



The 2025/6

Auburn Newsletter

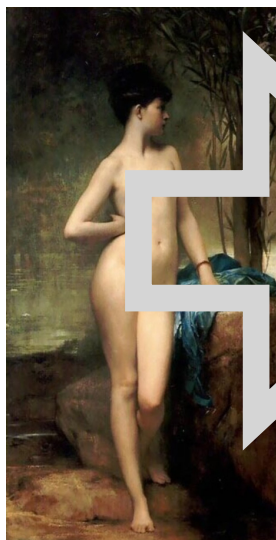
A monthly record of the activities of the Combined Probus Club of Auburn
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President's address

When this Newsletter arrives in your In Box, the optimist in me says we are two thirds of the way through winter.

July saw the launch of the new era in Outings with ten members attending the French Impressionists exhibition at the NGV. Lunching at Young and Jacksons extended our appreciation of French art where we dined under the watchful eyes of French artist Jules Lefebvre's 1875 impression of Chloe (refer below).

Great connection, thank you Sandra and Annette!



In a separate article (under the Outings heading) is the proposed concept for Getaway #2 in 2026.

I shall be visiting Albury prior to the August meeting for more local information and then expand on the concept at this meeting, field questions and seek interest levels at the morning tea break.

Peter Gibbs

Remember our next meeting is Monday the 4th of August.

Morning Tea/Coffee roster

John & Sylvia Curry

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

As at the 25th July the Club has \$7,767.00 in its bank account.

In July, to date, we have paid the \$20.00 per member capitation fee to Probus head office (PSPL), amounting to \$2,340.00 and also paid \$147.00 in total for speaker's gifts, printing and badges.

We haven't received the bill for July's room hire so \$500.00 will be paid shortly.

Guest Speaker

Our speaker for August is Brian Tyden

(pictured left during his uni days)



Brian is a retired dentist, after 45 years in private practice in Glen Waverley and Doncaster.

In retirement, Brian is the President of Community radio station 96.5 inner FM and is also a presenter on radio with 2 programs, "Weekday Wellness" and "Shall We Dance"!

Brian has been a member of the Rotary club of Manningham City for the past 26 years and is now a past president again.

Brian was named the Manningham Citizen of the Year in 2024 for volunteerism.

The topic of Brian's talk will be

“ Changes in Dentistry over the last 50 years “

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.

Due date (2025) for newsletter articles	Date of monthly meeting
Thursday, 21st August	Monday, 1st September
Thursday, 25th September	Monday, 6th October
Thursday, 23rd October	Monday, 3rd November
Thursday, 20th November	Monday, 8th December

2025 Committee

President - Peter Gibbs

Vice President - Pat Davies

Past President - Peter Matthews

Secretary - Peter Brown

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

Wednesday afternoon Book Club - Carole Williams

Speaker summary by John Lagzdins



Matthew Etty-Leal's talk for our July meeting was about the central Victorian town of **Maldon** near Castlemaine in the Shire of Mount Alexander.

We saw many interesting photos throughout his presentation.

The Victorian Goldfields Railway runs between the two towns, a short run of about 17 kilometres.

Maldon was classified in 1966 by the National Trust as the First Notable Town in Australia; notable for its 19th century appearance, maintained since gold-rush days. In 1853 gold was discovered and Maldon proved to be one of Victoria's richest quartz mining centres.

Test cricket captain of the 1930s and scornful of the English Bodyline era bowlers, William (Bill) Woodfull OBE was born in Maldon in 1897. The local cricket ground is named in his honour.

Henry (Ethel) Handel Richardson's mother ran the local post office for a time. The author (HHR) wrote about the town in her memoir, 'Myself When Young'.

His talk was well prepared and presented and enthusiastically received.

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 July meeting

Attendance: 88 Apologies: 20 No Show: 10 Total Membership: 118 Non-Active: 3

New Members: Ann Ballard, Joe & Anne Toscano

Resignations: William & Karen Pond, Jillian Ross

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

Birthdays for August

Janet Howard Smith, Jan Lock, Annette Brownscombe & Dusanka Kos-Brkic

We suggest that members wear their name badges on outings to make it easier for new members to join in.

Travel Section

Outings

Annette Brownscombe 0418 400 352 & Sandy Tilley 0460 678 668

French Impressionist Exhibition



As President Peter stated, 10 Probus members met at the French Impressionist Exhibition on Wednesday 16 July.

We enjoyed the decor of the rooms and the manner in which the paintings were displayed.

There were so many well known names such as Monet, Renoir and Degas.



Before heading home we walked to Young and Jacksons for a companionable lunch together.

Coming events

Thursday 14th August

Old Treasury Building, 20 Spring Street, Melbourne

Meet inside the main entrance at 10.30am.

There is a series of free special exhibitions in August at the Old Treasury Building:

- 1. Behind the Lines 2024:** Celebrating the best political cartoons from 2024 reminding us of the special events and controversy that was 2024. It celebrates the significant contributions cartoonists make to cultural and political debate.
- 2. Making Modern Melbourne:** A photographic exhibition of Melbourne from colonial days up until the present day.
- 3. Belongings: Objects and Family Life:** Illustrating how the things we own, the clothes we wear and the houses we live in all express who we are or who we want to be.
- 4. Protest Melbourne:** A history of street protests since 1840.

You can also explore the gold vaults used to store the gold bullion mined during the gold rush.

This series of exhibitions will take 1-2 hours to view depending on your pace. Lunch afterwards upstairs at the Imperial Hotel, 2-8 Bourke Street, Melbourne.

Our lunch venue is a 5min walk from the Old Treasury Building.

Advance notice

Wednesday 22nd October at 2.00pm (recommended to arrive by 1.30pm)

The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber.

The Round Theatre, next to Whitehorse Council Civic Centre, 379-399 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading.

Featuring Claire Lyon, an internationally renowned soprano, as she sings many favourite songs from Andrew Lloyd Webber.

Duration 60-75mins. Afternoon tea is served straight after the concert.

Cost: \$22 for tickets.

Please register your interest at the August meeting. Payment by cash needs to be made at the September meeting. Payment by EFT needs to be made before the September meeting.

EFT details: BSB 083 277 Acct No. 569521388

If paying by EFT please remember to put your name in the reference field of the transfer.

Contact us on mobiles or: annettebrownscombe@gmail.com or sandratilley007@gmail.com

Armchair Travel

Shirley Fenemor 0429 373 607

Hello Fellow Travellers – So good to see you all at Ian Phillips' presentation on Malaysia.

A great night with very good attendance.

But there is morealong comes Trevor Mackie with “Scandinavia and Two Baltic Cities” showing just how great their recent trip was.

As usual we will be at Manningtree at 7.30pm on the 4th Wednesday (27th of August).

Parking is usually available in the forecourt.

Do ring me if you are coming for the first time and need any further information.

Getaway Trip #2 for 2026

Peter Gibbs 0409 179 559

Concept: - Autumn around Albury March 23 - 27 inclusive

A great chance to get away from Melbourne in early Autumn, enjoy convivial company and get to know a region steeped in history.

Based on the Big 4 Caravan Park in Albury the trip would use the highly successful Horsham Getaway template

Broad Itinerary

- Travel to Albury, by self-drive on a Monday, with a lunch stop.
- Reside in one of 28 cabins for 4 nights.
- “Happy Hour” each night at the Park prior to dinner.
- First night - BBQ dinner in camp kitchen.
- Two nights group dine out at nearby taverns.
- One night takeaway.
- First day easy touring clockwise via Hume Weir to Bonegilla Migrant Experience and Yackandandah with options to visit Beechworth or Chiltern on return.
- Leisure day Albury: 9-hole Golf option at Thurgoona Country Club.
- Last day easy driving anti-clockwise through Howlong to Corowa –“The birthplace of Federation” returning via Rutherglen.
- Friday - return home at leisure.

More details will be provided at the August meeting.

Sports Section Walking Group

Jenene Marshall 0413 481 873

11th August - Highfield Park, Camberwell - Corner Riversdale & Highfield Roads (Mel 60 E2).

Meet at car park between the two ovals in Highfield Road. We will walk down Highfield Road to either Beech or Acacia Streets, through to Lynden Street then up to Hunter Road, left up to the corner of Hunter & Highfield Roads for coffee at Dish & Spoon. Short walk back to car park.

Leader: Helen Goodale.

25th August - Fordham Gardens, Camberwell - (Mel 60 G4).

Meet at Fordham Gardens in Tyrone St. We will walk around gardens then down Gilbert Parade green parklands to tennis courts and Culliton Road. Walk under the railway line to Fordham Avenue. Turn right at Fordham Avenue and walk to Fordham Dairy opposite Hartwell Station. Coffee at Fordham Dairy.

Then back down Tyrone Street to Fordham Park.

Leader: Carleen Meehan.

On 14th July six ladies visited the 'Chronic block' at Mont Park, built in 1916 and refurbished in 2004. Now used by LaTrobe University, Victorian Environment Protection Agency and Australian Institute of Archeology. We also enjoyed an informative and scenic walk at Cascade Reserve, Springthorpe.



What fine looking birds.

Golf Group

Gary Jackson

In August we move to Freeway Golf Course, Columba Street, Balwyn North.
Tee off time for all games is 10.04 am for Tuesdays 5th and Mondays 11th, 18th and 25th
Golf results June and July:

Date	Weekly Winner	Longest Drive	Nearest the Pin	Best off the stick
30/6	Ian Bourke	John Phillips	-	Ian Bourke
8/7	Ross King	Peter Gibbs	-	Ross King Mike Pavey
14/7	Brenda Mackey	Brenda Mackey	-	Peter Gibbs
21/7	Brenda Mackey	Mike Pavey	Peter Gibbs	Peter Gibbs

Bike Group

Gary Jackson 0418 578 863



June Rides

Thursday 5th Three riders cycled from Wantirna Tennis Club, then south on the Eastlink Trail through the Dandenong Valley Parklands and the Waverley Public golf course. Continued through Bushy Park and into Jells Park for coffee, returning on Dandenong Creek trail to our cars.

Thursday 26th Three riders started from Clayton South riding in the shadow of the "Sky Rail" passing through Huntingdale, Oakleigh, Hughesdale, Murrumbeena Stations to Grange Road in Carnegie, where we had coffee at Grangers Coffee and then returned.

Thanks Mike and Helen.



July Rides

Thursday 3rd Three riders rode from Heidelberg Park on the Main Yarra Trail through The Yarra Flats to Kew Golf Club. Under the Eastern Freeway we cycled through Hyde Park to Willsmere Village for coffee. Returning back via Hays Paddock.

Thanks Ian.



Thursday 27th Three riders started from Yarra Boulevard, Burnley, cycling along the Gardiners Creek trail to Ashburton stopping at Miss Ash Café for coffee. We returned via the Ferndale trail and the Gardiners Creek Trail.

Thanks Trevor.

August Rides

Thursday 7th Meet 10.00am at Finns Reserve (Melway 33 B4). We will cycle over the Yarra River into Westerfolds Park to Eltham and then to the Diamond Creek Trail through to Hurstbridge. Shared sealed pathway, some inclines with two steeper ones along the way. Pass Ellendale Farm and coffee at Hurstbridge. Can turn round at Eltham if required. Downhill all the way home, approximately 20 kms.
Leader Christine Mavrodoglos 0428 858 522.

Thursday 21st Meet at 10.00am Eaglemont Tennis Club (Melway 31 K11). We will cycle on the Main Yarra Trail through The Yarra Flats to East Ivanhoe Banyule Flats Reserve. As we pass by the Rosanna Golf Club to Westerfolds Park, crossing the Yarra River at Finns Reserve Templestowe Lower, we will stop for refreshment at Melissa café before returning. Mainly on designated bike tracks with part concrete and/or gravel surfaces. Approximately 20km.
Leader Gary Jackson 0418 578 863

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 (16 to 10).

Congratulations to the winners for the latest rounds.

Round 17 Laurice Stainsby

Round 18 Jenene Marshall

Round 19 Jan Lester

Round 20 Jan Lester & Mike Pavey (Shared)

If assistance is required contact Mike Pavey.

Mark of the month

The ‘footy season’ feature



Here is the ‘specky’ taken by Jordan Clark of the Fremantle Dockers in round 17.

Well done Jordan you are our August winner and in the running for the CPCA:

‘Mark of the Year’

ps if Jordan happens to be the winner I will quite happily travel to Fremantle as the Club’s sponsored envoy to present the award - Ed.

Indoors Section

Mahjong

Barb Richards - 0408 179 885

On Thursday 28th August, Jan Lester will host our games at her home at Renaissance Living in Surrey Hills.
Please let me or Jan know if you will or will not be present.
We look forward to some good games.

Canasta

Thelma Bourke 0417 053 549

The next canasta will be Tuesday August 5th at 7:30 pm in Applewood's 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!

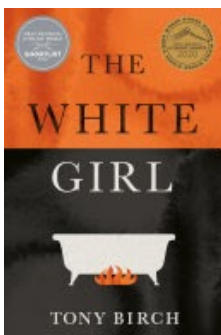
Sew'n' Sews

Barb Richards 0408 179 885

This month's Sew'n' Sews will be hosted by Betty Collins on Friday 15th August.
Please let me know if you will or will not be attending.
I hope to see you then.

Tuesday lunch Book Group

John Curry 0417 581 126



At our July meeting we reviewed "The White Girl" by Tony Birch.
A fictional book set in an Australian country town in the mid twentieth century.
It sets out the struggles confronting indigenous people to discover their relatives in a hostile environment. The author has created many memorable characters related to the dispossession and treatment of Aborigines by white people. A thought-provoking book and it generated much discussion among our members. We rated the book very highly at nine out of ten.

At our August meeting we will review "The Anniversary" by Stephanie Bishop.
It claims to be "A haunting mystery – sophisticated, subtle and subversive."
Should be good!



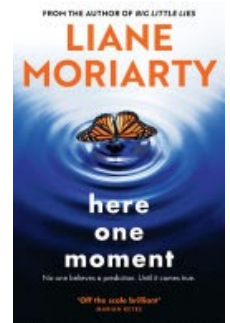
Wednesday afternoon Book Group

Carole Williams 9816 1117



In July we discussed “Blue Sisters” which we did not particularly care for as we could not identify with any of the characters or the plot. The author herself comes from a family of addicts and alcoholics and these themes play significant roles in her novel. Again, all of us finished it, but sadly none of us would recommend it.

August sees us down the path of the latest Liane Moriarty offering: “Here One Moment”. At easy reading, but at 500 pages long, we are hoping to be entranced from beginning to end, but we shall see.



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



I will be taking the names of those who have not registered yet for our Lunch at the Old England Hotel on Wednesday 6th August at 12.30 pm.



Box Hill RSL will be our venue on Monday 18th August. We meet at 6.30 pm to enjoy some fellowship before being ushered to the dining room at 7.30 pm.

Coffee & Chat

Jan Cheney 0400 889 705

We had plenty of "chat" among the 15 members, both newer and older members, who enjoyed our morning coffee in July.

Our next get together is on Tuesday, 19th August at 10.00 am.

The venue is Olive Lane Café in Doncaster Road, North Balwyn Village.

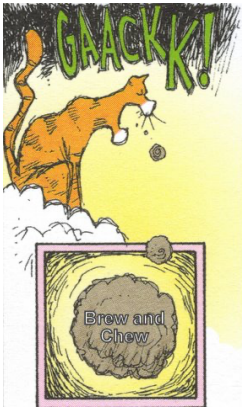
All will be made most welcome.

Hope you will be joining us.

Text or email: jancheney@bigpond.com

Brew and Chew

Ian Phillips 0428 858 272



Brew and Chew will meet at the Camberwell Library on August 27 at the Camberwell library at 10.00. a.m.

Attendance at the July meeting was surprisingly good given the gloomy weather and the gloomy conversation. However the solution of the wider problems was deferred until this month, by which time all will be made right again, especially infected computer systems and other infections.

It has been suggested that for a more cheerful conversation, we might discuss our memories of early school-days but, as in my case at least, these involved some male teachers who were either sadistic, excessively touchy-feely and/or ready for retirement, the topic has little relevance to today. Better to stay with the one-sided contests in parliament and the MCG.

For further information and input, contact me on: 0428858272 or irp@alphalink.com.au

The Movie Group

Norma Griffiths 0438 584 198



Sixteen hardy souls braved the cold and the rain to see the Spanish film, The Quiet Maid.

It told the story of the exploitation of a young woman from poor Columbia being employed by a wealthy Spanish family at their holiday home.

It included misogyny and sexual verbal abuse by the son and his young male friends towards this young woman who was supporting her family at home.

A nice twist at the end when this quiet woman got her revenge.

A welcome lunch was enjoyed by many of our group as we socialized together in the Probus spirit after the film.

NEXT DATE : Wednesday 6th August, put this date in your diary.
Separate notice to be sent when details are available.

Smile Section

Cartoon (or funny) of the month



**You don't get lunch.
She thought I was you
and fed me twice.**

Thought for the month

There are two types of people in the world; givers and takers.
The takers may eat better but the givers sleep better!

anonymous