



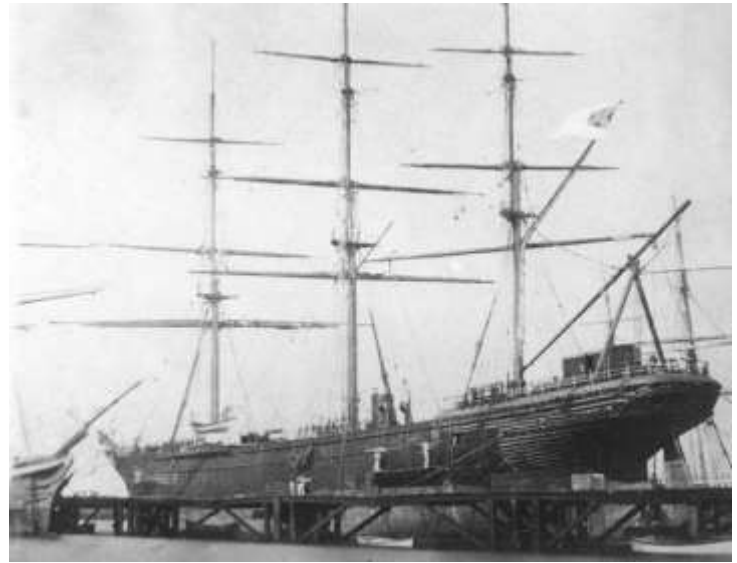
**NEWSLETTER #211 Feb-Mar. 2023**



Our Guest Speaker for February 6th.10AM meeting is

Chris Hookey The title of the talk will be: "When the American Civil War came to Melbourne - the visit of the CSS Shenandoah."

The American Civil War was fought from 1861 to 1865 between the Union (the North) and the Confederacy (the South). Not that many are aware that in 1865 the Confederate States Ship Shenandoah visited Melbourne, staying for 25 days from 25 January to 18 February.



The ship arrived to undertake repairs and resupply.

During its time here ,the officers and crew were welcomed, crowds flocked to visit the ship, and the officers were invited to The Melbourne Club and to a ball in Ballarat.

**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

<b>President</b>	<b>Carole Williams</b>
<b>Vice-President</b>	<b>Peter Matthews</b>
<b>Past President</b>	<b>Trevor Mackey</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Jeny Matthews</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>David Brown</b>
<b>Outings</b>	
<b>Speakers</b>	<b>Peter Gurry &amp; Norm Fary</b>
<b>Welfare:</b>	<b>Glen Keane</b>
<b>Web Master</b>	<b>Michael Pavey</b>
<b>Newsletter</b>	<b>Bern Connell</b>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>Noelle Brennan</b>

### ACTIVITY CONVENORS

<b>Armchair Travel</b>	<b>Shirley Fenemor</b>
<b>Brew and Chew</b>	<b>Ian Phillips</b>
<b>Canasta</b>	<b>Thelma Bourke</b>
<b>Cycling</b>	<b>Gary Jackson</b>
<b>Dine Out</b>	<b>John Hutchins</b>
<b>Football Tipping</b>	<b>Michael Pavey</b>
<b>Golf</b>	<b>Gary Jackson</b>
<b>Mahjong</b>	<b>Barbara Richards</b>
<b>Sew and Sews</b>	<b>Barbara Arbon</b>
<b>Stitch 'n Knit</b>	<b>Betty Collins</b>
<b>Outings</b>	
<b>Tuesday Evening Book</b>	<b>John Curry</b>
<b>Walking</b>	<b>Jenene Marshall</b>
<b>Wed Afternoon Book</b>	<b>Karen Pond</b>



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As the club enters a new year all committee positions have been filled except for a co-ordinator for outings. If you could take on this important role, please give it you earnest consideration as the outings activity is one of the major features of our club.

This is my last newsletter report as President of our Probus Club. I have thoroughly enjoyed my year in this role and believe that the Club is in a very good position both financially and in membership numbers, as I hand over to President elect, Carole Williams. My annual report and financial statements will be sent to members prior to the Annual Meeting which is to be held on Monday 6th March. I urge all members to attend. Thank you to everyone for your support and words of encouragement.

Trevor Mackey 0408 285 382 [tm.bm@bigpond.com](mailto:tm.bm@bigpond.com)

Cheers Trevor



## Tre\$urer'\$ Report

Firstly, some words for lexophiles  
Why is 'abbreviated' such a long word?  
Why do doctors call what they do 'practice'?  
Why do you need to click on 'start' to stop Windows?  
A 'will' is a dead giveaway.

As stated last month please **do not** pay your annual subscription **before** the forthcoming AGM as you do not know yet how much you owe. Once the annual fee has been set then on behalf of the Club I will be happy to receive your money. A reminder that the Club's bank account is: BSB 083277 Account # 569521388

I have to continue to stress the importance of give your name and the relevant Club activity when you use EFT for any payment to the Club. During the last month the club received \$40 (presumably for the recent excursion) but there was no indication of who had deposited the money, nor was there any e-mail advising of the payment! This makes life unnecessarily difficult.

*What's an extroverted accountant?  
One who looks at your shoes while he's talking to you instead of his own.*

Yours financially, David Brown e-mail: [djbrown\\_66@bigpond.com](mailto:djbrown_66@bigpond.com)

**David Brown**



**Membership: Noelle Brennan**

**Assistant: Maureen McIntosh**

Attendance for February Meeting.

Attendance: 89 Apologies: 30 No Response: 16 Total Membership 135

Visitors: Gillian Yung – Carole Williams – Jeff & Anne Monks, Probus Website.

Resignations: Nil

Deaths: Nil

Birthdays for March

Christine Barnes, Betty Collins, Keith Creed, Ina Creed, Barbara Edwards, Ann Rusden, Judith Tymms, Helen Rennie, Ann Alexander, Susan Hutchins, Ian Macfarlane Eileen Toohill.

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



### **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.

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



13<sup>th</sup> March - NO WALK - LABOUR DAY. 27<sup>th</sup> March – Leader Jenene Marshall 0413 481 873 – Banyule Flats Reserve (Warringal Park). Meet in car park, right turn off Beverley Road for a 10am start (Mel 32 C4).

There is an oval, children's play area (Possum Hollow). Coffee at take away coffee shop (if open) or the Greenery Garden Centre.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO PLAN AND LEAD A WALK FOR ANY TIME THIS YEAR. - JENENE MARSHALL 0413 481 873



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

Looking forward to Thelma Bourke. 0417 053 549



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### **OUTINGS :**

## **Looking for a Convenor**



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### **TUESDAY EVENING BOOK GROUP : Tuesday evening book group**

At our February meeting all members told the Group of the various books received for Christmas or had been read over the Christmas break. A range of diverse reading was disclosed and many books were earmarked by other members for future reading.

At the next meeting we will review "A room made of leaves" by Kate Grenville. This is historical fiction concerning the life of Elizabeth Macarthur, wife of John Macarthur, a wool baron in the early days of Sydney.

John Curry hotcurry2@bigpond.com 0417 b581 126



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

Mahjong in March will take place on Thursday 30th March at Barnsbury and we will look forward to some great games. Please advise Barb if you are unable to attend. Hope to see you then.

Barb Richards

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### **Dine Out : John and Susan Hutchins 0434 133 032**

We have arranged the next Dine-Out Dinner and this is what you need to know: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 6:00pm is the date and time Blue River Thai Restaurant, 239 Canterbury Road, Canterbury is the place A delicious Thai banquet is the fare \$42.00 is the cost You may BYO wine or purchase from their comprehensive bar You may remember that we had a dinner at Blue River a few years ago which was much enjoyed by all who attended. There is plenty of near-by parking and there are no steps to worry about. Make sure you reserve your place by forwarding payment to our treasurer, David Brown, [djbrown\\_66@bigpond.com](mailto:djbrown_66@bigpond.com) at BSB083277, Account 569521388 and include your name and "Dine Out" as reference and also send a copy to us at [hutchins53@tpg.com.au](mailto:hutchins53@tpg.com.au)

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



Friday 17 we had our first get together for the year at Barnsbury. We would welcome new members. Next meeting at Judy Lear 9882 8539. I wish to welcome our new Convenor Sharyn Day

[barbara.arbon@icloud.com](mailto:barbara.arbon@icloud.com)

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



Our group will meet at 10am on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March at Manningtree when Ina Creed will be our hostess. Please advise Ina by email or phone re your attendance.

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### **ARM CHAIR TRAVEL : Shirley Fenamor**



Please be ready to board for your flight to Southern India. Graeme McRae will be taking us from Chennai (used to be Madras) – the original East India Company trading – to Cochin – the original centre for Portuguese trading operations.

Flight details are: Wednesday 22 March 2023 at 7.30pm (Manningtree Apts, 20-26 Manningtree Road, Hawthorn) – parking available in the forecourt.

Will be good to get together again. Please contact me if you need any further information – 0429 373 607. Shirley Fenemor

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### **SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOK GROUP :**



We are back in action, having met this past Wednesday for the first time in 2023! Our book this month is The Living Sea of Waking Dreams by Richard Flanagan. It looks intriguing. We currently have room for two or three new members. If you are interested and would like to know more please contact me. Karen Pond 0418383413

**Karen Pond**

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### **Peter Gurry's**

#### **SUMMARY OF GUEST SPEAKER.**

Guest Speaker Report.

Our Guest Speaker in February was Victor Pertou. There was certainly no sign of "We'll all be rooned said Hanrahan!" Victor gave us the message of optimism, positive thinking and confidence. With very little reference to notes Victor asked us to outline any examples of positive leadership we had encountered in our lives. Our members responded with examples from their personal lives, and history, of people being positive and overcoming huge obstacles in their lives including such figures as Scott of the Antarctic. Our Guest Speaker, Victor, led us in a hearty and very loud rendition of "You are my sunshine" to round off his presentation urging us to be confident and positive. Thank you Victor.

Peter Gurry



**Cycling : Gary Jackson 0418 578 863**  
**March Rides**

**Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup>** Meet 10am Yarra Bend Road carpark. Melway (P30 H12). Take the Merri Creek Trail to Coburg Old Pentridge Jail and return. Made concrete path all the way beside the Merri Creek with some small hills. Downhill all the way back. approx 19K.  
Leader Christine Mavrodoglos. 0428 858 522

**Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup>** Met at 10am at our favourite Yarra Boulevard car park (Melways 2M J1). We ride to the Morell pedestrian Bridge and then along Alexandra Av, Linlithgow Av to Anzac Av and the new Anzac transport interchange. Then clockwise around Albert Park Lake to its south east corner and then along Autie Drive and peeling off to cross Canterbury Rd at Middle Park for a coffee stop. Later we continue clockwise around the 'Lake' along Albert Road, across Kings Way and alongside the Gardens in Anderson St back to the Morell bridge, and the Yarra to our cars. Mostly bike paths with a few streets in Albert Park. Flat except for Anderson St. Approx 22 km. Leader David Brown 0407 844 421

### **February Rides**

**Thursday February 2<sup>nd</sup>** 8 rider's cycle from Yarra Boulevard along the Main Yarra Trail crossing over the Yarra River on the MacRobertson Bridge continuing on the Main Yarra Trail. Proceeding through Southbank on the Yarra Promenade to Clarendon Street. Then along Normanby Road to connect with the light rail path to Port Melbourne for coffee at the Gas Works in Albert Park and return. Thanks Trevor.





**February 16<sup>th</sup>** 8 riders and family members met at Thelma and Ian Bourke's well-appointed camp site at Capel Sound Foreshore. 3 riders cycled along the Capel Sound foreshore passing through Rosebud and McCrae camping grounds to meet our family members for refreshments at McCrae's Blue Bay café. Returning to Thelma and Ian's camp site for a delightful picnic lunch provided by our hosts. After lunch one of our riders went for a paddle on the Bay on Ian's Kayak. Great days outing, well done Thelma

### Golf Group – Gary Jackson



Golf in March 2023 will move to Wattle Park Golf Course, 1012 Riversdale Rd, Burwood. Tee off time for Tuesday's March 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at 9.20 am, and Mondays at 10.10 am on 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

Golf results for February games

Date	Weekly Winner	Longest Drive	Nearest the Pin	Best off the stick
7/2	Brenda Mackey	Brenda Mackey	-	Tom Fenemor Trevor Mackey
13/2	Brenda Mackey	Ross King	Tom Fenemor	Brenda Mackey
20/2	Gary Jackson	Peter Matthews	Ross King	Gary Jackson

### MOVIE GROUP - AUBURN PROBUS TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH. Convenor: Norma Griffiths - 0438 584 198 [normaandgeoff@outlook.com](mailto:normaandgeoff@outlook.com)



Our first movie for the year was attended by 9 people who all had lunch together following a dramatic story of a family broken and in pain ,covering a number of social issues. It was engrossing and so well acted .Highly recommended!

Our next outing will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in March :

i.e. TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH with lunch to follow if booked with NORMA BY Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March .Put it in your diary for a date .

You will receive an Email about 10 days before the date , naming the movie and the meeting time at Palace Balwyn.You can book your own ticket if you wish or just come and pay on the day .

Please BOOK LUNCH by Sunday19th /Monday 20<sup>th</sup> with Norma to have lunch at East and Co after the movie. You do not need to book a ticket with me just book lunch . I am trying to keep things simple.

Hope to see you there , Norma Norma Griffiths 98163949

**Footy Tipping 2023**

**Mike Pavey**

**0418 990 815**

[\*\*m.pavey1@optusnet.com.au\*\*](mailto:m.pavey1@optusnet.com.au)



The AFL Home & Away Season starts Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

The tipping competition will again be run for members, family and friends for a bit of fun over the next 6 months. No expertise required.

The cost will increase this season to \$30.00 for each player, this will enable the weekly prize and the total winners pool to increase

Members who took part last year will be able to use logins and passwords they used last year.

New contestant's will need to set up online but it only takes 4 Easy Steps

The competition uses the ESPN Footy Tipping App

To Set Yourself Up

- Step 1** Go to <http://www.footytips.com.au> and Join
- Step 2** Join the Competition – **Auburn Probus Tippers** (Important)
- Step 3** Pay \$30 into Club Probus Bank Account
- Step 4** Start Tipping

If more information or assistance is required contact Mike Pavey  
On hands assistance to Join will be available.

**Mike Pavey**

**Club Historical Records**

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**HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPHS AVAILABLE**



**As Part of the Archiving of our Historical Records  
I Have Photo Albums of Club Activities from our Early Days  
The Albums Will Be Available Again To View At This Meeting  
Members Are Encouraged To Take Away Any Photos They May Like To Keep  
After This Meeting Any Remaining Photos Will be Disposed Of**