived. Similarities are drawn with "War and Peace" by Tolstoy. We rated the book highly at 8.3 out of ten.

At the next meeting we will review "Preservation" by Jock Serong. A story that takes place in the history of shipwrecks and early colonial life Sydney.

We welcomed John McIntosh as a new member of the group.

John Curry

## **WALKING GROUP : Janene Marshall 0413481873**



Here are details for the walking group to be included in August Newsletter.

9<sup>th</sup> August – Ferndale Trail – Leader Vic McCrea 0417 347 502

Meet in Ferndale car park off Glen Iris Road (Melways 60 A7) at 9.50am.

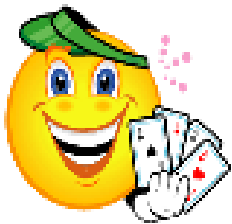
We will walk the Ferndale Trail returning for coffee at The Pantry Café

Across the road from the car park. (This walk was planned for 26<sup>th</sup> July but was cancelled due to the LOCKDOWN. Vic has kindly agreed to lead the walk on 9<sup>th</sup> August.)

23<sup>rd</sup> August – Hays Paddock, East Kew – Leader Jan Lester - Meet in car park in Lister Street, East Kew.(Melways 45 J1) at 9.50am. Coffee T.B.A.

Hoping we will be free of lockdowns. Jenene Marshall

## **CANASTA GROUP : Thelma Bourke**



Canasta will be held at Applewood (Victorian lockdowns permitting) on Tuesday August 3rd. 6:00 PM for dinner, 7:30 for play. Please let me know dinner bookings by Thursday July 29th.

Cheers

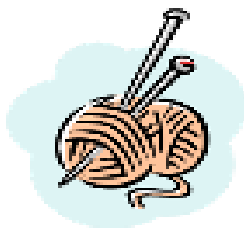
## **WEDNESDAY BOOK GROUP : Karen Pond**



We reviewed our previous book, The Piano Tuner, and agreed it was an intriguing novel that could be viewed in many different ways, and the main characters left us questioning - was he a spy, an innocent, or just a naive piano tuner?

This month we will be reading The Authenticity Project by Clare Pooley. Our group has a few extra copies of this book; if you would like to read it, and perhaps join us at our next meeting, please contact Carole Williams. The next meeting will be at the Barnsbury Clubhouse on Wednesday August 11, at 2pm.

Karen



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

Our next gathering is at 10am on Friday 13th August at the home of Betty Collins. Any further details will be notified by email prior to that date. If you are unable to attend please advise me by email or phone.

Betty Collins



### **DINE OUT - John & Susan Hutchins**

Once again we had 20 disappointed members when the Dine Out at Box Hill RSL on 19<sup>th</sup> July had to be cancelled. We will keep trying and hope that next month will be better.



### **Golf Group – Gary Jackson**

In August we will stay at Burnley Golf Course, Madden Lane and Loyola Crs, Burnley, (Melway 2H G11). Tee off time and dates will be communicated to all golfers when current lockdown is lifted and Burnley golf course reopens.

June/July Golf results

<b>Date</b>	<b>Weekly Winner</b>	<b>Longest Drive</b>	<b>Nearest the Pin</b>	<b>Best off the Stick</b>
28/6	John Phillips	Trevor Mackey	-	John Phillips
6/7	Ross King & Trevor Mackey	Peter Matthews	Janet Howard Smith	Trevor Mackey
12/7	Ian Bourke	Trevor Mackey	Ross King X 2	Ian Bourke
19 & 26/7	Lockdown			



### **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.



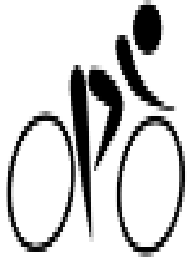
### **MAH-JONG : Barbara Richards**

We are looking forward to our next Mahjong day to be held at Eril's home on Thursday 29th July.  
Barb Richards

## BIKE GROUP – Gary Jackson

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### August Rides



Thursday August 5<sup>th</sup>. Meet at 10am at Kew Cricket Ground (Melways 45 G5). We will head down under the Eastern freeway and join the main Yarra trail turning right and up to Belford Road. Across the Yarra at Ivanhoe following the MYT along the Yarra flats to Heide Museum of Modern Art for coffee. Return back on same path. Mostly sealed with some gravel sections through the Yarra Flats. Two climbs up and over Belford Road. Approximately 20+K. Leader Trevor Mackey

**Thursday August 19<sup>th</sup>.** Meet at North Rd Brighton at 10am (Melway 67C7). Ride along the Bayside trail to Ricketts Point for coffee. On sealed designated bike paths mainly flat. Approx. 26K return. Leader Peter Matthews **July Rides**

**Thursday July 1<sup>st</sup>.** 7 riders met at 10:00 at Koomba Park Car Park cycling south through the Dandenong Valley Parklands, past Bunnings and the Morack and Waverley Public golf courses. Continuing through Bushy Park into Jells Park for coffee at Madeline's Café before returning.

Thanks Helen and Mike.



**Thursday July 15<sup>th</sup>.** 7 riders met at Lewis Park in Wantirna on a cold but fine morning riding the Blind Creek trail and then following the train line to Upper Ferntree Gully for coffee and cake at Brew'd Cafe. Two teams emerged, team A riding e bikes (4 riders) and team B riding real bikes (3 riders) All riders completed the 17 km ride together with team B able to control the pace. Blind creek was running after some heavy overnight rain however several flood ways that were encountered along the way remained dry. Thanks Colin.



## OUTINGS GROUP : John McIntosh

A reminder to those who have registered for The Canberra Trip.  
The balance of your fare is payable to Trade Travel on the 6th August .  
John McIntosh



Tricia Abbott's summary of last months speaker.

Betty Collins very kindly filled in at the last minute as our planned speaker who on returning from Brisbane had to go into quarantine. We will catch up with him later.

July Speaker Report

Betty Collins

Betty started with a quick summary of her interesting and full life. She then took us through the history of bowls which has been her main interest ..Her involvement in bowls both in Australia and world wide is enormous resulting in her receiving many well earned awards. She then proceeded to tell us many stories which happened to her whilst performing her duties working and managing bowls events around the world like the commonwealth games teams. Etc . Her meeting with Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip and later Prince Ann were both interesting and in some instances very funny.

Many thanks again Betty

Tricia Abbott



### Vice-President Trevor Mackey **Positions Vacant**

Our Club is noted for and its underlying success over the past 17 years is the involvement of members in the management of our Club and the willing participation of members to act as conveners for the many activity groups. Unfortunately as a result of the COVID19 pandemic and the need to hold zoom meetings during most of the past 18 months has resulted in the lack of personal interaction and the suspension of our activities. This has resulted in a number of vacancies for assistants for both committee members and activity conveners.

In all organisations there is a need for succession planning and as such the assistants would go on to committee members or conveners.

There are the following vacancies for assistants for current members of the committee –  
Secretary, Treasurer, Speakers, Membership, Newsletter Editor

Please consider filling these assistant positions as the future of our Club depends upon members taking an active role in its management. Should you be approached to fill any vacancy please give it serious consideration or volunteer for the position.

In addition to the above, the position of Vice President (2022 – 2023) will become vacant at the end of the current Probus year (March 2022).

Please contact President Jan or myself (if you can assist in any of the above positions *Remember – Our Club is run by members for members*  
Trevor Mackey Vice President