



The 2025/6

# Auburn Newsletter

A monthly record of the activities of the Combined Probus Club of Auburn  
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## President's address

With the appointment of Peter Brown as Secretary we now have a full strength committee for the first time in 8 months. We can now begin to focus more on the future rather than playing catch up.

First on the agenda will be to address the benefits or otherwise of a new constitution pro-forma proposed by Probus South Pacific. There are costs involved in adopting and registering a new constitution with Consumer Affairs Victoria, the governing authority for incorporated entities so due diligence will be applied to the recommendation we bring to the membership later this year.

Behind the scenes several committee and general members have ad-hoc taken on the task of arranging speakers for the balance of this year with only November now vacant. This is a life-line approach to demonstrate by example that the Guidelines prepared by Peter Gurry are an ideal template. Life lines have finite length and 2026 coordination will be over to the membership.

Finally our Grants Application for 2026 is with the Boroondara Council and based on past years we should have confirmation in October. For 2026 Outings has been selected and this will give the newly appointed Outings coordinators the opportunity to include coach hire for designated events.

*Peter Gibbs*

**Remember our next meeting is Monday the 7th of July**

## Vice President's Notes

### Morning Tea roster

Barb & Colin Richards

Please be at the clubrooms by 9.30am to assist with the preparations.  
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

Our Auburn Probus bank balance as at 25<sup>th</sup> June is \$10,754.

Subscriptions and new member fees received this month were \$540.00

There were no bills paid this month.

Bills payable include the NBBC room rent for June (\$500.00)  
and the capitation fee (\$20.00 per full member) payable to Probus South Pacific.

## Guest Speaker



Our guest speaker for July is Matthew Etty-Leal.

Matthew is a former winner (2022) of the city of Booroondara Volunteer of the Year Award and a valued member of Basscare for over five years. He is a member of the Balwyn Historical Society, serves as a Parish Council member and COVID officer and is a reader with Vision Australia.

With his Historical Society hat on, his talk for our meeting is about the central Victorian town of **Maldon**.

Maldon was classified in 1966 by the National Trust as the First Notable Town in Australia, its greatest treasure is its 19th century streetscapes, maintained since the goldrush days ended in the late twenties. In 1850 the town had a population of 20,000 with the discovery of gold, but now there is less than 2,000.

Test cricket captain of the 1930s William (Bill) Woodfull OBE was born in Maldon, and Henry Handel Richardson's mother at one point ran the local post office.

## 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.

## Your Newsletter

The 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.***



## 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**

### *Attendance for June meeting*

**Attendance:** 72    **Apologies:** 33    **No Show:** 13    **Total Membership:** 118    **Non-Active:** 3

**New Members:** Pat Cleary, Dusanka Kos-Brkic (approved and paid – but unable to attend, Induction delayed until July)

**Resignations:** Barbara Arbon; John & Lynne Anderson, Kay Connell (Non-active)

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

### *Birthdays for July*

**Tom Fenemor, Einhart Linke, Helen Pavey, Lindsay Bytheway, Sylvia Curry, Jillian Goss, Marion Jackson, Pat Davies, Carol Fraser, Lindsay Butler.**

We suggest that members wear their name badges on outings to make it easier for new members to join in. Please ring apologies to **Sandi** or **Laurice** or at: [sandifitz9@bigpond.com](mailto:sandifitz9@bigpond.com)

## Members Contact List

**Mike Pavey 0418 990 815**

A new printed Members Contact list was issued earlier in June by email to all members.

Some revisions to that list has been received and therefore a revised edition will be issued in early July, so that it is useful and up to date.

To make the listing as up to date as possible, can all members check that their details are correct.

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

# Travel Section

## Outings

A welcome return of a very popular activity thanks to:  
Annette Brownscombe 0418 400 352 & Sandy Tilley 0460 678 668

Our first outing is on Wednesday 16th July at the National Gallery of Victoria.



### *French Impressionist Exhibition*

Wednesday is senior's day incidentally, so tickets cost \$39.00.

Meet at 10.45am at the ticket office and individually purchase tickets.

The exhibition will take 1-2 hrs to view.

We will need a commitment from those coming at the July meeting.

There is an option for lunch at The Tea Room upstairs but we will need to book.

There is also a cafe downstairs, they do not take bookings and sometimes it can be hard to find seats.

Contact us on mobiles or: [annettebrownscombe@gmail.com](mailto:annettebrownscombe@gmail.com) or [sandratilley007@gmail.com](mailto:sandratilley007@gmail.com)

# Travel Section

## Armchair Travel

Shirley Fenemor 0429 373 607

Hi Folks - trust those of you who have been away are busy working on presentations and the rest of you are remaining fit and well. We are "back in business" on 23 July to enjoy Ian Phillips' presentation on his trip to Malaysia. Below is a preview.



As usual we will be at Manningtree in Hawthorn at 7.30pm.  
(parking available in forecourt).  
Look forward to seeing you all.  
Of course new members are always welcome and please phone me if further information is needed.



# Sports Section

## Walking Group

Jenene Marshall 0413 481 873



Photos of our walk at Blackburn Lake on June 23rd

**14<sup>th</sup> July** - Springthorpe (Mont Park/Macleod) - Meet in Ernest Jones Drive near the corner of Springthorpe Blvd. (Melways 19 J7). Best way to travel is straight along Upper Heidelberg Road, which then becomes Waiora Road, then Springthorpe Blvd. Ernest Jones Drive is on the left, second street from the start of Springthorpe Blvd.

Just before WW1, the State Government acquired the Mont Park site for the construction of a Hospital and asylum. Today La Trobe University operates many of the remaining buildings in the Springthorpe Estate which borders the La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary. After our walk we will drive back along Waiora Road then down Lower Plenty Road to Rosanna for coffee at Hunter Lane Café across from Rosanna Station.

**Leader Jenene Marshall.**

**28<sup>th</sup> July** - Glenferrie - Meet behind the Glenferrie Oval, (the old Hawthorn Football Club). (Melways 45 D10). There are two car parks, one to the left and one to the right between Linda Cr and Hilda Cr before roundabout. We will walk along Kinkora Rd and Chrystobel Cr, all with beautiful architecture. Coffee at Provence Bakery and their delicious French pastries. **Leaders Helga and Rita.**

## Golf Group

Peter Gibbs subbing for Gary Jackson

In July we move to Wattle Park Golf course, Tee off time for Tuesday 8th is 9.48 am, Monday 14th is 9.48 am. Remaining dates not yet open for bookings. The table below shows the golf results for May and June.

Date	Weekly Winner	Longest Drive	Nearest the Pin	Best off the stick
28/5	Trevor Mackey	Ian Bourke	Trevor Mackey	Trevor Mackey
3/6	Ross King	Peter Gibbs		Ross King Peter Gibbs
10/6	John Phillips	Peter Gibbs		John Phillips
16/6	Mike Pavey	Mike Pavey		Mike Pavey
23/6	Ian Bourke	Mike Pavey		Mike Pavey

## Bike Group

Gary Jackson 0418 578 863

With Gary away, the photos are purely to make up for the usual pics of him in his bike shorts! Ed.

### July rides

#### Thursday 3rd

Meet at 10:00 am at Heidelberg Park, Burgundy Street, (Melways 32 B4).

Ride through Banksia Park to the Yarra Trail, past Kew Golf Club, then through Hyde Park to Willsmere Village for coffee and return.

About 18kms. Leader: Ian Bourke 0418 381 279



#### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>

We will meet at 10:00 am in the car park on the Yarra Boulevard (Melways ref 58 K1 or 2M J1). The route is to travel along the Gardiners Creek trail, then following the Anniversary trail with a stop at Miss Ash Café for coffee. We then continue before picking up the Ferndale trail to return via the Gardiners Creek Trail.

The route is undulating mainly on sealed bike paths.

Approx. 20kms – Leader: Trevor Mackey 0408 285 382.

## Footy tipping

Mike Pavey 0418 058 461



The AFL Home & Away Season is coming to the “pointy-end” with the Top 8 gradually sorting themselves out, but the chance of an up-set is always possible.

The number of participants split about 50:50 between the sexes, and the winners to date continue to favour the ladies (13 to 10).

Congratulations to the winners for the latest rounds.

<b>Round 12</b>	<b>Trevor Mackey</b>
<b>Round 13</b>	<b>Carleen Meehan</b>
<b>Round 14</b>	<b>Gary Jackson &amp; John McIntosh</b>
<b>Round 15</b>	<b>Loretta Belleville</b>
<b>Round 16</b>	<b>Pat Davies</b>



If assistance is required contact Mike Pavey.



## Mark of the month

### The 'footy season' feature

### Joint winners!

Specy number 1 was taken by Aaron Cadman during the defeat of the Brisbane Lions by GWS in round 14.

Well done Aaron, you are our joint July winner.



Specy number 2 was taken by Will McLachan during the Brisbane Lions defeat of Geelong in round 15.

Well done Will, you are our joint July winner.

Both Aaron and Will are in the running for the CPCA:

***'Mark of the Year'***

## Indoors Section

### Mahjong

Barb Richards - 0408 179 885

Mahjong in July will be held at Helga O'Loughlin's home at St Joseph's Mews in Denham Street, Hawthorn on Thursday 31st July at 10.00am.

Please advise Helga if you **are or are not** able to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Canasta

Thelma Bourke 0417 053 549

Canasta was on the first Tuesday, as usual, in July (the 1st) at 7:30 pm at Applewood, 1st floor lounge. Please note, for the future, 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 0408 179 885

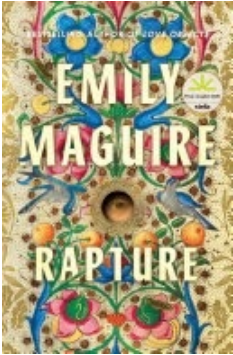
On Friday 18th July we will meet at Ann Rusden's home at Manningtree in Manningtree Road, Hawthorn at 10.00am. Please advise Ann if you **are or are not** able to attend.

We look forward to a fun day of sewing, knitting and/or chatting.... See you there.



## Tuesday lunch Book Group

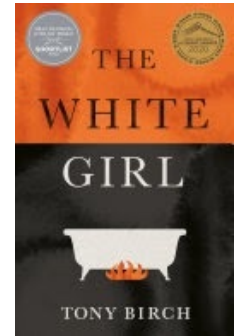
John Curry 0417 581 126



We reviewed “Rapture” by Emily Maguire at our June meeting. The book is set in the nineteenth century and is about a woman who is disguised as a monk. She rises through the ranks to become Pope. Her disguise is about to come to light when she becomes pregnant, but dies in childbirth. Certainly, imaginative writing!

We rated the book at six out of ten.

At our July meeting we will review “The White Girl” by Tony Birch. The advertising for the book states it has created memorable characters whose capacity for love and courage are a timely reminder of the endurance of the human spirit.



## Wednesday afternoon Book Group

Carole Williams 9816 1117



In June the book “Kind of, Sort of, Maybe... but probably not” introduced us to Misophonia which I had not heard of in all my Psych training and education, but I now understand: I get very annoyed when someone eats sweets out of noisy paper throughout a movie, or screaming children run around a pub setting (as on Sunday). The paths of two young women cross in an interesting manner and post cards are an essential element of this quaint novel. We were surprised at how much we really wanted to finish it and all found the narrative quite intriguing and most enjoyable.

July’s choice is “Blue Sisters” by Coco Mellors. This is the tale of four exceptional sisters who are exceptionally different. The first line is “A sister is not a friend.” We shall see.



A reminder that we would welcome a couple of new members to join our happy little Book Club.

I collect the book sets from the library, so there is no pressure on members to beg, borrow or steal books in order to come to the Club. We always meet at Barnsbury in Deepdene, a cosy, warm venue with plenty of parking. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month 2-4pm.

Do come and try us out!

Please speak to me if you would like further details.

# Outdoors Section

## Booroondara Symphonic Band

Colin Richards 0406 599 990



### **2025 Concert programme still to come:**

August - Sunday 31st, 2.30 pm, Holy Trinity Church Kew  
November - Sunday 23rd, 2:30pm, Holy Trinity Church Kew

## Dine - out

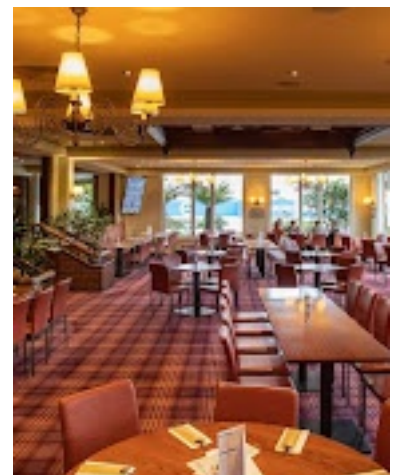
John McIntosh 0402 458 061



The next dinner will be at the Box Hill RSL on Monday 21st July at 7.30pm.

Lunch will be at the Old England Hotel, 459 Lower Heidelberg Rd. Heidelberg, on Wednesday 6th August at 12.30pm.

Please leave your name at the desk if you intend joining us on that day.



## Coffee & Chat

Jan Cheney 0400 889 705

Due to the number of members who have escaped to warmer climes, or who have been suffering from the cold, a small but happy group met for coffee and a chat in June.

The next get-together is on Tuesday, 15th July at 10.00 am at Olive Lane Café, Doncaster Road, North Balwyn Village where the room is warmly heated, great coffee is served and a great range of eats are available,

Hope you can join us. Text or email: [jancheney@bigpond.com](mailto:jancheney@bigpond.com)

## Brew and Chew

Ian Phillips 0428 858 272

The gentlemen of Brew and Chew will meet at the Camberwell Library on 23rd July at 10.00. a.m.  
The application of lessons learned in the school-yard to world politics will be discussed.  
However, in lieu of a longer report, please enjoy my 'cartoons'!



For further information and input, contact me on: 0428858272 or [irp@alphalink.com.au](mailto:irp@alphalink.com.au)



## The Movie Group

Norma Griffiths 0438 584 198

As the movie, The Quiet Maid (part of the Spanish Film Festival), was screened on July 2nd only 6 days before our meeting and the day after the newsletter was published, a review of the film will feature in the August newsletter.



## Smile Section

### Cartoon of the month



## Thought for the month



Butterflies are self propelled flowers.

*R.H. Heinlein*