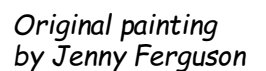




P.O. Box 86, Somers 3927



September, 2025

Next meeting: Friday 10 October at 10am

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I would like to begin by once again thanking Judy for so kindly stepping in during July and August. Your support and leadership are much appreciated.

This month we welcomed three visitors and were delighted to induct Lisa

Nutting and Michelle Gregory as new members. We look forward to their friendship and contributions in the months ahead.

At the same time, we shared in sadness as we mourned the passing of our fellow member, Doug Laing. Our thoughts are with Helen and family at such a sad time.

We also took time to explain some background to the proposed updates to our Constitution and Standing Orders recommended by Probus South Pacific. A sub-committee was formed in response to the proposed updates.

The committee was in complete agreement that we should accept the updated Constitution and the Standing orders, which have been made relevant to our club. The committee believes we are a thriving organisation which can only benefit

from having clear guidelines.

To complete the update to the Constitution we will be required to pay a fee to Consumer Affairs Victoria of \$424.60. The details of the proposed changes will be emailed to members this week for your consideration. The change will be finalised at the October meeting by a simple majority show of hands. These changes are an important part of keeping our club strong and forward-looking.

Thank you to Sue for bringing Jade Phelan in as our September speaker. Jade gave an engaging and relevant presentation about The Bays Hospital in Mornington which elicited many questions. Finally, it was wonderful to come together to celebrate football final time with a hearty pie and salad lunch. A lovely way to enjoy good company, good food, and a bit of friendly football spirit. Thank you to Chris and her hard-working team of helpers. Another lunching triumph in the comfort of familiar surroundings.

Thank you all for your continued support and participation. I look forward to seeing you at our next gathering.

*Warm regards,
Georgie Minton*

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS



Sue Mansie introduces Lisa Nutting to the club while Chris Thompson and President Georgie Minton welcome Michelle Gregory to the Probus family.

SPEAKER NOTES

Our September speaker was Jade Phelan who is the CEO of The Bays Hospital in Mornington. The Bays is a standalone not-for-profit community healthcare provider.

It has 107 acute beds, six high dependency beds, five operating theatres, three birthing suites and 10 bed maternity ward. And a day infusion Unit and Dialysis Unit in Hastings with eight chairs.

The Bays has a large range of medical specialties and specialists.

On the 3 February, the new cancer wing was opened, providing improved access to comprehensive cancer care for Mornington Peninsula residents. The new unit includes the Icon Cancer centre, the first on the peninsula to provide the latest radiation therapy technology.

The Bays offers a comprehensive cancer service including all the allied health professionals as well as assistance with complimentary transport.



As a not-for-profit hospital it relies on community support. Anyone can become a member for an annual fee; this gives membership benefits. I still have some forms if you are interested, Frank and I are joining!

- Sue Mansie

WELFARE REPORT

I am happy to report that Senga Gadsden has had a very successful kidney operation at Peninsula Private and is recovery well. Flowers have been sent to her on behalf of the club along with our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Doug Laing has passed away peacefully at Beleura Hospital surrounded by his family. We have sent flowers on behalf of the club to Helen May and we wish her well. Our thoughts are with her at this sad time.

- Ros Teh

ROSTERS

If you are unable to undertake your rostered duty you must arrange a substitute.

Please arrive at 9.15 am to assist with the placement of chairs.

CHAIRS: Dennis Paskins, Barry Gordon TEA: Ilona Cox, Gina Webster

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**We all know
mirrors don't lie...**

**I'm just grateful
that they don't
laugh.**

GETTING TO KNOW YOU – TONY DUBOUDIN

Where did you grow up? I was brought up by my widowed mother and an uncle in Richmond a suburb of Greater London. My father was a casualty of World War two so I did not know him.

What did you do in your earlier life workwise? I was a journalist and copy editor with *United Press International* in Paris, as well as London's *Evening Standard*, an afternoon newspaper in the English Midlands, *The Times* and *The Age*.

Where did you live before moving to the Peninsula? Immediately before moving to Somers in Hawthorn and before that in Mitcham.

Why did you choose to move here? We used to have an on-site caravan in Flinders for some years and always loved this side of the peninsula. So when we had sufficient money to buy a holiday house we started exploring this side of the peninsula and one rainy day ended up in Somers and decided there and then that it was the place we would like to spend our leisure time.

How long have you lived in the area? We lived in Somers full time for about 18 years and before that about five years as non-permanents. About four years ago we decided to downsize and bought a three bedroom unit in Bittern. However, all our friends and activities are still centred in Somers.

Anything you miss by moving here? We miss the ability to easily attend city events like concerts, ballet, theatre etc but apart from these activities nothing much else.



What advice would you give anyone contemplating a similar move? Get involved as soon as possible in local activities like Probus, the Yacht Club to name just two of the many in Somers and surrounding villages. Put your hand up and it is amazing how quickly you make friends and feel involved in the community.

How long have you been involved with Probus? About 12 years and I am also a member of Balnarring

Men's Probus serving for two years as President and before that as speaker finder. I have also been speaker finder for Combined Probus. I now edit the newsletter.

What motivated you to join Probus? A wish to meet people and to become involved in the community. Because of the strange hours I worked at *The Age* I was never able to get involved in many activities as I could never guarantee I would be available so once I retired I quickly joined the Yacht Club and obtained a boat licence and started with sea rescue, then joined Probus and other groups.

What do you enjoy about Probus? Meeting the eclectic group of people who make up our club. When you drill down it is amazing how diverse our membership is.

What if anything would you like to see changed about Probus? I think we have got the mix of activities well sorted. However, it is only a small group of people who do most of the work and there is a reluctance to become involved which is a great pity and may lead to problems down the track as the "doers" age and decide to give up.

RELIABLE TRADIES LISTED

There is nothing like a recommendation when it comes to hiring a tradie for a task around the house. Thanks to a suggestion by Denise Copeland the club is in the process of compiling a list of tradies who have done work for members and who members recommend as reliable.

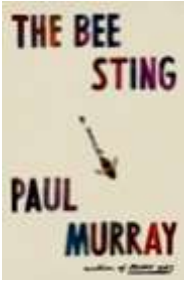
A form for members to fill out listing details of a tradie who has done satisfactory work will be sent out to all members or you can obtain a form from Denise Copeland who has kindly agreed to run the scheme.

The committee believes that a list of recommended tradies will be a valuable resource for all members to access.

Denise Copeland 0414 543 742 or copelaj@bigpond.com

ACTIVITIES

BOOK GROUP - MONDAY 6 OCTOBER



The next meeting is on Monday 6 October 12pm at Somers tennis club. BYO lunch. The book for discussion: **The Bee Sting** by Paul Murray.

The Barnes family is in trouble. Dickie's once-lucrative car business is going under—but he's spending his days in the woods, building an apocalypse-proof bunker with a renegade handyman. His wife Imelda is selling off her jewellery, while teenage daughter Cass, once top of her class, seems determined to binge-drink her way through her final exams. And 12-year-old PJ is putting the final touches to his plan to run away. Where did it all go wrong? - **Leonie Holmgren 0417 393 320**

BRIDGE - THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER



The next Bridge session will be Thursday 9 October at Caroline Vaillant's home, 1A Parklands, Somers starting at 4pm. Please let Caroline know if you would like to join the group.

- **Caroline Vaillant 0407 310 646**

CANASTA - IN RECESS



Canasta/Samba is usually played at a members house on the Saturday night following the general meeting.

Vern Tansley 5983 5822

CYCLING—STILL PEDALLING



All comers welcome to the daily ride to various local stores for coffee. There are two meeting points 1. 9.15 am at Sandy Point and South Beach roundabout. 2. 9.30 am at Lord Somers Rd and Sandy Point Rd intersection. Remember to wear "High Vis" clothing .

Contact Dennis Paskins on verdenp40@gmail.com or John Copeland on **0414 543 742**

FINANCE - NOVEMBER TBA



The next and last meeting for 2025 will be in November date TBA followed by a self-catered BBQ at the Somers Tennis Club.

Tim Rintoul is leading the share competition by a long way with John Copeland both well ahead of the rest of the competitors.

Contact Daryl Cowen on **0439 100 546** or daryl.cowen@bigpond.com

GOLF - WEDNESDAY 1 OCTOBER



Golf will be on Wednesday 1 October, 10am hit off at Cerberus Golf Club. Each month there will be a different format.

Beacon Cup - Wednesday 12 November - Details at the October meeting.

Contact Peter if you would like to join.

Peter Witnish 0432 523 206

HAPPY HOUR AND A HALF - THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER



The next Happy Hour and a Half will be at Eric and Leonie Holmgrens, 13 Hendon Ave, Somers at 5pm. Bring a bottle and a plate of finger food.

LUNCH AFTER THE MEETING



There will be no lunch after the October meeting. We will be having a longer morning tea break with a photo guessing competition organised by Jill Duboudin and Judy Alsop. Guess who that baby is or who is that lovely looking teenager?

Chris Thompson 0421 421 303

MAHJONG GROUP - WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER



The next Mahjong group will be held on Wednesday 24 September at 3pm at Judy Alsop's, 19 Parklands Ave, Somers.

Judy Alsop 0418 313 099

MORNING COFFEE - WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER



Come and enjoy a casual catchup at the Somers General on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 10am.

Helen May 0417 553 744

SINGING GROUP - TUESDAY 7 AND 21 OCTOBER



This group meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at the Somers Yacht club at 4.00 pm.

Peter Thompson 0447 770 912

WALKING — WEDNESDAY 1 OCTOBER



Our next walk is Cape Shank to Bushrangers Bay and return. It's rated as a medium grade walk and is 7km return. At spots along the track there are great views back to Cape Shank and Bushrangers Bay, a very rewarding walk.

We will meet at the Cape Shank Carpark for a 10am start.

Details and any cancellation due to weather will be emailed out a few days prior to 1 October. If you wish to receive emails for the Walking Group, send a request by email to Stephen.Hempel@hotmail.com

WINE APPRECIATION



The group is planning to hold three or four events such as winery visits, tastings and lunches a year. Watch this space for more news.

- Clare Witnish 0409 860 353

OUTINGS AND TRAVEL – OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Tasmania – 15 to 20 October



I look forward to welcoming all those going to Hobart to group drinks at 12 Parklands Ave, Somers at 5 pm on Tuesday 23 September for a pre-departure briefing.

- Georgie Minton

McCrae Homestead— Wednesday 19 November



McCrae homestead is at 11 Beverley rd. McCrae

The private guided tour starts at 11.30 am and costs \$20.

Please pay into the Probus account referencing your 'name' and 'McCrae',

The tour will be followed by lunch at Rosebud hotel. Seniors meals are available.

Car pooling meet at Somers Yacht Club at 10.30 am

PICTURES OF THE MONTH



Above: Caroline Valliant was in the right place at the right time to snap the rainbow touching the excavator. **Above right and below left** Cisco Bagulho caught the creek breaking out.

Below right: Di Price took this picture of an emu and her babies.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

ROSEBUD SCREENINGS

Inter Alia

Starring Rosamund Pike

This new play is written by Suzie Miller, who wrote the very successful play *Prima Facie*, and will be screened at the Rosebud Cinema.

Jessica Parks is a smart Crown Court Judge at the top of her career. Away from the court she is a karaoke fiend, a loving wife, and a supportive parent.

When an event threatens to throw her life completely off balance the question is can she hold her family together?

Inter Alia premiered in London this year.

There are three sessions only of the film:

Saturday 27 September at 1pm.

Sunday 28 September at 1pm.

Tuesday 30 September at 1pm.

COOLART WALK AND TALK

The Victorian branch of the Self Drive Walk and Talk group will be visiting Coolart Homestead in November (Thursday the 13th).

After a morning tea at 50 Campsie Court, Somers the group will assemble at the bird hide for a talk on the history of the property followed by an outline of the wetlands and work of the friends of Coolart. Vegetables will be available for sale from the Community Gardens. BYO lunch. The morning tea is at 10am with the walk starting at approximately 10.45 and is about 1.3kms. At 11.30 assemble at the bird hide.

**For more information contact Lisa Nutting
0418 590 891 or lisanutting@bigpond.com**

ENDING ON A HIGH NOTE

All good things come to an end. After 30 years bringing fine music to the Peninsula, Somers Chamber Music Society (SCMS) has decided to call it a day.

The committee made the decision reluctantly but faced with rising costs and a dwindling audience base decided it was best to wind up the society after a final grand concert.

Therefore the last concert will be a tribute to some of the great Russian composers on Sunday 19 October at St John's Church, King Street.

Flinders, and will be FREE to SCMS members.

The program will feature works by Glinka, Shostakovich and Tchaikovsky

Tickets for non-members are \$55 including post-concert refreshments and can be booked through TryBooking only.

For more information contact 0407 754 774



SOMETHING PERSONAL

Do you have a special experience or is there something you would like to get off your chest? Well why not write something for the newsletter up to 400 words and we will see if it is suitable. The Editor's decision is final.

So to kick off Caroline Vaillant writes about her brush with fame back in 1960.

A hug from Maurice Chevalier or Thank Heaven for Little Girls

This one has to be my best gig among a number of small jobs I kept finding through the University Employment Service!

A handful of Uni girls were hired to be attendants to the suave French actor and singer Maurice Chevalier during his one-week visit to Melbourne in 1960.

We were fitted with peasant costumes, a frilly blouse and a dirndl skirt, with an apron.

Before any appearance, we had professional hair and makeup, (just like film stars).

We accompanied the actor and his entourage to the Caulfield racecourse where we girls distributed small phials of Gigi perfume, to advertise his new film Gigi. The climax of the week, however, was a luncheon at a new French restaurant in Melbourne.

We formed a small guard of honour as the VIPs entered the restaurant, and were indeed each warmly embraced by Chevalier!

It was a thrilling experience, and at no time did the actor overstep boundaries.

Finally we got to enjoy our first experience of French cuisine!

RECENT EVENTS



Above and left: Members enjoyed a footy themed pie and salad lunch washed down with a glass of wine at the end of our September meeting.

Above left: Stephen Hempel and his band of devoted walkers take a breather on their walk from Jack's Beach to Hastings and return with coffee at Harbour Side café.

BIRTHDAYS



| September | October |
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| 7 Ron Kempster | 10 Sue Rintoul |
| 14 Gill Schwarz | 12 Diane Price |
| 15 Helen Galvin | 12 Peter Witnish |
| 24 John Crough | 13 Gillian Tansley |
| | 23 Sue Pritchard |
| | 24 Caroline Valliant |
| | 27 Tony Duboudin |
| | 27 Lisa Nutting |
| | 30 Peter Cole |

EVENTS CALENDAR

September

| <u>Sunday</u> | <u>Monday</u> | <u>Tuesday</u> | <u>Wednesday</u> | <u>Thursday</u> | <u>Friday</u> | <u>Saturday</u> |
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| <u>7</u> | <u>8</u> | <u>9</u> | <u>10 Golf</u> | <u>11 Bridge</u> | <u>12 General meeting</u> | <u>13 Canasta</u> |
| <u>14</u> | <u>15</u> | <u>16 Singing</u> | <u>17 Visit to NGV</u> | <u>18</u> | <u>19</u> | <u>20</u> |
| <u>21</u> | <u>22</u> | <u>23</u> | <u>24 Morning coffee</u> <u>Mahjong</u> | <u>25 Happy hour and a half</u> | <u>26</u> | <u>27</u> |
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