



# COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF AUBURN

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## The Auburn Newsletter

A monthly record of the activities of The Combined Probud Club of Auburn

### President's Notes

Dear Fellow Probians.

I am pleased to advise that Bert Guy has offered to be the Club's treasurer. I am in the process of having Bert authorised to operate the Club's account with the National Bank and settle this position. A special thanks to David Brown for filling in and performing the treasurer's position till he leaves in early May for a holiday overseas.

Jeny and I attended the Movie groups film at the Palace Cinema Balwyn. During the pre – show advertisements there was an advertisement for Morgan Glen iris – Assisted Living which featured Bern and Kay Connell.

Would anyone be interested in running a coffee group for members? As a suggestion, a list of members interested in attending could be recorded at a Club meeting. A venue and date selected, the members interested in attending advised and asked to confirm their attendance for booking purposes. If you have any ideas for activity groups, please let me know.

I sympathise with our members participating in the football tipping. I am probably showing my bias, but the last two weeks the Age newspaper tipsters have not picked Essendon to win, and for both games you know who won, Essendon.

It has been pleasing to have visitors attending our meetings and hopefully I will be welcoming some new members in the near future.

Keep up the good work.

Peter Matthews

ps Last week we commemorated a special day and almost 94,000 fans attended a spectacular football match that ended in a hard fought draw. Speaking of Essendon, the match celebrated the 30 anniversary of the initial Bombers v Collingwood Anzac match in 1994, which incidentally, also ended in a draw.

*“ANZAC Day is not about glorifying war.  
It is about bearing witness to the aftermath of sacrifice.  
It is about dedicating ourselves to a nation worth fighting for.”*

*Keith Wolahan - Federal Member for Menzies*



**ANZAC DAY**  
*Lest we forget*

## May Speaker

Robyn Harrison

‘Prevention of Falls’



It is very easy to fall as we all know.

It is a particular concern of our age group, but really of any age group. There is no need to discuss the possible consequences of an unexpected fall! The big issue is to know if we can do anything to reduce the likelihood of a fall. We are grateful to our Past President Carole Williams for suggesting that we invite Robyn Harrison knowing that she has spoken to other

Probus groups.

Robyn is a physiotherapist who will already be known to some of our members who have attended the Balwyn Physiotherapy Clinic.

## Speaker Convenor Changeover

Our time as the Speakers’ Convenors will finish with the May meeting. It has been an interesting and challenging, two years. We have not done this task alone: we have been grateful to members who have been our speakers and talked about their former jobs, travel, hobbies and interests. We have appreciated the suggestions for speakers from our members.

We know that Tony Smythe and Neil Hookey will be as grateful as we were for any suggested speaker or other activity which would interest our members.

There is just one additional point which is important. Our speakers have 45 minutes to speak with 10 minutes for questions and comment. The meeting is passed back to the President at 11.55am.



Congratulations Peter & Norm for a challenging job well done!

# Stand-in, Temp, Fill-in, Acting Treasurer's Report

David Brown -

*Never lend money to a friend. It's dangerous. It could damage his memory.*

As I started my previous report "Surprise, surprise; I'm still here". I'm beginning to feel that I have had more final appearances' than Dame Nellie Melba or John Farnham! But welcome to Bert Guy who has taken on the role of Treasurer.

Bert's contact details are

It is great to report that most members have heeded my 'rocket' from my previous report and I can now report that by the 27<sup>th</sup> April, 97 members had paid their annual subscription, or approximately 78% of our 125 members. So, while there are still some members with fees to be paid, the situation is much improved.

At the time of writing our bank balance was \$9,310.43

Again, a reminder for EFT users, of the Club's bank account details. It is: BSB 083 277 Account # 569521388. And in any deposit remember to include **your name** and **what your payment is for**. Despite this reminder, last month a deposit was received with no indication as to what it was for or who had made the deposit! These crucial details have since been identified.

Don't forget to email Treasurer Bert to let him know when you have made a payment. That way he can track what's happening and get onto any problems quickly.

And as usual a joke to close.

*A local charity had never received a donation from the towns' local bank manager, so the charity director made a phone call. "Our research has it that you make over \$400,000 a year, yet you haven't given a penny to our charity," the director began. "Wouldn't you like to help the community?"*

*The banker replied, "Did your research also show that my mother is ill, with extremely expensive medical bills?"*

*"Um, no," mumbled the director.*

*"Or that my brother is blind and unemployed? Or that my sister's husband died, leaving her broke with four kids?"*

*"I ... I ... I had no idea."*

*"So," said the banker, "if I don't give them any money, why would I give any to you?"*

David Brown

No Longer Acting as Anything

## Vice President's notes

Peter Gibbs

The following members are on roster duty for the May Club Meeting

**Helen Pavey    Don & Glenice Porter    Neil Hookey**

Please be at the Club by 9:30am to assist with the preparation.

The enthusiasm at the AGM in populating this year's roster is a great indication of the spirit of involvement within our club.

*Behold the turtle. He makes progress only when his neck is out  
(James B Conant)*

## Club Section

### 2024 Committee

President - Peter Matthews

Vice President - Peter Gibbs

Past President - Carole Williams

Secretary - Robin Gilchrist

Treasurer - Bert Guy

Outings - Jan Lester

Speakers - Tony Smythe & Neil Hookey

Web Master - Mike Pavey

Newsletter - Don Porter

Membership - Sandi Fitzpatrick

Welfare - Glen Keane

### 2024 Activity Convenors

Armchair Travel - Shirley Fenemore

Brew & Chew - Ian Phillips

Canasta - Thelma Bourke

Dine Out - John & Maureen McIntosh

Footy Tipping - Mike Pavey

Mahjong & Sew/Sew - Barb Richards

Golf & Cycling - Gary Jackson

Movie Goers - Norma Griffiths

Tuesday evening Book Club - John Curry

Walking - Jenene Marshall

Wednesday afternoon Book Club - Carole Williams

**CONVENORS** are responsible for the Interest and Activity Groups which 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** reports on the activities of the past month and announces future activities by convenors submitting reports and photographs covering those events. General members are invited to submit articles of interest along with comments on activities they have attended.

<b>Due date for newsletter articles</b>	<b>Date of monthly meeting</b>
Wednesday, 24 April 2024	Monday, 6 May 2024
Wednesday, 22 May 2024	Monday, 3 June 2024
Wednesday, 19 June 2024	Monday, 1 July 2024
Wednesday, 24 July 2024	Monday, 5 August 2024
Wednesday, 21 August 2024	Monday, 2 September 2024
Wednesday, 25 September 2024	Monday, 7 October 2024
Wednesday, 23 October 2024	Monday, 4 November 2024
Wednesday, 27 November 2024	Monday, 9 December 2024
Wednesday January 2025	Monday February 2025
Wednesday February 2025	Monday March 2025

## April Speaker Summary

Chris Long



Chris Long spent forty years working in documentary Radio and Television. He has collected many of the earliest Australian documentary films and written about them particularly in Cinema Papers and elsewhere. He screened for us a collection of his films of early Australia and especially early Melbourne and Camberwell. For most of us it was the era of our parents and grandparents. Early Camberwell was particularly fascinating as it highlighted how much transport in particular has changed.

Chris, along with his wife, Prue, have been very generous with their time by showing the films to a number of local community groups. We appreciated the visit to our Probus Club.

## Welfare

Glen Keane -

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

## Member contribution

from Einhart Lincke

Seniors' Exercise Park

Recently I discovered that Boroondara Council has established a Seniors' Exercise Park. It is in Victoria Park north-east of the car park and the Kew cemetery. It is next to the children's playground. There is equipment to help seniors improve their balance, stretching and strength.

This facility is supervised by volunteers on Tuesdays and Fridays between 9:30 and 11:00. I use the equipment weekly.

There is no need to book a spot, just show up. The equipment can be used at any time, not just when it is supervised.

The volunteers are happy to show users the range of exercises that can be done.

There is more information on the Boroondara website at

[active.ageing@boroondara.vic.com.au](mailto:active.ageing@boroondara.vic.com.au) or you could ring 03 9278 4432.

I will give a brief talk on the park at our meeting on Monday.

Einhart Lincke,

## Membership

Sandi Fitzpatrick -

Ass. Laurice Stainsby -

Details for April Meeting.

**Attendance:** 79 **Apologies:** 21 **No Response:** 27 **Total Membership:** 127

**Visitors:** Helga O'Loughlin, Rita Hayes, Margaret Heron, Sandy Tilley,  
Bill Robinson, Margaret Simkiss, Rod Simkiss

**Resignations:** Liz Hyde

### *Birthdays for May*

Loretta Belville, Kay Connell, Shirley Fenemor, Vic McCrea, Ann Nicoll,  
Jan Lester, Beverly Wardrop, David Brown, Lyn Guy

It has been suggested that members wear their name badges on outings.

Please ring apologies to either Sandi or Laurice.

## Regular Activity Days This Month

Armchair Travel	4th Wednesday
Brew and Chew	4th Wednesday
Canasta	1st Tuesday
Cycling	1st & 3rd Thursday
Dine Out	3rd Monday evening
Golf	Every Monday, except public holidays & meeting days
Mah-jong	Last Thursday
Movie Group	3rd Wednesday
Sew and Sews	3rd Friday
Tuesday Evening Book	2nd Tuesday
Walking	2nd & 4th Monday
Wed Afternoon Book Group	2nd Wednesday

## Travel Section

### Outings

Jan Lester -

Sunday 21st April we had a very successful and entertaining afternoon at Renaissance Living. Victoria Mantynen a graduate from Performing Arts Australia entertained 36 members and friends with her “Sincerely Yours” tribute to Dame Vera Lyn. Her story of Dame Vera’s life and songs were enjoyed by all in attendance.



The next outing is being planned for Friday 31st May to tour Parliament House with lunch in Strangers Corridor Restaurant. At this stage numbers are at the maximum. If you would still like to register to attend I will be starting a waiting list and in the event a member does not pay by the due date I will make contact with those on the list to offer a place.

Cost \$55.00

Meet on steps of Parliament at 10.45am for tour at 11.00pm.

2 course lunch included

Payment MUST be made no later than 9th May either by cash at next meeting or EFT direct to Probus bank account. (I am going away on holidays on 10th May, so no payments can be accepted after 9th May and your place will be offered to next on the waiting list).

## FLINDERS RANGES

9 Day Coach Tour - 23rd to the 31st of August.

There are still a small number of vacancies available for this extended tour. The minimum number required is 20 and so far only 15 have committed and paid their refundable deposit. If you indicated earlier that you are interested, could you please see me at the Outings desk next meeting to advise whether you will or will not be joining fellow members on this tour. Any member who would like further information please come and talk to me.

## Armchair Travel

Shirley Fenemor

Well folks we are off again on Wednesday 22nd May when Mike Pavey will take us to Bonnie Scotland following their recent trip.

As usual, we will meet at Manningtree (parking in the forecourt) at 7.30 pm.

Newcomers are most welcome.

Contact me for any further information.

## Sports Section

### Walking Group

Jenene Marshall

**13th May** - Meet at 9.50am on the corner of Adeney Avenue and Parkhill Road, Kew (Mel 45 G5) We will walk around the surrounding streets, finishing at the park.

Coffee at the milk bar in Adeney Ave.

Leaders Noelle & Julie

**27th May** - meet at 9.50am at "Railway walk" – Park and meet at the car park in Station Street, Camberwell down from Prospect Hill Road (Mel 45 J12).

We will enjoy walking along Royal Crescent and seeing a number of beautiful old Edwardian homes. Coffee TBA.

Leader Barb Richards



## Footy tipping

Mike Pavey



The AFL Home & Away Season is well under way with Zero Rounds and Bys for Clubs up to Round 6, now back to normal with round 7 completed.

The number of tippers split about 50:50 between the sexes, and the winners to date favour the ladies.

The current leader is still Brenda Mackey followed closely by Carole Williams and John McIntosh equal second.

Congratulations to the winners for the last 3 Rounds.

**Round 5**            **David Markland**

**Round 6**            **Laurice Stainsby**

**Round 7**            **Mike Pavey**

If assistance is required contact Mike Pavey.

## Golf Group

Gary Jackson

In May we move to Glen Waverley Golf Course, 915 Waverley Road, Glen Waverley.

Tee off time is 9:52 am for Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup> and Monday's 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

Below are April 2024 Golf results

<b>Date</b>	<b>Weekly Winner</b>	<b>Longest Drive</b>	<b>Nearest the Pin</b>	<b>Best off the stick</b>
8/4	Einhart Lincke	Gary Jackson	Gary Jackson	John Phillips
16/4	Einhart Lincke	Mike Pavey	Mike Pavey	Mike Pavey
22/4	Einhart Lincke Trevor Mackey Ian Bourke	Trevor Mackey	Brenda Mackey	Mike Pavey

## Bike Group

Gary Jackson



### Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup>

5 riders cycled from Wantirna Park, Vermont South through the Dandenong Valley Parklands to Vermont and Ringwood. Riding under Eastlink we passed by Ringwood Golf Club course to Bayswater with the Dandenong Ranges in the background. Stopping for a coffee break in Bayswater before returning. Thanks Mike and Helen



### Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup>

4 Riders cycled from Markham Reserve Ashburton in a circular route anti clockwise through Malvern Valley Golf Course to East Malvern railway station and across the M1, through the Urban Forest to Hughesdale railway station. Continuing under the sky rail to Huntingdale railway station to North Road to Monash University for coffee and returning through the campus, passed CSIRO and along Forster Road. Then westerly through bushland on the Scotchmens Rail trail, past Oakleigh Golf Course and then north along Drummond & Collins Steets and back to Marham Reserve. Thanks David.

### May Rides

**Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup>** Meet at 10 am in the car park on Yarra Boulevard (Melway ref 58K1 or 2M J1). The route follows the Main Yarra Trail to Gardiners Creek, then the Anniversary trail to coffee at Miss Ash Café, Ashburton. We will return following the Anniversary Trail to Ferndale trail and back to Gardiners Creek etc. Approx 20 kms.

Leader Shirley 0429 373 607

**Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup>** we will meet at 10am in the car park at Schwerkolt Cottage and Museum Complex off Deep Creek Road, Ringwood (Melway ref 49 D7) to join up with the Mullum Mullum creek track to The Rumour Mill, McAdam Square, Croydon for coffee and return. Approx. 18 ks. Pleasant ride along the creek mainly on well-made tracks.

Leader Trevor 0408 285 382

## Indoors Section

### Mahjong

Barb Richards

Our May Mahjong will be at 10.00 am on Thursday the 30th at Eril Hudson's home, 4/645 Burke Road, Camberwell.

If you are unable to attend, please notify Eril or Barb

### Canasta

Thelma Bourke

The next canasta night will be Tuesday May 7th at 7:30 pm at Applewood 1st floor lounge.

Please note:

To access the entry gates press #8888 and say you are there for Thelma Bourke's Canasta night.

Any questions, contact me.

### Sew'n' Sews

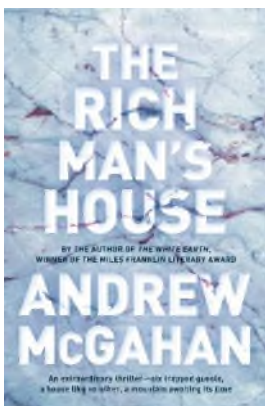
Barb Richards

Our May Sew'n'Sews will be held at 10.00 am on Friday May 17th at Barnsbury, 27 Barnsbury Road, Deepdene, with Ronda D'Paul as hostess.

Please advise me if you are unable to attend.

## Tuesday Evening Book Group

John Curry



At our last meeting we reviewed “The Rich Man’s House” by Andrew McGahan. The book was total fantasy and had good appeal to some members, but certainly not to all. The overall average rating was six out of ten, with ratings varying between eight and two out of ten.



At our next meeting we will review “Good Eggs” by Rebecca Hardiman. The cover of the book says it is “Fresh; funny and irresistibly good-humoured.” We shall see whether it lightens up our day!

## Wednesday afternoon Book Group

Carole Williams



“The Dutch House” by Ann Patchett was much enjoyed by members this month. In fact we rated it close to the top of our list of favourites. We were able to imagine the House complete with the dominating portraits of the original owners, the gardens and the view from the road, which are all integral to the story.



This month’s offering is “Love Objects” by Emily Maguire. Despite the title which raised a few eyebrows when I gave the book out, it is described as ‘funny, sad, and beautiful’ and ‘the things we do to fill our empty spaces’. Looking forward to reading it.

## Outdoors Section

Dine – Out

John McIntosh

We have booked a lunch for Wednesday 5th June at The Old England Hotel  
459 Lower Heidelberg Road, Heidelberg, at 12.30 pm  
Place your name on the list at the desk if you wish to attend.



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## Booroondara Symphony Band

Colin Richards

Details of future performances can be found on the web site.  
16th June 2.30 pm June Concert - Holy Trinity Kew.  
8th September 2.30 pm Annual Concert - Holy Trinity Kew.  
24th November 2.30 pm--November Concert - Holy Trinity Kew.



## Brew and Chew

Ian Phillips

The next meeting is at Camberwell Library at 10.00. on May 22, fourth Wednesday, not the last.

In light of sober times, perhaps a selection of favourite jokes might prove a diversion from carburettors or the headlines – in writing this the assumption is that nothing much will change or improve.

However, if the spirit moves you, come along.

Contact me on my mobile or [irp@alphalink.com.au](mailto:irp@alphalink.com.au)

## The Movie Group

Norma Griffiths

Seventeen friendly Probus members attended the film “La Chaimera” and 14 lunched together at Augello’s. It was great to see so many attend.

Now it helps if you know that the Cambridge Dictionary defines a CHAIMERA as a hope or dream that is very unlikely to come true. The modern meaning has changed from the original Greek.

The story is about a sad, bedraggled English archaeologist Arthur, who has just got out of jail and meets up again with his likeable gang of poor thieves who are trying to make some extra money by stealing artifacts from Etruscan tombs and on selling them to an International ring.

They join forces again.

He re-visits an old matriarch of a family of 4 adult daughters (played by Isabella Rosselini) one of whom was Arthur’s love but who died whilst he was in prison .

A film with humour, singing, thieving and mystery with more than one chaimera.

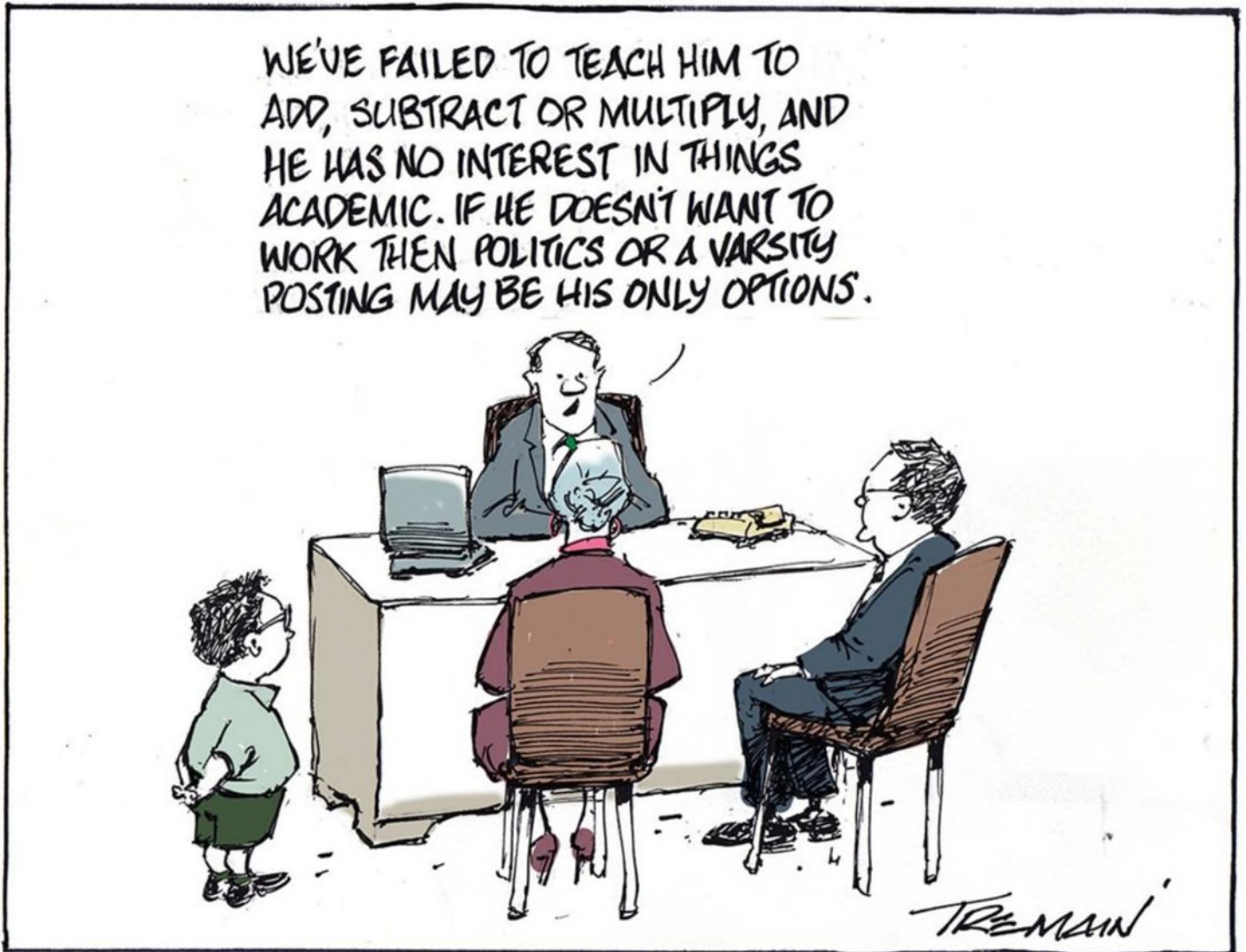
The next film date is Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May, mark it in your Diary.

Members on the list will be duly notified .

Please contact me if you wish to be on the ‘MOVIE LIST 2024’ and haven’t yet done so.

## Smile Section

### Cartoon of the month



### Thought for the month

Compromise is the art of dividing a cake so that everyone thinks they have the largest slice

*anonymous*