



## NEWSLETTER #216 July-August 2023



Inspector Craig Pearson, our guest speaker on Monday, 7 th. August, 2023. His topic will be "Policing in Boroondara." He will speak on current community policing issues in Boroondara.

Inspector Craig Pearson is the Boroondara Local Area Commander, a role he commenced in June 2020. Craig has responsibility for the delivery of policing services across the municipality of Boroondara. Prior to arriving in Boroondara he was the Local Area Commander of Manningham.

Craig has a career spanning over 34 years working in uniform and as a Detective at Broadmeadows, Fawkner, Coburg, Flemington, Richmond, Melbourne, and Geelong. He also has experience in corporate portfolios managing organisational change and people wellbeing projects. Craig spent 4 ½ years at Professional Standards Command in a Risk and Strategy role, leading projects in ethical health and complaint handling reform, following the release of the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission review of Victoria Police's sexual harassment and predatory behaviour.

Craig has a Graduate Diploma in Leadership and Management, and a Graduate Diploma in Executive Leadership. Craig is a previous board member of Victoria Police Legacy. The health, well-being and development of the Boroondara Police's diverse workforce is Craig's priority to serve the community of Boroondara.

He looks forward to developing community partnerships and exploring opportunities for new and innovative projects to enhance community safety and confidence in Boroondara.

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### 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
Movie Group	3rd Tuesday
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 Peter Matthews . The diary lists all Club activities for the whole year. All Organisers and Convenors must contact Peter to let him know the proposed date of activities planned for verification thus ensuring that there are no clashes of activities.



**CONVENORS** "All Organizers and Convenors must contact **Peter** to let **him** know the proposed dates of activities planned for verification thus ensuring there are no clashes of activities".

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	
President	Carole Williams
Vice-President	Peter Matthews
Past President	Trevor Mackey
Secretary	Jeny Matthews
Trea\$urer	David Brown
Outings	Jan Lester
Speakers	Peter Gurry & Norm Fary
Welfare:	Glen Keane
Web Master	Michael Pavey
Newsletter	Bern Connell
Membership	Noelle Brennan

ACTIVITY CONVENORS	
Armchair Travel	Shirley Fenemor
Brew and Chew	Ian Phillips
Canasta	Thelma Bourke
Cycling	Gary Jackson
Dine Out	John Hutchins
Football Tipping	Michael Pavey
Golf	Gary Jackson
Mahjong	Barbara Richards
Movie Goers	Barbara Richards
Sew and Sews	Sharyn Day
Stitch 'n Knit	Betty Collins
Outings	Jan Lester
Tuesday Evening Book	John Curry
Walking	Jenene Marshall
Wed Afternoon Book	Karen Pond



## President's notes

Dear Fellow Probians

My, how things change.

At a recent meeting, sugar was put out with the coffee and tea: it was interesting that of the eight people - men and women - no one took any sugar. Mind you, the ginger nut biscuits and small cakes disappeared quite fast.

When was it that AI meant something else?

Are you aware that you are already using AI when you ask Siri to do something, use Google Translate or use a robovacuum cleaner?

Now AI frightens the sox off us. Spelled deliberately that way to show you how many letters you save with the shorter spelling, and how Americanised our language has become.

But - I heard the term "sportspersonship" the other day. Spare me!

EVs are the "in" thing yet how many of us have one?

Libraries are culling books from the shelves, including those adored by children written by Enid Blyton and Roald Dahl.\*

And yet, with continuity through Probus we enjoy many activities: we share our love of books in two book groups and book swap; we cycle kilometres, play golf, cards & Mahjong, knit and sew, travel (vicariously) go on walks, and battle with footy tipping.

I was top for one week- no bribery involved.

We also shared a lovely long lunch together in a most pleasant environment. Don't forget that we also go for a local cafe lunch after each Monday meeting.

A dozen or so of us enjoyed coffee and the French film 'Other People's Children', at the Palace Balwyn, with some going on for lunch over the road afterwards. All together a happy, busy month and I may not have included all the different activities.

We have two short coach trips coming up. As have said several times, these trips are the best way to meet other members, and we thoroughly enjoy them.

Later this year we are going on a fantastic longer trip to Merimbula and surrounds.

Recently I asked you to try something outside your comfort zone. At the next meeting on August 7th I hope that at least FIVE of you will take the microphone and in a minute or two tell us what you have done.

Also at the meeting we will have the pleasure of inducting Gillian Yung and Peter Gibbs into the Club. Please make them welcome. In addition, remember to move round at morning tea and speak to someone you have not met before.

Talking about morning tea: there will be some changes as the North Balwyn Bowls Club no longer has the volunteers to assist in the kitchen, so we will have to provide 2-3 members to assist one NBBC member in the kitchen. In order to ensure that our members are able to enjoy the Speaker at each meeting, I would ask that we finish with our mugs and return them to the bench where they were served by 10.45am. You may keep chatting however as the meeting will recommence at 11am. So at this stage we need volunteers for the August meeting, so please advise VP Peter Matthews by email of your availability. We will then set up a rota (men & women welcome) for future meetings. Thanks.

Don't forget to bring your books for the swap table at the front of the room.

Stay safe and warm.

Carole

\*Have I told you that my RAF father taught Roald Dahl to fly?



## Treasurer's Report

Firstly some belly laughs to get you in the mood for the boring financial information.

Below are some of the questions used in a recent GED examinations in the USA, together with actual answers from some of the 16 year olds sitting the exam.

Q...What guarantees may a mortgage company insist on

A...*If you are buying a house they will insist that you are well endowed*

Q...What happens to your body as you age

A...*When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental*

Q...Name the four seasons

A...*Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar*

On financial matters our balance at the time of writing (25<sup>th</sup> July) was \$10,847.80 with income of \$930 over the past month and expenditure of \$2787.00 Major expenditure has been the hire of facilities, now \$500 per meeting; and payment for the recent Dine Out \$1620.

And finally see if you can see through this one ...*I went to buy some camouflage trousers yesterday, ... I couldn't find any.* Yours financially, David Brown e-mail: [djbrown\\_66@bigpond.com](mailto:djbrown_66@bigpond.com)



**Membership: Noelle Brennan**

**Assistant: Maureen McIntosh**

Attendance for July Meeting.

Attendance: 70 Apologies: 29 No Response: 30 Total Membership 129

New Member: Nil

Visitors: Peter Gibbs, Jenni Williams, Gillian Yung,

Resignations: Nil

Deaths. Margaret Murphy, Anne Kelly, Judith Brown.

Birthdays for August

Janet Howard Smith, Judy Lear, John Anderson, Lynne Anderson,

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



## Christmas Lunch

A booking has been made for Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at Kew Golf Club for our Christmas lunch. Would members please place this date in their diary.

Peter Matthews



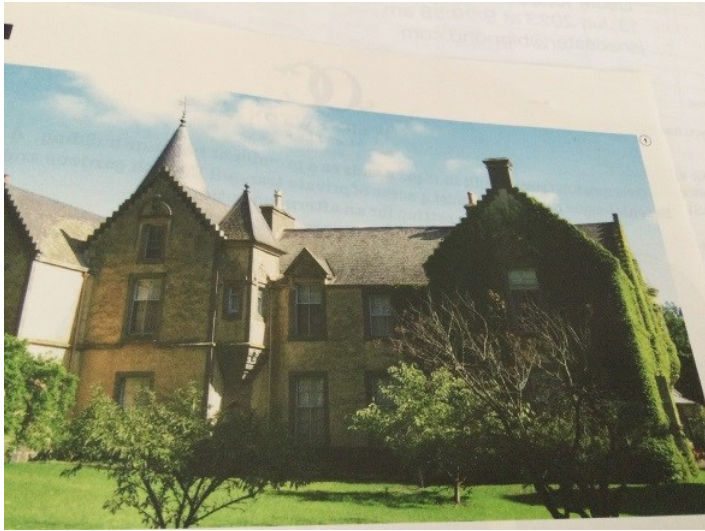


## Outings Jan Lester

**PIANNED OUTINGS** Friday 22nd September a coach trip to Blampied (near Daylesford) with a guided tour of Overwrought Garden Art and gardens with a 2 course lunch at the nearby Swiss Mountain Hotel in Blampied. Cost for the coach, tour, morning tea and lunch is \$75.00p.p. This coach will depart at 8.30am, returning at 4.30pm. This tour has a MINIMUM of 35 and there are still 6 VACANCIES to be filled.

A Day trip to OVERNEWTON CASTLE in Keilor is happening on Wednesday 16th August.

The coach will depart North Balwyn Bowls Club at 10.00am for a conducted tour and light lunch at this Scottish Baronial style Castle built in 1849. It is set in 4 acre s of tranquil English gardens. Departure from Overnewton Castle is 2.00pm and we expect to be back at NBBC approximately 3.00pm.



The cost, including coach, guided tour and lunch is \$55.00p.p. which can be paid directly into the Probus bank account or in cash/cheque no later than the next meeting on 7th August.

A MINIMUM number of 30 is required for this Outing, and there are still 5 VACANCIES.

If you have any queries, please see me at the Outings desk at our next meeting.

MERIMBULA and the SOUTHERN COAST is the destination for a 5 day extended coach trip from 23rd October to 27th October 2023.

There are a few places still available. If you would like some information and an Itinerary, please come and talk to me at the August meeting.



**PLEASE NOTE:** YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING A FRIEND ON EITHER OR BOTH OF THE ABOVE OUTINGS. (Perhaps your friend may be thinking of joining our Probus Club and this would give them a small insight into one of our interest groups.)

Payment is same as usual.....directly into Probus bank account or by cash/cheque at August or September monthly meetings.

## BAREFOOT BOWLS and BBQ

A Barefoot bowls and BBQ will be held on Wednesday 29th November 2023.

Come along for a fun night. Bowls tuition will be supplied by some of our expert Members before sharing a BBQ and Salad plus sweets for dinner. The cost is \$35.00p.p which covers use of bowls, bowling tuition and meal. FLAT soled shoes (or bare feet) MUST be worn and drinks are at bar prices.

A small group of members joined our outing on 22nd June for a tour of the Australian Sports Museum in the morning and then after lunch we were given a private tour of the MCG including the Long Room and the Library. An enjoyable day was had by all who attended.



### Dine Out

Our last Dine-Out function was the Lunch held at Athelstan on 27<sup>th</sup> June. Thirty-six members attended and reports back to us indicated that people enjoyed the outing.

We have begun planning for our next Dinner in September and we will tell you more of this as arrangements become settled.

Regards,

John Hutchins

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**SEW'N'SEWS : BARBARA RICHARDS : 0408 179 885**



Barbara Arbon will be hosting the next sewing day on Friday 18th August, at her home at Barnsbury in Barnsbury Road, Deepdene. Please advise Barbara if you are unable to attend, prior to the date.



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### STITCH 'n KNIT : Betty Collins 0419999638

Unfortunately several members of our group are experiencing health issues at present and our August meeting has been cancelled. We hope the situation will be better in September and wish all concerned improved health.

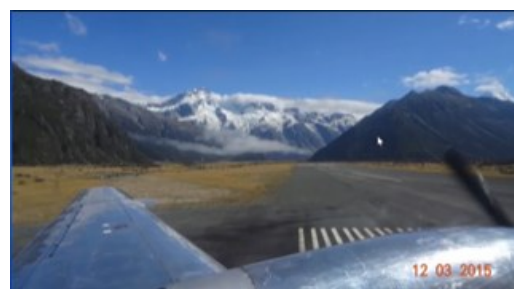
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### Armchair Travel Shirley Fenemor



Hi Travellers This month we are off to New Zealand with Bill Peach thanks to Ann Rusden. We will assemble at Manningtree at 7.30pm on Wednesday 23 August where we will board a flight to "The Land of the Long White Cloud". Look forward to seeing you then.

Do not be confused with the session on Wednesday 26 July when we travelled to Scandinavia with Tom Fenemor.



Of course any new folk who would like to join us please contact me on 0429 373 607.



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### Second Wednesday book club

This past month we read the novel Good Neighbours by Sarah Langan. This is a story about murder, and much more....violence and lies and fears in a suburban neighbourhood, and how childhood trauma shapes lives. A good read that intrigued us all.

**Karen Pond**



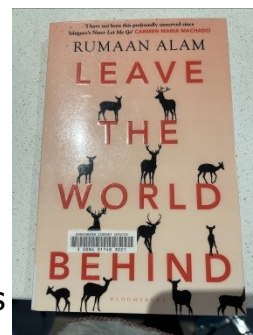
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### Tuesday Evening Book Group

At our July meeting we reviewed "Bel Canto" by Ann Patchett. The book was based on a real-life hostage situation that took place in Peru years ago.

Our members were divided on their liking for the book with views ranging from three out of ten to eight out of ten. The average was six out of ten. A rather fantastic story line interwoven with some interesting characters.

The next book to be reviewed will be "Leave the World Behind" by Rumaan Alam. It is described as an impossibly compelling literary thriller. We shall see!





## Bike Group

### August Rides

**Thursday August 3<sup>rd</sup>** Meet at 10am at the Koomba Park Car Park off Boronia Road, 500 metres west of Eastlink (Melway Ref 63 D5). We will ride south through the Dandenong Valley Parklands, past Morack Golf Course, Bunnings and the Waverley Public golf course, through Bushy Park and into Jells Park where coffee and refreshments will be welcomed at Madeline's Café. Return on either Dandenong Creek or Eastlink Trials, return distance about 20 kms. The ride will be on designated bike tracks with part concrete and/or gravel surfaces. Mostly reasonably flat grade 1 terrain. Leaders are

Mike & Helen Pavey 0418 990 815

**Thursday August 17<sup>th</sup>** Meet at 10am in Creswick Street (west end of Denham Street) 3 hours parking. The Melway reference is 44K9 or 2H J6. (There is also overflow 3 hours parking, in Yarra Bank Reserve). The route is to travel along the Main Yarra Trail, joining onto the Gardiners Creek trail, then following the Anniversary trail before picking up the Ferndale trail to Glen Iris Road for coffee at the Glen Iris Pantry. The route is undulating mainly on sealed bike paths. Approx. 25kms.

Leader Trevor 0408 285 382.

### June/July Rides

**Thursday June 15<sup>th</sup>** 4 riders commenced cycling from Finn's Reserve crossing over the Yarra near Odyssey House and followed the Main Yarra Trail through Westerfold Park and then turn onto the Diamond Creek Trail. Travelling through parklands and beside Diamond Creek to Eltham for coffee and return. Thanks Christine.

**Thursday July 6<sup>th</sup>** 5 riders started from Elsternwick oval cycling alongside the Elwood Canal to Port Phillip Bay. Following the Bay trail through bayside suburbs of St Kilda and Albert Park to Port Melbourne for coffee at the Gas Works Park and return. Thanks Peter Matthews

**Thursday July 20<sup>th</sup>** 6 riders commenced cycling from Sir Zelman Cowan Park near Kooyong Tennis Club joining the Gardiner Creek Trail passing by St Kevins Junior School to connect to the Yarra Trail into Southbank for coffee at the Food Court. Thanks Ian



the Yarra bank next to Heron Island. This was the starting location for the first outing of the Auburn Combined Probus Bike group coordinated by Therma Bourke in 2005.



## Golf Group

Golf in August 2023 will move to Ivanhoe Golf Course, Vasey St Ivanhoe

Tee off time will be 10am for Tuesday August 8th and Monday's 14th, 21st and 28th.

Golf results for June and July games

Date	Weekly Winner	Longest Drive	Nearest the Pin	Best off the stick
26/6	Peter Matthews	-	C Mavrodoglos	John Phillips
4/7	Trevor Mackey	-	C Mavrodoglos	John Phillips
10/7	Ian Bourke John Phillips	Einhart Lincke	-	John Phillips
17/7	Ian Bourke	Trevor Mackey	-	Ian Bourke
24/7	Ian Bourke	Trevor Mackey	Ian Bourke	Ian Bourke





### **Canasta: Thelma Bourke 0417 053 549**

Our canasta night this month as usual will be on the first Tuesday, August 1st at 7:30 PM in the Applewood 1st floor lounge.

Owing to changes in the ordering procedures of our restaurant, we will not be having dinner there beforehand.

Please advise me if you plan to attend. Thelma Bourke. 0417053549.

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### **The Movie Group**

Hello Movie Goers ,

12 Probus members attended the French film "Other People's Children " at Palace Balwyn. It was great to see so many faces. The story was multilayered , well scripted and beautifully filmed with 2 strong leads playing the main characters.

I have been requested to keep the group going so will try with a few changes, depending on the Club's diary .

Next movie date will be FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> (i.e 4<sup>th</sup> Friday in August). I would like to try and lock in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in the following months to see if that date works any better.

You will receive an Email re Movie .Date . Time .Venue and Lunch one week prior .You shall be requested to let me know if you intend to come and if you wish to stay for lunch.

NB . Palace Balwyn is bringing back Movie and Lunch deals on certain days but these require booking and full payment at the theatre. I will NOT be introducing this offer to our group as I don't wish to handle monies and the problems of cancellation ,illness etc. Yours in Probus,

Norma Griffiths

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### **Brew and Chew**

The Brew and Chew gathering is on 28 June at 10.00 at the Camberwell library.

Who knows where the conversation will take us – remarkable recoveries or unexpected calamities – but in any event is likely to be animated and lively and tolerant, even of the barmy army and Victorian senators.

If you are not sure if you are interested, contact Ian Phillips 0428 858 272 or [irp@alphalink.com.au](mailto:irp@alphalink.com.au) otherwise just come along.

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### **Due date for newsletter articles**

Wednesday, 23 August 2023  
Wednesday, 20 September 2023  
Wednesday, 25 October 2023  
Wednesday, 29 November 2023

### **Date of monthly meeting**

Monday, 7 August 2023  
Monday, 4 September 2023  
Monday, 2 October 2023  
Monday, 6 November 2023  
Monday, 11 December 2023

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### Footy Tipping 2023

**Mike Pavey**

**0418 990 815**

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

The run to the finals is in full swing with some places still in doubt.

The season is throwing up interesting and unexpected results making tipping difficult, however these members are shining week to week.

<b>Round 11</b>	<b>Lorraine Borley</b>
<b>Round 12</b>	<b>John Phillips</b>
<b>Round 13</b>	<b>Lorraine Borley</b>
<b>Round 14</b>	<b>Peter Gurry</b>
<b>Round 15</b>	<b>John Phillips</b>
<b>Round 16</b>	<b>John McIntosh</b>
<b>Round 17</b>	<b>Peter Gurry</b>
<b>Round 18</b>	<b>Bill Woodhouse</b>
<b>Round 19</b>	<b>Gary Jackson</b>

Winners will be paid in cash at the monthly meetings.

The full results with a copy of the current Ladder is available on the Club Web Site.

If more information or assistance is required contact Mike Pavey



### 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.



### MAHJONG : BARBARA RICHARDS 0408 179 885

Our next Mahjong day will be Thursday 31st August at Jan Lester's home in Riversdale Road, Surrey Hills. We will look forward to some good games that day and if unable to attend, please advise Jan prior to the date. Barb Richards

### Walking Group



Below are the walking group details for August 2023.

14<sup>th</sup> AUGUST - Wattle Park - Leaders Noelle & Julie – Meet at Wattle Park Golf Course car park (Melway 60 J3) for 10am start.

Coffee at clubhouse.

28<sup>th</sup> AUGUST - Eastern Freeway walk - Leader Jenene - Park and meet at the end of Old Burke Road (dead end). Melway 31 K12,

Also 45 K0 for 10am start. We will walk along the Koonung Creek Trail to the Freeway golf course overpass.

Then back along Columbia and Orion Streets. We will drive a short distance to have coffee at Ollie & Mila, 1146 Burke Road, North Balwyn. Parking behind shops (across from Coles).

On our wonderful walks around Camberwell, we had 9 walkers on 10<sup>th</sup> July and 11 walkers on 24<sup>th</sup> July. Lovely to have 4 other members join us,

Venita Mitchell, Caroline Fraser, Pat Davies and Peter Gibbs.

JENENE MARSHALL 0413 481 873

