



NEWSLETTER #218 Sept-Oct 2023

Guest Speaker October 2nd. at 10am sharp

Brian McFarlane will speak on **Real and Reel: a Lifetime Obsession with Film**



Brian spoke to the club in its early days. We are delighted that he has accepted our invitation to return to the club. Since his visit he has written widely on film and especially British cinema. His pioneering book on British Cinema has had several further editions.

It may be said that Brian McFarlane has had three sometimes overlapping careers. First was as a schoolteacher after graduating from the University of Melbourne: he taught in schools in Victoria and England, ending this career with fifteen years at Trinity Grammar School, Kew. Second, he became a full-time academic after several samplings as a part-time tutor while still at Trinity, and he spent his last ten years very happily at Monash University, where he taught literature, film and film-and-literature, with emphasis on British Cinema and literary adaptations on screen. Now, third, he has

become a writer, and writing incessantly is what he does- when, that is, he is not reading the books and watching the films he needs to read or watch in order to write about them. He is the author/editor of about thirty books and hundreds of articles and reviews.

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 Wednesday (Trial)
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	Norma Griffith
Sew and Sews	Barbara richards
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

Well, the year seems to be racing along and a taste of summer has come to Melbourne. Our Club has been active throughout the year with many different activities: sporting, eating, reading, games, crafts, outings, travel, thinking, etc. All these activities run by our wonderful members. How to find time to enjoy them all ...

(Remember when a year seemed to be an incredibly long time when we were 5 or 6?)

We are very much looking forward to the Christmas lunch which is our biggest social event of the year, and not to be missed.

VP Peter Matthews will be providing more details.

How do you like your football:

A slow warm up on the radio before the game, listening to all the pre-game commentary; watching every move on the tv; scrutinising the highlights on the news, then perhaps watching a replay later on. Reading all about the game the next day and discussing it with friends (!) and family. Phew.

Or perhaps a cursory glance at the news to check 'how did my footy tips go?' After one week of glory on top of the ladder, I sank to fourth but have to say that it was great fun and I highly recommend participating next season. Thanks Mike.

When I came to Oz I was asked at work (in about the first week) "which team do you support?" "Chelsea" I innocently replied. "NO - YOU CAN'T" was the chorus of replies. "You must have a local team." As everyone there supported one particular team and I happened to like the colours, I joined the chorus and have learned collectively how to be disappointed ever since - except once.

As the late Ron Barrassi said "If you're going to make a mistake, make it a ... big one".

Still, it is a great time to get together and enjoy picnics, pizzas*, BBQs, quizzes, competitions, balloons, and so on.

By the time that you read this there will be tears over the muesli and pride for some ad nauseum!

*I am reading a book on Italian piazzas and found that the earliest known reference to pizza was in Gaeta, Italy in 997 AD.

This month our Wednesday book group read a book that we were not very keen on, but one particular para caught our attention and resonated soundly in the group. So to paraphrase: parents, grandparents and others in charge of children in parks, and playgrounds hardly ever look up from their phones, yet they are mortally offended when the same kids as teenagers refuse to look up at them from their screens.

"They had learnt from the best."

Stay safe and perhaps make the effort to catch up with an old friend; it is so easy to lose touch as I discovered recently.

Carole Williams

Just remember - Spring cleaning never hurt anyone, but why take the chance!



Trea\$urer'\$ Report

The pessimist sees the glass as half empty. The optimist sees the glass as half full.
But the accountant sees the glass in balance

Again, not much to report financially. Our balance at the time of writing is \$13,797.20 This is a lot larger than last month because the account is currently holding around \$4000 for the upcoming Okra dinner and the excursion to Blampied. All invoiced accounts are paid, apart from the rent for September- still awaiting the invoice. Good news, all members new and old are financial.

And to close off this report

When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.

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



Membership: Noelle Brennan

Assistant: Maureen McIntosh

Attendance for September Meeting.

Attendance: 73 Apologies: 27 No Response: 21 Total Membership 126

New Member: Nil

Visitors: Jenni Williams, Sue Fitz, Ronda D'Paul

Resignations: Nil

Birthdays for October

Tom Belville, Maureen McIntosh, Diana Phillips, John Joyce, Peter Matthews, Graham Couch, Ian Bourke, Graeme McRae, Don Pellagrino Peter Gibbs

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



Please take note.

The Auburn Post Office has closed for good so we now have a new address for mail.

P.O. Box 326

1A Hamilton St

Mont Albert

3127



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

9th OCTOBER - Hawthorn - Leader Barb Richards - We will meet in Kinkora Road, Hawthorn, near L E Bray Park where there is two hour parking.

We'll walk along the trail passing Glenferrie Oval and on through Grace Park which should look lovely in its spring colours.

Coffee will be at Providence Kitchen near corner of Burwood Road, before heading back to our cars. (Melways 45 C8).

23rd OCTOBER - NO WALK - MERIMBULA TOUR

JENENE MARSHALL 0413 481 873



The Getaway Group

Colin and Barbara Richards : 0408 179 885

Thank you to those people who have already booked a cabin and paid a deposit. We currently have a good number of people on our list, and room for some more.

If you are interested in joining us all for 19th - 23rd February 2024, you need to book a cabin for those dates, and pay a one night, fully refundable, deposit (which can be refunded up to 72 hours prior to 19th February). Please mention Auburn Probus, and/or the name Richards to ensure the usual discount.

The cabins are being held for us, Auburn Probus, until 16th October only and after that date you may not be guaranteed a cabin if you try to make a late reservation.



Outings Jan Lester

Our extended tour to MERIMBULA is completely sold out. Thank you to the 40 members who have been so supportive and enthusiastic about this trip. Either me (Jan) or Southern Star Coaches will contact you regarding your pick up on the morning of 23rd October.

The BAREFOOT BOWLS & BBQ, beginning at 4pm, is being held on Wednesday 29th November at North Balwyn Bowls Club.

Cost \$30.00 per person which includes bowls, BBQ meat, salads and sweets. Drinks at bar prices. Names of interested members will be taken at our October and November meetings. Payment is same as usualcash at meetings or direct into our Probus bank account.

MAHJONG : BARBARA RICHARDS 0408 179 885

On 28th September we will be playing mahjong at Barnsbury, in Barnsbury Road, Deepdene, with Lorraine Borley hostessing.

Our October games will also be at Barnsbury on 26th October. Please advise the hostess if you are unable to attend.

Barbara Richards





Dine Out

Have fun with your friends at Okra Restaurant 26th September

Jon hutchins 0434133032



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

Our next sewing day will be held at Ann Rusden's home at Manningtree, 8/20 Manningtree Road, Hawthorn on Friday 20th October.

Please advise Ann if you are unable to attend.

Barbara Richards



STITCH 'n KNIT : Betty Collins 0419999638

The members of the Sew and Sews group have kindly invited the few remaining members of Stitch 'n Knit to join them in their monthly meetings in the future. The Knit 'n Stitch group was established by Mary Coburn some 15 years ago and the membership was in the high teens. Mary was an excellent leader and we participated in a wide variety of projects over the years. The few remaining members of the group are delighted and appreciate the invitation to join with the members of Sew and Sews to continue with their interest in crafts, mainly knitting and crocheting for charity nowadays.

Betty Collins



Armchair Travel Shirley Fenemor

Not a lot to announce this month..... Due to many of you travelling to Merimbula I decided to cancel Armchair Travel for October. Those who are travelling please be aware I will be awaiting offers of new presentations!!!!

Please do not be confused with our September presentation by Ian Phillips on "Sach" 27 September at 7.30pm at Manningtree. As usual contact me on 0429 373 607 if you need any further information.

Shirley



Second Wednesday book club Karen Pond

This month we read Life After Truth by Ceridwen Dovey. Readers had mixed reviews, split about 50/50 which made for an interesting discussion about the characters, who were Harvard graduates returning for a class reunion. Some enjoyed it a lot and others felt it was a somewhat tired re-working of stories about expectations met and unmet. Karen



Tuesday Evening Book Group

At our September meeting we reviewed "Redhead by the Side of the Road" by Anne Tyler.

The book is about a man who is obsessive in his daily habits. It covers the way he deals with a series of events that break his run-of-the mill life. A sad, but funny, book with a happy ending. We rated the book at 7 out of 10.

At our next meeting we will review "The Children Act" by Ian McEwan. A moral dilemma!!

John Curry

0417 581 126



Bike Group October Rides

Thursday October 5th Meet at 10am on the extension of Riversdale Road (Melway 61 C2). Cycle down to the Box Hill golf course clubhouse where we will cross over Station St to join Gardiners Creek trail to Malvern East. We connect to the Anniversary trail to High St for coffee at Miss Ash Café, 283 High St Ashburton at approximately 10.45am (non-riders are most welcome to join us for coffee) Mainly flat on sealed bike paths, a distance of 16 kms. Leader Shirley Fenemor 0429 373 607

Thursday October 19th Meet at 10am on the corner of Tennyson Avenue and Haughton Road Clayton South (Melway 79 E4). We will ride in the shadow of the "Sky Rail" to Grange Road Carnegie, coffee at Grangers Cafe and then return. A distance of approximately 22 kms mostly on a new flat concrete bike path, with short distances on roads or through car parks. Leader Mike Pavey 0418 990 815

September Ride

Thursday September 7th 6 riders commenced cycling from Markham Reserve Malvern East on the Gardiners creek trail to Warrigal Road underpass as we made our way through Chadstone streets to Scotchman's Creek trail. Passing by the Oakleigh Golf Club to Forster Rd riding south to Monash University where we had a leisurely ride around the huge campus stopping for coffee before returning.
Thanks David.



Golf Group

Golf in October 2023 will move to Wattle Park Golf Course, Riversdale Road, Burwood
Tee off times will be 9.30am for Tuesday October 3rd and 10am for Mondays 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th.

Golf results for August/September games

Date	Weekly Winner	Longest Drive	Nearest the Pin	Best off the stick
28/8	Trevor Mackey	Tom Fenemor	-	Trevor Mackey
5/9	Peter Matthews	Trevor Mackey	-	John Phillips
11/9	Peter Matthews	Trevor Mackey	Ross King	John Phillips Ross King
18/9	Peter Matthews Trevor Mackey	Trevor Mackey	Ian Bourke	Trevor Mackey



Canasta: Thelma Bourke
Canasta this month will be in Applewood 1st floor lounge on Tuesday October 3rd at 7:30 PM Any enquires ring:
Thelma Bourke 0417 053 549



The Movie Group

MOVIE GOERS

How disappointing it was to have to cancel our movie outing last Wednesday .The Palace took a late party booking (School holidays) and moved the film into a small cinema which was unsatisfactory for the 1.30 PM session .

Let's hope all will be OK for WEDNESDAY 18th OCTOBER.

Mark the date in your diary or calendar .You will receive an Email on Monday evening 9th with details of film ,venue time etc. .Check your Junk and Archive file for lost Emails .

If you would like to be included in the Movie Group , please send your E mail details to normaandgeoff@outlook.com.

Cheers,

Norma Griffiths



Brew and Chew

The Brew and Chew meets is on 27 September at 10.00 at the Camberwell library and again on October 25 (the fourth Wednesday). Gather there before-hand for a coffee if you wish.

By the October meeting, at least, there will answers known to some questions and passions may have cooled, although passions are rarely elevated at B+C, despite who supports what. And so far as I am aware, there are no competing distractions.

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



Boroondara Symphonic Band: Colin Richards mob 0406 599 990

Next Performances

Sunday 3rd December 2023, 2:30 pm at Holy Trinity Kew

Saturday 9th December 2023, 10 am at Holy Trinity Kew

Saturday 24th February 2024, Surrey Hills Music Festival

Due date for newsletter articles

Wednesday, 25 October 2023
Wednesday, 29 November 2023

Date of monthly meeting

Monday, 2 October 2023
Monday, 6 November 2023
Monday, 11 December 2023



Footy Tipping 2023

Mike Pavey

0418 990 815

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The footy season home and away fixtures have been well and truly completed, and by the October Meeting we will know who has won the Flag.

Thanks to all those who took part this season and all being well, will be run again in 2024.

Congratulations to the winners for the Rounds 20 to 24.

Round 20 **David Markland**

Round 21 **Trevor Mackey**

Round 22 **Bernard Coburn**

Round 23 **Norm Fary**

Round 24 **Brenda Mackey**

All 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

Last Month's Speaker - Geoff Widmer



Geoff Widmer took us to a country that very few of us have ever visited or even knew much about. His talk was about the country and about the role of an honorary consul. Columbia is located in the north east corner of South America with one coastline facing the Pacific Ocean and another facing the Caribbean Sea. It joins Brazil for much of the vast Amazon Basin. Spain was influential in the days of European exploration and the Spanish language is widely spoken amongst its population of 51 million (about twice the population of Australia) and is composed of a mixture of ethnic, cultural and religious groups. Coffee is grown extensively and is a major export.

The role of an Honorary Consul is to be a representative for a country by handling immigration enquiries, travel and tourist enquiries as well as dealing with any problems which might arise for Colombian citizens in this part of Australia. As Geoff described his position we realised that it was not without some quite challenging situations. The Honorary Consul is responsible to the Consul-General for Bolivia in Canberra.

Geoff is the Hon Secretary of the Glenferrie Rotary Club which established out Probus Club.

Norm Fary