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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

Now that we have the Winter Solstice behind us, we can look forward to longer and hopefully brighter days. But, let's all enjoy the simple pleasures of winter.



One sure way is to stay connected to family and friends and Probus certainly has an important role to play in this. It's a definite call to join in and to enjoy as many activities as possible and to socialise, socialise, socialise.

It is also a good time to reflect on our group and maybe think about additional activities that we could incorporate, possibly even one that you are interested enough to organise (???). Remember, your input is valuable and absolutely necessary for our club to flourish.

Also please note the change in the Club's address at the top of this page.

I look forward to seeing you all at our July meeting on Monday 6th. In the meantime stay warm.

patriciadavies21@gmail.com



Morning Tea/Coffee roster

Jeny and Peter Matthews

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.



Treasurer's report

John Lagzdins - 0434 870 199

The Club's bank balance at report date is \$11,024.24 including the \$1,760 grant from Council.
Income for the month to date was for outings in advance for \$672.00 and member subs \$75.00.
Payments were for Christmas Lunch deposit \$500.00, Consumer Affairs \$183.00 and sundries \$120.00.
The invoice for \$500.00 rent of rooms is unpaid.

Special note: please cease using the Club's National Bank Account.

We are in the process of closing the National account so as to use the new Bendigo Bank account.
PLEASE note - our BENDIGO BANK account details have recently changed as follows:

Combined Probus Club of Auburn (Vic) Inc.

Bendigo Bank - BSB: 633 000 Account number: 244 763 645

Please check, change or delete your previous Bendigo Bank transfer details accordingly.

Please see me at the next meeting if you need any assistance.

It's always helpful if you are paying any EFT or cash to this account to please include
your name for reference. Thank you for doing so.

Our speaker for July:

Peter Duras



Peter is a retired Sports Physiotherapist and has worked with elite athletes in many different sports, including five years at the Western Bulldogs and three years at the Essendon Football Club.

Peter has travelled overseas with Australian track and field athletes including four World Championships and has also been a member of seven Commonwealth Games Teams, from Brisbane 1982 to Melbourne 2006.

He has been fascinated by the Olympic Games since attending the Melbourne Games as a teenager. Ever since then he has been a keen collector of sports memorabilia and autographs.

For ten years Peter was a guide at the National Sports Museum, and he is a member of the International Society of Olympic Historians.

Peter is an active member of Rotary Central Melbourne where his main focus is the homeless in the CBD. He was recently awarded an Order of Australia for his services to Sports Physiotherapy and the community.

He will begin by taking us on a fantasy trip going back 2400 years to the ancient Olympics in 376 BC.

The title of Peter's talk is:

"My trip to the Olympics in 376 BC."

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.

Due date for newsletter articles	Date of monthly meeting
Thursday 23rd July	Monday 3rd August
Thursday 28th August	Monday 7th September
Thursday 24th September	Monday 5th October

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	Movie group	1st Wednesday
Dine Out	3rd Monday evening	Coffee & Chat	3rd Tuesday
Golf	Every Monday, except public holidays & meeting days		
Mah-jong	Last Thursday		

Membership

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

JULY MEETING

Attendance: 62 Apologies: 34 No Response: 9 Total: 105

New Members: Max Ebert

Deaths: Nil **Resignations:** Nil

Birthdays for July:

Tom Fenemor, Einhart Lincke, Helen Pavey, Lindsay Bytheway, Sylvia Curry, Lindsay Butler, Marian Jackson, Pat Davies and Carol Fraser.

If you have any changes to your contact details, including next of kin, would you please send them to Peter Gibbs at pwbgibbs@yahoo.com.au

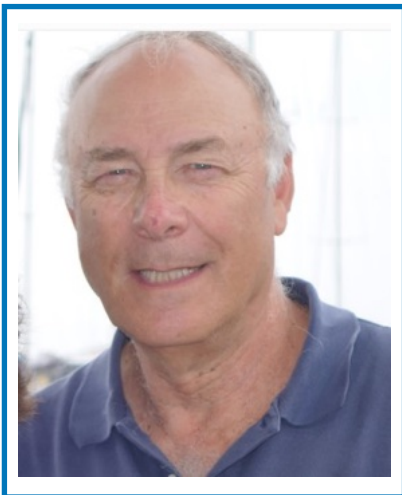
Please text (preferable) or phone Laurice if you will not be attending this meeting.

June speaker summary

by Peter Brown

Nuclear Energy

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



Nafty spoke about the importance of energy which is synonymous with power generation. Australia's current energy mix is fossil fuels 60-65% and renewables 35-40%, compared with the world, fossil fuels 70%, renewables 20% and nuclear 10%. Australia has 20 coal fired power stations spread over every state except South Australia and Tasmania.

The plan is to replace these power stations with renewables, but there are major concerns about reliability and cost. For example the cost of the Snowy Scheme was estimated as \$2B in 2017. The scheme is yet to be completed and the current estimated cost has risen to \$40B.

Nafty said nuclear power was seen by many as dirty, dangerous and expensive. He showed that nuclear power generation and the three accidents caused less deaths than renewables, generates zero greenhouse gases and is competitive in price with renewables. The recent costing of nuclear power by CSIRO was flawed, based on the assumption a life of a

nuclear reactor of 30 years while many existing plants have been running safely for over 70 years. Australia mines uranium to sell overseas, has ordered nuclear powered submarines but is closed in its thinking about nuclear power.

While Nafty did not answer the question he posed he gave us plenty of information to consider.

If anyone would like a copy of Nafty's presentation please let me know at prbrown@tpg.com.au and I will forward a copy to you.

2026/7 Committee

President - Pat Davies
Vice President - David Brown
Past President - Peter Gibbs
Secretary - Peter Brown
Treasurer - John Lagzdins
Outings - Annette Brownscombe
Sandy Tilley
Speakers - TBA
Newsletter - Don Porter
Membership - Peter Gibbs
Welfare - Judy Halpin

2026/7 Activity Convenors

Armchair Travel - Shirley Fenemor
Brew & Chew - Ian Phillips
Canasta - Thelma Bourke
Dine Out - John & Maureen McIntosh
Coffee and Chat - Jan Cheney
Mahjong - Barbara Fary
Golf & Cycling - Gary Jackson
Web Master - Mike Pavey
Sew'n' Sews - Noel Garraway
Tuesday lunch Book Club - John Curry
Walking - Helga O'Loughlin & Rita Hayes
Movie Goers - Norma Griffiths

Travel Section Armchair Travel

Shirley Fenemor 0429 373 607

Well, we are indeed a very fortunate few – last month Antarctica and next month India!!!



Thank you so much to our very obliging presenters ...they are much appreciated by all of us.
Trevor Mackey will be presenting on their recent trip to India on Wednesday July 22nd at Manningtree
(parking usually available in the forecourt) at 7.30pm.

We look forward to seeing you there.

New members are always welcome and please contact me if you need any further information.

Outings

Sandy Tilley 0400 678 668 Annette Brownscombe 0418 400 352

Activities Coming Up

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 EFT must be in the Probus Account by Friday 3rd July.

If paying cash at the July meeting please have the 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.

Duration 60 -75 mins Cost \$24.00.

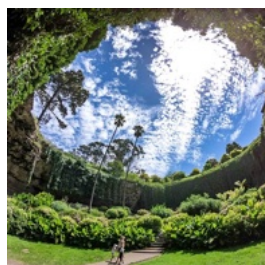
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Coach tour to Glenelg & Portland

Jan Lester 0409 442 995



We have 26 members so far coming on our 6 day coach tour to Mount Gambier and Portland departing on 17th October. There are a few places still available.

If you are still considering joining us and would like an itinerary or any information regarding the trip, please contact me or see me at the next meeting.

Outings like this are where members get to know each other and friendships are formed.

Sports Section

Walking Group

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

Hi walkers....here are our two walks for July.

Monday 13th July, Kew General Cemetery.

at 9.50am at the main gates of the cemetery on the corner of High and Parkhill Roads, Kew, (Melway 45 E5), for our conducted tour by a member of Friends of Boroondara Cemetery.

Parking is available in the street.

The cost for this tour is \$15.00 per person, pay on the day.

Please bring correct cash (no card facilities available).

Afterwards coffee will be available across the road at Jonathon's Cafe.

Monday 27th July, Banksia Park.



Noelle and Julie are taking us to Cherry Loop Walk. Entrance #3 Templestowe Road, Bulleen. (Melway Map 45 E5). Photo (right) of the entry and Carpark. Coffee afterwards at The Greenery, Banksia Street, Heidelberg.



Footy tipping

Mike Pavey 0418 058 461



The AFL Home & Away Season continues with some good matches over the last weekend, with at least one upset. Only 7 Rounds to go until the finals.

The numbers tipping this season split about 50:50 between the sexes, and the winners being split 12 to 10, in favour of the ladies.

Tom Bellville remains in the ladder lead by a margin of 2.

Congratulations to the winners of the last five rounds:

- Round 12 Peter Lewis**
- Round 13 Loretta Belleville**
- Round 14 Loretta Belleville**
- Round 15 Laurice Stainsby**
- Round 16 Peter Lewis**

If assistance is required contact Mike Pavey.

Bike Group

Gary Jackson 0418 578 863

June Rides - Thursday 4th and Thursday 18th No rides due to bad weather.

Memories of our Bright tour



Old Beechworth railway station



Ovens River bridge

July Rides

Thursday 2nd

We will meet 9:30am in Creswick Street Hawthorn next to the Hawthorn Bridge. The route is to travel along the Main Yarra Trail till we cross the MacRobertson Bridge onto the south side of the Yarra. Proceeding through Southbank on the Yarra Promenade to Clarendon Street. Then along Normanby Road to connect with the light rail path towards Port Melbourne for coffee at the Station Street Café (166 Station Street Port Melbourne) and return via the north side of the Yarra. Approx. 22k's. The route is on sealed paths.
Leader: Trevor 0408 285 382.

Thursday 16th

Meet at 9.30 am 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 Long hill to start & finish.
When entering the Basketball Centre keep left and park near the Tennis Courts.
Leader: Ian Bourke 0418381279.

Golf Group

Gary Jackson 0418 578 863

In July we move to Wattle Park Golf Course, 1012 Riversdale Rd Surrey Hills.
Tee off times for Tuesday 7th is 9.40am and Mondays 13th, 20th and 27th is 10am.

Golf results for May and June:

Date	Weekly Winner	Longest Drive	Nearest the Pin	Best off the stick
25/5	Brenda Mackey	Ross King	Gary Jackson	Brenda Mackey
2/6	Einhart Lincke	Mike Pavey	-	Mike Pavey
9/6	Einhart Lincke	Ross King	-	Mike Pavey
15/6	Brenda Mackey	Sue Harris	-	Ian Bourke Mike Pavey
22/6	Mike Pavey	Trevor Mackey	-	Mike Pavey

Indoor section

Canasta

Thelma Bourke 0417 053 549

The next canasta will be held on Tuesday July 7th 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

Barbara Fary 0400 003 339

The next meeting will be held on the 30th July hosted by Pat Cleary at Barnsbury.
Please ensure that you let Pat know if you will or will not be attending.

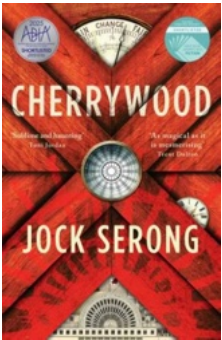
Sew 'n' Sews

Noel Garraway 0438 549 536

Our next meeting will be held on Friday July 17th.
hosted by Shirley Williams, at St. Josephs, 401/108 Denham Street, Hawthorn.
Please advise Shirley of your attendance: 0407 682 425.

Tuesday lunch Book Group

John Curry 0417 581 126



We reviewed "Cherrywood" by Jock Serong at our June meeting. The book was described as a fantasy and it fulfilled that description. We found it creditable reading in parts, but when it lapsed into fantasy, we had difficulty in seeing what it was trying to achieve. The story revolved around a hotel built from cherrywood, the timbers of a boat that sank many years ago. The hotel had no permanent base and it wandered around Fitzroy. Some members had read earlier novels by Jock Serong and were disappointed in the story line in "Cherrywood". We rated the book at five out of ten.

We will review "We were the Lucky Ones" by Georgia Hunter at our next meeting. The blurb reads "the book is a testament to the notion that even in the darkest of times, the human spirit can find a way to survive, and even triumph."

We will see!!



Dine - out

John McIntosh 0402 458 061

Twenty members enjoyed a relaxing get-together and a delicious lunch at Franco Belge in Camberwell .
Our next regular Box Hill RSL dinner is scheduled for 20th July.
Bookings at the desk.

Coffee & Chat

Jan Cheney 0400 889 705



We have decided to take a "Winter Break" from the normal 3rd Tuesday "Coffee and Chat" in July. Too many people "up north" or finding it too hard to leave the electric blanket! So, there will not be a "Coffee and Chat" in July, but we will resume in August (Tuesday the 18th) when we will make all members most welcome.
See you then.

Brew and Chew

Ian Phillips 0428 858 272



As the end of the financial year nears, the thoughts of many of us turn to taxation (rather like Federal Parliament).

Of course, discussion of the “budget” is off limits, probably even for Brew and Chew, but the excitement about EOFY sales saturates the advertising pages of the newspapers (if you are still familiar with such things). It threatens to push the Middle-East to small print columns towards the back of the paper, despite the anxiety of the US President to remain in the headlines. None of us can emulate (or wish to emulate) his birthday celebrations in

Washington – perhaps we have only just moved on from when international disputes were settled by fights to the death by the champions of each side.

Which brings us to the World Cup – a likely thing to discuss at Brew and Chew.

Join the conversation at Camberwell Library on July 22nd at 10.00am.

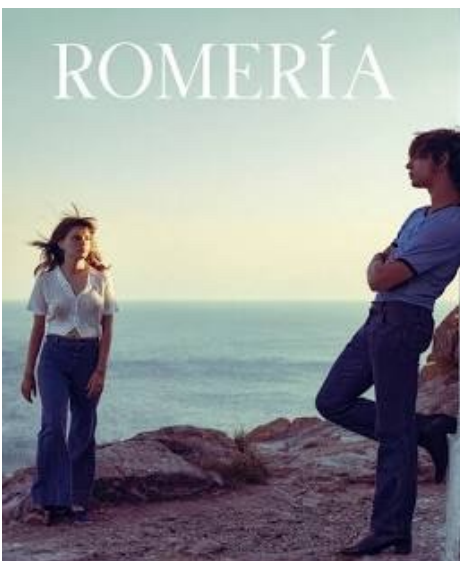
Ian Phillips – irp@alphalink.com.au



Ian's cartoon corner

The Movie Group

Norma Griffiths 0438 584 198



Our next date is Wednesday 1st July, **before the monthly meeting.** The film selected is the Spanish movie "Romeria" meaning Pilgrimage which is the study of a family and its history. It has been given some very positive reviews because of the acting and the beautiful scenery. As it will be school holidays, the number of films suitable for us is limited and the Palace has an ongoing film festival.

Details are:

Wednesday 1st July at Palace Balwyn-large theatre,

Coffee: 10.30am,

Movie: 11.00am,

Lunch: 1.15pm at Augello's.

Please let me know if you are coming to the movie and or lunch.

normaandgeoff@outlook.com

Australia Feature

Wonderful things to look at and appreciate about our country!



Just as an extra pic.
This craft was observed almost landing on the club house...!
Late arrivals for Pickle Ball?

Smile section

Thought for the month

The pessimist complains about the wind;
the optimist expects it to change;
the realist adjusts the sails!

William Arthur Ward

Cartoon of the month

