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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 you are all enjoying this lovely spring weather and recovering from the footy season.

Our focus at this time of the year turns to the future of our club and our prime objective is the formation of next year's committee.

Our President next year will be David Brown and we are very fortunate that Peter Brown will be continuing as Secretary. But ... we can't leave it all to the Browns!

We need everyone to give some serious thought to nominating for one of the positions becoming vacant.

Your club



needs you!

Please check your emails over the next couple of days for the nomination form.

I encourage you all to consider nominating for one of the positions shown, remembering that the Outings position can be shared.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on Monday, 5th October.

In the meantime please stay safe.

patriciadavies21@gmail.com



Morning tea & coffee roster

John and Susan Hutchins



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

The Club's bank balance at report date is \$7,954.12.

This includes the remaining Council grant for which the balance is \$1,060.00 after paying a further \$530.00 for the bus trip to Mount Dandenong gardens and the local pub.

Other payments were for September Club room hire for \$500.00.

Allowing for the previously paid Christmas lunch deposit of \$500.00 and recent bus hire paid for by the Council grant, we have a year to date cash flow surplus of \$1,335.55, sufficient to cover club room hire for the rest of the year.

This suggests that we'll finish the year a little better than break even.

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 for October

Garry Kerr



We are in for a real treat this month.

Something completely different from our usual speaker.

Garry has, for a number of years, been the Musical Convenor of his Probus Club and over that time has created a comprehensive list of musical presentations.

You shouldn't miss this nostalgic journey through our youth.

He has shown these to a number of Probus clubs and other organisations, and this month he is coming to our club to take us on a journey through the music of the 60's, an era we can all relate to, and which hopefully will bring back many fond memories.

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 22nd October	Monday 2nd November
Thursday 19th November	Monday 7th December - Christmas lunch
January - 2027	No meeting
Thursday 21st January	Monday 1st February

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		

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.

Christmas Lunch

Our December meeting will be a Christmas Lunch held on Monday 7th December at the **Box Hill Golf Club**. Bookings and money for the lunch will be taken at our October (and November) meetings. The cost is \$65.00pp which includes a drink on arrival.

Membership

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

September activity:

New Members: nil

Deaths: nil

Resignations: nil

Membership: 104

October 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.

Birthdays for October

Tom Belville, Maureen McIntosh, Joe Toscano, John Joyce, Peter Matthews, Ian Bourke, Graeme McRae, Dom Pelligrino, Peter Gibbs, John Hudson and Sue Harris.

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

September speakers summary



Two speakers, one from North East Link and the other from Eastern Freeway Upgrade regaled us with top quality videos (with consecutive split screens that compared current conditions with future features, as pictured above - showing the new park & ride at Doncaster Rd/High St intersection).

They gave us an excellent presentation of a massive project that once completed, will feature the 6.5km North East Link tunnels from Watsonia to Bulleen that will fix the missing link in our city's freeway network, and take up to 15,000 trucks a day off local roads and reduce travel times by up to 35 minutes.

The upgrades to the Eastern Freeway will include new lanes, Melbourne's first dedicated busway, smart technology, and a seamless connection to the North East Link Tunnels.

It was a first class presentation that gave us details of a massive undertaking and was followed by numerous well answered questions.

2026/7 Committee

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

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



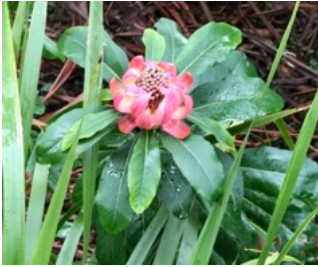
Hi Fellow Travellers – Next month Norm Fary will take us to Istanbul – The City that joins East and West! We will meet at Manningtree on Wednesday 28th October, 7.30pm, parking available in forecourt. I am confident that you will enjoy the travel experience followed by a cuppa and chat until around 9.30pm.

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

Bus trip to Mt Dandenong.



Nineteen Probus members showed up for the bus trip to Mt Dandenong National Park on what must have been the coldest day for some weeks, driving up the mountain felt like we were off to the snow.

Some members went for a bus ride around the park and thoroughly enjoyed the trees, plants and beautiful vistas, others braved the walk around the Australian Chelsea Flower Garden.

At times we needed our umbrellas for a few minutes but the beautiful layout of the walk, sculptures, huge rocks and ferns, not to mention the many varied plants both large and small caught our attention.

The gardens were a delight and we enjoyed the walk and appreciated the clever design and layout.

After thawing out in the bus we had lunch at the Mt Dandenong Hotel, where, to our great relief, a fire was burning in the huge open fireplace.



Thanks everyone for showing up, joining in the spirit of the day and enjoying time talking to the other members.

Proposed Bus trip to Cowes, Phillip Island - Friday 13th November.

Departure: 9.00am from North Balwyn Bowls Club.

Return: 4.30 - 5.00pm.

Visit the Chocolate Factory.

Walk the Koala Conservation Reserve.

Walk along the boardwalks and see koalas in their natural habitat.

Enjoy lunch at Phillip Island RSL Club, (your cost).

Cost: \$20.00 bus fare, which includes entry to the Koala Conservation Park.

Sports Section

Walking Group

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

Our October walks:

Monday 12th, Ferndale Park, Glen Iris

Meet Barb Richards at 101 Glen Iris Road, Glen Iris for an enjoyable walk through the very pretty Ferndale Park, Glen Iris (Melway 60 A7).

Drive into the park for plenty of parking.

Coffee afterwards is across Glen Iris Road at Pantry.



Monday 26th, Willsmere Park.

Meet Shirley Williams at 27 Willow Grove, Kew East (Melway 45/F1). Shirley will take us past the Willsmere Billabong along the walking track across to the Yarra and Darebin Creek. Coffee will be at Ora Cafe, Willsmere Village.



Bike Group

Gary Jackson 0418 578 863

September rides

Thursday 3rd



Four riders met at Wantirna Tennis Club, cycling on the Eastlink Trail through the Dandenong Valley Parklands, Bushy Park and passing by the State Basketball Centre into Jells Park for coffee and refreshments at the new T House at Jells (ex Madelaines). Then cycling around Jells Park Wildlife Lake and connecting to the Dandenong Creek trail, passing by Glen Waverley Public Golf course and parklands back to WantirnaTennis Club. Thanks Mike.

Thursday 17th

Four riders met at Eaglemont Tennis Club, cycling 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 followed the Yarra River passing by Rosanna Golf Course to the Odyssey Cable Bridge over the Yarra to connect to the Ruffey Creek Trail to Melissa Cakes Café Bar in Templestowe for coffee and return.



October rides

Thursday 1st

Meet at 9.30 behind the grandstand at Warringal Park Football Ground, (Melways 32C4) on the Main Yarra Trail, cycling through Yarra Flats past Kew Golf Club, under the Eastern Freeway through Hyde Park to Willsmere Village for coffee. Returning via Belford Road and Kew Golf Club.
Leader Ian Bourke. 0418 381 279

Thursday 15th

Meet at 9.30am from the car park at Markham Reserve playground in Victory Bvd (Melways 60 E12). We ride through the Malvern Valley Golf Club crossing the freeway and railway at East Malvern RS and cycle through the Urban Forest and Boyd Park reaching Hughesdale RS. Here we travel east under the Sky Rail to Huntingdale RS and exit onto North Rd and use the bike path in the central reservation of North Rd to reach Monash Uni. After a coffee we cycle north through the campus, onto Forster Rd, then back west along Scotsman's Creek before crossing the Freeway and the Glen Waverley line to get back to Markham Reserve. About 25 km on sealed bike paths, footpaths and quiet roads.

Golf Group

Gary Jackson 0418 578 863

In October we move to Glen Waverley Golf Course, Waverley Road, Glen Waverley.
Tee off time for Tuesday 6th is 10.48 am and Monday's 12th and 19th is 10 am.
Glen Waverley Golf course is closed for maintenance work on the 26th and I have booked Wattle Park Golf Course for that day, tee off time to be advised.

Golf results for August and September

Date	Weekly Winner	Longest Drive	Nearest the Pin	Best off the stick
31/8	C Mavrodoglos	Ross King	Gary Jackson x 2	Max Ebert
8/9	Mike Pavey	Max Ebert	-	Mike Pavey
14/9	Peter Gibbs	Ian Bourke	Ian Bourke Mike Pavey	Mike Pavey
21/9	Ian Bourke	Ian Bourke		Ian Bourke 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 29th of October 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

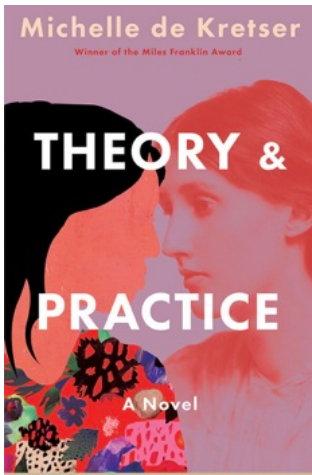
Noel Garraway 0438 549 536

We had a pleasant lunch at Manningtree Cafe on 21st August, with Ronda D'Paul our Hostess.
We cancelled our September meeting as so many Members were away, and our October Meeting will be at
the home of Ann Ballard (0477 755 553), 1063 Burke Road, Hawthorn East on Friday 16th October.

The November meeting is our Xmas break up on 20th, so, another year will have passed.

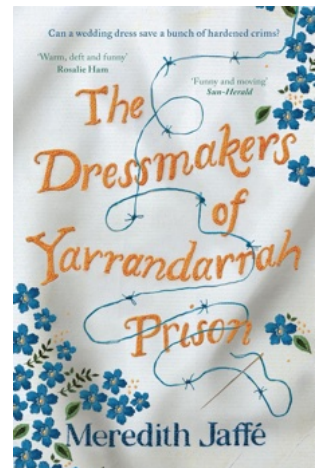
Tuesday Lunch Book Group

John Curry 0417 581 126



We reviewed “Theory and Practice” by Michelle de Kretser at our September meeting. Our members were in two minds about the book. On the one hand the life of the author mirrors many of the issues at large in Australian society today. However, it also highlights the practices in society in the author’s earlier years. Have the issues in society really changed over the years or has just the nature of the issues changed? The book deals mainly with feminism and patriarchal issues and whilst it led to much discussion the book was not highly enjoyed. We rated it at five out of ten.

We will review “The Dressmakers of Yarrandarrah Prison” by Meredith Jaffe at our October meeting. The blurb says it is “Deliciously original, immersive and darkly funny... a refreshing take on redemption and second chances.” We shall see!!



Dine - out

John & Maureen McIntosh 0402 458 061

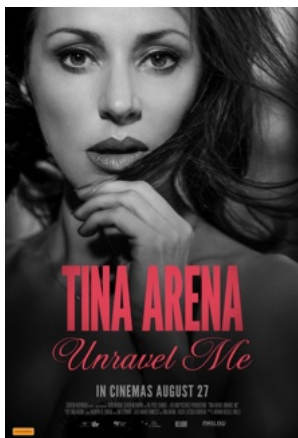


We have booked The Tower Hotel 686 Burwood Rd Hawthorn East for our next lunch, Thursday 15th October at 12.30pm. We have scheduled Monday 19th October for our dinner at Box Hill RSL, 6.30pm for a 7.30pm meal. Make your booking at the dine out desk.



The Movie Group

Norma Griffiths 0438 584 198



On Wednesday 9th September, a group of seven (from nine booked) were surprised and very impressed with the film/documentary - *Tina Arena Unravel Me*. It had humour, sadness, anger and achievement as the story of her life evolved. It was clear the music industry is so controlling as to the look of an artist, what they think the public should have and the timing of the release of a song. The industry calls all the shots. I was unsure how the choice of film would be received but everyone was full of praise for the story, the filming and of course the star, Tina Arena. One extra point of interest - the last scenes showed Tina recording in Synth Temple, a local state of the art music studio operated by my son-in-law and daughter.

Put - **Wednesday 14th October** in your diaries for the penultimate date for the movies.
So to all the undecided members, come along and enjoy Film, Fun, Friendship and Fellowship.

ps The group have chosen to keep this club activity going for 2027. Any takers for a new convenor???

Brew and Chew

Ian Phillips 0428 858 272 -



Clearly, we are in the dog-days now, the finals are over and the Cup is a little while off, and Brew and Chew has only a couple of meetings left in this final quarter. But what to talk about. Time passes, faster now, but somehow slower: life becomes more frenetic but yet, still, at least for some of us – have we seen it all before or is time stalled like in an old movie serial, hoping for a happy ending as before, but in dreadful doubt.

As in the days when the UN was conceived to resolve issues as an umpire to ensure fair play. The alignments pertinent in 1945/6 have frozen collective action on any issue where the big powers have an interest and can be seen as the aggressor. It seems the umpire has lost the pea from its whistle, and can't afford a new one.

So given that local politics are off the table, and a fine box, akin to a swear box, is to be introduced at Brew and Chew in case anyone inadvertently mentions the name of the US

President – or any other president for that matter, it seems that **AI** might be the topic of choice for the next few months. Perhaps we could explore CoPilot's help in writing these notes, or better still, provide the winner on the first Tuesday!

To pick a winner, join the conversation at Camberwell Library on the fourth Wednesday, 28 October at 10.00am, at least we should know which horse is favourite by then...

Contact me on: irp@alphalink.com.au

Coffee & Chat

Jan Cheney 0400 889 705

Our next get-together will be on Tuesday 20th October at 10.00am at Olive Lane Café in the North Balwyn Village Shopping Centre in Doncaster Road. In September, we had eleven members attending on a beautiful spring day. It was a very pleasant day 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 Olive Lane off Bulleen Road.

Or - just turn up! You will be made most welcome by those regular attendees at this, most relaxed and informal get-together. We look forward to you joining us then.

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

Australia Feature

Wonderful things to look at and appreciate about our country!



Smile section

Thought for the month

A common mistake people make when trying to design something completely foolproof is to underestimate the ingenuity of complete fools.

A Nonny Muss

Cartoon of the month

