

COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF AUBURN

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NEWSLETTER #207 Sept-October. 2022

The legendary Ian Phillips will be our guest speaker for the 10:00 PM October meeting.





A Tale Worthy of Dickens A commentary on the life of one transported convict. John Flannery was an Irish soldier transported for failing to march in line – his story came to light on the confluence of Flannery, the barrister McDonogh and Redmond Barry in 1859 at Castlemaine courthouse – a day captured in this cartoon. Our presenter is Ian Phillips, who importantly disavows any connection whatsoever with any of the Dramatis Persona!

Regular Activity Days This Month Armchair Travel 4th. Wednesday **Brew and Chew** 4th. Wednesday 1st Tuesday Canasta Cycling 1st and 3rd Thursday Dine Out 3rd Monday evening Every Monday, except public holidays and meeting days Golf 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	Gary Jackson
Secretary	Helen Pavey	Dine Out	John Hutchins
Trea\$urer	David Brown	Football Tipping	Michael Pavey
Outings	John McIntosh	Golf	Gary Jackson
		- Mahjong	Barbara Richards
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

With the greatest sadness, we learnt of the loss of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. She was an extraordinary woman of strength, resilience, wisdom, and faith who devoted her whole like to her duty. May she rest in eternal peace with her beloved husband, Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh.

At our September meeting I had the pleasure in inducting 5 new members to our club, Helen McGee, Venita Mitchell. Eileen Toohill, Janie Perret and Caroline Fraser. Many thanks to their proposers. Please make them welcome.

A free digital newspaper has been established which is known as Eastsider News. It aims to tell the interesting and important stories of our neighbourhoods, to keep residents informed about the events, activities and important issues happening in our area.

Eastsider News reports to communities in the eastern part of Melbourne including the Cities of Boroondara and Whitehorse and adjoining areas from Kew to Croydon

If you are interested in having a look at the latest edition, click on the link below and then click on the download on the right side of the page. A free subscription for future issues is also available.

https://www.eastsidernews.org.au/

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Golf Group – Gary Jackson

In October we move to Burnley Golf course, 102 Madden Grove, Burnley off times for October – Tuesday 4th 9.55 am and Monday's 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st 9.55 am August and September 2022 Golf results

Date	Weekly Winner	Longest Drive	Nearest the Pin	Best off the stick
29/8	Gary Jackson	Ross King	-	Gary Jackson
6/9	Tom Fenemor	Trevor Mackey	John Phillips	Tom Fenemor
12/9	Brenda Mackey	Ross King	C Mavrodoglos	John Phillips
19/9	John Phillips	John Phillips	-	John Phillips

Trea\$urer'\$ Report for September-October: David Brown

If you think nobody cares whether you're alive or not, try missing a couple of payments.

Our finances remain in good shape with a balance of \$12,633.76 at the time of writing. Our capitation fees to Probus South Pacific are up to date and the only major expense until the end of the year is the monthly hiring fee to the bowling club for the use of its facilities.

With all our existing members now financial, the only additional income we can expect before the year's end is membership fees from new members; so it was pleasing to have five new members inducted at the last meeting. May there be more!

Yours financially, David Brown e-mail: djbrown_66@bigpond.com

About three months ago I bought a book on the internet entitled "How To Scam People Online". It still hasn't arrived.



MEMBERSHIP: Noelle Brennan Assistant Maureen McIntosh

Attendance for September Meeting.

Attendance: 78 Apologies - 21 No Response - 35-Total Membership 134

Birthdays for October.

Tom Bellville, Maureen McIntosh, Diana Phillips, John Joyce, Peter Matthews, Graeme Couch, Ian Bourke, Graeme McRae, Patricia Davies

New Member. Helen McGee, Eileen Toohill, Janie Pirret, Venita Mitchell, Carole Fraser.

Visitors:

John Suriano – John Hudson. Laurice Stainsbury - Lindsay Bythebury, Judy Halpin – Carole Williams, Peter Duncan – David Brown, Don Pellergino – Carleen Meehan, Helen Williamson.

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 and Chew will be held on the fourth Wednesdays of September (28/9) and October (26/10) at Camberwell library at 10.00 a.m.

Since our last meeting there has been a change of considerable impact on the U.K. and Australia. The accession King Charles may affect our day to day lives only with regard to coins and postage stamps, but it provides a fertile opportunity for debate beyond public holidays, despite looking forward to King's birthdays and coronation time off. We have learned things we did not wholly appreciate about the structure of our parliaments and institutions which have always been in the background without trouble (save for 1975) and probably will recede again from public attention.

If you are not sure if you are interested, contact Ian Phillips 0428 858 272 or irp@alphalink.com.au or just come along and find out.



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

10th October - Ivanhoe Streets - Leader Chris Tyrrell - Meet at the car park of Ivanhoe Town Hall/Library, 275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe. (Melways 31 G6) at

9.50am. There is plenty of 2hr & 3hr parking. Coffee at the Library's Whispers Café.

24th October - Studley Park Boathouse walk – Leader Barbara Edwards – Meet at boathouse car park (Mel 44 H4) at 9.50am. We will walk to the falls, with 2 inclines, one on way and another on way back.

Coffee at boathouse café.

Jenene Marshall 0413 481 873



CANASTA GROUP: Thelma Bourke 0417 053 549

Canasta will be held on October 4 in the Applewood 1st floor lounge at 7:30 PM. Please text me if you will be dining in the restaurant beforehand at 6:00 PM Thelma Bourke





MAH-JONG: Barbara Richards . 0408 179 885

Our October mah-jong day will be held at Barnsbury on Thursday 27th October.

Please advise Barb if unable to attend.

Dine Out: John and Susan Hutchins 0434 133 032

Our next Dine Out dinner is at Afghan Village Restaurant, 923 Burke Road, Camberwell which is just North of the railway line. Daylight Savings starts on 2nd October so we have made the time for arrival at 6:30 pm.

Don't forget to make your payments by EFT to the Treasurer as soon as possible. If you are going to pay cash at the October meeting, please make sure that you have the correct money - \$46.00 per person.

Please note again the phone number for both John & Susan is 0434 133 032 and our email address is hutchins53@tpg.com.au. The old "alphalink" address is no longer useable.



SEW AND SEW: Barbara Arbon

After enjoyable meeting at Ann Rusden's our next meeting will be at Barnsbury hosted by Barbara Richards on October 21. Interested members welcome to attend.

barbara.arbon@icloud.com



STITCH' N KNIT: Betty Collins

A pleasant morning was held at Glen Keane's home for our September meeting when knitting and crochet were the main activities. Betty Collins will host the next meeting on Friday 14th October at @10am. Please confirm your intention re attendance by email or phone message.

Betty Collins



ARM CHAIR TRAVEL:

Well we are really back into it now. This month, on Wednesday 26 October, we are travelling to Africa, in particular Tanzania. Rob Everett will be presenting and some of you will already have enjoyed his earlier presentation. We are still meeting at Manningtree (parking available in the forecourt), 20-26 Manningtree Road, Hawthorn at 7.30pm. If you need any further information please contact me on 0429 373 607. We are always happy to have new folks join us. Shirley Fenemor



SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOK GROUP: Karen Pond

This month we read A Town Called Solace, by Mary Lawson
This charming book, about a city newcomer to a rural town in Northern Canada, was
very descriptive with delightful characterisation. The only 'but' was the predictable
'happy ever after' ending. Not that I'm against happiness! We rated it 8/10.

Karen

CYCLING: Gary Jackson



October Rides

Thursday October 6th Meet at 10 am at the car park Elsternwick oval off St. Kilda St (Melway ref 67 D3) The route is along the Elwood Canal to the Bay trail then along the Bay trail to Port Melbourne with coffee at Gasworks and return. Route is flat with sealed paths about 20km. Leader Peter Matthews 0401 621 400.

Thursday October 20th Meet at 10 am at the car park at George Knott Reserve/Collingwood Little Aths Centre in Heidelberg Rd, Clifton Hill (Melways 30 F-12). From here we will by-pass Rushall Station and ride north along the Merri Creek, first on the east bank and then crossing shortly after at St Georges Rd to the west bank and then through the Ceres Environmental Park overlooking Merri Creek. Northwards past Coburg Lakes with several criss-crossing of the Merri, leaving the Creek at Broadhurst Av, then going around Edwardes Lake Park and making our way to the Sycamore Café in Gilbert Rd, Reservoir. Later we catch the train at Reservoir (don't forget your Myki) and alight at Rushall and return to our cars. Cycling distance around 20 km, paved paths with some undulations; and some street riding from the Merri to Reservoir. Leader David Brown 0407 844 421

September Rides

Thursday September 1st. 7 riders cycled from Hawthorn on the Main Yarra Trail. Crossing over the Yarra on the Morell Street Bridge onto the Capital City Trail to Southbank. Continued along South Wharf Promenade to River Esplanade observing the extensive building development and wonderful sculptures along the Yarra River. Stopping for coffee at Anchor Eatery by the Yarra. Thanks Trevor.





Thursday September 15th. 9 riders cycled from Newport Power Station on the Bay Trail, through Williamstown with its historic Buildings to Point Gellibrand. Continuing on the Bay Trail passing the Williamstown Cricket Ground, beach and the old Rifle Range Reserve wetlands to Altona beachfront for coffee. Returning to Williamstown the group enjoyed a lunch of Fish and Chips on the waterfront.

Thanks Helen and Mike



OUTINGS: John McIntosh

SAVE THE DATE NOVEMBER 23RD (WEDNESDAY)

I am arranging a trip to The Macedon Ranges We will depart the Bowls Club at 9.30am to

visit ROMSWOOD FARM to view the PEONIES which will be at their colourful best at this time of year We will be given a guided tour through the park surrounds and then

served a delicious Devonshire Tea We will have time to wander through the gardens at leisure. Flowers will be available to purchase.

We will then travel to Lancefield to lunch in the surrounds of Cleveland Winery. We will return to the Bowls Club at approximately 4 pm.

The cost of the outing will be \$50

Place your name on the list at our next meeting. Payments to be made to the Club Account.

John McIntosh Convenor.

NORM FARY'S SUMMARY OF SEPTEMBER GUEST SPEAKER. Peter Hudson

Thanks to member John Hudson, we had the pleasure of listening to the legendary footballer Peter Hudson answer a series of questions submitted by our members. Many members can remember the days when, as full forward for Hawthorn, Peter became a football icon because of his ability to kick goals. Now 76, Peter presents still as tall and athletic and enthusiastic about AFL football.

He is still regarded as one of the best, if not the best, full forward in the history of the game with a game average of 5.64 goals. Overall, his football career amounted to 314 games and 1875 goals.

Peter grew up in New Norfolk in Tasmania and played for New Norfolk and Glenorchy in 1975 and 1976 in the Tasmanian League before coming to Melbourne to play for Hawthorn.

His football skills are best summed up in the citation read when he was inducted into the Australian Football Hall of Fame in 1996. "A freakish full-forward who just kept accumulating goals. Made brilliant use of the body, was deadly accurate and had an amazing ability to read the play. Holds the best goals per game average (5.59) in VFL/AFL history and in 1971 matched Bob Pratt's record for the most goals in a season with 150"

Peter was a delightful guest speaker. He came across to us as a modest famous footballer, enthusiastic about the game, and keen to praise those he had played with and against. His visit made a great start for the AFL finals season for all our members.

Norm Fary

TUESDAY EVENING BOOK GROUP: Tuesday Evening Book Group

At our last meeting we reviewed "Everything I never told you" by Celeste Ng.

The novel was about an Asian family and the difficulties they encountered in being accepted in a mid-west town in Ohio in the 1950's. It is a tale of parental frustrated ambition taken out through their children. We rated the book at 6.5 out of ten.

At the next meeting we will review "Live a Little" by Howard Jacobson. It is described as a "wickedly observed novel about falling in love at the end of your life".

We have a vacancy for another member. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at Athelstan at 6.30pm for dinner and discussion.

Please contact John Curry on 0417 581 126 email hotcurry2@bigpond.com if you would like to join us.