



To celebrate the new Probud year we have unleashed a new masthead:

The 2025/6 Auburn Newsletter

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

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President's address

Without question the 21st birthday High Tea was and will be our highlight for the year.



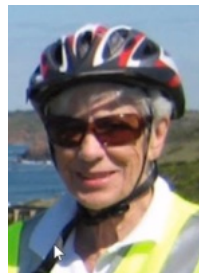
Congratulations to the sub committee of John Phillips (chair), Carole Williams, Trevor Mackey and Mike Pavey in structuring an agenda that balanced entertainment with dining in a decorated venue at an attractive price to members.

One could reflect on the day but this is an instance where images surpass words and the accompanying photos fit the bill.





The birthday cake, seen above with President Peter and Ann Rusden, was about to be expertly subdivided for all of us to share.





Presidents from 2004 to 2026

First committee 2004

During the ‘High Tea’, Mike Pavey put together an excellent presentation that scrolled through during the afternoon, featuring all the Presidents, pictured above, since the club started in 2004, together with the hi-lights of their particular years and outings enjoyed by the individual convenor’s groups.

A very sincere well done Mike!

So, back to business:

At our last Committee meeting nominations by Annette Brownscombe and Sandy Tilley were appointed to the Outings portfolio on a to be arranged alternating basis. We will take a month or two to ramp up and your support for Outings is paramount to ensuring its longevity as committee position.

The Speaker Coordinator(s) is still our Achilles heel in providing a meaningful monthly general meeting. At our April meeting Peter Gurry delivered guidelines for Speaker Engagement. Several SEG/Committee members are leading by example and using these guidelines have arranged speakers for June /July/August and October.

**Who is willing to arrange September and November?
Contact any committee member for a copy of Speaker Engagement Guidelines and book a month.**

This is a band-aid approach to keep the meetings afloat.
Dedicated Speaker coordinator(s) must be our goal.

Peter Gibbs

Vice President’s Notes

Following our wonderful 21st birthday celebrations, we are now back to normal.
So....the Morning Tea Roster for June meeting is:

Noelle Brennan



Julie Langton

Please be at the clubrooms by 9.30am to assist with the preparation.
If you are unable to attend on the day you are on duty, please arrange for someone else to take your place.

The Treasurer's report

John Lagzdins - 0434 870 199

Dear friends,

Thank you to all who have paid their renewal subscriptions.

There are only a handful of members for whom renewals are awaited. Our bank balance as at 22nd May is **\$10,158.00** after payments this month to date for the 21st Birthday Party costs of **\$4,668.00** and Consumer Affairs for **\$49.00**.

Members attending the party contributed **\$1,470.00** and the Council's grant toward the party of **\$3,500.00** completes the receipts to fund the party.

Subscription income received this month was **\$300.00**.

There are no bills outstanding. There was no May meeting so no room hire cost.

HELP required. A deposit to the Club's account at the NAB at Camberwell was made on the 22nd April.

Was it you?



We don't have any details of the depositor, so please let me know.

Email: Lagzdins@melbpc.org.au

Guest Speaker



Newsletter Editor, Don Porter, is the speaker for June.

The subject is the trip he and Glenice took in October last year to Athens and East Coast Spain.

His presentation will include some 1,100 slides and should finish well before dark.....hmmm?

Club Section Welfare

Judy Halpin - 0422 916 762

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.

CLUB DIARY The Club Diary is held by the Vice President Pat Davies. The diary lists all Club activities for the whole year. All Organisers and Convenors must contact Pat to let her know the proposed date of activities planned for verification thus ensuring that there are no clashes of activities.

2025 Committee

President - Peter Gibbs
Vice President - Pat Davies
Past President - Peter Matthews
Secretary - Peter Matthews (casual)
Treasurer - John Lagzdins
Outings - (alternating) - Annette Brownscombe
Sandra Tilley
Speakers - TBA
Movie Goers - Norma Griffiths
Newsletter - Don Porter
Membership - Sandi Fitzpatrick
Welfare - Judy Halpin

2025 Activity Convenors

Armchair Travel - Shirley Fenemor
Brew & Chew - Ian Phillips
Canasta - Thelma Bourke
Dine Out - John & Maureen McIntosh
Coffee and Chat - Jan Cheney
Mahjong - Barb Richards
Golf & Cycling - Gary Jackson
Web Master - Mike Pavey
Sew'n' Sews - Barb Richards
Tuesday lunch Book Club - John Curry
Walking - Jenene Marshall
afternoon Book Club - Carole Williams

YOUR NEWSLETTER reports on the activities of the past month and future activities for the coming months, convenors are encouraged to submit articles and photographs covering both facets of past and future events by the due date as listed below.

Members are invited to submit articles of interest along with comments on attended activities.

Due date (2025) for newsletter articles	Date of monthly meeting
Thursday, 22nd May	Monday, 2nd June
Thursday, 26th June	Monday, 7th July
Thursday, 24th July	Monday, 4th August
Thursday, 21st August	Monday, 1st September
Thursday, 25th September	Monday, 6th October
Thursday, 23rd October	Monday, 3rd November
Thursday, 20th November	Monday, 8th December

Regular Activity Days This Month

Armchair Travel	4th Wednesday	Sew'n' Sews	3rd Friday
Brew and Chew	4th Wednesday	Tue lunch book club	2nd Tuesday
Canasta	1st Tuesday	Walking	2nd & 4th Monday
Cycling	1st & 3rd Thursday	Wed afternoon book club	2nd Wed
Dine Out	3rd Monday evening	Coffee & Chat	3rd Tuesday
Golf	Every Monday, except public holidays & meeting days		
Mah-jong	Last Thursday	Movie group	1st Wednesday

Membership

Sandi Fitzpatrick - 0418 750 780

Ass. Laurice Stainsby - 0404 273 371

No official meeting in May due to the 21st birthday 'High Tea':

Attendance for 21st Birthday in May

Attendance: 88 **Apologies:** 9 (Paid but did not attend) **No Show:** 22 **Total Membership:** 119

New Members: nil **Non-Active:** 4

Deaths: nil

Resignations: Lyn & Bert Guy, Gary Israel, Gillian Yung.

Could you please let Sandi or Laurice know if you will not be attending the next meeting.

Birthdays for June

Julie Langton, Norm Fary, Mary Gurry, John McIntosh, Ian Phillips, Margaret Rudman (NA),
Maureen Couch, Judy Watt, Trevor Mackey, Christine Tyrrell, Noel Garraway, Sandy Tilley.

It is recommended that members wear their name badges on outings to make it easier for new members to join in.

If you have any changes to your contact details, including Next of Kin, would you please send them to

Sandi at: sandifitz9@bigpond.com

Please ring apologies to **Sandi** or **Laurice**.

Members Contact List

Mike Pavey 0418 990 815

Have any of your contact details changed in the last year?

A New Printed Members Contact List will be prepared and issued shortly to all members for the 2025/26 Probus Year.

To make the listing as up to date as possible, can all members, especially those whose details have changed in the last 12 months, check and update their details.

The published listings are generated by the Contact Listing shown on the Members List included on the Club Web Site.

To check on your details on the Web Site:

Go to the Club Web Site: www.auburnprobus.org.au

Login to the Members Area using your email address, and your Password:

If Password not remembered: Use "Forgotten Password"

This provides a new password that can be reset, allowing entry to the Members Area.

Go to Update Profile, check entries and change any required.

I will be at a Desk at the Next Meeting where your details can be checked and your corrected details can be updated.

Travel Section

Armchair Travel

Shirley Fenemor 0429 373 607

Well, disappointing news abounds.....unfortunately all flights and cruises are cancelled for the month of June??? Unbelievable – yes, actually it is just that Tom & I are heading off to Merimbula for a few days and it just happens to be over our meeting date.

Our presenters are all being very cooperative and have agreed to reschedule their appearances so please look forward to the announcement in the July newsletter.

Proposed Getaway Trip for 2026

Mike Pavey 0418 990 815

Great Southern Train from Adelaide to Brisbane & return!



Overview

At the Getaway trip to Horsham and the visit to Halls Gap, an intriguing idea emerged for a possible Getaway trip in 2026. This would be a train trip on the Great Southern Journey from Adelaide to Brisbane. This occurs specifically between December and February during the wet season in the Northern Territory. When the “Ghan” train comes South and operates in the Southern States.

**IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE TRIP WOULD BE IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY 2026
CURRENTLY WE HAVE 12 MEMBERS AND FRIENDS INTERESTED IN SUCH AN OUTING,
MORE ARE WELCOME.**

Train Schedule:

The optional suggested trips would be:

1. A single journey from Adelaide to Brisbane, where the train departs Adelaide on Fridays at 9 am and arrives in Brisbane on Sundays at 5:10 pm (a 3-day, 2-night journey).
2. A return trip, where the train leaves Brisbane on Mondays at 11:15 am and arrives back in Adelaide on Thursdays at 8:45 am. Includes a night in booked accommodation in Brisbane (a 4-day, 3 nights journey).
3. A more popular and convenient return trip would be to leave the train in Melbourne on Wednesdays (a 3-day, 2 nights journey).

Excursions and Alternatives

Excursions available enroute differ depending on the direction of travel, so the excursions are different on the one-way trip to Brisbane, to those on the return trip back to Melbourne or Adelaide.

There is also the possibility to disembark in Melbourne on the return trip.

The cost of the trip varies depending on the date, but the minimum costs for a Gold Twin Room are:

- Twin Share Early Payment and Booking Adelaide to Brisbane: \$2,490 per person.
- Twin Share Early Payment Brisbane/Melbourne: one way \$3,590 per person
- Twin Share Early Payment Adelaide/Brisbane/Melbourne Return - \$6,080 per person
- Twin Share Early Payment Adelaide/Brisbane/Adelaide: \$7,105 per person.

The costs exclude airfares to and from Adelaide or Brisbane, the 1 night in Brisbane if returning on train, or any extra accommodation in either City.

There are vacancies currently for most trips over the three months, and it is proposed we plan the trip in late January or February 2026.

Decisions would need to be booked as soon as possible to ensure that everyone is in the same carriages since dining and lounge areas are assigned to the same 2 or 3 carriages.

Next Steps:

Information will be available and discussed at the next meeting on Monday, the 2nd, and firm interest will be required. Please consider and decide if you would like to join this interesting trip.

More information is available on the Journey Beyond Rail web site:

<https://www.journeybeyondrail.com.au/great-southern/>

Contact Mike Pavey for providing Interest or for more information Email: m.pavey1@optusnet.com.au

Sports Section

Walking Group

Jenene Marshall 0413 481 873

9th **JUNE** - NO WALK - KING'S BIRTHDAY.

23rd **JUNE** - Blackburn - Leader Lorraine Borley.

Meet BLACKBURN LAKE CARPARK, Central Road, Blackburn (Mel 48 C11).

The walk is less than 2km and no hills.

We'll detour for coffee at Miss Lucy's in Central Road during the walk.

Golf Group

Gary Jackson 0418 578 863

In June we move to Ivanhoe Golf course, Vasey St, Ivanhoe.

Tee off time for all games are 10.08 am for Tuesdays 3rd and 10th Mondays 16th, 23rd and 30th

Golf results April and May.

Date	Weekly Winner	Longest Drive	Nearest the Pin	Best off the stick
28/4	Ian Bourke	Mike Pavey	Ian Bourke	Ian Bourke
5/5	Ian Bourke Trevor Mackey	C Mavrodoglos	Trevor Mackey	John Phillips Trevor Mackey
12/5	C Mavrodoglos Peter Gibbs	Ross King	Ross King Peter Gibbs	Peter Gibbs
19/5	Ross King	Ross King	Ross King	Mike Pavey

Bike Group

Gary Jackson 0418 578 863

May Rides



Thursday 1st

Three riders cycled from Yarra Boulevard along the Main Yarra Trail, crossed the Yarra on the MacRobertson Bridge onto the Main Yarra Trail. Proceeding through Southbank on the Yarra Promenade to Clarendon Street, stopping for a photo of the Polly Woodside on the Yarra River. Then along Normanby Road to connect with the light rail path to Port Melbourne for coffee at the Gas Works and return via the same route.

Thanks Trevor



Thursday 15th

Five riders started from Wantirna Reserve cycling on the Dandenong creek trail passing through Koomba Park and Ringwood Golf to Bayswater. We crossed over to the Ringwood to Belgrave Rail Trail with great views of the Dandenong Ranges to Boronia for coffee at Cafe Brontos before returning to Wantirna.

Thanks Ian

June Rides

Thursday 5th

Dandenong Creek Trail Ride. Meet at 10 am at the Wantirna Tennis Club Car Park off Mountain Highway 500 metres west of Eastlink (Melway Ref 63 C8).

We will ride south through the Dandenong Valley Parklands, past Bunnings and the Waverley Public golf course, through Bushy Park and into Jells Park where coffee and refreshments will be welcomed at the new T House at Jells (where Madeline's Café used to be). Return on either Dandenong Creek or Eastlink Trails, total 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 19th

Meet At 10 am at the corner of Tennyson Avenue and Haughton Road in Clayton South (Melway 79 E4). We will ride in the shadow of the "Sky Rail" to Grange Road in Carnegie, where we have coffee at Grangers Coffee and then return. A distance of approximately 22 kms mostly on a flat concrete bike path, with short distances on roads or through car parks.

Leaders are Mike & Helen Pavey 0418 990 815

Footy tipping

Mike Pavey 0418 058 461



The AFL Home & Away Season is nearly half way through, although the Round's 10 & 11 were difficult to tip with many unexpected up-sets.

Not sure if Lorraine's win in Round 10 was Luck or Excellent Tipping.

The number of participants split about 50:50 between the sexes, and the winners to date continue to favour the ladies (10 to 7).

Congratulations to the winners for the latest rounds.

Round 8	John Phillips
Round 9	Mike Pavey and John Phillips
Round 10	Lorraine Borley
Round 11	Loretta Belleville

If assistance is required contact Mike Pavey.



Mark of the month

The 'footy season' feature



Another great mark this time by Oliver Dempsey, taken during Geelong's narrow win over Collingwood in Round 8.

Well done Oliver, you are our June winner, and you're in the running for the CPCA:

'Mark of the Year'

Indoors Section

Mahjong

Barb Richards - 0408 179 885

On Thursday 26th June we will be meeting at Barbara Fary's home in Camberwell from 10.00 am and will look forward to some good games.

Please let Barbara know if you will or will not be attending.

Canasta

Thelma Bourke 0417 053 549

Owing to the fact that most of our canasta group will be on holidays in June there will be no canasta game this month.

Sew'n' Sews

Barb Richards 0408 179 885

Our June Sew'n' Sews will be hosted by me at Barnsbury from 10.00 am on Friday 20th June, as Barbara Arbon will have moved to her new home in Glen Iris.

We wish you well there Barbara and hope you can continue with some lovely knitting projects in the future. Maybe we can have a Sew'n' Sews day there with you one day once you are settled in.

Please let me know if you will or will not be attending on that day.

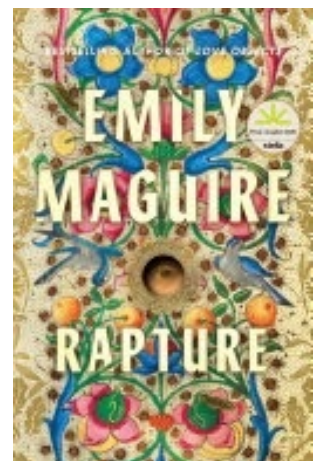
Tuesday lunch Book Group

John Curry 0417 581 126



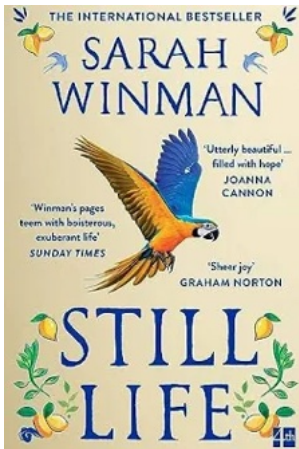
At our May meeting we reviewed “the birdman’s wife” by Melissa Ashley. The book is an historical novel about Elizabeth Gould, the wife of John Gould. She was a serious artist, but her life was eclipsed by John and his taxidermy. The book is written in the first person which we found was a little disconcerting. If the book was written to show her talents rather than her husband’s we felt it failed. While the book portrayed the treatment of women in the mid 1840’s this was normal at the time and should not be judged against today’s standards. The book gave insights into life on board ship travelling from England to Australia and the life of the Gould’s in Hobart and Sydney in the 1840’s. We rated it seven out of ten.

At our June meeting we will review “Rapture” by Emily Maguire. Another historical fiction written in the time of the the ninth century. Very topical because it covers the time when the Pope was Leo IV.



Wednesday afternoon Book Group

Carole Williams 9816 1117



May's offering was a tome which took quite a bit of armchair bashing but was well worth it. "Still Life" gave us interesting characters, love, art and friendship during and after WW2, set in London and Italy.

Plus fascinating details about the horrific flood in Florence in 1966, including (true) descriptions of the 'Mud Angels' who came from all over the World to help with the clean up.

Mostly enjoyed by members; I rated it in my top ten.

June's book sees a change of direction with the 'warm, wacky and wonderful' :

"Kind of
Sort of
Maybe...
but
probably
not."

by Imbi Neeme. Members commentated that the author's name was as interesting as the title of the book which is about two young women living in Melbourne in 1995.



Outdoors Section

Colin Richards 0406 599 990



2025 Concert programme

June Sunday 22nd June, 2:30pm - Holy Trinity Church Kew

August - Sunday 31st August, 2.30 pm - Holy Trinity Church Kew

November - Sunday 23rd November, 2:30pm - Holy Trinity Church Kew

Brew and Chew

Ian Phillips 0428 858 272

Given the probus members are of a certain age, the following chorus will be remembered:

Quiver with fear
If you are near
It's a time you best be hiding Low,
It means Tariffs are abroad,
Go,
Before you've bitten the sword. (Or an over-large chain saw).



You will note that the outlaw depicted here (left) does not have orange hair, but his intent seems obvious enough. Just as the US President (right) seems intent on having his wicked way on trade.



Of course, it is hazardous speculating on the state of President Trump's disposition at any point in time, although presumably there will be no tariff paid on a flying 747 palace, at least not by the recipient. But, in general, it seems that we here are paying the 10% general rate with some higher over-ride on steel and aluminium – it is just as well we no longer have a car industry.

But this turmoil has some interesting spin-offs – the PM is warm, encouraging even, to the idea that Indonesia should join the CPTPP, which you will understand is the successor to the Trans Pacific Partnership, which US exited in a huff a few presidents ago. Taiwan is interested also, and Sweden is said to be urging the EU to join also. Perhaps they see it as a way for the EU to get some sort of free trade with the UK once more – who knows, but no-one should hold their breath.

So now that the elections are over and the installations done, things can settle down. If only all elections could be as tidy as that in the Vatican – but, of course, women don't get to vote there! (*Just joking ladies*). And should not be implied from that that the proceedings of Brew & Chew are always without differing views, but voices are rarely raised, save when Collingwood is mentioned.

The gentlemen of Brew and Chew will gather again on the fourth Wednesday of June (25/6) at the Camberwell Library at 1000 hours.

Contact me on mobile or irp@alphalink.com.au

Dine - out

John McIntosh 0402 458 061

The next 'Dine - Out' dinner will be at the Box Hill RSL on the third Monday in June, the 16th.

Coffee & Chat

Jan Cheney 0400 889 705

Being the third Tuesday in the month, our next get-together will be on Tuesday 17th June at 10.00am at Olive Lane Café in the North Balwyn Village in Doncaster Road.

We had 14 members join us in May, and more are welcome to attend this relaxed and enjoyable gathering. Here are some photos from the May get-together.....



....and the range of food that was available.



Please contact me by text or email to let me know of your attendance or just turn up.
You will be made most welcome. Text or email jancheney@bigpond.com

The Movie Group

Norma Griffiths 0438 584 198

Last month 8 Probus members attended the Palace Cinema. Half saw The Penguin Lessons and half saw The Correspondent. Seven of us enjoyed lunch together where opinions were exchanged and the merits of both films were discussed.



It was agreed that The Penguin Lessons was a little slow in the beginning but proved to be of interest and heartfelt as the story developed in which an English teacher worked at a boys' school in Argentina during the 1970's when Argentina was ruled by an Army officer Jorge Videla.

The people of Argentina were divided politically with loved ones disappearing. The story is based on the memoir of Tom Michell who rescued an injured penguin which he took to the school.



The Correspondent was a drama centred in Egypt during the Arab Uprising, the power of The Brotherhood with war correspondents being arrested for reporting the news. An Australian correspondent, Peter Greste, was imprisoned after a number of court battles. The story told of friends and family in particular his brother Mike who supported him and worked hard to have him released. In my humble opinion the film was one of the best Australian made films, the script was gripping, the acting excellent, the photography dramatic with a moody music score.

Highly recommended.

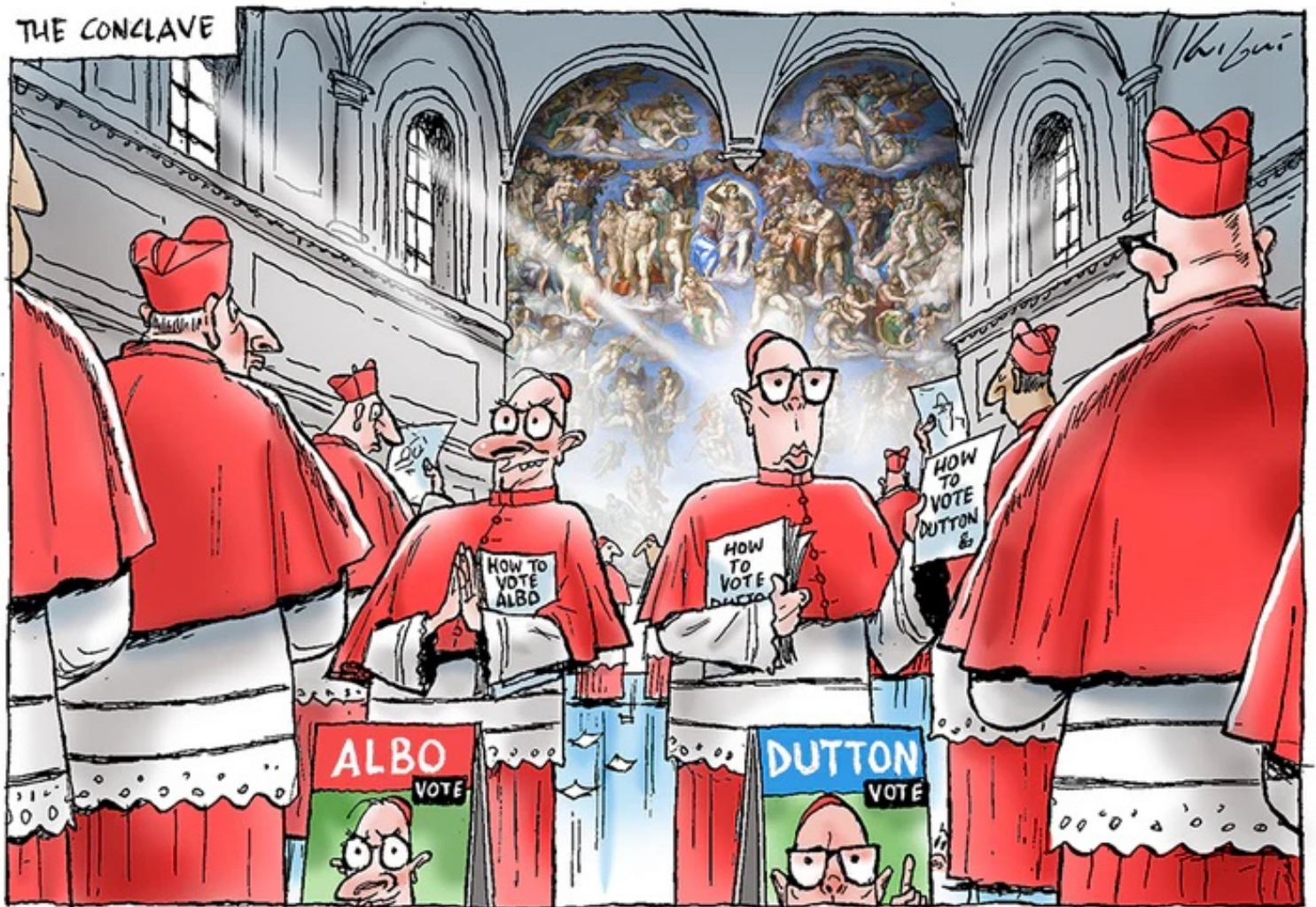
The film brought home to us how fortunate to live in Australia where our justice system seems free of political interference, corruption and bias.

Hope to see a few more members as it is an easy, relaxed outing where fellowship and friendship are there to enjoy.

NEXT DATE is WEDNESDAY 4th JUNE – Details to follow when available .

Smile Section

Cartoon of the month



Thought for the month

A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable
but more useful than a life spent doing nothing.

George Bernard Shaw