



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

My fellow Probians

Don and Glenice Porter will be travelling overseas at the end of this month for 3¹/₂ weeks. Don has asked me to advise convenors and committee members who contribute to the Newsletter to have all their email reports to him by the last week of October. This will allow him time to have the November issue published in time for the November meeting on Monday 4th November.

A sub committee has been formed consisting of John Phillips, Eril Hudson and Trevor Mackey to plan the Club's 21st birthday celebrations. The party will take place in 2025.

The Club's Christmas lunch will be held on Monday 9th December at Kew Golf Club. Vice President, Peter Gibbs, will have details in his report. Peter will be substituting for me at the November meeting as Jeny and I leave for a visit to Japan.



Vice President's Notes

Peter Gibbs

This month we are covering the Treasurer, Secretary and Outings portfolios of our Committee.

The cohesiveness of our Committee ensures that the roles are not onerous as there is always assistance from those “who have been there before”.

We encourage each of you, be it long membership or recently joined, to consider nominating for or being approached at the time vacancies are declared.

Our Constitution provides for these positions to be held for one to three years and ideally more than one year is highly sought after to maintain the momentum of leadership.

Position: -Treasurer

The major responsibility of the Treasurer is to compile and accurately report the true financial position of the Club accounts.

Prior to each AGM a budget is prepared for the year ahead and signed off by the Committee.

Each month a report against this budget is presented to the Club Committee followed by a verbal report to each monthly Member's meeting.

Again on a monthly basis there is the reconciliation of the club bank statements, recording payments, (cash, cheque and EFT's).

Knowledge of Excel is a requirement for maintaining the comprehensive spreadsheet.

Some follow up of “slow” Member's payments is involved.

Authorised signatory for payments from Club's bank account.

At year-end submits the Club's financial records to an external auditor.

Position – Secretary

A position perhaps transparent to the General Meetings as the main role is to support the President to ensure that the Management Committee runs smoothly.

The Secretary in consultation with the President prepares the meeting agenda, attends meetings, succinctly captures the outcomes of each agenda item and publishes the Minutes. Outside of the Meetings the Secretary is the key point of contact for the Club be it via the website or post.

Authorised signatory for payments from Club's bank accounts.

A great opportunity to administer the non-financial business side of our Club.

Position- Outings

Researches suitable outings for each month (approx. 10 per year).

Ascertain the feasibility of costs and booking arrangements.

Checks proposed dates with the Vice President to minimize conflict with Special Interest Groups calendars.

Advertises forthcoming outings well in advance via Newsletter or speaking at meetings.

Collects cash payments, writes receipts and records attendance and payments.

(The attendance list MUST be retained in case of an insurance claim)

Follows up member non payments.

Records all expenses and presents receipts to Treasurer for reimbursement.

Attends monthly Committee meetings and personally leads each outing.

Next month we shall conclude with the roles of Membership and Welfare.

The Treasurer's report

John Lagzdins -

As announced by Club president Peter Matthews at the September meeting, I have resumed the role of Club treasurer.

Many thanks to Bert Guy who stepped in to cover the role while I took leave.

As at the 26th September, the bank balance is \$6,894 - more than sufficient to cover our immediate needs.

Special note - the Boroondara Council has approved the Club's grant application for \$3,500. This amount was granted to support the Club's 21st birthday celebrations in 2025 as the club was incorporated on 10th November 2004.

For any matters requiring my attention such as online deposits, payments or reimbursements, contact me by phone or [email: Lagzdins@melbpc.org.au](mailto:Lagzdins@melbpc.org.au) For direct transfers don't forget to include your details when accessing the Club's bank account and notify the particular convenor that the transaction has taken place.

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Guest Speaker

David Mann



“The entertainers I've met on my journey - the unknown stories”



Our speaker on Monday is one David Mann. David has had extensive media, marketing and promotions experience through his own media and promotions company. He has been a part of Melbourne radio's 3AW for 50 years and is best known as “Man About Town.” He plays the part of a roving on-air reporter for 3AW (693 on the AM dial). He also runs his own marketing and public relations company, Mann Promotions Pty Ltd that consults to many companies and not-for-profit organisations around Australia.

Morning Tea Roster

Chris Tyrrell

Janie Pirret

Sue Fitz

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

Based on recent experience, members of the Bowls Club will be at hand to assist with familiarization with the facilities.

If you are unable to attend on the day you are on duty please arrange for someone else to take your place.

Club Section

2024 Committee

President - Peter Matthews

Vice President - Peter Gibbs

Past President - Carole Williams

Secretary - Robin Gilchrist

Treasurer - John Lagzdins

Outings - Jan Lester

Speakers - Tony Smythe & Neil Hookey

Web Master - Mike Pavey

Newsletter - Don Porter

Membership - Sandi Fitzpatrick

Welfare - Lee Phillips

2024 Activity Convenors

Armchair Travel - Shirley Fenemor

Brew & Chew - Ian Phillips

Canasta - Thelma Bourke

Dine Out - John & Maureen McIntosh

Coffee and Chat - Jan Cheney

Mahjong and Sew'n' Sews - Barb Richards

Golf & Cycling - Gary Jackson

Movie Goers - Norma Griffiths

Tuesday lunch Book Club - John Curry

Walking - Jenene Marshall

Wednesday afternoon Book Club - Carole Williams

CLUB DIARY The Club Diary is held by the Vice President Peter Gibbs. 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 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 specific Convenor.

YOUR 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.

Due date for newsletter articles	Date of monthly meeting
Wednesday, 25 September 2024	Monday, 7 October 2024
Wednesday, 23 October 2024	Monday, 4 November 2024
Please adhere to this date especially as the.....	...editor is overseas and will
return in time to complete this edition, but only..	..if all your reports are on time!
Wednesday, 27 November 2024	Monday, 9 December 2024

August speaker summary

Dr. Graham Pratt

Trying to Understand the Issues in Today's United States



In this year of the United States Presidential Election, Graham Pratt painted a picture of contemporary USA highlighting some of the issues which face the country because of its historical, geographical, economic, and political background with great differences across the 51 states and its 335 million citizens. Although the Congress with a House of Representatives and a Senate is roughly the same as Australia's federal government there are important differences. He highlighted the power of the Supreme Court and the way vacancies are filled on the President's nomination.

Like Australia, the United States has a native population and has been a country of immigrants initially from Europe and increasingly from the rest of the world. Its natural resources, its inventiveness, manufacturing and agriculture has created wealth and a high standard of living.

Despite this development, there are great differences between the north and south and between the Atlantic coast and the

West, especially California with a population more than twice that of Australia.

Graham spent some time describing the way the Democrat and Republican major political parties had developed and had changed over time. He indicated that one so far successful pollster had tipped Harris to win the Presidency, but we all know that tipsters can be wrong and we also know that much can change the minds of voters over the next few weeks.

Overall, Graham gave us a fascinating account of where the United States stands in this nuclear age and as it faces a major Presidential and General Election this November.

Norm Fary

Welfare

Lee Phillips -

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

Membership

Sandi Fitzpatrick -

Ass. Laurice Stainsby

Attendance for September Meeting.

Attendance: 79 **Apologies:** 32 **No Response:** 19

Non-Active: 4 **Total Membership:** 134

New Members: Annette Brownscombe, Kath McInerney, Eve Tuck

Visitors: Joe and Anne Toscano, Di Weetman, Julie Trompf

Birthdays for October

Tom Belville, Maureen McIntosh, Diana Phillips, John Joyce, Peter Matthews, Graham Couch, Ian Bourke, Graeme McRae, Don Pellegrino, Peter Gibbs, John Hudson Lyn Anderson, Sue Harris.

If you have any changes to your contact details, including Next of Kin, would you please send them to Sandi [at sandifitz9@bigpond.com](mailto:sandifitz9@bigpond.com)

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

Please ring apologies to **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'n' Sews	3rd Friday
Tuesday lunch Book Group	2nd Tuesday
Walking	2nd & 4th Monday
Wed. afternoon Book Group	2nd Wednesday
Coffee and Chat	3rd Tuesday

Travel Section - Outings

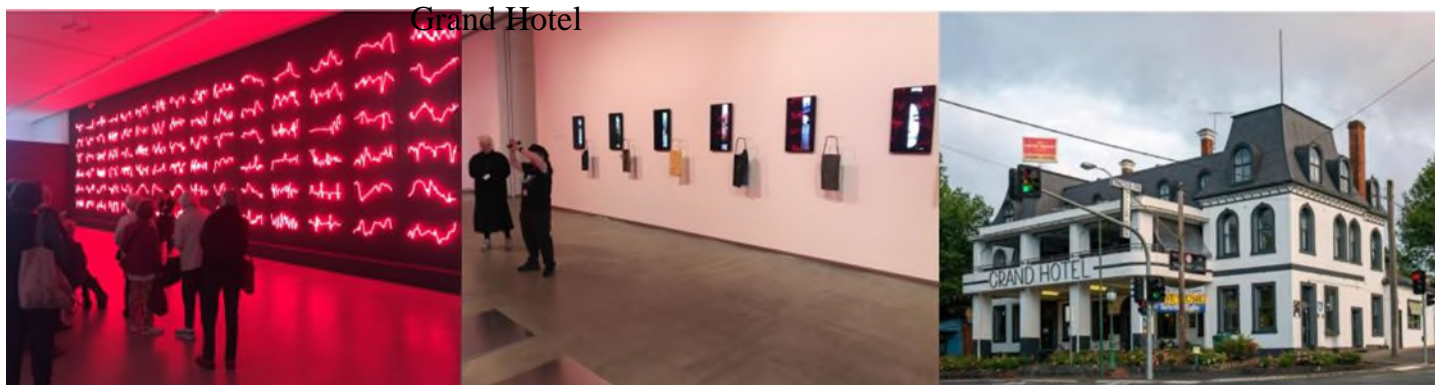
Jan Lester

On Tuesday 24th September, with lovely fine weather, 30 members attended an outing to Tarrawarra Museum and Gallery at Healsville in the Yarra Valley. Our guide, Nicky, gave us an informative tour and an insight into the current exhibition after which we had some free time to wander and form our own ideas. Lunch was at the Grand Hotel in Healsville. Thank you to all who made this such a pleasant day.

The comfortable bus trip to the impressive Tarrawarra Gallery



The..er...‘artistic’ installations and a pleasant lunch at the Grand Hotel



A note for your diary for Sunday 10th November.

Victoria Mantynen (from the Vera Lynn tribute) is back to perform her new show:

“PLAYING SECOND FIDDLE”Major song, Minor character. Accompanied on the piano, she will be performing show stopping tunes from hit musicals including Guys and Dolls, Les Miserables, Oliver, Show Boat and many more.

This pleasant Sunday afternoon is again being held at Renaissance Living in Riversdale Rd. Surrey Hills on 10th November at 2:00pm.

There is ample untimed parking on both sides of Riversdale Road.

Cost \$25.00 pp which includes show and a home cooked afternoon tea with tea and coffee. Payment must be made no later than 4th November either by EFT, directly into club bank account (don't forget to advise Jan when this has been done) or cash at October and November meetings.

PLEASE NOTE names and payment will be taken at the October meeting.
Jan Lester

* Sadly, I am relinquishing the role as Outings convenor at the Annual General Meeting in March 2025. I would love 1 or 2 members to ‘step up to the plate’ and volunteer to take on this role. If nobody volunteers, then this vital part of our Club will

Armchair Travel

Shirley Fenemor

Well, we are all back again – enjoying Melbourne’s Spring?? I’m hoping you all have some good presentations for us. Anyway, buckle up your seat belts and get ready to be transported to India, starting at Tamil Naidu and finishing at Kerala (for homework please locate these places in your atlas – if you remember what an atlas is!!!)
Graeme McRae will be our leader on Wednesday 23 October 7.30pm at Manningtree, Hawthorn.

We are always happy to welcome new folk – ring me if you need further information. Looking forward to seeing you all again.

2025 Getaway trip

Mike Pavey



Happy Horsham Happening

As was announced at the last meeting, I have taken on the task of organising an extended “Getaway” trip to Horsham to be held in March 2025.

This would resuscitate the Getaway Trip to Horsham that was arranged in 2020 but died due to Covid.

The programme for the trip would be:

- Travel to Horsham, by self-drive, on a Monday, booking in at the Horsham Riverside Caravan Park.
- Possible car sharing to assist in the driving to Horsham.
- A lunch stop on route to Horsham to break journey.
- Stay in cabins for 4 nights arriving Monday 24 March leaving on the Friday for the return to Melbourne.
- Those with caravans can obviously bring them to stay in.
- “Happy hour” each night at the Park prior to dinner. Nibbles to be brought by roster, BYO drinks.
- BBQ dinners or “take away” dinner for 2 or 3 nights at the Camp Kitchen Area.
- At least one organised group dinner at local Restaurant or Hotel.

Things To Do:

- Free time for shopping or doing your own thing.
- Will organise a conducted tour to view the painted silos.
- Walks.
- Self-drive visits to other attractions like The Grampians, Stick Shed, Regional Art Gallery, Botanic Gardens, etc.
- Round of golf at Horsham Golf Club for the Golf Group.

If you are interested in attending what in the past has been a greatly enjoyed fellowship event and has been a highlight for the Probus Year for all those that have attended, the first step is to book your accommodation.

I have contacted the Park, who have reserved the cabins for us for a short period. They currently have available: 5 - 1 Bed, 15 - 2 Bed and 5 - 3 Bed Cabins, at costs varying from \$95 to \$210 per night. A deposit of one night's rate is required.

Cancellation is available up to 7 days prior to arrival but there maybe a \$30 cancellation fee. Discounts are available but you must become a "G'Day Parks" member at a cost of \$50 for 2 years, but only discount is maximum of \$50 for each booking.

To book accommodation contact the Park, mention the Auburn Probus Club.

Horsham Riverside Caravan Park
190 Firebrace Street, Horsham 3400
Tel No. 03 5382 3476

[Email horsham@southerncrossparks.com.au](mailto:horsham@southerncrossparks.com.au)

[Website: www.horshamriverside.com.au](http://www.horshamriverside.com.au)

After booking accommodation, please let me know by SMS or email that you have booked.

Book your cabin, put the dates in your diary and look forward to your stay!

Sports Section Walking Group

Jenene Marshall



A closely held secret of the August walk.....A human Shish Kabob...!



However, on the 9th September the walking group enjoyed a wonderful walk through the Burnley Gardens.

Of the 13 ladies, 10 had never been to the Burnley Gardens, on the Victorian Heritage Register as a site of state and potentially national significance.

Some highlights were the mud brick hut, sunken garden & Wisteria walk, Lily ponds, rose garden and much more.

Thank you Helga and Rita.

14th October

Alphington - Leader Lee Phillips - Sparks Reserve - Meet on the corner of The Boulevard and Heidelberg Road (Melways 31 E10) at 9.50am.

There is limited parking at reserve, but street parking is available in The Boulevard. Coffee TBA.

28th October

East Kew - Leader Norma Griffiths - Meet at Stradbroke Park corner of Belmore and Burke Rds. Parking available in Burke Road beside football oval.

We will walk through the park and bushland behind Kew High School, cross Kilby Rd and head towards Hays Paddock (Melways 45 K4).

Coffee at Tru Coffee.

Golf Group

Gary Jackson

In October we move to Morack Golf Club, Cnr. Morack and East Roads, Vermont South. Tee off time for Tuesday 8th and Monday's 14th, 21st and 28th is 10.00am.

Below are August and September results:

Date	Weekly Winner	Longest Drive	Nearest the Pin	Best off the stick
26/8	Mike Pavey	Mike Pavey	-	Mike Pavey
3/9	Brenda Mackey	Mike Pavey	Susan Harris	Mike Pavey
9/9	Ross King	C Mavrodoglos	-	Mike Pavey
16/9	Gary Jackson	Susan Harris	Peter Gibbs Susan Harris	Susan Harris
23/9	C Mavrodoglos	Brenda Mackey	Peter Gibbs	C Mavrodoglos Ian Bourke Trevor Mackey

Bike Group

Gary Jackson

Thursday September 5th Ride cancelled due to wet weather.



Thursday September 19th

5 Riders cycled from Elgar Park on Koonung Creek Trail passing through all the East Link Tunnel construction work along the Eastern Freeway and under Burke Road. Crossing the Yarra River to join the Main Yarra Trail, riding towards Banksia Road across the Yarra Flats, back over the Yarra River for refreshments and joining family members at Heidi Museum of Modern Art café before returning. Thanks Thelma and Ian

October Rides

Thursday 3rd

We will meet at 10am in the car park at Yarra Blvd Burnley (Mel 44K12). We will ride along Gardiners Creek Trail and Anniversary Trail to High Street, Ashburton for refreshments at Miss Ash Café and return. All on well-made bike tracks, distant 20 kms. Leader Shirley Fenemor -.

Thursday 17th

We will meet at 10am in the Markham Reserve Car Park (Mel 60F12) and we will cycle on Gardiners Creek trail and under Warrigal Road and continue along Gardiners Creek trail in a general northerly direction. We cross High Street and Burwood Highway, pass the Box Hill Golf Club reaching Canterbury Road. north along Middleborough Road and then easterly to Blackburn Creeklands Reserve, crossing Blackburn Road and cycling around the Blackburn Lake Sanctuary and exiting on the northern side and riding to a coffee shop near Blackburn Station. Return via Middleborough Road. Generally flat riding on bike paths and footpaths 20 plus kms. Leader David Brown.

Footy Tipping

Naturally this segment has finished but it has made way for a new feature starting on the next page.

Indoors Section

Mahjong

Barb Richards

Mahjong will be held on Thursday 31st October from 10:00am.
Venue to be advised.

Canasta

Thelma Bourke

The next canasta will be Tuesday October 1st at 7:30pm 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, please contact me.

Sew'n' Sews

Barb Richards

Our next Sew 'n' Sews date is Friday 18th October and will be held at Barnsbury from
10:00am and hosted by Barbara Richards.
Please advise me if you will or will not be attending.

Mother of the Month

Brand new feature



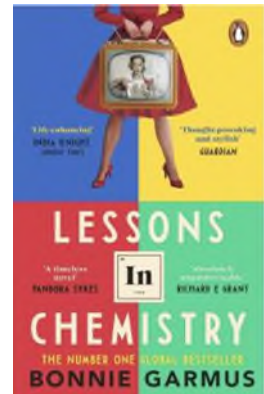
Wait on....where's the 10th leg...?

Tuesday lunch Book Group

John Curry



At our September meeting we reviewed “The Marriage Portrait” by Maggie O’Farrell. This historical novel written about the time of the Medici’s in 1560 was well written although it jumped around in its timelines. Quite a readable book and we rated it at seven out of ten.



At our October meeting we will review “Lessons in Chemistry” by Bonnie Garmus. This is a novel that has received wide acclaim and it should make for interesting discussion.

Wednesday afternoon Book Group

Carole Williams



Our September offering was not at all popular despite having been nominated for the Booker Prize (but which books aren’t?) It is entitled ‘Such a fun age’ but we could not work out why it was called that and although we mostly finished it, it was not a fun read.

October will see us heading in a new direction with Lauren Chater’s ‘Gulliver’s Wife’ - described as ‘Filled with evocative details of life in early 1700s London’ and as ‘a reimagining of the lives of women around Lemuel Gulliver.’ This could be quite different.



Outdoors Section

Dine – Out

John McIntosh

Nineteen members attended our dinner at Box Hill RSL

Our next RSL dinner will be on October 21st.

Please place your name on the list if you intend to attend our lunch which will be held at:

The Auburn Hotel

85 Auburn Road, Hawthorn East

12.30pm - Wednesday 9th October



Colin Richards

Always good to have plenty of notice of the future Concert:

Sunday 24th November at 2:30pm - Holy Trinity Kew.

Brew and Chew

Ian Phillips

This month the most serious issues were raised in the context of personal and global health, climate change, international conflicts and AFL, without solving any of them.

Here is Brew and Chew in session discussing a strange object that a member found growing in his backyard.



Come and make your contribution at Brew & Chew on the fourth Wednesday of each month, at Camberwell Library. Next time is October 23 (not the last Wednesday).

Contact me on my mobile

The Movie Group

Norma Griffiths



The film ‘**Touch**’ tells a poignant story of an elderly Icelandic man, Kristopher, who as a student went to London in the 1960’s. He met a modern, young Japanese woman whose father owned a restaurant where Kristopher got his first job.

They fell in love.

Following recent medical advice to attend to any unresolved issues in his life, he decides to seek out his first love and find out why she disappeared with her family.

The bombing of Hiroshima had a profound influence in the unfolding of the story as well as the problems of the recent Covid pandemic on the lives of travellers .

‘**Touch**’ with its gentle portrayal of love and the Japanese culture made for an impressive film.

It touched the hearts and minds of the eleven Probus members who enjoyed lunching and chatting together about the film and other matters.

The next movie date is Wednesday October 16th, so please put it in your diary now.

As the screening of the films by the cinemas is not announced prior to the newsletter, a group notification is sent out as soon as information is known.

If you’d like to receive the notice, you need to contact me with your name and email address.

Coffee & Chat

Jan Cheney

The next Coffee & Chat will be on **Tuesday, 15th October**.

Again, it will be at Olive Lane Café, in Doncaster Road, North Balwyn Village Shopping Centre at 10.00am.

Great coffee, beautiful cakes, sweets and muffins plus wonderful company and fellowship. Stay for lunch if you wish!

Please let me know if you would like to join us.

This will help the Café cater for the numbers.

SMS me or email_jancheney@bigpond.com

All welcome.

Smile Section

Cartoon of the month



Thought for the month

Labour to keep alive in your heart that little spark of Celestial fire called Conscience

from George Washingtons' - 'Rules of Civility'