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## **September Newsletter 2025.**

### **Greetings everyone,**

I am delighted that our new Constitution and Standing Resolutions are confirmed. Thank you to all those involved.

Moving forward I turn my attention to our future Committee and Coordinators and in doing so ask you to consider your possible involvement. Taking one of these roles provides the opportunity to give back to the club while sharing your knowledge and expertise.

The Committee is made up of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and not less than three additional Committee members. Both our current Secretary and Treasurer have indicated they will not be standing at the next AGM.

if you are at all interested. I encourage you to attend one of our committee meetings to help decide. These meetings are held at 9am prior to the general meeting.

New members are very welcome in all the roles.



**Currently we are looking for coordinators for the following interest groups: Blues, Classical Music, Gardens, Theatre, Travel and Walkers.**

Lots of scope for your inspiration and passion. Contact [probusscarltonparkville@gmail.com](mailto:probusscarltonparkville@gmail.com)

Special thanks to those who have been or are currently on the Committee and those who are taking a role as Coordinator. Your time and energy are greatly appreciated.

Our next meeting will be **10.00 Tuesday 9 September at Graduate House.** There will be a sporting theme followed by a simple BBQ lunch, everyone is welcome. See you there!

Jenny Earle

President



## Welcome to the September Newsletter

***(Footy Fever is here)***

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## **September** **Birthdays**

**Susan (Sue) Bradshaw, Henrik  
Dahl, Don Holmes, Desley Porter,  
Heather Trotter**

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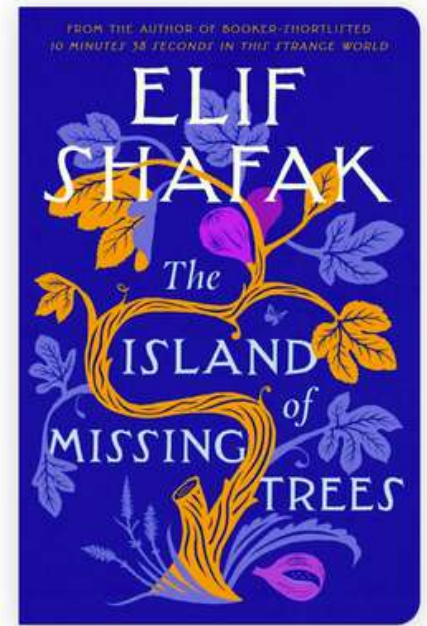
### **Book Group**

The next Book Club meeting will be on **Tuesday October 14th at 7:30pm at the North Fitzroy Library**. The book to be discussed is *The Island of Missing Trees* by Elif Shafak.

It's an excellent book that "Goodreads" describes as:  
"A moving, beautifully written and delicately constructed story of love, division, transcendence, history and eco-consciousness"

If you would like to join the discussion group please send an email to [dpcotterell@gmail.com](mailto:dpcotterell@gmail.com)

"Whoever tends a fig tree will eat its fruit, and he who guards his master will be honoured." Proverbs 27:18



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### **Blues group**

The blues group continues to thrive but, as flagged at the club's last monthly meeting, I intend to step down at the end of this calendar year after being co-ordinator for the last six years.

I hope someone will step into the role as the support is definitely there. The group was founded by Kaye Kilsby who asked me to succeed her in 2019. Every month we attract a solid number of participants interested in a cheap but enjoyable night of live entertainment and Anne and I will continue to join them regularly.

**We meet on the first Tuesday of every month** - except when it clashes with the Melbourne Cup and we take a break in January.

A new co-ordinator will not be needed until the 2026 blues calendar recommences in February.

If interested in either attending or taking over please contact me.

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## Classical Music Group



Our August music evening was held in the home of Anne and Steve Foley, and a programme of the music of Felix Mendelssohn was presented by Janine Stevenson. Our group of 20 was thoroughly spoiled both by our hosts who provided an exceptionally comfortable room to gather in and by Janine, who showed us clearly why the music of Mendelssohn is so loved. Those who provided the supper likewise excelled themselves! It was such a happy night and sincerely appreciated.

It seems extraordinary that I am now flagging the last presentation for the year, which falls on Monday October 6th.

This is advance information only, to keep you in the loop.

David Cotterell has promised us a stellar night in celebration of the diverse and wonderful music written for the trumpet.

Our hosts are Denise and Peter Parussolo, who have long supported our Classical Music Group and are well known for their generosity and warm welcome to members. In a couple of weeks I will open the Booking Sheet. There was one member who unfortunately remained on the waiting list, and she will be given priority as is the custom now.

There are two other matters of interest . The first is that the new opera season starts for us on Sunday November the 9th. It is Bellini's La Sonnambula, and the session starts at 11am. More detail later.

The second is the possibility of considering going to a music festival over three nights at a country town. There are several of these, but the one Karen Lamb has alerted us to is the Sanguine Estate Music Festival at Heathcote at the end of October. This year's festival is booked out, but next year could be a possibility . Arrangements would need to be made by June I would think .Definitely worth keeping in mind!

**Coordinator : Prue Madsen**

**[pruemadsen20@gmail.com](mailto:pruemadsen20@gmail.com)**

# **3rd Contemporary/Popular Music Night 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**Host Yvonne Butera, 1/40 John Street Brunswick East**

**6.45pm for 7.00pm Start**

Previous gathering in July discussed different themes for the future including:

"Covers better than the original?"; "Best live performances";  
"Albums criticised at first, later recognised as masterpieces";  
"Songbooks of Artists/Groups"; "Memorable Australian Rock: 1975-2015" and "Strong political and/or personal messages".  
Plus a number of members were quite emphatic that dancing should also be provided for.



**So hope you can join in for another evening of memorable music, new awakenings and dancing!**

Please consider nominating a song to present to us on the evening.

You won't have to sing the song, just tell an engaging tale why song means so much to you or why the song is important or both!

If nominating a song, please provide: song title, artist and year released

Will be overseas during September so internet contact may be slow or lacking but I'll try and reply.

Please register for attendance and/or song presentation by 25<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

Offers of cakes, cheese platter, dips or anything else gratefully accepted.

Please also bring your own drink of choice.

## **Program for the Evening**

**Part One:** Five Presenters required, each to provide one song

Theme: "Strong Political and/or Personal Messages"

Intermission and refreshments plus dancing for the dancers to four very danceable songs

**Part Two:** Five Presenters required, each to provide one song

Theme: "Memorable Australian Rock: 1975-2015"

**Part Three:** "Identify the Album and the Band/Singer Competition"

Theme: Ten album covers will be screened but with details hidden

**First Prize:** Bottle of red wine for person with highest correct answers

If tied result, elimination album/questions will decide winner

Please send registration and/or song selections by 25th August 2025 to:

**Mario (Mick) Butera**

**gmaym@iimetro.com.au or mobile 0417 511 724**



**Susanne Pearce, Coordinator.**  
**[susannepearce60@gmail.com](mailto:susannepearce60@gmail.com)**  
**(NB change of email) or**  
**SMS 0432 614 585**

On 20 August, a small group of members had a most enjoyable, colourful and informative morning organised by Gill Collins, at the Australian Tapestry Workshop, South Melbourne.

Upcoming events:

**17 September:** a trip by train to see the **Archibald Prize at Geelong**. This is always a popular event. If you are interested in joining other Probus Members travelling to Geelong for the exhibition, please email Jenny **[jkbowling118@gmail.com](mailto:jkbowling118@gmail.com)**

Details are as follows.....

Meet at Southern Cross station for the train departing 9:50am, arriving Geelong 10:51am for our group entry booking at 11:30am. No fix return trip arrangements. Lunch at the public Cafe adjacent to the library and gallery, or your own preference - note that the James Street Bakery has closed and the Public Cafe does not take bookings.

The Gallery entry cost, \$20 or \$22, still to be confirmed by the Gallery.

**15 October:** Please note that due to changed circumstances the event planned for October will not go ahead. (As I shall be away for 6 weeks if anyone wishes to select and lead an activity in October, by all means do so and copy me in).

**19 November:** Nothing has been planned as yet so I am seeking a volunteer to propose and lead the November activity.



## **Footy Tipping - Excitement Builds**

by Stephen Alomes

Entering the last round, just before the finals,  
SuePower has AirPower surrounded with  
Sue Dudley on 148  
Brian Raspin on 147  
followed by Sue Randall on 146.



But what if there is a tie? The solution. Each week tipsters must suggest the margin in the first match of the round.

The tipster with the lowest margin scores becomes the winner. Now, only a few points separates the three.

Meanwhile, big events overseas include on Saturday 30 August the 2025 Asian Championships at Polo Escape, Chon Buri, Thailand. Countries playing (men's) include Japan, China, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Cambodia, Philippines and Hong Kong, with women's teams from Indonesia, Thailand and Hong Kong and, as in the men's, the inscrutable 'Barbarians'.

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## **DR DAVID PARKIN OAM IN CONVERSATION - Our September meeting speaker**

Dr David Parkin a Melbourne legend and a wise man of sport, from 1961 onwards. David has coached more VFL/AFL games across Hawthorn, Carlton and Fitzroy than all but five other coaches. David has always worked outside football as an academic in Human Movement at Deakin, and its predecessors, after earlier years as a schoolteacher, maintaining contact with some of his earliest students over the years. He has always looked at people beyond sport and at Carlton at the different communities around the club in Princes Park and beyond.



Australian Football is a Melbourne institution in many ways shaping life for much of the year

He is interested in social change in society and sport.

As Melbourne and Australia have changed - and so has footy in the era of women's footy, the dollar and marketing - David Parkin asks where is it now in our global world, and where will it be in the future?

## **Bridge Group**

Dear Probus Bridge Players,

I have decided that I will be giving up arranging the Probus Bridge nights as I have done it for a long time and I want to go to the Bridge nights at Graduate House as they are a great night.

Is anyone interested in taking over the organising of the Probus Bridge night at Princes Park, alternatively people might just want to have nights at a persons home. Could you let me know if you are interested in taking over the organising of the Probus Bridge nights and I will get you the keys to Princes Park at the Club meeting in September. Have a great week everyone,  
Cheers, Douglas Marshall.    noeladouglassm@gmail.com



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## **Current Affairs Discussion Group**

**The group meets again at 10am on Tuesday 16th September at the Kathleen Syme Centre, Faraday St Carlton.**

### **The two topics for discussion are:**

1. The government is due to release the First National Climate Risk Assessment report soon. What do you believe will change after such an assessment?
2. What measures do you think would improve safety in child care centres?

**Carolyn Cohn**

**carolynecohn@gmail.com**

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## **Winter Roast**



24 members enjoyed the last Winter Roast at St. Andrew's Hotel on 17th August. As usual, lively conversation and happy laughter showed that cold winter afternoons are better when spent with Probus friends.







## **Pedallers** (sic)

We meet every Thursday despite the weather.

(Contact Al McGain on [rockdoc3@bigpond.com](mailto:rockdoc3@bigpond.com) for further information)

### **Our Mission**

Our cyclists are still pursuing the best coffee in Melbourne by departing at 10.00am each Thursday from Railway House Carlton North and riding forth on the best suggestion of those assembled. In the noble cause of further Discovery, we have set aside the last Thursday of each month for a longer ride which includes an early start, maybe morning coffee and a lunch stop.

Anyone wishing to surrender themselves for this sort of interesting activity is more than welcome to join us. Just check with Al McGain or any cyclist of our intrepid bunch for details.

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### **STEM Visit "A Tour of the Night's Brightest Stars"**

Following the interest shown at our last Club meeting, I have been able to secure a block booking of 20 seats at the Planetarium at Scienceworks for Thursday 27 November. The program runs from 7.30pm until 9.30pm and the cost will be \$35.

In early October I will circulate to members a request for names and payment - do not try to register yet. But mark your diaries with the date.

Graham Skewes  
0408 279 804  
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## **Travel**

Just a reminder that I will be stepping down as travel co-ordinator after our club trip to Lord Howe Island in November.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the role this last six years but feel it is time for a fresh approach to club travel. With new blood I hope we can continue to attract good numbers by offering our members trips to new and interesting destinations.

I inherited the job from my old cycling buddy Roger Stevenson who asked for assistance back in pre-Covid 2019. Roger and Janine were passionate believers in the benefits of travelling as a group and I have tried to fulfil their vision. The highlights for me were finally reaching Western Australia after three years of Covid-imposed restrictions and last year's trip to the NSW outback - Broken Hill and Mungo NP.

A new co-ordinator should and will have total freedom to choose whatever form of travel and destination they think is appropriate for our club.

Expressions of interest in the role will be greatly appreciated.

**Steve Foley**

**(Outgoing) Travel co-ordinator**

**stevefoley7@bigpond.com**

**0417313022**

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## **Walking Group:**

### **Wednesday 3 September**

Melbourne Quarter, Seafarers Rest Park and the Webb Bridge led by Carol Matheson

### **Wednesday 1 October**

Brunswick Street and Gertrude Street Part B led by Bruce Matheson.

"Demolished, Renovated and Repurposed, with a sprinkling of Saint and Sinners."

### **Wednesday 5 November**

A walk around North Melbourne ending at the Queen Victoria Market led by Randall Bradshaw

### **Wednesday 3 December**

Royal Exhibition Building Dome led by Jenny Bowling

Kingsley Gee   Mob 0407 043 119   email: [rwkgee@gmail.com](mailto:rwkgee@gmail.com)

## **FRIDAY FRIENDS**

(Contact Diana Carlton or Constance Jenkin on dicarlton41@gmail.com or cjenkin6@bigpond.com for further information)

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## **GRUMPY OLD MEN**

(Contact Stu Gregory on stu\_tamaragregry@email.com for further information). The Group meet at the " Naughty Boys Café at 499 Lygon St. Carlton every Friday from 10am.

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## **MEMBER LIAISON**

(Contact Liz Jungwirth on liz.jungwirth@icloud.com for further information)

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## **MOVIE GROUP**

(Contact Margaret Smith on margaretJSM@yahoo.com.au for further information)  
The Group meet on the 4th Monday of each Month at Cinema Nova at Lygon Court Carlton

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## **TECHNOLOGY ADVISOR/SECRETARY**

(Contact Peter Beckwith on peter.j.beckwith@gmail.com for further information)

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## **THEATRE GROUP**

(Contact Fleur Rubens on vivianandfleur@gmail.com for further information)

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## **Carlton-Parkville Probus WhatsApp\_group**

The club's WhatsApp group is a light-hearted way for members to stay in touch.  
To join, make sure WhatsApp is installed on your phone, then send your mobile number to Heather Trotter on 0423762779.  
Please note that the notification (sound) can be switched off...help available if needed!