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October Newsletter 2025

Greetings everyone,

The good news is that our signed Constitution has been sent to South Pacific Probus and registered with Consumer Affairs Victoria. Now we can turn our attention to developing a Risk Management Policy.

The Risk Management Policy sub-committee has held its initial meeting. Special thanks to Janine Stevenson and Sue Dudley who are working with me on this project.

Our process is to adapt existing Probus models to fit our club's special nature, while cross-referencing with the South Pacific Probus Risk Management Checklist. Our goal is to keep this a simple document. If you have any thoughts, you would like considered, please email me prior to our next meeting on 2 October.



One of the issues that has come to light already is the need for members to update their 'emergency contact details'. If your emergency contact details have changed in the last few years, please email the change to carltonparkvilleprobus@gmail.com. Our flexible framework for completion of the Policy includes presenting a draft to the whole committee for approval, a copy of the approved policy will then be sent out to members with the opportunity to respond, with a view to final adoption early in 2026. A good start has been made.

Our next general meeting will be 10.00 Tuesday 14 October at Graduate House. I look forward to seeing you there.

Jenny Earle. President

Welcome to the October Newsletter

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October Birthdays

Jane Beckley, Vicki Birt, Christine (Chris) Durham, Anne Foley, Steve Foley, Allan (Al) McGain, Michael Saint , David Thwaites, Catherine (Cathy) Williams

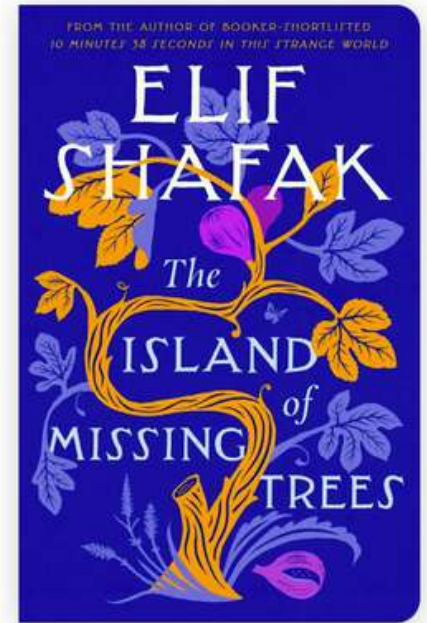
Book Group

The next Book Club meeting will be on Tuesday October 14 at 7:30pm at the North Fitzroy library.

The book we will be discussing is "The Island of Missing Trees" by Elif Shafak which has been selected by Bernadette Hosking.

Goodreads describes it as "A moving, beautifully written and delicately constructed story of love, division, transcendence, history and eco-consciousness."

If you would like to join us please send an email to dpcotterell@gmail.com.



"Nothing great comes into being all at once... Let the fig tree first come into blossom and then bring forth its fruit, and then let the fruit grow to ripeness" - Epictetus

Blues group

The next blues night on **Tuesday October 7** has drawn at least 15 participants, including new members. There's still time to book if you want to join in. Admission is free but you must book through me. A reminder that due to the Melbourne Cup there will be no blues gathering on the first Tuesday of November.

Our last gathering for the year will be the December event - **Tuesday December 2** - and my final stint as co-ordinator.

Anyone interested in taking over as blues group co-ordinator please contact me or our President.

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Classical Music Group



By the time you are reading this I will have sent out the message that specifically covers the arrangements again for David Cotterell's programme of trumpet music that he has titled "BLOWN AWAY"!

This of course is the final presentation for the year and is on **MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER.**

Also confirmed will be the names of those who are listed as coming to Denise and Peter Parussolo's home, twenty-two in all. There are four members on the waiting list.

It is time you knew the date for our **Coda Dinner** and place, just so you can jot it in your diary.

We will be at **Il Duca again, and the date is MONDAY DECEMBER 1ST.**

Finally, our Met Opera at the Nova is Bellini's "La Sonnambula," on **SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER**, with an 11AM START. I will outline some detail of this closer to the time.

Thank you all for supporting the Classical Music Group this year. We have enjoyed some extraordinary evenings, and as custodians of this group, long may they continue!

Coordinator : Prue Madsen

pruemadsen20@gmail.com

3rd Contemporary/Popular Music Night
16th October 2025
Host Yvonne Butera, 1/40 John Street
Brunswick East
6.45pm for 7.00pm Start



Hi to all music lovers!

Join us for the next for a lively evening of music and debate at
Next Contemporary/Popular Music Night on 16th October 2025
Hosted by Mario (Mick) and Yvonne Butera, at
1/40 John Street Brunswick East - 6.45pm for 7.00pm Start

Theme #1: "Strong Political and/or Personal Messages"

Theme#2: "Memorable Australian Rock: 1975-2015"

Plus Test your musical knowledge:

By identifying Album Name; Artist and Title from the screen.

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

And some wonderful cakes and food have been offered for enjoyment.

There are two places left before we are at capacity.

Please send registration and/or song selections to:

Mario (Mick) Butera

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



The next meeting of the Current Affairs Discussion Group is on Tuesday 21st October, at 10am, in meeting room 2 at Kathleen Syme Centre, Faraday St Carlton.

The topics for discussion are

1. Is the United Nations still viable in its current form?
2. Recent research is indicating early (pre 60) retirement has gone out of fashion and the share of men 70+ still in paid employment has increased from 1 in 10 in 2004 to 1 in 4 today. What factors may be influencing this change?

This group welcomes all members.

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Next Speaker Probus Monthly meeting October 14th

Our next speaker is Cory Alpert on:

“Artificial Intelligence (AI): Impacts on Society and the Individual”

Cory is a regularly featured writer in The Age

He is a PhD researcher at the University of Melbourne

looking at the impact of AI on democracy. He served for three years in the White House during the Biden-Harris Administration as an Advance Associate in the Executive Office of the President, primarily detailed to the First Lady and the Second Gentleman of the United States. He was previously an advisor to the humanitarian response and war crimes investigations in Ukraine, and the senior policy advisor to the President of the US Conference of Mayors. In addition, Cory is an alumnus of three Presidential campaigns, including as regional chief of staff for Pete Buttigieg’s historic 2020 campaign. He has also held senior staff and advisory roles on Senate, House, Gubernatorial, mayoral, and state legislative races across the United States. He has also advised the UN Secretary-General on political and youth engagement.





Creative Arts

Susanne Pearce, Coordinator.
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(NB change of email) or
SMS 0432 614 585

Many thanks to Jenny Bowling for so expertly organising the enjoyable excursion to the Archibald Exhibition on 17 September.

There is no event for October.

For 19 November, I would very much like to hear from someone with a proposal for an activity which they would be prepared to lead. I shall be back 3 October. I can, of course, be reached by email.

GARDEN GROUP **SUMMER EVENT**

Monday 6th December



A walk through a new parklet and observation of current rooftop planting trends from a level 9 apartment.block

City views included with a touch of Christmas fare.

Watch for further details.

Carol Matheson
Email: candbmatheson@gmail.com

Footy Tipping 2025 - For the Records

Stephen Alomes

The **Top Nine** in the Probus Footy Tipping comp 2025

#	TIPSTER	PTS	MAR
1	 Suebwako	156	648
2	 brianR	154	611
3	 SueDudley	154	691
4	 Tollhurst	152	648
5	 Hassa46	151	670
6	 GrahamS	150	608
7	 heatherat	147	691
8	 HenrikD	147	696
9	 triestina	147	909

Other Ovals

Meanwhile, for those missing the black and white, we can report that the Komazawa Magpies (45 points) defeated the Tokyo Goannas (41 points) in Round 5 of the Japan AFL.

Historically the Goannas has been the predominantly expat team (an unusual oddity in footy around the world) although this may be changing.

In a very Japanese cultural style the Magpies report included the observation "In order to fulfill the evaluation, before the next game, we want to focus on practicing and reflect on what we harvested in this game!"



Travel Group



Steve Foley
(Outgoing) Travel co-ordinator
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Bookings are open for the club's trip away in 2026 - a seven day, six night winter escape to tropical Port Douglas, the jewel of Far North Queensland.

The dates: Saturday July 18 to Friday July 23.

The cost: \$3698 per person twin share (single supplement: \$1000)

A \$200 deposit pp on booking is required to secure your place. Final payment due no later than Friday May 15 2026.

A minimum of 20 participants is required for this trip to proceed.

Full details and booking forms were circulated via email to all members following the September meeting.

For those who missed it these are the highlights:

- Return flights from Melbourne to Cairns
- 6 nights accommodation at Mantra PortSea
- 6 breakfasts, two lunches and one farewell dinner at Salsa Bar and Grill, Port Douglas
- Quicksilver day trip to Agincourt Reef on the edge of the Continental Shelf
- Mossman Gorge, Daintree Rainforest and Daintree River cruise
- Kuranda Village day trip, returning on the Kuranda Scenic Rail in .
'Gold Class'
- Transfers and entry fees



Pedallers (sic)

We meet every Thursday despite the weather.

(Contact Al McGain on rockdoc3@bigpond.com for further information)

Our Mission

The Pedallers continue to depart Railway House in North Carlton at 10.00am on Thursday mornings come rain, frost, wind or heatwave. We seldom have a fixed destination, which is decided on the day. However on the last Thursday of each month we plan a longer ride which includes a lunch stop and maybe return to the city by train. Enlist now and see the world!

Contact

Al McGain 0428 755 688

Walking Group:

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 (pending availability of tours)

A new coordinator is needed by the AGM in March 2026.

Please contact me if interested.

Kingsley Gee Mob 0407 043 119 email: rwkgee@gmail.com

FRIDAY FRIENDS

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

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.

MEMBER LIAISON

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

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

TECHNOLOGY ADVISOR/SECRETARY

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

THEATRE GROUP

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

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!