

## COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF AUBURN

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### NEWSLETTER #206 August-Sept. 2022



The legendary Peter Hudson will be our guest speaker for the 10:00 PM September meeting.

September is AFL final's month, so Peter Hudson is a very appropriate speaker.

We are particularly grateful to John Hudson (no relation) for arranging the invitation and finalising the details of the presentation. John got to know Peter when he was Membership Secretary for Hawthorn Football Club and when they played squash together each week.

Peter Hudson's goal kicking ability is part of the legend of Australian Rules Football. Peter came from New Norfolk in Tasmania where he was a goal kicking champion to play for Hawthorn in 1967. He kicked 125 goals in his second season with Hawthorn and 150 goals in Hawthorn's 1971 premiership year. In Peter Hudson's 129 games for Hawthorn he averaged 5.64 goals per match – a record which might never be broken! Coach John Kennedy described Hudson as "...a great player, a football genius"

John Hudson has collected a set of questions from our members and these will form the basis of a Q & A session between John and Peter Hudson.

In the words of the advertisers, an occasion "not to be missed"!

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			
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 the Vice President Carole Williams. The diary lists all Club activities for the whole year. All Organisers and Convenors must contact Carole to let her 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 eleven days prior to the next club meeting date. Show interest and strengthen our club.

THE COMMITTEE		ACTIVITY CONVENORS		
President	Trevor Mackey	Armchair Travel	Shirley Fenemor	
Vice-President	Carole Williams	Brew and Chew	Ian Phillips	
Past President	Jan Lester	Canasta	Thelma Bourke	
		Cycling	<b>Gary Jackson</b>	
Secretary	Helen Pavey	Dine Out	John Hutchins	
Trea\$urer	David Brown	Football Tipping	Michael Pavey	
Outings	John McIntosh	Golf	Gary Jackson	
		Mahjong	<b>Barbara Richards</b>	
Speakers	Peter Gurry & Norm Fary	Sew and Sews	Barbara Arbon	
Welfare:	Glen Keane	Stitch 'n Knit	Betty Collins	
Web Master	Michael Pavey	Outings	John Mcintosh	
		Tuesday Evening Book	John Curry	
Newsletter	Bern Connell	Walking	Janene Marshall	
Membership	Noelle Brennan	Wed Afternoon Book	Karen Pond	



#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Brenda and I had a great holiday to Western Australia. The planning for the trip was initially done during the long lockdowns in early 2020 and for some time we thought it would never eventuate due to border closures and the Covid issues. There were further complications when I contracted the virus 10 days before we were to leave. Thank goodness it all came good in the end and the trip went flawlessly.

This month I expect to induct 5 new members to our club. Many thanks to their proposers. I have included a brief biography in this newsletter so that those members who are unable to be present may get a snapshot of each new member.

Trevor Mackey 0408 285 382 tm.bm@bigpond.com

#### New Members profiles

At the September meeting I expect to induct 5 new members to our club. So that those members who are unable to attend I have set out below a brief profile of each.

Helen McGee – Proposed by Tricia Abbott Helen McGee was the 3rd child in a family of 4. Attended Ivanhoe Girls Grammar School and then completed Occupational Therapy in 1954. Married Eric (a builder) who built their present home in North Balwyn. Adopted a girl and a boy and became very involved in school activities. Helen also enjoyed tennis surf lifesaving, camping, sailing, and skiing.

After having a break Helen from work, she returned in 1975 to the Psychiatric Day Hospital at the old Kew Mental Home which she found a very rewarding experience. On retirement she helped with Meals on Wheels, played bridge and bowls where she took a variety of jobs and is now a Life Member of NBBC. Helen is very keen to join Auburn Probus

Caroline Fraser – Proposed by Julie Langton Carol Fraser has been a friend of Julie's for 20 years. Her interests have included tennis, golf and travel, and currently bridge. Her 3 children and 10 grandchildren keep her busy. Caroline lives in Canterbury.

Venita Mitchell – Proposed by Jan Cheney Venita and her husband Ken have recently moved into Sackville Grange from their home in Kew. Venita was a golfer and enjoys playing bridge. Her husband Ken, a former VFL boundary umpire, was a speaker at a recent meeting. Venita has three children and 6 grandchildren.

Eileen Toohill – Proposed by Jan Cheney Eileen was a primary school teacher in her profession life. Her interests include Rotary, reading and bridge. Eileen is a member for the Rotary Club of North Balwyn. Eileen has a daughter and 3 grandchildren. Eileen lives in Balwyn North.

Janie Pirret – Proposed by Jan Cheney Janie hails from Scotland having arrived in Australia in 1982. Janie was a medical Secretary in her professional life. She is a member of the Rotary Club of North Balwyn and a former member of the Rotary Club of Glenferrie. Due to her work in Rotary, she has been rewarded a Paul Harris Recognition with 2 sapphires. Janie has 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Her interests include golf and Mah-jong. Janie lives in East Ivanhoe.



#### **Trea\$urer'\$ Report for August-September: David Brown**

A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.

Not much to report this month: our finances remain in good shape, and I can at last advise that all members are financial!

As always when paying by EFT clearly identify yourself, and the activity you are paying for. The Club's bank account is: BSB 083277 Account # 569521388.

An accountant is having a hard time sleeping and goes to see his doctor. "Doctor, I just can't get to sleep at night," he says. "Have you tried counting sheep?" inquires the doctor. "That's the problem

— I make a mistake and then spend three hours trying to find it.

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#### MEMBERSHIP: Noelle Brennan Assistant Maureen McIntosh

Attendance for August Meeting.

Attendance: 64 Apologies - 43 No Response - 22 - Total Membership 129

Birthdays for September.

Norma Griffiths, Frank Hawkins, Elvia Joyce, John Henderson, Sandi Fitzpatrick, Thorold Merritt, Peter Brown, Annette Jager. Leave pf Absence - Pam Baillie Palmer

New Member. Nil Visitors: Helen McGee – Tricia Abbott, Eileen Toohill – Jan Cheney, Janie Pirret – Eril Hudson Venita Mitchell – Jan Cheney, Caroline Fraser – Julie Langton,

It has been suggested that members wear their name badges on outings. Please ring apologies to Noelle 0417 194 099 or Maureen 0413 587 921

#### BREW & CHEW: Ian Phillips 0428858272

**Brew and Chew** 

The chaps of Brew and Chew will meet Wednesday, September 28, at Camberwell library at 1000 hours.

Given that by then so much of the problems of the world and Australia will have been happily solved, the meeting will be given over to imagined football replays and old jokes, given that no-one is writing new ones, or, if they are, we can't remember 'em!

To the dismay of the editor, this will be a strictly photo-free event. If you are not sure if you are interested, contact Ian Phillips 0428 858 272 or <a href="mailto:irp@alphalink.com.au">irp@alphalink.com.au</a> or just come along.

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#### **WELFARE: Glen Keene**

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



#### **WALKING GROUP: Jenene Marshall 0413481873**

12th September – Canterbury Gardens – Leader Jan Lester 0409 442 995 – Meet at 9.50am in the car park at the end of Railway Place, Canterbury (Melway 46 E11 ½).

Railway Place is off Canterbury Road on the east side of the gardens (opposite Rochester Street). We will walk around the gardens as well as some of the nearby streets before returning to have our coffee at the Outlaw Café.

Please contact Jan Lester 0409 442 995 if you have any queries or would like more information.

26<sup>th</sup> September - No walk. Canberra trip.

What a beautiful day we had for our 8<sup>th</sup> August walk to Birrarung Marr/Yarra River. Nine ladies enjoyed the sunny weather, lovely scenery and delicious coffee and cake at Damon Bradley at Southbank.

We had a very pleasant walk along Black's Walk trails on 22<sup>nd</sup> August. It was lovely to see the wattles out in bloom.

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME & WE ENCOURAGE MORE MALE MEMBERS TO JOIN US TO EXERCISE, CHAT & HAVE A COFFEE TOGETHER.

#### Boroondara Symphonic Band Colin Richards Mob 0406 599 990



Boroondara Symphonic Band celebrates "40 Years On"

At 2.30pm on Sunday 11 September 2022 at the Hawthorn Arts Centre, Boroondara Symphonic Band will celebrate 40 years of music making.

The concert will feature Band favourites from its rich performance history and will be conducted by David Keeffe, the Band's Assistant Conductor.

A feature of the concert will be the world premiere of a new work composed by David Keeffe. The work was commissioned by the band for this event with the assistance of the City of Boroondara. The work celebrates the band's association with Boroondara's cultural life.

Refreshments will be served at interval.

This is a free event, with no booking required.

The band looks forward to seeing you at the concert to help us celebrate this milestone.

#### CANASTA GROUP: Thelma Bourke 0417 053 549

Canasta this month is on Tuesday September 6th, at 7:30 PM in the 1st floor lounge at Applewood Retirement Village.

It has been, for the past 10 years or so, a very social gathering between our members and residents of Applewood. Some of us have dinner together in the restaurant

beforehand at 6:00 PM. We began this activity as a refresher for those of us who had played canasta many years ago, and also a new challenge for those who had never played before.

It being a very éasy game to learn the rules, it was not long before we all became quite proficient. We are hoping to increase participation from our club and we're looking forward to being able to include some of our newer members in this fun activity. We meet on the first Tuesday of every month except January. Please contact me if you are interested in joining us for dinner and/or play.

Thelma Bourke

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#### MAH-JONG: Barbara Richards . 0408 179 885

Our next mah-jong day will be held at Barbara Fary's home in Burke Road, Camberwell on Thursday 29th September, when we will look forward to some more exciting games.



#### **Dine Out: John & Susan Hutchins**

We have made arrangements for our next Dine-Out Dinner for Wednesday 12th October at Afghan Village Restaurant, 923 Burke Road, Camberwell. Quite a few members have told us they have been there before and are looking forward to a return visit.

We will have a banquet dinner and you may bring your own wine or purchase from their full bar. The cost is \$46.

Many of you have already indicated that you will come to this function but we are anxious to add more names as we need to have 35 for it to go ahead.



#### SEW AND SEW: Barbara Arbon

We had a successful meeting on Friday 19th.at Judy Lear's.

Our next meeting will be hosted by Anne Rusden on Friday 16th. September.

All welcome.



#### STITCH' N KNIT: Betty Collins

The group will meet next on Friday 9th September at 10am when Glen Keane will be the hostess. Please advise Glen by phone or email of your intentions re attendance. An enjoyable morning was held at Manningtree in August with hostess Ina Creed when members enjoyed seeing the work everyone had created over the winter months.



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

This month, on Wednesday 28 September at 7.30pm, we will be travelling to South America, the Amazon and the Galapagos Islands with Trevor Mackey. As we have had to cancel the last two months' get-togethers, we look forward to seeing as many as possible in September. I realise this is the day after the Probus group arrive home following the Floriade trip!!

As usual we will be at Manningtree (20-26 Manningtree Road) – parking available in the forecourt . If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0429 373 607. Shirley Fenemor



TUESDAY EVENING BOOK GROUP: Lorraine Borley in lieu of John Curry

We reviewed "To Become a Whale" by Ben Hobson. This is a novel set around Moreton Island and the whaling station at Tangalooma. After his mother dies a 13 year old boy is taken by his father to work at the whaling station. The general

consensus of our group was disappointment despite gaining some knowledge of the whaling industry.

We rated it 5/10

Our next book is "Everything I Never Told You" by Celeste Ng a novel about a Chinese American family living in 1970's small-town Ohio.



#### SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOK GROUP: Karen Pond

This month our book was After Story, by Larissa Behrendt. When a daughter takes her mother on an overseas trip of a lifetime, they discover that the past is never quite behind them. Our group gave this book 8/10.





Thursday September 1<sup>st</sup> Meet at 10 am at the car park in Yarra Bank reserve, (3-hour parking is available) which is accessed at the end of Denham Street, Hawthorn (Melway ref 44 J9 or 2H J6). The route is to travel along the Main Yarra Trail till we cross over the Yarra on the Morell Street Bridge onto the Capital City Trail. Proceed to Southbank on the Yarra Promenade (remember the 10 km/h speed limit) continuing along South Wharf Promenade, River Esplanade for coffee at Anchor Eatery by the Yarra. Return via the same route. Approx. 23k's. The route is "fairly" flat on sealed paths. Leader Trevor 0408 285 382.

**Thursday September 15<sup>th</sup>** Meet At <u>10.30</u> am at the Car Park on the corner of North Road and The Strand, Newport (Melway ref 42 Ref B5) south of the Newport Power Station. We will ride on the Bay Trail, through Williamstown, see the historic Buildings, past Point Gellibrand and on to Bay Trail West through the Rifle Range Reserve to Altona and return. We can have coffee or lunch at Altona or Williamstown. A distance of approximately 25 kms mostly on a new flat concrete bike path, with maybe short distances on roads, depending on route taken. The <u>10.30</u> am start is suggested to enable the drive to Newport to be easier. The break maybe better to be a lunch stop rather than a coffee. Can decide on day. Leader Mike 0418 990 815

#### **August Ride**

**August 4<sup>th</sup>.** 5 riders started from Burnley on the Yarra Boulevarde to Gardiners Creek trail through Glen Iris to connect to the Anniversary trail to Ashburton for coffee at Joe Frank's Café. Returning via Ferndale Park to Burnley. Thanks Tom.





Thursday August 18th. 6 riders

cycled from Eaglemont
Tennis Club on the Main
Yarra Trail through Yarra
Flats Park to Banyule
Flats Reserve continuing
past Rosanna Golf course
to Westerfold Park.
Crossing the Yarra River
on the suspension bridge
into Finns Reserve we
connect to the Ruffy
Creek Trail to cycle to
Melissa Café. Returning
we detoured to see the
large pine at Finns





#### Golf Group - Gary Jackson

In September we move to Wattle Park Golf course, 1012 Riversdale Rd Surrey Hills

Tee off times for September – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 9am and Monday's 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 10am

August 2022 Golf results

Weekly Winner	Longest Drive	Nearest the Pin	Best off the stick
John Phillips	John Phillips	Gary Jackson	John Phillips
John Phillips	Trevor Mackey	John Phillips	John Phillips
Einhart Lincke Colin Richards	John Phillips Trevor Mackey		John Phillips Mike Pavey
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#### **OUTINGS: John McIntosh**

30 members travelled by coach to the Mornington Peninsular on August 23rd. We visited the magnificent Point Leo Estate winery.

Between the showers most of us walked a trail which displayed magnificent sculptures many of them created by world renowned artists. Some members were heard to say that they would return again to spend more time enjoying the artwork set in such a beautiful setting .

We then travelled to the Mornington Esplanade where we were treated to a delicious lunch at Kirks Family Hotel, Four of our newer members joined the trip. They each remarked on the friendliness of the group and the opportunity it provided to make new acquaintances We now look forward to our Canberra trip commencing on 22nd September where we have thirty two travellers.

#### PETER GURRY'S SUMMARY OF August GUEST SPEAKER.

After an anxious week of negotiation re masks and social distancing we enjoyed a top presentation by RFDS representative, John Green. Thank you members of Auburn Probus Club for your cooperation with masks and thank you to the North Balwyn Bowls Club members who achieved Social Distancing with their spread of chair placement.

John gave us an insight into the comprehensive activities of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. He explained that most of the activities are carried out by road vehicles, not aeroplanes. The aim of the many medical teams is to compensate people who are the victims of distance in our state and country. Teams of doctors, dentists and opticians in specially designed road trucks visit remote towns to provide medical services where local medicos are thin on the ground or non existent. John outlined a unique service where patients in palliative care can be taken to a significant life experience for a lasting memory visit before they pass away. Our Probus Club gave a donation to the Royal Flying Doctor Service to support their valuable work for isolated Australians. Thank you John Green for your top presentation.



### Footy Tipping 2022 0418 990 815

#### Mike Pavey

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The footy season home and away fixtures have been completed, with some very exciting and close matches which made for some interesting tipping results.

Thanks to all those who took part and all being well will be run in 2023

Congratulations to the winners for the Rounds 20 to 23

Round 20 Gary Jackson

Round 21 Tom Belleville

Round 22 Anita Swanson & Trevor Mackey (Shared)

Round 23 Frank Hawkins

Winners will be paid in cash at the next meeting

The overall winners together with presentation of winnings will be announced at the next Meeting.

The full results with a copy of the Season Ladder are available on the Club Web Site.

If more information is required contact Mike Pavey

DID YOU KNOW THAT.....? As mentioned at the last Meeting, several items came out of "Brew & Chew" discussions that were worthy of passing on to the general club members.

They included:

All directors of a company will require a DIN (Director Identification Number)

All certified copies require signatures on all pages.

Keep your addresses up to date with all financial institutions

This meeting there is at least one item that can be shared about "travel and sticks".

If any members have facts or interesting advice that they have come across that are worthy of passing onto others bring them to the September meeting.

Or contact Mike Pavey (0418 990 815) to pass them on.

#### Subject: Good puns

I have a few jokes about unemployed people, but none of them work.

How does an attorney sleep? First, he lies on one side, then he lies on the other side.

How do you make holy water? You take some regular water & boil the hell out of it.

What's the difference between a hippo and a zippo? One is really heavy and the other is a little lighter.

Two windmills are standing in a wind farm. One asks, "What's your favourite kind of music" The other says, "I'm a big metal fan."

Hear about the new restaurant called Karma? There's no menu - you get what you deserve.

What do you call a bee that can't make up its mind? A maybe.

I tried to sue the airline for losing my luggage. I lost my case.

When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

A cross-eyed teacher couldn't control his pupils.

She had a photographic memory but never developed it.

Is it ignorance or apathy that's destroying the world today? I don't know and don't really care.

I wasn't originally going to get a brain transplant, but then I changed my mind

Which country's capital has the fastest-growing population? Ireland. Every day it's Dublin.

My ex-wife still misses me. But her aim is starting to improve.

Need an ark? I Noah guy.

The guy who invented the door knocker got a no-bell prize

I used to be indecisive; now I'm not so sure.

Sleeping comes so naturally to me, I could do it with my eyes closed.

What did the grape say when it got stepped on? Nothing - but it let out a little whine