



Somers Combined Probus Club Inc.

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by Jenny Ferguson*

October 2025

**Next meeting: Friday 14 November
at 10am
Speaker: Jonty Reason**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Members,
Thank you to everyone who attended our recent meeting. While we felt the impact of illness within the community, which understandably affected our numbers, it was heartening to see those who could join us and contribute to the spirit of the day.

A very warm welcome to our newest inductees, Maddie Offor and Diana Anceschi - we're delighted to have you join our Probus group and look forward to your involvement in the months ahead.

I would also like to express my appreciation to Stephen Hempel for stepping into the role of Second Vice President, and to Louise Hempel, who has kindly offered to take on the upcoming vacancy of Speaker Seeker. Louise is hoping to share this role with a partner, so please consider lending a hand if you're interested.

Thank you to the Constitution and Standing Resolutions review sub-committee - Judy Alsop, Tony Duboudin and Veronica Paskins, for their thorough investigation of the documentation provided by Probus South Pacific and their subsequent recommendation. Thanks also to Daryl Cowen for his thoughtful and supportive input into the discussion of the new Constitution and Standing Resolutions. It was encouraging to see a quick and positive response from all members present in supporting both motions.

Following our meeting, we enjoyed a delicious extended morning tea - thank you to everyone who contributed to the spread. The "Guess the Baby and Teenager Photo" game that followed was both a challenge and a delight, sparking lots of laughter and conversation. Thank you to Jill Duboudin and Judy Alsop for organising this fun activity - it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Let's continue to support each other and make the most of the wonderful community we have.

- *Georgie Minton*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



The club inducted two new members at its October meeting. Pictured is President Georgie Minton welcoming Maddie Offor and Diana Anceschi to the Club.

NOVEMBER SPEAKER

Our November speaker, Jonty Reason, the artistic Director of the Mornington Peninsula Theatre Company, who promises funny stories some of which, he says, are actually true!

Jonty has been involved in all aspects of theatre since graduating from London's prestigious Arts Educational Drama School in the late 1980s.

He has appeared on the West End stage and in BBC TV productions as well as in numerous other productions, most recently he appeared for the Melbourne Theatre company at The Southbank Theatre.

Jonty was the founder of London's Royal George Theatre as well as having been closely involved with theatre companies throughout Europe.

He is also a member of the Mornington Shire's Arts and Culture Advisory panel.

- *Sue Mansie*

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: Vern Tansley, Stephen Brown TEA: Gillian Tansley, Karen George

RECENT ACTIVITIES



Guess Who?

It was a game of Guess Who at our October meeting when Jill Duboudin and Judy Alsop gathered pictures of some of our members as babies and toddlers and young people and ran a Guess Who it is contest in two categories.

Nobody managed to match all the images and there were some wild guesses.

The two category winners were Gill Schwarz (young people) who was one of three who tied and only won after President Georgie Minton had to blindly select a name. Lottie Alyward won the Little People category

Putting their best foot forward



The last SCP Walking Group walk was on Wednesday 1 October and was from Cape Shank Lighthouse to Bushranger Bay. It was a great walk along the Two Bays track with spectacular views. We had five in our group and enjoyed the coffees and food after the walk at Merricks General. Why was it called 'Bushrangers Bay'? Here's a link to the history: <https://peninsulaessence.com.au/the-bushrangers-of-bushrangers-bay/>



Après golf—regular golfers enjoy a coffee and a chat after a round at the Cerberus Golf Club .

WELFARE REPORT

Senga Gadsen is recovering at home having had surgery on 10 September. The surgery was successful and she is doing well at home under the care of Stephen and her family.

Marj Overton is home after a long stint in hospital where she did finally have a hip replacement. She is struggling a bit since coming home and

would probably appreciate a visit. Please ring first on the mobile.0411 366 520

For those who knew her, Patsie Coates is hoping to have visitors. She is in Balnarring Arcare.

We hope all those people at home with Covid are doing OK. Let me know if you need help.

- Ros Teh

GETTING TO KNOW YOU - PAT PRINGLE

Where did you grow up?

I grew up in Bristol, England and emigrated to Melbourne in 1967 at the tender age of 16!

What did you do in your earlier life work-wise?

I worked in a prestigious real estate office in the city and in an admin role in that field until retirement having been involved in my own business for 20+years.

Where did you live before moving to the Peninsula?

Nunawading.

Why did you choose to move here?

Because of my work it was hard to get annual holidays. We started our family Somers experience in the caravan park in 1989 where we spent many happy school holidays and weekends not being able to take many annual holidays.

It was straight down

Springvale Road from our home in the early days! A holiday house in Parklands gave way to a permanent home after retirement in Sandy Point Road on 2.5 acres - a good move to accommodate my ex-husband's stable of Daimler cars!

How long have you lived in the area?

15 years permanently

Anything you miss by moving here?

Easy access to the city as I hate driving!

What advice would you give anyone contemplating a similar move?

Join an organisation like Probus and put your hand up for a job or join the committee.

How long have you been involved with Probus?

About nine years.

What motivated you to join Probus?

We joined the yacht club as social members and Probus, both recommended by locals as the way to get involved in the community. I became lunch organiser and then membership officer and thoroughly enjoyed my time on committees with excellent presidents - a social experience not at all onerous.

What do you enjoy about Probus?

It's a great way to get to know people. It's a great way to get to know all the members and be involved.

What if anything would you like to see changed about Probus?

Probus is changing as needs must as we are all getting a bit older and need those younger members to come join and get involved - *we were those young ones not that long ago!*

Somers is such an active community and is like a large retirement village in itself but we should all have a go at joining in and trying the new groups and social events happening in our Probus group.

We are all very lucky to have found this beautiful, friendly 'not so secret anymore' place!



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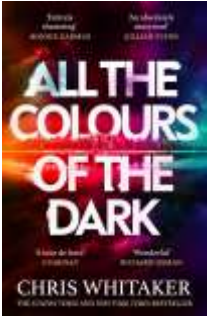
IMPORTANT MESSAGE

The next issue (November) of the newsletter will be edited by Georgie Minton as Jill and I will be away for most of November. Therefore any news items and updates need to be sent to Georgie at georgiem28@gmail.com or call her on 0437 600 466 .

—Tony Duboudin

ACTIVITIES

BOOK GROUP - MONDAY 3 NOVEMBER



The next meeting is Monday 3 November 12pm at Somers tennis club. BYO lunch. The book for discussion: **All the Colours of the Dark** by Chris Whitaker. Late one summer, Monta Clare is shattered by the abduction of teenager Joseph 'Patch' Macauley. Nobody more so than Saint Brown, who will risk everything to find her best friend. But when she does: it will break her heart. Patch lies alone in a pitch-black room - until he feels a hand in his. Her name is Grace but they cannot see each other. When he escapes there is no sign she ever existed. Saint will hunt down the man who took them - and set free the only boy she ever loved. Even if the truth means losing each other forever.

- Leonie Holmgren 0417 393 320

BRIDGE - THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER



The next Bridge session will be Thursday 13 November 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 - THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER



The next and last meeting for 2025 will be Thursday 20 November at 5pm followed by a self-catered BBQ at the Somers Tennis Club. All winners will be announced.

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

GOLF - BEACOM CUP - WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER



The Beacom Cup will be contested at Cerberus Golf Club on Wednesday 12 November. The first tee off will be 9.30am and players need to be at the club by 9am.

The format will be three-person and four-person Ambrose because of the odd number of players. Non Probus members will play together and will not be eligible for the Beacom Cup. Players with handicaps need to let me know what they are. Players without handicap will be given a generous 45 handicap.

For golf and lunch the cost is \$25, for lunch only it will be \$10 payable on the day.

Peter Witnish 0432 523 206

HAPPY HOUR AND A HALF - THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER



The next Happy Hour and a Half will be at the home of Barry and Di Price, 82 Beach Hill Avenue, Somers, on Thursday 23 October starting at 5pm. Bring a bottle and a plate of finger food.

LUNCH AFTER THE MEETING—FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER



We will be having lunch at The Heritage, Balnarring, after our November general meeting. Please let Chris Thompson know if you would like to attend.

Chris Thompson 0421 421 303

MAHJONG GROUP - CANCELLED THIS MONTH



Sadly mahjong has been cancelled this month because of a lack of numbers opting to play. Next month's details to be advised.

Judy Alsop 0418 313 099

MORNING COFFEE - WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER



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 21 OCTOBER, 4 & 18 NOVEMBER



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

Peter Thompson 0447 770 912

WALKING — WEDNESDAY 5 NOVEMBER



Our next walk is the Red Hill Rail Trail from Red Hill Station Reserve to Merricks Station Reserve. The walk requires us to have cars at either ends of the walk as it isn't a return walk. We will all meet at Merricks Station Reserve (link below) at 9:30am to organise lifts and some cars at Red Hill Trail, Red Hill South.

(https://maps.app.goo.gl/5PPMdYMRJzD34LUz5?g_st=ipc)

The trail is just over 6kms and has mostly a gradual descent from Red Hill South to Merricks Station Reserve with one short steep ascent in the middle. It takes in views across vineyards and farmland; very picturesque.

Details and cancellation due to weather will be emailed a few days before 5 November. If you wish to receive emails for the Walking Group, send an 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

PICTURES OF THE MONTH



Left: Nigel George took this lovely picture of the historic Mont Saint-Michele, in Normandy France. It is a UNESCO World Heritage site.



Left: Miffie Maklary called this picture, which she took on the beach at Somers, Tidal Treasures.



Right: Judy Alsop snapped this interesting reflective image of the Latrobe River at Sale.

Right: This image taken by David Andrewes is a challenge. Can you spot the tawny frogmouths in the tree?

NOTE: This is the last Picture of the Month feature for now. The images taken over the past months will now be judged and the results announced in the December newsletter. Thanks to everyone who contributed.



OUTINGS AND TRAVEL – NOVEMBER

McCrae Homestead - Wednesday 26 November



We are organising a visit to the historic McCrae homestead at 11 Beverley Road, McCrae, on Wednesday 26 November.

We will have a private guided tour starting at 11am. The cost will be \$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.

We will be car pooling and will meet at Somers Yacht Club car park at 10am.

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE.



RECENT EVENTS - VISIT TO THE NGV



Top left: Gill Schwarz and Jan Angwin admire one of the Impressionists.

Left: Chris Thompson joins the throng.

Above: After the viewing lunch, of course.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

WALK AND TALK GROUP

The Victorian branch of the Australian Gardens History Society will visit Coolart Homestead on Thursday 13 November. Everyone is welcome. 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, 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. Contact Lisa Nutting 0418 590 891 or lisanuttin@bigpond.com if you want to attend.

SHOW TIME AT ROSEBUD

16 October onwards: The 50th Anniversary of The Rocky Horror Picture. Starring Tim Curry. A rain soaked couple take refuge in the castle of a mad scientist!!!!

25, 26 & 28 October, 1, 2, & 4 November: National Theatre live: Mrs Warren's Profession by Bernard Shaw. Starring Imelda Staunton.



BIRTHDAYS

October	November
10 Sue Rintoul	12 Jan Angwin
12 Diane Price	14 Margaret Kurrle
12 Peter Witnish	19 David Andrewes
13 Gillian Tansley	21 Barry Price
23 Sue Pritchard	24 John Copeland
24 Caroline Valliant	24 Nigel George
27 Tony Duboudin	28 Miffie Maklary
27 Lisa Nutting	
30 Peter Cole	

EVENTS CALENDAR

October

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
			<u>1</u> <u>Walking</u>	<u>2 Committee meeting</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
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<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> <u>Singing</u>	<u>22 Morning coffee</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30 Happy hour and a half</u>	<u>31</u>	

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