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## **November Newsletter 2025**

### **Presidents Report**

As the year comes to an end, we focus on creating a Probus Committee to be adopted at the AGM on 10 March 2026. Thank you to those who have already submitted their nomination forms for Treasurer and for Committee Members. At this stage we do not have a President. It is usual for the Vice-President to become the incoming President however this will not occur in 2026. I am happy to chat with anyone who would be prepared to nominate for this role. It is not onerous and there is lots of support if required.

After considering the Secretarial position, the suggestion is to split the role in two: a Minute Secretary who handles the meeting papers and a Communications Officer dealing with enquiries and liaising with coordinators and members. We have received interest in the communication role. However, the option remains for someone to take both roles, as currently happens successfully.

In brief: we are looking for a President and Secretary. My role automatically becomes the Past President.

I like to think of this situation as calling for us to take our turn, be it in management or as a coordinator, to help keep our Club afloat. Nomination forms are available from the Secretary or at the November meeting.

I encourage anyone who is thinking of any management role to attend our next Committee meeting held before our general meeting, Graduate House 9.00 Tuesday 11 November. Just let me know [jenearle1@gmail.com](mailto:jenearle1@gmail.com)

## **Presidents Report Con't**

Our end-of-year dinner is planned for 12.00 Tuesday 9 December in lieu of our monthly meeting. It is to be held at Graduate House with a set menu and cash bar. Further details will be emailed shortly regarding booking details, costs and dietary requirements.

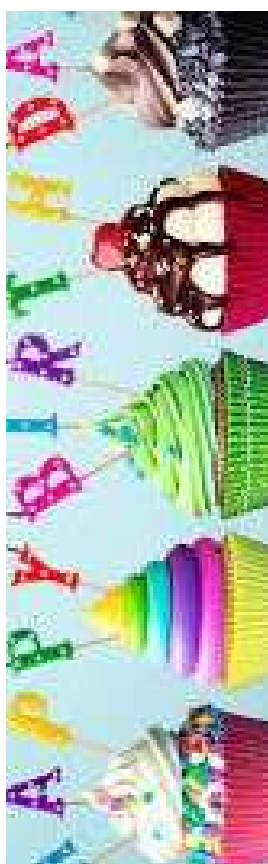


**The next meeting will be at Graduate House 10.00 Tuesday 11 November. I look forward to seeing you there.**

**Jenny Earle  
President**

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## **November Birthdays**

Philomena Agrez,  
Jenny Andrewes,  
Geraldine Callister,  
Denise Charman,  
Diana Day,  
Janet Ferguson,  
Richard Horsfall,  
Lynette (Lynne) MacLachlan,  
Bruce Matheson,  
Christiaan (Chris) Mostert,  
Wendy Munckhof,  
Dorothy (Dot) Skewes

## **Blues group**

As there is no event for November - it clashes with the Melbourne Cup - the final get together for the Blues Group will be **Tuesday December 2**. Details will come out nearer the date.

We're hoping someone will take over the group in time to organise the usual February outing.

**Steve Foley**

**Outgoing blues co-ordinator**

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## **Book Group**



The last meeting for the year will be held on December 8 at 7:30pm at the North Fitzroy Library. Regular Readers should note that this is a **MONDAY** to avoid a clash with the Probus Xmas Lunch. The book we will be discussing at the meeting has been selected by Sue Girling-Butcher and is Niall Williams' "This is Happiness". Goodreads describes it as:

"A tender portrait of a community – its idiosyncrasies and traditions, its paradoxes and kindnesses, its failures and triumphs – and a coming-of-age tale like no other. Luminous and lyrical, yet anchored by roots running deep into the earthy and everyday, it is about the power of stories: their invisible currents that run through all we do, writing and rewriting us, and the transforming light that they throw onto our world."

If you would like to join our always lively group then please register by email to **dpcotterell@gmail.com**

"The best thing one can do when it's raining is to let it rain."  
- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

# Classical Music Group



**Coordinator : Prue Madsen**

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

November is a quiet month for us, except for the film of the current Met Opera "La Sonnambula" by Vincenzo Bellini.

The session chosen is on SUNDAY THE 9TH OF NOVEMBER, and has a start time of 11AM.

"La Sonnambula", [The Sleepwalker] is a curious opera, certainly in the bel canto tradition with many glorious arias. Nadine Sierra has the title role , and even in her nightgown she is bewitching.

The story revolves around her unfortunate habit of sleepwalking, and circumstances arise that appear to end her betrothal and chance of happiness. Set in a village , it is of course the subject of great interest to the villagers who make mischief. Come along and enjoy this opera with us!

There will be a detailed message coming out soon about the Coda Dinner, Monday 1st December, which is once again at Il Duca Restaurant, 132 Wellington Parade.

We will be in the same private room at street level. A guest artist has been engaged, a tenor this time. The cost will be slightly more than last year, but under \$100 dollars per head.

Once again I will obtain a copy of the menu, and send it to those who are listed as coming; this year 22 places are available.

I am looking forward with anticipation to hearing from those of you who would be happy to consider becoming the next coordinator of the Classical Music Group. Such a happy role, and this group provides that occasion when sharing our love of music is made possible in the best of circumstances.

This last newsletter item for the year cannot conclude without thanking Peter for the magnificent page design he always gives to us. Much appreciated, always a pleasure to see!



**Mario (Mick) Butera,**  
**Contemporary/Popular Music Co-ordinator**  
**email: [gmaym@iimetro.com.au](mailto:gmaym@iimetro.com.au)**

An evening of music with strong political messages was held on 16<sup>th</sup> October at the home of Mario and Yvonne Butera.

Nine very robust songs, some subtle songs and some clever songs of protest were presented on the night including:

“Short Memory” by Midnight Oil, presented by Wendy Munckhof

“Masters of War” by Bob Dylan, presented by Chris Murray

“Eve of Destruction” by Barry McGuire, presented by Yvonne and Mario Butera

“El Salvador” by Peter, Paul & Mary, presented by Sue Dudley

“Look of Love” by Diana Krall, presented by Peter Parussolo

“From Little Things Big Things Grow” by Kevin Carmody presented by Christine Newcombe

“What did you learn in school today?” by Pete Seeger, presented by Mario Butera

“I was Only 19” by Redgum, presented by David Cotterell

“The Little Girl of Hiroshima”, musical poem of Hazim Hikmet presented by John Basarin

The speakers were very enthusiastic about the messages in their songs so take it up further with them at the November monthly meeting!

Some very exciting music nights planned for 2026, but more on them to follow.

Suggestions for songs and themes for 2026 are very much requested from Probus Members. Please forward suggestions asap to:

Mario (Mick) Butera  
email: [gmaym@iimetro.com.au](mailto:gmaym@iimetro.com.au)





The last meeting for the year is on

**Tuesday 18th November at 10am.**

We meet at the Kathleen Syme Centre,  
Faraday St Carlton in Meeting room 2.

All are welcome.

The two topics for discussion are

1. With impending heat waves forecast what can be done to assist those with inadequate protection from the heat?
  2. The teen ban on social media is imminent. Do you think it is going to be effective and what problems may arise?
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## Creative Arts

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

On 15 October although with rather short notice, a dozen members turned up at the RMIT Gallery and thoroughly enjoyed and were surprised by the complex, colourful, and sometimes humorous works of Robert Baines, artist and goldsmith extraordinaire. Do go see it!

On **Wednesday 19th November** - you are invited to join Carol Matheson to view the modern trend of art installation at three city hotels.

These will include sculptures, tapestries, textiles and vibrant artwork located at the Sofitel, W Hotel and No.1 Hotel.

Travel by the group between locations will be on the Free City Tram.....do enjoy the ride. (Details to follow).

## **Guest Speaker**

Magic of Nanotechnology in delivery of drugs,  
vaccines and industrial solutions

Next speaker Georgina Such, Professor School of  
Chemistry will present the magical possibilities of  
nanoscience and nanotechnology.



Nanotechnology magnifies matter including viruses, vaccines up to one billionth  
it's actual size. This enables us to look at properties and behaviors of all matter at  
very minute level leading to new discoveries and solutions.

In the same way that planet earth looks very different from outer space, drugs,  
vaccines and all matter.

Professor Such has over twenty years of experience in the design of stimuli-  
responsive materials with application in biomedicine and advanced  
manufacturing, with over 90 papers and 10,000+ citations. Her research focuses  
on combining innovation in materials design with understanding how polymer  
structure impacts function, particularly in the design of better polymer delivery  
systems.

Suggestions for speakers for 2026 are very much requested from Probus Members  
Please forward suggestions asap to:

**Mario (Mick) Butera, Speaker Co-ordinator email: [gmaym@iimetro.com.au](mailto:gmaym@iimetro.com.au)**



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## **GARDEN GROUP** **SUMMER ACTIVITY**

Monday 8th December at 10.30 am

Brief visit to Dig Emporium in Fitzroy: Cambridge Parklet and a Residential Rooftop in  
Collingwood viewing different styles of gardens and planting.

led by

**Carol Matheson**

**0408 335 967**

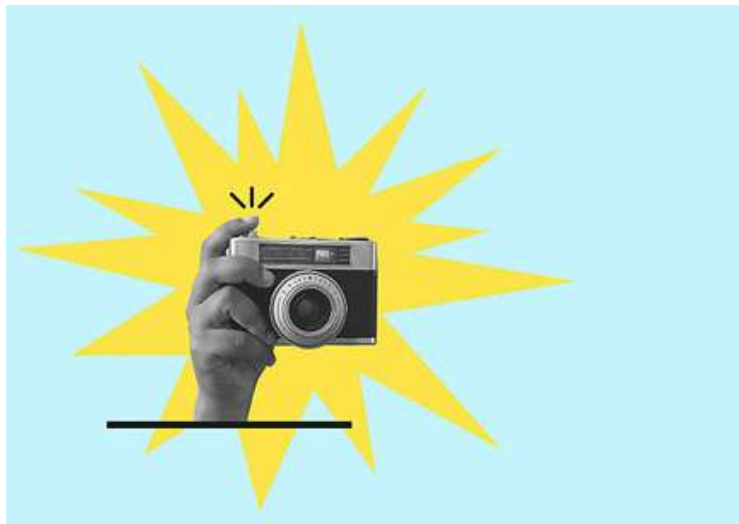
**[candbmatheson@gmail.com](mailto:candbmatheson@gmail.com)**

## **Annual Photo Competition**

We have two new judges  
this year

### ***"The two Peters"***

Peter (Campbell) Pearson  
and  
Peter Parussolo



We invite you to send to the judges, any photos of club activities that you may have taken during the year for judging, even if you have posted them on the Club sites (Facebook or What's App)

Send photos to..... [drleadlight@bigpond.com](mailto:drleadlight@bigpond.com) or 0418358471

### Guidelines

1. All photos to be considered must be related to a club activity -either by including club members or being taken while on a scheduled activity.
2. Photos in the clubs Whats app and facebook pages are reviewed from January to the cut off date (30 November) you post-so that it allows you enough time to review and decide.

Closing date for photos to reach the judges is 30 November

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## **SUNDAY TWILIGHTS** (JANUARY 2026)

PRINCES PARK- NEAR THE PRINCES PARK BOWLING CLUB  
(same as previous years)

WHEN: Sunday January 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and February 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

TIME: 6pm till 7.30pm

BRING: Yourself, your own chairs and picnic rug / picnic table  
if you have one, a cool drink and food/nibbles to share.

A sense of humour and be ready for a game of Bocce...no skill required.



There is no need to book...just arrive

Please feel free to contact us with any queries:

**Sue Bradshaw 0419 834 273 or Randall Bradshaw 0438 012 886**



## **Stem Group**

***The world of  
science,  
technology and  
discovery is truly  
remarkable.***



Wonderful new, world changing technologies are emerging everyday.

Let's try and keep up to date with them through STEM.

2025 has seen STEM activities:

- Explore the wonderful advances in regenerative medicine with a tour of the Australian Regenerative Medicine Institute (ARMI) at Monash University
- A tour of the RMIT Centre for Additive Manufacturing/3D Printing facilities
- A visit to Scienceworks for a look at the wonders of the universe with "A Tour of the Night's Brightest Stars"

**What does STEM have in store for 2026?**

We have a few exciting activities in the pipeline including

- Visit to see Factories of the Future
- Gene Research Centre at University High School
- Future of Food

We do need more suggestions.

Please come forward and let us know your discoveries so we can all enjoy them.

Suggestions for STEM activities for 2026 are very much needed from Probus Members.

Please forward suggestions asap to:

**Mario (Mick) Butera, STEM Co-ordinator email: [gmaym@iimetro.com.au](mailto:gmaym@iimetro.com.au)**

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### **Water Boys to Arden St Grass - Footy Tipping Report by Stephen Alomes**

A dangerous job - a footy tipping reporter. I was upbraided (!) at our last Probus meeting for my stresses!

#### **"Where's the AFLW??"**

Well I have caught up - the best games are skilful and worth watching, despite some male coaches obsessed with defence and endless tackling.

I doubly caught up. Sitting in the spring sun on the grass behind the northern goals at Arden St among a crowd of 3,000 while North Melbourne/ Tasmania dispatched the Adelaide Crows.

A definite premiership tip - unbackable?

Meanwhile, sacked Mason Cox was a waterboy at the 60 team USAFL championships in Tucson, Az. while his brothers won premierships in two of the three divisions.

And I have been a water boy - the lowest of the low unless you stick up for yourself.

That's footy life.

Go TasRoos!



## **Travel Group**

**Steve Foley**  
**(Outgoing) Travel co-ordinator**  
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**0417313022**



As you read this newsletter 18 members will be soaking up the vibe on beautiful Lord Howe Island, which goes by the simple slogan 'just paradise'.

We chose this pristine environment for the club's annual trip away as a fitting end to what has been another busy year of activities for the Carlton-Parkville Probus Club.

We're all looking forward to slowing down and seeing what this sub-tropical Pacific jewel has to offer.

### **Some highlights are expected to be:**

- a sunset cruise on day one
- being shown some of the island's hidden charms by fifth-generation islanders
- hearing about and seeing some of the stunning sea and bird life on our marine tour of the coral reefs and walking tour of North Bay beaches and habitats
- enjoying down time and - a Probus tradition - lots of leisurely-paced meals

But don't expect too many text messages - we're told Lord Howe is beyond the reach of mobile phone calls.

You'll just have to wait until the November meeting to get our feedback!

In other travel news, bookings are already flowing through for the club trip to Port Douglas in July next year.

If the thought of getting away from mid-winter Melbourne appeals come and join other Probus escapees who have already signed on for our six-night stay in the warmth of Far North Queensland. The trip has been designed to offer you all the iconic attractions- the Great Barrier Reef, Daintree Rainforest and more, plus downtime so that you can really relax.

### **The dates again are: Saturday July 18 to Friday July 23.**

Check last month's mail outs and the October newsletter for full details.

As this 2026 Port Douglas tour is already bedded down - and will be my last as travel co-ordinator - we're hoping someone will come forward next year and begin planning future club trips away.



## **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**

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**

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### **Walking Group:**

#### Wednesday 5 November

The Hotham Hill precinct of North Melbourne, especially around the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral, meeting at 10AM at the junction of Abbotsford St and Flemington Rd.

(Stop 19, opposite Liberty Service Station)) Coffee 11am at Mr Gonzo cnr Erskine & Melrose Streets Nth Melb.

**Enquiries Randall Bradshaw 0438012886**

#### December

Royal Exhibition Building Dome led by Jenny Bowling (pending available dates for tours)

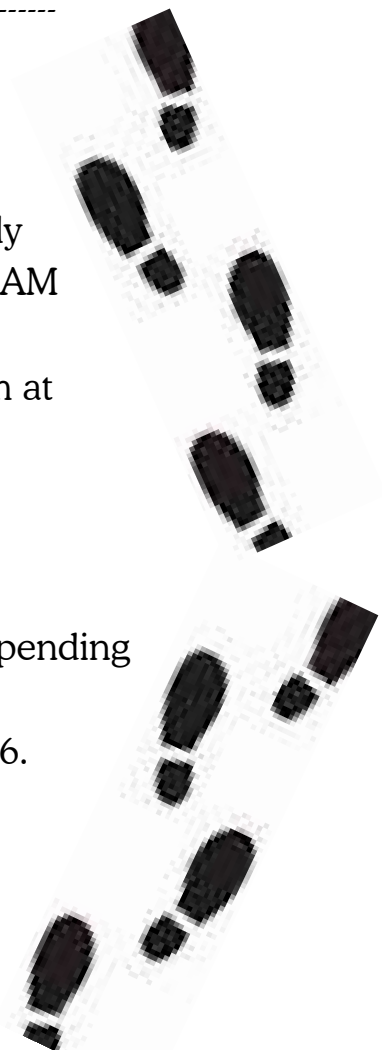
A new coordinator is needed by the AGM in March 2026.

Please contact me if interested.

Kingsley Gee - walks coordinator

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## **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@emai.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!

The Club meets at GRADUATE HOUSE at 220 Leicester Street Carlton on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month.