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Auburn Newsletter

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

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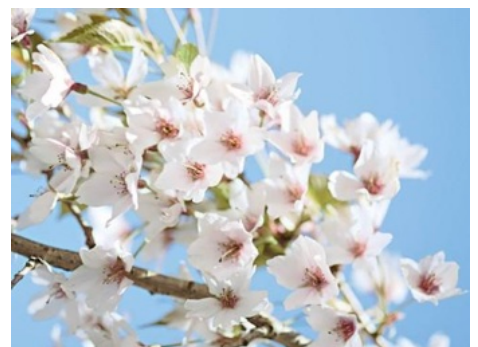
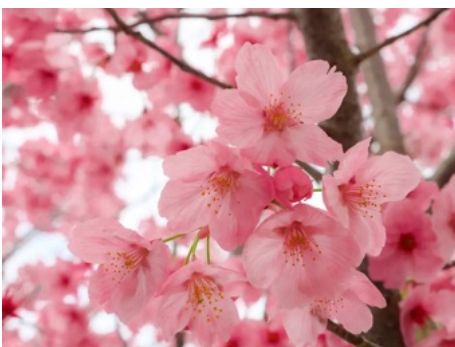
LG2 932-936 Riversdale Road Surrey Hills 3107.

President's address

Hi everyone,

Firstly I was saddened to hear of the passing of our long time member Graham Couch and extend my heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends.

On a brighter note, a group of us attended a wonderful performance by Tenori at The Round Theatre last Wednesday. Having been privileged to see them perform quite some time ago on a cruise, I must say they are as good as ever – I am a huge fan.



We now look forward to a springtime outing to the Dandenongs in September and pray for a mild, sunny day in order to enjoy the gardens. Of course, the Mount Dandenong Hotel lunch will be great anyway - rain, hail or shine.

I do wish every father, grandfather and great-grandfather a very happy Fathers' Day and can only hope that you are suitably spoilt by your families.

I look forward to seeing you all at our general meeting on Monday 7th September.

patriciadavies21@gmail.com

Morning tea & coffee roster

Anne and Joe Toscano

Please be at the clubrooms by 9.30am to assist with the preparations. If you are unable to attend on that day, please arrange for someone else to take your place.

Treasurer's report

John Lagzdins - 0434 870 199

My report for the month to 25th August 2026

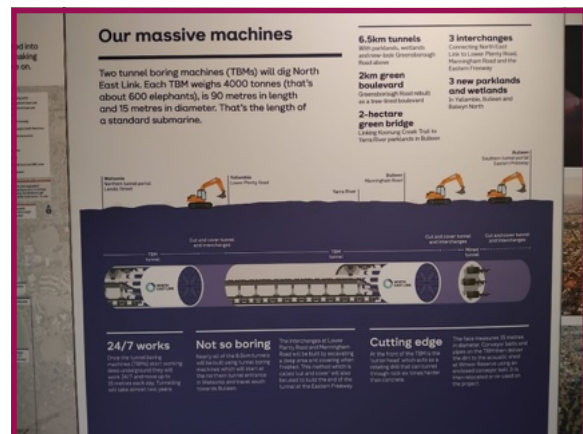
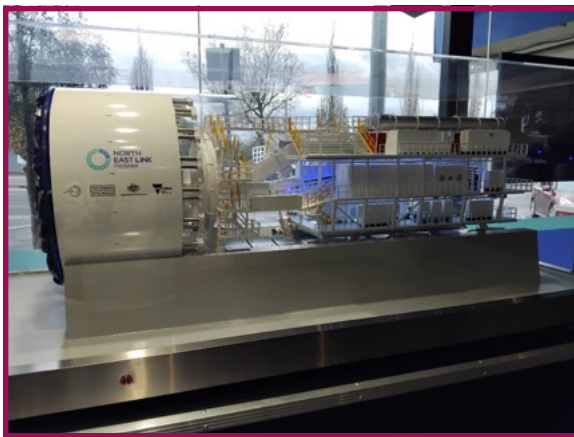
The Club's bank balance at report date is \$8,604.12. Council grant fund balance is \$1,590.00 after paying \$170.00 for a bus trip deposit. Other payments were for rent \$500.00 and \$136.00 speaker's gifts. Income for the month was for August "Round" concert \$25.00.

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

Our speaker(s) for September



Two representatives from North East Link and the Eastern Freeway Upgrade will make a detailed presentation at our September meeting. The nature of their addresses is to provide us with a valuable overview of the two massive projects and to share with us an update on current progress and details of any key upcoming works.

Photographs of the large and intricate machines (featured above), fully illustrate the scope of the projects that have been undertaken.

This massive program of works is being carefully planned so the projects can open in 2028 – bringing all the pieces of North East Link together.

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 24th September	Monday 5th October
Thursday 23rd October	Monday 2nd November
Thursday 26th November Christmas lunch	Monday 7th December
2027 - January	No meeting
Thursday 21st January	Monday 1st February

Vice President's 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.

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 and 2nd Tuesday		
Mah-jong	Last Thursday		

Membership

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

August activity:

New Members: Nil

Deaths: Graham Couch

Resignations: Nil

Membership drive

With few exceptions our new member intake is based on introductions by existing members.

To augment this diminishing source we availed ourselves of free personalised promotional flyers from PSPL and targeted distribution to community hubs in our immediate area and residences to the west of the NBBC. Some 500 flyers were distributed in the first half of August.

September meeting

Please **text** (preferably) or phone **Laurice on 0404 273 371** if you will not be attending this meeting.

With around 20 apologies a meeting this advance notice rather than third party message on Meeting day will make our task easier at the reception desk.

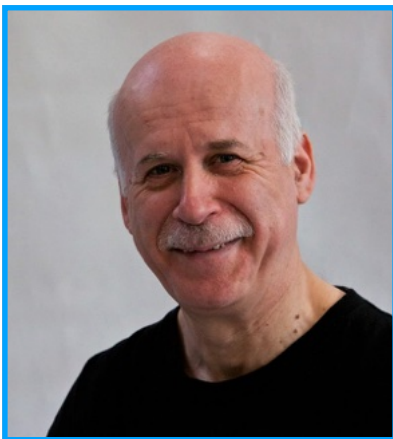
If you have any changes to your contact details, including Next of Kin, would you please send them to Peter Gibbs at pwbgibbs@yahoo.com.au

Birthdays for September

Norma Griffiths, Rita Hayes, Elvia Joyce, John Henderson, Brendan Annesley, Peter Brown, Annette Jager, Laurice Stainsby and Sue Fitz.

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

August speaker summary



Author Chris Bennett addressed our meeting with genuine enthusiasm about his autobiographical book, 'Roy Boy'.

It was a story about growing up in working class Fitzroy, Melbourne's first suburb, during the 1950's and 60's, of migrant parents.

He shared stories that we all identified with about old Fitzroy before gentrification.

He talked of migrant family life, the strong community spirit of the era and the various characters he grew up with.

It was a very enjoyable trip down 'memory lane'.

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
Movie Goers - Norma Griffiths

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

Travel Section

Armchair Travel

Shirley Fenemor 0429 373 607

Well, here's hoping that many of you are back from your travels and will be able to come, hear and see David Hutt's presentation on travelling down the Rhine. This will take place on **Wednesday 23rd September 7.30pm** at Manningtree in Hawthorn.



Some of you may have seen Monty Don's episode on this, on TV recently. While our own group members have produced amazing presentations for us, I'm sure you will all agree that David's evenings are not to be missed. I am confident that you will enjoy the travel experience followed by a cuppa and chat until around 9.30pm. New members are always welcome. Parking is available in the forecourt. Please contact me if you need any further details.

Outings

Annette Brownscombe 0418 400 352 Sandy Tilley 0400 678 668

Come out for a day in the Dandenong Ranges.
Wednesday - 16th September - 9.30am to 3.30pm.



Visit the
**MOUNT DANDENONG NATIONAL PARK
and
BOTANIC GARDENS**



Walk around
**THE CHELSEA AUSTRALIAN GARDEN
at OLINDA.**
The garden is a re-creation of the winning Australian entry
in The Chelsea Flower Show (2013).

You can walk around the sealed paths and enjoy a great diversity of plant and animal life as well as the many lovely vistas along the way.



Alternativley you may prefer to walk around
The Botanic Gardens and enjoy a coffee at the
THE BOTANIC CAFE.

There is a small bus that drives around the gardens for those who don't feel like walking.
Cost \$9.50.



Lunch is at
THE MOUNT DANDENONG HOTEL
(at your own cost).



Depending on time available you may like to explore the shops opposite the Hotel.

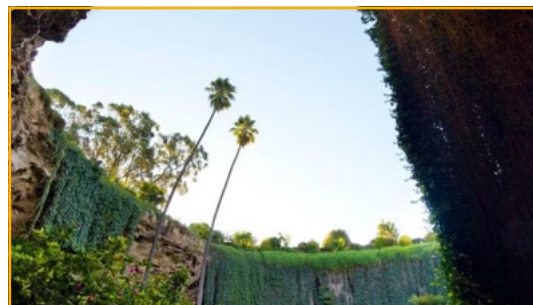
Enjoy the company of your fellow members. Get out in the fresh air and have fun.
ALL FOR \$20 (Buy your own lunch)

Please pay by EFT before our September meeting as we need to finalise numbers at the meeting.
NOTE new banking details in treasurer's report.
Or bring correct cash to the meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the bus.

Coach tour to Mt Gambia and Portland

Jan Lester 0409 442 995



Saturday 17th October - Thursday 22nd October 2026.
Twenty- five members are all paid up and coming on this six day coach trip.

Please note: Probus members are not permitted to park their car at NBBC for the duration of this trip.

I have had many sleepless nights and suffered much angst in deciding where the departure point will be.

With this in mind, I have made the following decision.

The coach will pick us up at and drop us back to: Renaissance Living,
932 Riversdale Road, Surrey Hills.

There is ample parking and room for the coach for loading and unloading
and if the weather is cold or wet there is undercover protection.

I plan to have all your instructions/information to hand out no later than the October meeting.

Sports Section

Walking Group

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



At Ruby T's on Monday the 24th - sometimes it's...walk'n and no talk'n!

Here are our next two walks for September:

Monday 14th. September.

I am hoping that on our walk through Burnley Gardens we will see the Wisteria in full bloom.
We will meet at the car park of Leonda on Swan St. Melway A11.
Coffee at Com Man in Botanicca Blvd, Building 8.

Monday 28th. September.

We will meet at Ridgway Park 81A Strabane Ave., Mont Albert North. Melway 46 J6.
It is a quiet suburban park, which does not have a board sign.
Coffee at Reunion Cafe, 160 Union Rd. Surrey Hills. Parking available at Coles car park, off side street.
Leader: Norma Griffiths 0438 584 198

Footy tipping

Mike Pavey 0418 990 815



The AFL Home & Away season has been finished with 25 rounds since March, and the winners of the Footy Tipping for 2026 has been decided.

The numbers tipping this season split about 50:50 between the sexes, but after the last round the winners between the sexes are the females with 18 out of the 32 different winners for the season.

The overall figures have been counted, checked and secured.

The winners and their prizes will be announced at our September 7th meeting.

Congratulations to the winners for the last three rounds being:

Round 21	Peter Lewis
Round 22	Pat Davies
Round 23	David Markland



Bike Group

Gary Jackson 0418 578 863

August Rides



Thursday 6th

Four riders started from Yarra Bend Park Fairfield, cycling on the Merri Creek Trail to Rushall station and continued through Fitzroy North and Brunswick East. Passing by Northcote Golf Links on our way to Coburg Lake and Pentridge for coffee at the Boot Factory café. On our way back we turned off the Merri Creek Trail and cycled across to St Georges Road to return to our cars. Thanks Christine.



Thursday 20th

Three riders commenced from Yarra Boulevard Burnley, bound along the North of 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' café. Continuing clockwise around the lake we stopped to check out a family of swans before we joined Albert Rd and down Anderson St back to the Morell Bridge and followed the Yarra on the South side back to our cars.



September rides

Thursday 3rd

Dandenong Creek/Eastlink Trail Ride. Meet at 9.30 am at the Wantirna Tennis Club Car Park off Mountain Highway 500 metres west of Eastlink (Melway Ref 63 C8). We will ride south either on the Eastlink Trail or on the Dandenong Trail through the Dandenong Valley Parklands, past Bunnings and the Waverley Public golf course, through Bushy Park and into Jells Park where coffee and refreshments will be welcomed at the new T House At Jells (ex Madelaines) Return on either Dandenong Creek or Eastlink Trails, total distance about 20 kms. The ride will be on designated bike tracks with part concrete and/or gravel surfaces. Mostly reasonably flat grade 1 terrain.

Leader Mike Pavey 0418990815

Thursday 17th

Meet at 9.30 am at Eaglemont Tennis Club (Melway Ref 45 K11). We will ride on the Main Yarra Trail through Yarra Flats crossing Banksia St into Warringal Parklands and around Banyule Flats to rejoin the Main Yarra Trail. We continue to follow the Yarra River passing by Rosanna Golf Course to the Odyssey Cable Bridge to connect to the Ruffey Creek Trail to Melissa Cakes Café Bar in Templestowe, for coffee and return. Mainly on flat designated bike tracks with part concrete and/or gravel surfaces. Mostly flat with some raised areas when approaching Odyssey Cable Bridge. Approx. 20kms.

Leader Gary Jackson 0418578863

Golf Group

Gary Jackson 0418 578 863

In September we move to Ivanhoe Golf Course, Vasey Street, Ivanhoe.

Tee off time for Tuesday 8th is 10.48am and Mondays 14th, 21st and 28th is 9.52am.

Golf results for July and August

Date	Weekly Winner	Longest Drive	Nearest the Pin	Best off the stick
27/7	Ross King	Max Ebert	Max Ebert	Mike Pavey
4/8	Mike Pavey Gary Jackson	Ross King	Mike Pavey (2)	Mike Pavey
10/8	Rained out			
17/8	Mike Pavey Trevor Mackey Peter Gibbs	Trevor Mackey	Peter Gibbs	Mike Pavey
24/8	Gary Jackson	Trevor Mackey	C Mavrodoglos Ross King Gary Jackson (2)	Mike Pavey

Indoor section

Canasta

Thelma Bourke 0417 053 549

The next canasta will be held on Tuesday October 6th 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 24th of September at Manningtree hosted by myself.
Play will begin at 10:30am.

Please ensure that you let me know if you will or will not be attending.

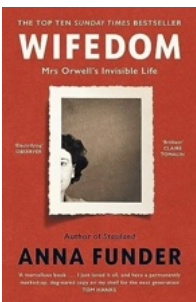
Sew 'n' Sews

Noel Garraway 0438 549 536

Our next meeting is on Friday 18th September. Hostess is Maureen McIntosh.

Tuesday Lunch Book Group

John Curry 0417 581 126



We reviewed “Wifedom” by Anna Funder at our August meeting. The subtitle of the book is “Mrs. Orwell’s invisible life”. The book covers George Orwell’s life and his relationship with his wife, Eileen. He treats her poorly, whilst pursuing his work and other relationships. He focuses on his writing above all else in his life. He is noted for two books “1984” and “Animal Farm” both of which have become classics. Some of our group had difficulty in understanding how he could have ignored the important part his wife played in his ability to write. In Orwell’s view work comes before anything else. He believes that what matters in a relationship is being faithful in an emotional and intellectual sense. Not a practical man!

We rated the book at six out of ten.

We will review “Theory & Practice” by Michelle de Kretser at our September meeting. The book blurb describes it as “a memorising account of desire and jealousy, truth and shame”. We will see!!



Dine - out

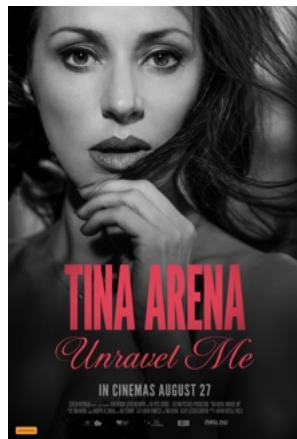
John & Maureen McIntosh 0402 458 061

We have scheduled Monday 21st September for our dinner at Box Hill RSL.
6.30pm for a 7.00pm meal.

We have booked The Tower Hotel, 686 Burwood Road, Hawthorn East for our next lunch.
Thursday 15th October at 12.30pm
See me at the Dine-Out Desk to make your booking.

The Movie Group

Norma Griffiths 0438 584 198



MOVIE OUTING - WEDNESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER.

The selection for our outing is a little different. It's a film/documentary of a world famous Australian performer Tina Arena.

Some descriptors applied to '*Tina Arena Unravel Me*' include raw, emotional, honest and funny. Issues of Tall Poppy syndrome and assessment of the music industry should provide food for thought.

It has been very well received so I hope you will support our home-grown star.

Palace Cinema, Balwyn.

Film/Doco: '*Tina Arena Unravel Me*'.

Film :10.30am in large cinema, coffee: 10.00am.

Lunch: Augello's.

RSVP if coming to Film or Lunch or Film and Lunch.

Coffee & Chat

Jan Cheney 0400 889 705



Our next get-together will be on Tuesday 15th September at 10.00am at Olive Lane Café in the North Balwyn Village Shopping Centre in Doncaster Road.

The 48 tram stops immediately outside the café,
car parking is available behind the shops off Bulleen Road.



In August, we had 12 members attending on a beautiful mid-winters day. It was a very pleasant way for them - both new and old - to get together with their fellow members in a relaxed, informal, and enjoyable environment.

You can contact me by text 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



There always seems something to read in the newspapers and view on the “News” – and, so it is at Brew and Chew.

It is fair to say that the ins and outs of “Personalities” don’t get as much air-time at Camberwell Library as they do elsewhere, even when public figures are involved. But, of course, there are exceptions and, at this time of the year, football can be expected to be mentioned, if nothing else than in working out which team plays which next in the finals and whereabouts. In days past when there was just a final four, it seemed so much easier: but presumably less rewarding to the broadcasters and the AFL.

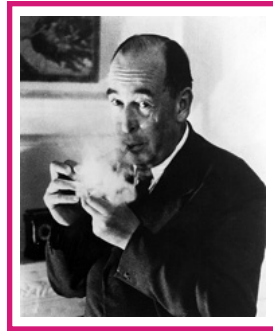
Given the age-profile of Brew and Chew and Auburn Probus in general, it is not surprising that the future is mentioned largely in contrast to the past, for example whether Tasmania will perform better than GWS or where the next rail line will be operated (although even our members are not quite old enough to remember the Outer-Circle line) or something about electric vehicles and fuel supplies.

Perhaps it is as well that passions are muted.

Ian Phillips – irp@alphalink.com.au

Smile section

Thought for the month



You can't go back and change the beginning.
but you can start where you are...and change the ending!

C S Lewis

Australia Feature

Wonderful things to look at and appreciate about our country!



Lord Howe Island

Cartoon of the month



Plus a bonus...

