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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,

I hope that you are all staying warm and enjoying some of our recent sunny days. Mind you, it is difficult not to be too jealous of our members who have been lucky enough to holiday in a warmer climate and thus escape some of our winter weather, particularly these cold nights.

This month we welcome back our esteemed Membership Officer, Peter Gibbs. Hopefully he has had a great holiday and maybe we can persuade him to share a few moments with us?

Now that the FIFA World Cup is behind us, perhaps we can concentrate on more important issues, such as AFL. The season seems to be progressing rather quickly and it will be no time at all before we are talking finals!!!

Of course many members will be enjoying the Victorian Commonwealth Games being held in Glasgow.

Thank you Mr Andrews (NOT).

I do look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on Monday, 3rd August.

patriciadavies21@gmail.com



Morning Tea & Coffee roster

Thelma and Ian Bourke

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 \$9,885.12 including the \$1,760 grant from Council.

Income for the month was for 'The Round' concert outing for \$196.00 adding to previous collections.

Payment was made for the two concerts for \$836.00

The invoice for \$500.00 for the July meeting rent of rooms is unpaid.

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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

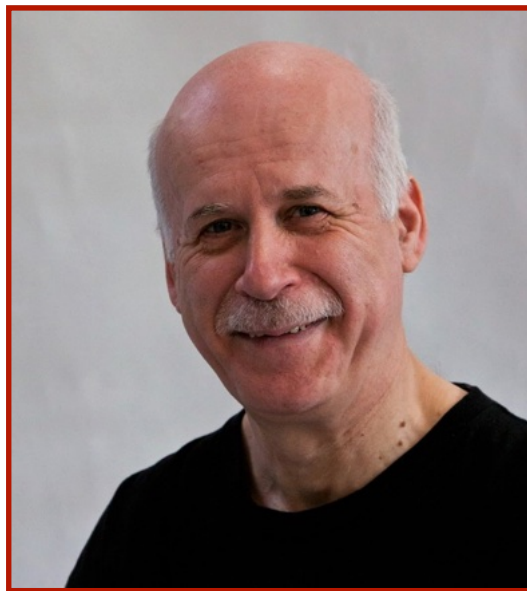
Please check, change or delete your previous Bendigo Bank transfer details accordingly.

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 please include your name for reference. Thank you for doing so.

Our speaker for August

Chris Bennett



Chris is an author and in Mondays' meeting presentation will talk about his memoir of 'Roy Boy' a story about growing up in working class Fitzroy, Melbourne's first suburb, during the 1950's and 1960's, of migrant parents.

He will share stories with us of old Fitzroy before gentrification, migrant family life, the strong community spirit of the era and the various characters he grew up with.

His talk is bound to initiate many questions that Chris is keen to answer.

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 - 0400 898 909

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 28th August	Monday 7th September
Thursday 24th September	Monday 5th October
Thursday 23rd October	Monday 2nd November

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	2nd 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 69 Apologies 27 No Response 9 Total 105

July activity

New Members: Nil **Deaths:** Nil **Resignations:** Nil

August meeting

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

Birthdays for August

Janet Howard Smith, Cora Annesley, Annette Brownscombe, Dusanka Kos-Brkic and Max Ebert.

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

July speaker summary

by David Cheney



For his presentation, Peter Duras, a retired Sports Physiotherapist, took us on a fantasy trip to Ancient Greece and the city of Olympus, to the first Olympic Games in 376BC.

Some 40,000 citizens from Greece and beyond travelled to the Games by boat and over bad roads resembling ours in Victoria!

The Games took place over six days with exotic food and drinks for all on the first and last days. A total of eight bullocks were slaughtered to feed the revellers.

Competitors were limited to males only, all competing in the nude. The winners were presented with a laurel crown as their only reward but, away from the games, many participants were fully professional.

Competitions included running (maximum four kms), javelin and discus throwing, chariot races (two and four horse rigs), free style wrestling and boxing. The champion

wrestler who won the first five events trained on twenty kilos of steak and nine litres of wine per day and was virtually unbeatable. Swimming events involved an obstacle course comprising two 200meter swims, including swimming under several moored ships.

Peter brought along one of the two existing brass miners lamps when flying became necessary to transport the 'Olympic Flame' for the torch relays in other countries.

An interesting and entertaining talk.

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



Fasten your seat belts – we are off to Marrakech and the High Atlas Mountains. This was a trip that Barbara and Graeme McRae took in 2010 to explore the older and more traditional parts of Marrakech - mainly its Medina, souk and the Marjorelle Gardens, then spending a day in the High Atlas Mountains before returning to Marrakech to look through the Kasbah and the ruins of the El Badi Palace. Certainly not a trip that many of us are likely to do now???

Do join us at Manningtree on Wednesday 26 August at 7.30 pm. New members always welcome. If you have any questions – please contact me.

Outings

Sandy Tilley 0400 678 668 Annette Brownscombe 0418 400 352

Our Activity Coming Up

Wednesday 26th August - The Round Theatre

‘Tenori - Moment by Moment’ - commencing at 11.00am.



David Kidd, Stewart Morris and Andrew Pryor.

The show is a highly polished performance from three of Queensland’s powerhouse singers (pictured above). Morning tea will be served from 10.00am prior to the concert commencing. It is recommended to arrive early both for parking and a seat at morning tea. Tickets will be available from Sandy or Annette at our meeting on Monday the 3rd of August. If you are unable to attend the meeting Sandy will have the tickets available before the start of the concert. Any unclaimed tickets will be left at The Round Theatre booking office before the show commences. Any problems please contact me.

6 day coach tour to Mount Gambier & Portland

Jan Lester 0409 442 995



Just a reminder to the 26 members coming on our tour beginning Saturday 17th October that the final payment is due to be paid direct to Trade Travel no later than **Friday 14th August**.

If you are not sure of the amount due, please contact Trade Travel on 1800 034 439.

Sports Section

Walking Group

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

Hi walkers....here are our next two walks.

Monday 10th August, Kew.



Shirley will lead us on our walk that will start at 9:30am at Willsmere Park, 27 Willow Grove, East Kew, (Mel 45 F1). We will walk past the Willsmere billabong along the walking track and across the Yarra and Darebin Creek. Coffee will be at Ora Cafe (pictured left), located in the Willsmere village.

Monday 24th August, Canterbury.



Helen Goodale along with Rita, will be leading our walk starting at Ruby T's Cafe, (pictured left), 110 Maling Rd. Canterbury. (Melway 46 C12) at 10.00am (Parking available behind the shops), our walk continues to Canterbury Gardens and then back to Warburton Road and coffee at Ruby T's. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Footy tipping

Mike Pavey 0418 990 815



The AFL Home & Away Season continues with. Only 5 Rounds to go until the Finals. The numbers tipping this season split about 50:50 between the sexes, and the winners being equally split at fourteen each. Tom Belleville remains in the ladder lead but joined by Gary Jackson and Carleen Meehan all on 127, followed by Peter Cleary on 126, and Trevor Mackey and Loretta Belleville both on 125. Could be an exciting last five rounds.

Congratulations to the winners of the last four rounds:

Round 17 David Markland

Round 18 Peter Lewis

Round 19 Peter Lewis, Jan Lester, and Lorraine Borley

Round 20 Peter Cleary

If assistance is required contact Mike Pavey

Bike Group

Gary Jackson 0418 578 863

July Rides

Thursday 2nd No ride due to bad weather.

Thursday 16th

Five riders met at the Knox Basketball Centre in the Dandenong Valley Parklands in Wantirna South cycling on the Eastlink Trail through Koomba Park passing by Morack and Ringwood Golf courses. Connecting to the Dandenong Creek Trail to Bayswater for coffee before returning to Wantirna South.

Thanks Ian.



August rides:

Thursday 6th - Meet at 9.30am at Yarra Bend Road carpark (Melway ref P30- H120). Join the Merri Creek Trail and follow the Creek to Coburg Lake turning off to Pentridge. Some inclines on made trail along the way and downhill on return. We do need to cross a couple of main roads at lights. Approx 18 Kms.

Leader: Christine Macrodoglos 0428 858 522.

Thursday 20th - Meet at 9.30am at the Yarra Boulevard, Burnley car park. Cycle, city bound, along the Yarra to the Morell pedestrian bridge and then along the 'Tan' to Anzac Ave and Anzac Station. Then clockwise around Albert Park Lake and along Aughtie Drive (without the racing cars) and crossing Canterbury Rd at Middle Park for a coffee stop at 'Jack the Geezer'. Continuing clockwise around the lake to Albert Rd and down Anderson St back to the Morell Bridge, the Yarra and our cars. 20km.

Leader: David Brown 0407 844 421.

Golf Group

Gary Jackson 0418 578 863

Golf results for June and July and the golfers (pictured below).

Date	Weekly Winner	Longest Drive	Nearest the Pin	Best off the stick
29/6	Ian Bourke	Mike Pavey	-	Ian Bourke
7/7	Max Ebert	Max Ebert	Max Ebert	Mike Pavey Max Ebert
13/7	Ian Bourke	Ian Bourke	-	Ian Bourke
20/7	Ian Bourke Brenda Mackey	Ian Bourke	-	Ian Bourke

A very smart group captured at Wattle Park Golf Course on July 20th



Indoor section

Canasta

Thelma Bourke 0417 053 549

The next canasta will be held on Tuesday August 4th 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 Thursday 27th of August 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 August 21st.
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



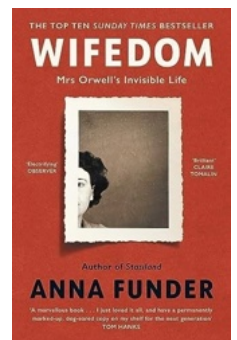
We reviewed **“We were the Lucky Ones”** by Georgia Hunter at our July meeting. The story tells the lives of three generations of a Jewish family from the commencement of World War 2 until they were all reunited after the war ended. They were all separated during the war in Poland, Iran, Italy and Brazil.

The book recounts some remarkable stories of human survival and resilience during terrible times and conditions during the war.

Although the book sometimes switches from family to family all our members found it very readable and rated it nine out of 10.

We will review **“Wifedom”** by Anna Funder at our August meeting.

It is the story of the wife of George Orwell and it recounts the unsung work of women in the lives of famous writers.



Dine - out

John & Maureen McIntosh 0402 458 061

Our next dinner at Box Hill RSL is on Monday 17th August at 6.30pm for 7.30pm meal.

On Thursday 20th August we have a lunch scheduled for 12.30pm at

Mister and Miss Restaurant, 713 Whitehorse Road, Mont Albert.

See the Dine-Out Desk to make your booking.

Coffee & Chat

Jan Cheney 0400 889 705



After our break for winter and possibly a bit warmer weather to entice members to jump from under their blankets, our next get-together will be on Tuesday 18th August at 10.00am at Olive Lane Café in the North Balwyn Village Shopping Centre in Doncaster Road. As always, members attending find it a very pleasant way for them - both new and old - to get together with their fellow members in a relaxed, informal, and enjoyable environment. The 48 tram stops immediately outside Olive Lane, and car parking is available behind the shops off Bulleen Road.

You can contact me by text (0400 889 705) or email - jancheney@bigpond.com to let me know of your attendance.....Or - just turn up!

You will be made most welcome by those regular attenders at this, most relaxed and informal get-together. We look forward to you joining us then.

Brew and Chew

Ian Phillips 0428 858 272



Many (if not most) of the participants in Brew and Chew are old enough to remember the events of 1956 – perhaps the Melbourne Games (in days when Victoria was interested in hosting those sort of sporting spectacles) but, in some cases, and the author's, also time in National Service and world events of that era.

The passing reference to National Service was triggered by a memory of turning up at a CMF parade and the joke being that we were about to be issued with a tropical kit in advance of a posting to Suez! Just banter but reflective of the times. In particular, it may be remembered by some that, in that year, a bunch of not well-respected

non-anglo chaps seized control of a vital narrow waterway the Suez Canal in that case, a move that was opposed by the great powers of the day minus USA, but including Israel.

As a good friend of mine was want to say, "Ah, but, its all very different now!!" But it is no good trying to learn from the past – no-one listens.

So, B+C will meet to try to master the future, benefitting perhaps from the recent Probus speaker on AI, or from watching the success of those recent interlopers, Freo and Sydney.

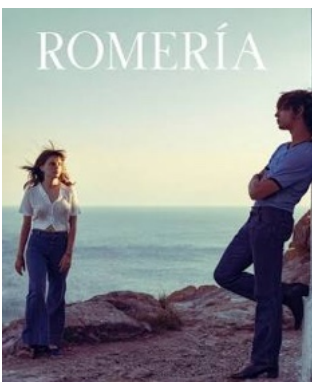


Ian's cartoon corner

irp@alphalink.com.au

The Movie Group

Norma Griffiths 0438 584 198



Good evening to you all.

As you recall, our movie date has changed again!

It will be the **Second Wednesday** in the month so I shall look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday 12th August**.

For those who actually read their newsletters (which I may venture are carefully compiled with dedication and artistic merit) the next film selection will not be available until the evening of our meeting date i.e nine days before the film date. So details will be sent out closer to the screening date, detailing the movie available and session time".

My July choice was "Romeria". A Spanish film which we all agreed was very unentertaining due to poor camera work, some poor editing, drug taking with associated nudity and sex, none of which was mentioned in film reviews which I

had relied upon for selection.

What were the reviewers taking that none of these observations were in their reports...?

I am hoping that Balwyn Palace has a better choice of films available for us on **August 12th**.

Join us for Fun, Friendship and Fellowship.

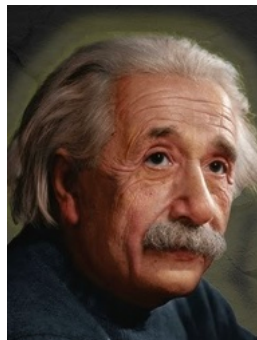
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Australia Feature

Wonderful things to look at and appreciate about our country!



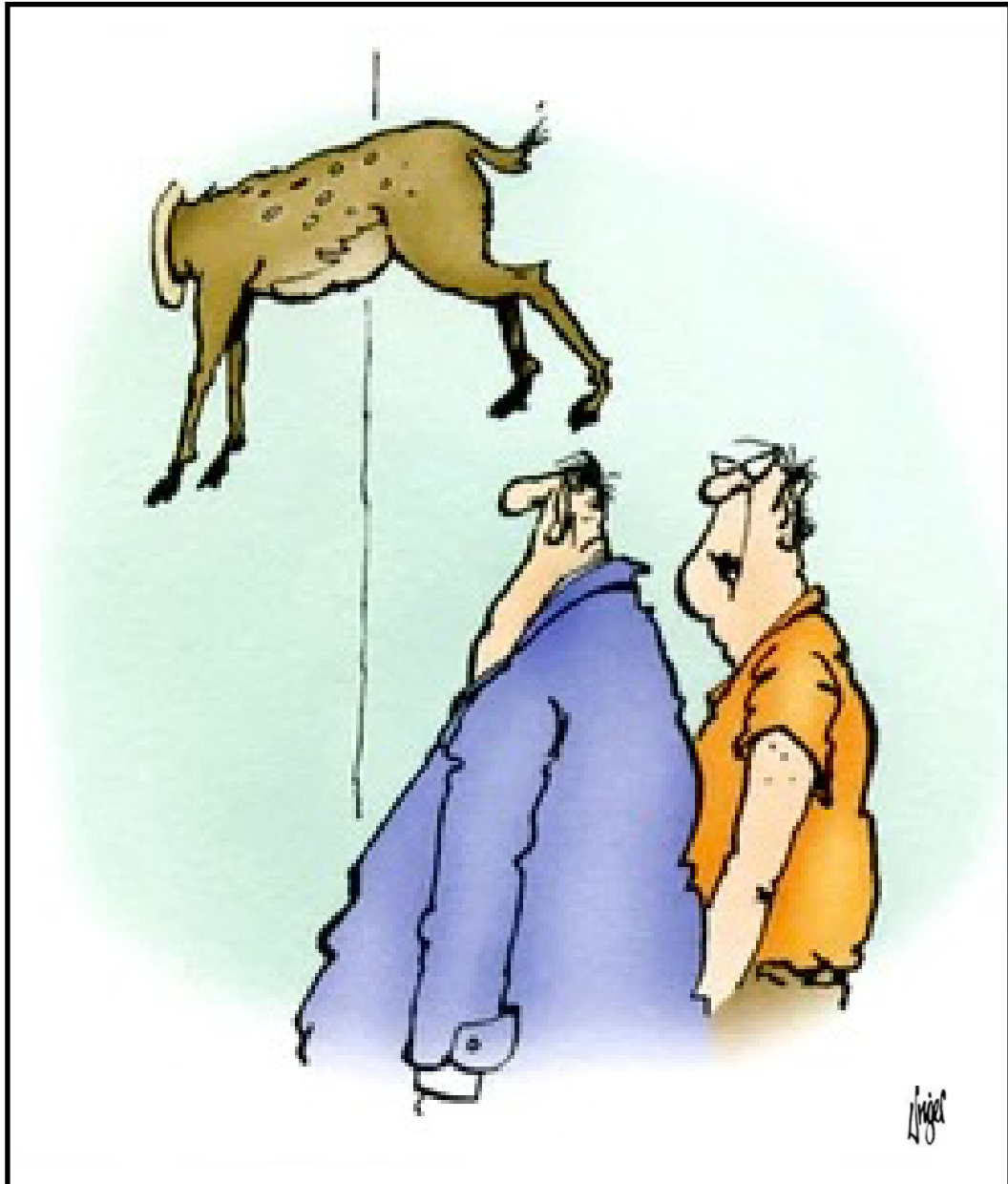
Smile section Thought for the month



Two things are infinite. The universe and human stupidity.....
....and I'm not so sure about the universe!

Albert Einstein

Cartoon of the month



"It looks better in the other room."