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Auburn Newsletter

A monthly record of the activities of the Combined Probus Club of Auburn.

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President's address

Hello everyone.

It was a wonderful moment at our last general meeting when we were able to induct two new members to our club, so I extend a very big welcome to Cora Annesley and Shirley Williams, and hope that you will both join in some of our many activities, as this is the very best way to get to know other members.

On that note I would ask that **ALL** members wear their name badges to our meetings. This will really help our new people to fit right in.

I am also excited to announce that we will be inducting another new member at our next meeting.

I'm looking forward to welcoming Max Ebert, who will be introduced by Trevor Mackey.

Hopefully our membership numbers will increase over the year. Peter Gibbs has been very busy preparing some prothe motional flyers, which I'm sure should produce some interest. Please everyone, feel free to bring potential members along to our general meetings, that's the way our club will flourish.

A big thank you to Mike Pavey – our Grants Application is now with Boroondara Council.

This year we have proposed a grant based on the purchase of a new laptop computer with extras, this will be used mainly for Membership. Of course we won't know if our application is successful until later in the year. So, fingers crossed.

All of you would have received the notice of the sad passing of Keith Creed along with the date and time of his funeral. Vale Keith.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on Monday, 1st June.

Pat Davies: 0409 565 106 - email: patriciadavies21@gmail.com



Morning Tea/Coffee roster

Carol Carr and Sue Fitz

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.



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Hello....here's some forward planning!
Christmas lunch is confirmed...
Monday December 7th
Box Hill Golf Club....Yay!

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Treasurer's report

John Lagzdins - 0434 870 199

In the month to date we banked \$200.00 from membership fees and made three payments:

1 - \$500.00 for April's room rent (May rent is unpaid- no invoice yet).

2 - \$50.40 for Consumer Affairs fee.

3 - \$2214.50 for Capitation fees to Probus head-office for 103 active members.

As a result the bank balance at 21st May is \$11,555.92 including the \$1,760.00 grant from Council.

Our current bank account is:

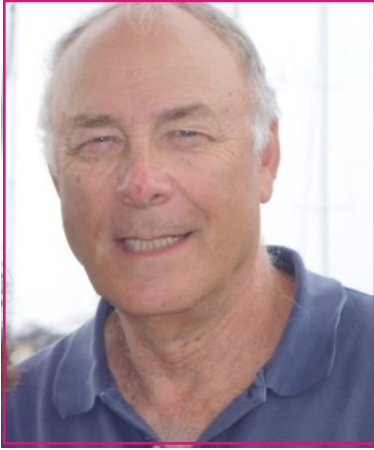
Combined Probus Club of Auburn (Vic) Inc.

Bendigo Bank: BSB - 633 000 Account number - 240 474 353

If paying any EFT or cash to this account please include your name for reference.

Our speaker for June

Dr Nafty Vanderhoek



Dr Vanderhoek has worked for over 50 years supporting the pulp and paper and related industries in a variety of technical and management roles; 28 years with APM/Amcor, 9 years with CSIRO and for the past 13 years as a consultant.

Although now largely retired, Nafty retains an interest in scientific matters, particularly when they involve big ticket issues such as innovation, climate change and energy options where the scientific facts are often clouded by hype and sensationalism to the detriment of sensible debate.

He will discuss whether nuclear energy can play a role in Australia's energy transition.

The title of Dr Vanderhoek's address is:

Nuclear Energy -

Should it form part of Australia's energy mix or not?

Vice President's Club Diary

David Brown - 0407 844 421

The diary lists all Club activities for the whole year. All Organisers and Convenors must contact David to let him know the proposed date of activities planned for verification thus ensuring that there is no clash of activities.

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.

Newsletter

Don Porter

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.

Membership

Peter Gibbs - 0409 179 559 Ass. Laurice Stainsby - 0404 273 371

MAY MEETING

Attendance: 80 Apologies: 16 No Response: 8 Total: 104

New Members: Shirley Williams and Cora Annesley.

Death: Keith Creed

Resignations: Margaret Rudman (NA)

Birthdays for June

Julie Langton, Norm Fary, Mary Gurry, John McIntosh, Ian Phillips, Barbara Butler, Judy Watt, Trevor Mackey, Anne Toscano, Noel Garroway and Sandy Tilley.

Please text (preferable) or phone Laurice if you will not be attending this meeting.

May speaker summary

by Peter Brown



Graeme Stephenson from Swinburne University of Technology took us through the world of AI. It is now part of everyday life from summarising complex information and translating ideas into working drafts in seconds. He argued that the biggest risk isn't AI security; it is falling behind in its adoption, capability and productivity without which Australia will fall behind other developing economies.

Post-meeting lunch

Change of venue reminder!

Marian Jackson 0438 365 048



Bean Thief Café, 773 High St, Kew East. (Opposite Office Works).

If you intend going please let me know at morning tea to allow me to phone through numbers so they can set up before 12 noon.

They have a separate closed in room at the rear of the Café.

Marian Jackson email marianrjackson@hotmail.com

Travel Section

Armchair Travel

Shirley Fenemor 0429 373 607



Well, we did enjoy our walk on the Camino Trail with Tony Hudson, (pictured with his daughter Meg)!

What a turn-out we had!!



We are back again after our sojourn to Queensland and ready for a cruise to Antarctica with Helga.



We embark on June 24 at 7.30 from Manningtree, Hawthorn, and hope you can all make it. Of course new travellers are always welcome – please ring me if you have any questions.

Outings

Sandy Tilley 0400 678 668 Annette Brownscombe 0418 400 352

Activities Coming Up



NGV, Melbourne Winter Masterpieces
The Cartier Exhibition: Wednesday 17th June

Cost: Adult \$43.00 - Seniors \$39.00 (valid Wednesdays only) - Concession \$39.00
The Melbourne exhibition traces the evolution of the Cartier legacy in art, design and craftsmanship.
Over 400 gems and jewellery will be on display.
Meet at the gallery at 10.15am and purchase entry tickets individually.
Lunch afterwards at a nearby venue.

The Round Theatre

Wednesday 15th July

'The Broadway We Love' - commencing at 2.00pm
Australian Tenor Roy Best will be joined on stage by Michelle Fitzmaurice, William Schmidt and Christopher McKenna to showcase their love of Broadway.

Enjoy hit songs from classic Broadway musicals plus some of their favourite composers including Rogers and Hammerstein, Andrew Lloyd Weber and Lerner and Lowe.

Duration 60-75 mins Cost \$24.00

Afternoon tea included after the show.

Payment by or before Monday 6th July meeting.

If paying cash please have correct money available.

Wednesday 26th August

'Tenori - Moment by Moment' - commencing at 11.00am.

This show is a highly polished performance from three of Queensland's powerhouse singers David Kidd, Stewart Morris and Andrew Pryor. They have international experience in the industry and put on a hugely entertaining show bringing their sense of fun and sophistication to classics from opera, jazz and musical theatre.

Afternoon tea included after the show.

Duration 60-75 mins Cost \$24.00

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Coach tour in October

Jan Lester 0409 442 995

Thank you to all the members who have already paid their deposit for our planned coach trip to Mount Gambier and Portland on 17th to 22nd October. The tour is definitely going ahead.

As I have previously indicated, accommodation, especially single rooms, is limited. If you are considering joining the tour keep in mind that a place is not guaranteed until the deposit of \$200.00 pp is paid and the booking form have been received by Trade Travel.

If you have any queries or require an itinerary, please do not hesitate to call me or talk to me at the June meeting.

Sports Section

Walking Group

Helga O'Loughlin 0427 829 000 & Rita Hayes 0417 988 859

We will meet at the cnr of Riversdale Rd and Vedun St., at the Parking Area, Surrey Hills. (Mel. 60 G2).

Julie and Noelle will lead us along the creek to Lynden Park, wending our way back to Through Rd for coffee at Miss Franks.

Our thanks to Lorraine for a new and interesting walk through Balwyn in May.

Golf Group

Gary Jackson 0418 578 863

In June we move to Ivanhoe Golf Course, Vasey St, Ivanhoe.
Tee off time for Tuesdays 2nd and 9th is 10.08am and Mondays 15th, 22nd and 29th is 9.44am.

Golf results for April and May

Date	Weekly Winner	Longest Drive	Nearest the Pin	Best off the stick
27/4	Mike Pavey	Trevor Mackey	Mike Pavey	Mike Pavey
5/5	Brenda Mackey	Brenda Mackey	Mike Pavey	Mike Pavey
11/5	Einhart Lincke	Ian Bourke	Trevor Mackey	Max Ebert
18/5	Trevor Mackey	Trevor Mackey	Trevor Mackey	Mike Pavey

Footy tipping

Mike Pavey 0418 058 461



The AFL Home & Away Season continues with some good matches over the last weekend, with some upsets.

The numbers tipping this season split about 50:50 between the sexes, and the winners being split 9 to 8, in favour of the ladies.

The Cleary family are having a good run with the couple winning 5 times in the 11 rounds so far. Tom Bellville remains in the ladder lead by a margin of 2.

Congratulations to the winners for the last three rounds being:

- Round 8** **Peter & Pat Cleary, Carleen Meehan & Brenda Mackey**
- Round 9** **Gary Jackson**
- Round 10** **David Markland**
- Round 11** **Lorraine Borley**

If assistance is required contact Mike Pavey.

Bike Group

Gary Jackson 0418 578 863

May Rides:

Thursday 7th No ride due to bad weather.



Thursday 21st Four riders met at East Malvern Railway Station to travel by train with bikes to alight at Glen Waverley Railway Station.



We left the train and rode our bikes through Glen Waverley streets to connect to the Dandenong Creek Trail passing by Glen Waverley Golf course to Jells Park for a photo overlooking Wildlife Lake. Continuing on the Dandenong Creek Trail we stopped at the Code Five café for a coffee before returning over Springvale Road to join the Scotchman Creek Trail through Mount Waverley, Chadstone, Glen Iris and to Malvern Railway Station car park to our cars.

Thanks David

June Rides

Thursday 4th.

Meet at 9.30am Knox Basketball Centre, (Melway: 72 D2) Ride Eastlink Trail to Burwood Hwy, then pick up Dandenong Creek Trail. Ride past Ringwood Golf Course to Bayswater for coffee and return. About 18k paved all the way. Oops a long hill to start and finish.

Leader: Ian Bourke 0418 381 279

PS. When entering the basketball centre keep left and park near the tennis courts.

Thursday 18th.

Meet at 10.00am 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.

Leader: Mike Pavey 0418 990 815

Indoor section

Canasta

Thelma Bourke 0417 053 549

The next canasta will be held on Tuesday June 2nd at 7:30 pm, 1st floor lounge, Applewood.

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!

Mahjong

Convenor to be confirmed

The June mahjong is on Thursday 28th at Barnsbury.

As Barb Richards has stepped down the group is looking for someone to take over her role.

Sew'n' Sews

Noel Garraway 0438 549 536

Friday 19th June is our next group gathering and I will be the Hostess at apartment 43/ 20-26 Manningtree Road, Hawthorn.

Please let me know if you will be attending. I hope to see you then.

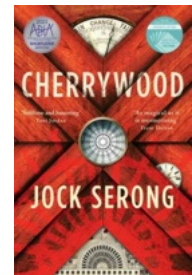
Tuesday lunch Book Group

John Curry 0417 581 126



We reviewed "The Granddaughter" by Bernhard Schlink at our May meeting. The book had an historical context in that the novel covered the period when the wall separated east and west Germany. Whilst a little laborious at times the story generally travelled well. We were disappointed with the ending because it was not conclusive. We rated the book at eight out of ten.

We will review "Cherrywood" by Jock Serong at our June meeting. The blurb states it is "a darkly delicious, playful and rich novel about legacy, community, wonder, love and reinvention. We shall see!



Outdoors Section

Booroondara Symphonic Band

Colin Richards 0406 599 990

The next FREE CONCERT by the BSB will be held at Holy Trinity Church, High Street, Kew on Sunday 14th June at 2.30 pm. We hope to see you there and for coffee afterwards.

Dine - out

John McIntosh 0402 458 061

Our next dinner will be held at Box Hill RSL on Monday June 15th.
We meet at 6.30pm for a 7.30pm start.



We have arranged a luncheon, at the selected restaurant:

Franco-Belge.

9 Evans Place, East Hawthorn.

Thursday 25th June at 1.00pm.

If you are interested in attending this lunch please register your name at the Dine Out Desk, please record your intention to attend at the June meeting.

Coffee & Chat

Jan Cheney 0400 889 705

Our next get-together will be on Tuesday 16th June at 10.00am at Olive Lane Café in the North Balwyn Village Shopping Centre in Doncaster Road.

The members attending find it a very pleasant way for members - both new and old - to get together with their fellow members in a relaxed, informal, and enjoyable environment.

The 48 tram stops outside Olive Lane, and car parking is available behind Olive Lane off Bulleen Road.

You can contact me by text or email jancheney@bigpond.com to let me know of your attendance.

Or - just turn up!

You'll be made most welcome to this regular, informal get-together. We look forward to you joining us then.

Brew and Chew

Ian Phillips 0428 858 272



Following the last Probus meeting featuring AI, the Treasurer remarked that when using AI it was sensible to have a fair idea of the answer before beginning – rather like using a slide rule. The discussion then morphed into reminiscences about slide rules, adding machines with handles and comptometrists, a lost breed like typists. All from the days when men drank beer and women Pimms No1 (with no risk of adulteration!).

Brew and Chew owes its name from the idea of exchanging recipes for home brew and offal – an idea that that did not survive beyond the first meeting, discussion then moving to carburettors and enlarged prostates. Unfortunately, wars, economics and social division seem topics that rather dominate today at Brew + Chew, unfortunate really, as laughs seem to come less readily in those discussions. But football is a reliable standby on which all have an opinion, particularly how unfair it is that teams that were never in the VFL now enjoy 10 game winning streaks, how uniforms were once sacrosanct and recognisable, and the survival of players after 400+ games.

Join the conversation at Camberwell Library on May 27 and June 24 at 10.00.

Ian Phillips – irp@alphalink.com.au

Australia Feature

Wonderful things to look at and appreciate about our country!



The Movie Group

Norma Griffiths 0438 584 198

Movie review of Pike River



The Movie Group of 10 Probian's experienced a powerful story of a mine disaster which occurred on the North West coast of South Island, New Zealand in 2010. Twenty-nine miners and contractors did not survive.

The police and government issued false reports for five days giving family and loved ones hope of a rescue. Bereaved families began a long and painful fight to seek the truth and gain some justice which was denied with obstruction and lies from police and the government at the time. The manager of the mine was finally found guilty of poor safety practices and imprisoned.

Two strong women, Anna Osborne and Sonya Rockhouse, portrayed by Melanie Lynskey and Robyn Malcolm, were exceptional in their roles as they fought for an enquiry. They elicited the support of Jacinda Ardern (in a cameo role) in the lead up to NZ election in 2018 to successfully achieve a resolution and the awarding of damages. See Wikipedia for further information on post 2018 developments on

this extraordinary saga which started in 2010.

It was heartening to see a true story of ordinary people having a win over government and bureaucracy - a film we were all glad to experience.

And so to continue with an uplifting theme for our next movie...

I have selected a comedy which has received some very good reviews. Don't be put off by the title.



The film has been described as delightful and charming with a twisty murder. A flock of digital talking sheep (yes that's right) decide to find out who killed their shepherd. It has an all star cast with Hugh Jackman, Emma Thompson, Julia Louis Dreyfus and Bryan Cranston.

As one reviewer stated: " the film ultimately provides a highly uplifting experience."

Something we all need, I would guess???

Wednesday 3rd June at the Palace Balwyn.
Coffee: 10.15am, Film: 10.45am in a big cinema.
Lunch: 1.00pm at Augello's

COME and have a laugh with us.

Smile section Thought for the month

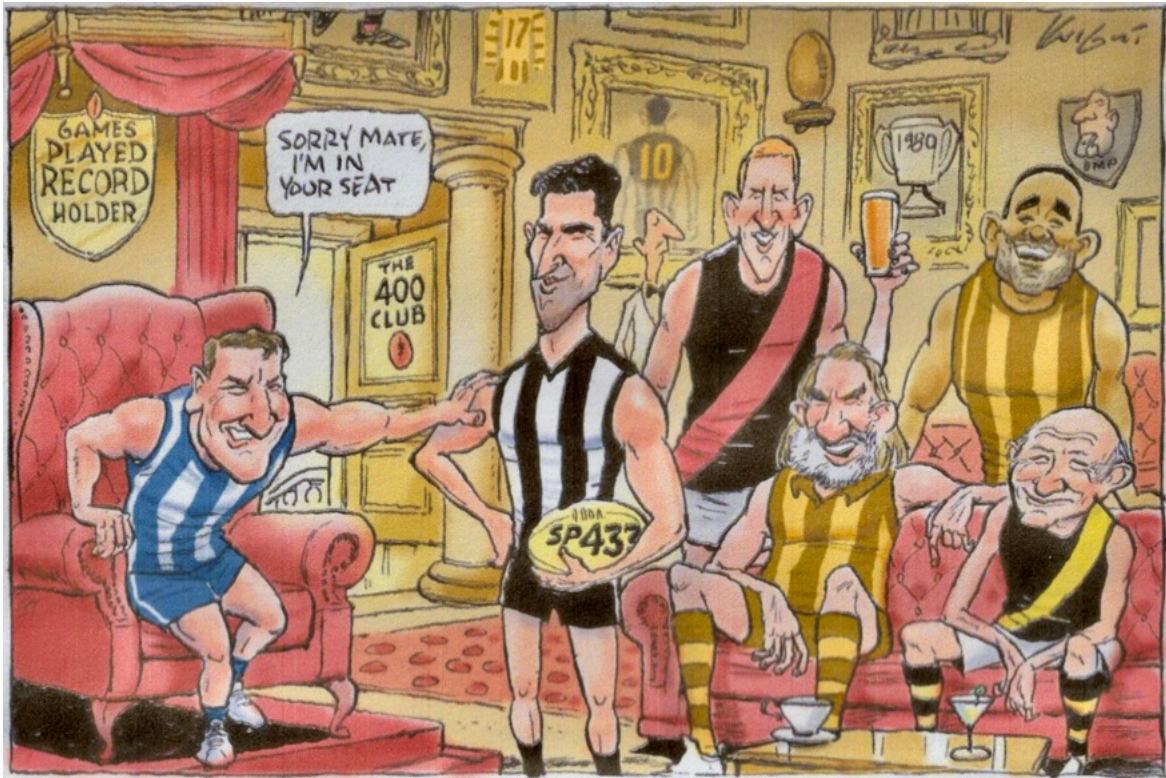
A diamond is a piece of coal that did well under pressure



anonymous

Speaking of diamonds!

Cartoon(s) of the month



Talk about longevity...!

