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General Meeting 11.07.25

A cold and bleak morning, but President Kay and I enjoyed letting 96 shivering members through the doors and into the warmth of the July General Meeting. I really appreciate the fact that people show their name badges as they come in. It's a great help to those of us who, like me, are recognition-challenged!



In her opening welcome, Kay reminded us that the goods for sale at the door are NOT raising money for Probus (that's forbidden), but a quite separate fund-raiser for Vinnies, and well worth supporting. Events Manager Jan previewed coming outings and new members, Mariella and Bob Hocking, were introduced with a brief outline of their activities and interests. Then it was on to Member Moments, with one of the most entertaining tales we've ever been regaled with. Laurie Hearn's account of



his and Roni's ill-fated trip to Istanbul took us on a round-the-world tour of airport disasters ... I was hoping they were getting frequent flyer points as airlines shunted them from airport to airport, city to city, country to country as days went by, while sleepless/starving and knickerless (R), the saga continued. We were rocking with laughter and disbelief, but he assures us it was all true. Thank you for the pleasure of sharing your odyssey – and the final picture of a strong man in tears when, exhausted, they finally reached Istanbul and the 4 am Blue Mosque muezzin call to prayer woke them up was the icing on the cake.

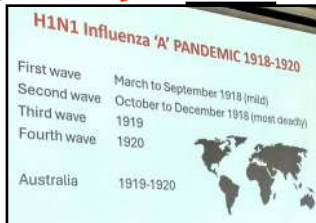
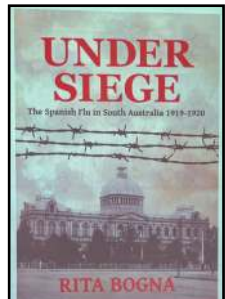


A happy morning tea, and as usual we need to thank Kathy and her great team behind the counter who keep us warm and hydrated! Please don't forget to bring your own coffee cups - we're trying to do our bit to save the earth.

Then it was guest speaker time, and Rita Bogna unfolded the story of the deadly Spanish Flu and its impact



throughout the world, especially South Australia. We all learned much we hadn't been aware of, and its parallels to our own COVID days were uncomfortably clear. Rita's legal and medical background had led her to research this 1917-1919 world disaster, the biggest pandemic of all time, with its millions of deaths, and to record it in her book 'Under Siege'.



Lunch at the Surf Lifesaving Club was enjoyed by 45 members.



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President's Message

As usual, we had excellent attendance at the July meeting. Special thanks to Laurie Hearn who entertained us with his account of a journey which went pear-shaped at every turn. I still laugh every time I think about it. The guest speaker, Rita Bogna, gave a somewhat more serious overview of the timeline and statistics of the Spanish Flu in Australia in 1919-1920. Many parallels with the Covid 19 pandemic were obvious, and certainly some of the effective management strategies such as isolation, masks and border closures were evident in both epidemics. Fortunately, largely due to vaccines and information shared via media sources, the death count was considerably lower in Australia through Covid. Our next meeting will be our birthday celebration. We will have our usual program for the first part of the meeting, morning tea, and then entertainment from the CopyCats. We hope you all join us for music and light entertainment. Thank you to everyone who has helped to set the room up and pack away after the meetings over the winter period. The bowling club uses the room for an indoor bowls competition during winter which requires all of the tables and chairs to be packed away each week, a big physical effort. I hope you all continue to stay well and warm through this time when viruses abound in the community.

Kay Berry-Smith

HAPPY HOUR : A small but friendly gathering at the Glenelg Surf Club for the April Happy Hour on Friday July 25. This is a great opportunity for a quick drink at Happy Hour prices at 5 pm at the venue, with ample parking underneath and optional dinner. Next dates are August 31 and September 26. Please book on TryBooking for the reservation of our tables, and know that you will be warmly welcomed.



Happy birthday to our August birthdays:

Beverley Clewer (5th)
Jo Froscio (6th)
Victoria Hall (1st)
Angela Hayes (17th)
Mariella Hocking (5th)
Dot Meachan (12th)
Rosemary Molden-Hauer (26th)
Kaye Penney (3rd)
Mignonne Symonds (3rd)
Jennifer Thompson (3rd)
Jane Yull (25th)

Greetngs to any others we may have missed.



CALENDAR EVENTS

Most events will need to be booked in via Trybooking (see page 7 or web site for tour details and bookings)

Every Saturday: 10 am Saturday walkers, meet at Bay Junction, outside travel agent, cnr Jetty/Brighton Roads.

Wed., July 23: 10 am Coffee at Swedish Tarts

Thursday, July 24: 10.30 - 11.30 am Tour of Old Parliament House. Optional lunch at Strathmore Hotel

Friday, July 25: 5 pm Happy Hour at GSLC and optional dinner after at GLSC

Monday, August 4: 1.00 pm Committee meeting

Wednesday, August 6: 10 am Walking group A

Friday, August 8: 9.45 am Birthday General Meeting with entertainment by Copycats. Optional lunch: GSLC

Wed., August 13: 10 am Coffee at Swedish Tarts

Wednesday, August 20: 10 am Walking group A

Thursday, August 21: 10.00 -11.30 Stadium Tour of Adelaide Oval. Optional lunch at Koffee Ink, Adelaide Oval

Wed., August 27: 10 am Coffee at Swedish Tarts

Friday, August 29: 5 pm Happy Hour at GSLC and optional dinner after at GLSC

Sunday, August 31: 12 noon Barbies'n'Bocce, Sandison Reserve, Glenelg

Friday, September 12: 9.45 am General Meeting with guest speaker. Optional lunch: GSLC

Thursday, September 18: 11.30 Winery tour and lunch at Lake Breeze Winery

Friday, September 26: 5 pm Happy Hour at GSLC and optional dinner after at GLSC

IT Conversation Group Session

Our next meeting for the IT Conversation (Computer) Group will be on Friday August 1 - when we will have Emily from the Marion Library, Seniors Learning, with the topics of 'Exploring Windows 11 and what are Passkeys?' PLUS, your questions with assistance from Emily.

The session starts at 10.30AM in the upstairs room at Club Marion and will be finished by 12.30PM.

All Probus Clubs, members, Partners and Friends are welcome.

Coffee is available to purchase at the bar.

Dates to mark in your diaries:

September 5 TBA

October 3 Emily

November 7 Emily

February 2026 Emily

REQUEST: I am looking for ideas for guest speakers for our IT Group. Can you help?

Regards

Bob Brammy

Contact: 0417126200



WALKING GROUPS:

Walking group A

The two local walks, although on the crisp side but not wet, were enjoyable and it is good to be able to utilise the walking tracks. A visit to the Old Gum Tree at Glenelg was a treat for Rosemary and Peter's grandchildren.

6 August walk Meet at Apex Park, Burbridge Road, West Beach
20 August walk Meet at Oaklands Wetland Reserve, 237 Oakland's Road, Oakland's Park, in the first car park. Entry at the traffic lights opposite Hendrie Street.

Walks start at 10 am for one hour and all welcome.

Lenore Jones Coordinator 0419 825 532

Walking group B

A 1 hour Saturday Morning walk with Annette Pelling. Anyone interested, meet in the Bay Junction outside the Travel Agency for a 10.00 start.

We walk down Jetty Rd, along Partridge St, down the Broadway to the beach, back along the seafront and up Jetty Rd to the start point. Join in anywhere along the route. Love to see you anytime.

Annette 0414851029



COFFEE MORNINGS:

In spite of lashing winds and rain, on July 9 a few hardy souls from our Probus coffee group were happily seated in our usual table down the back of Swedish Tarts, in Nile Street. It's always a lovely hour, and we'd be delighted to have more members join us. Next dates will be Wednesday, August 13 and 27 - the usual second and fourth Wednesdays each month (10-11am). Take a shopping respite and join the group. Further information: Marilyn (0413 222 983) or Marie (0409 673 000)



BARBIES'n'BOCCE



Cold, but it didn't stop the monthly Barbies'n'Bocce at Sandison Reserve, Fourth Avenue, Glenelg, on June 29. Not too many players, but the enthusiastic little group, fuelled by sausages and salad, and added to by one visitor from a nearby table, did our best to ignore the weather, and the day was won by Marie. Good to have Mignonne with us, and we waved goodbye to her daughter as she set off in her recently acquired camping van for a tour of the country. Come and join us on the last Sunday in the month, next dates July 27 and August 31. New players and observers are very welcome. Bring something to barbecue and to drink, and share salad and the fellowship, 12 - 2 pm. Information from Annette 0414851029



Another perspective on the Kimberley

Valerie gave a fascinating overview of her Kimberley land tour with David in last month's *Probe*. So Robin and I will share our experience of the sea portion of our combined land/sea tour. We were equally happy with APT, who were fabulous hosts on this incredible journey.

From Broome, we boarded the Seabourn Pursuit, a luxury small ship in its second season on the waters. No amount of reading and documentaries could have prepared us for the stupendous geology of the Kimberley coast. The land twisted and turned, thrust upward and exploded like a rocky landscape gone wild.

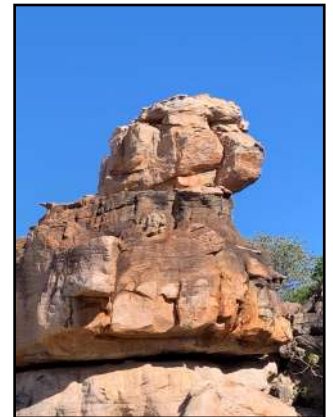


Each day, our ship anchored within easy Zodiac distance of wonders. We watched birds in the Lacépède islands, explored the Horizontal Falls and Cyclone Bay from Talbot Bay, and watched as the incoming tide covered Montgomery Reef. We flew by helicopter to Mitchell Falls and motored along the Hunter River. From Vansittart Bay, we visited Jar Island and admired the skill of artists who painted their stories tens of thousands of years ago. Astonished by the bird life around Ashmore Reef, we were also curious about the Border Force vessels that patrol the area. In the King George River, we gazed in awe at the falls thundering over the cliffs and enjoyed a surprise champagne.



Ten days on land, ten days on water added up to the trip of a lifetime. To travel in the Kimberley is to experience Earth's history. Our country's First Peoples lived lightly on this magnificent island for millennia. We settlers have been here only a short time. The Kimberley reminds us of our responsibility to this special land.

Cathryn Wellner and Robin Jarman



THE FRIENDS of
CARRICK HILL

Image of Dr Ellen Whitten courtesy of SA Tourism

Have fun pitting your wits against our panel of experts.

The Carrick Hill Antiques Roadshow

Friday 22 August, 7pm for 7.30pm start
The Pavilion, 46 Carrick Hill Drive, Springfield.

There will be plenty of big reveals about the value of antiques from our stellar cast of curators - Timothy Roberts (curator at the David Roche Foundation), James Bruce (from Australia's oldest family run auction house) and Dr Ellen Whitten (curator of the Carrick Hill collection) with MC Richard Heathcote (former Director at Carrick Hill) plus a special welcome by Tim Wonnasetti.

Each expert will present three pieces to the audience - but beware as they attempt to lead you up the antique dealers path to throw you off the scent of the real value of the best pieces - then it's up to you to test your knowledge and choose in order: which is Good, Better or Best.

PLEASE BRING GOLD COINS AND CASH FOR OUR RAFFLES.

Rozelle's will offer a choice of beverages at the bar. If you wish to pre-book delicious pizzas and/or platters from the special menu on the night, please call Rozelle's cafe on (08) 7095 6159 or email hello@rozellas.au

Cost: \$30
Book at : FOCH-Fund raising event- THE CARRICK HILL ANTIQUES ROADSHOW

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Friends Of Carrick Hill fund raising movie event

THE ROSES

THE ROSES is a satirical comedy drama starring Benedict Cumberbatch and Olivia Colman. Life seems easy for this picture perfect couple, Theo and Ivy. Both have successful careers, a loving marriage, great kids. But a storm is brewing - as Theo's career nose dives while Ivy's own ambitions take off, a tinder box of fierce competition and hidden resentment ignites. The Roses is a reimagining of the 1898 classic film The War of the Roses, based on the novel by Warren Adler.

Sunday 31 August 2025 2:30pm at Wallis Mitcham
The \$20 Ticket includes a complimentary raffle ticket

Book at TryBooking: FOCH fund raising movie event- THE ROSES

The Friends of Carrick Hill fundraise to help preserve and enhance the heritage Carrick Hill House Museum and Gardens in Springfield for the enjoyment of current and future generations. Join the Friends [here](#)

Film lovers alert!
Are you a film lover?



Probus movie-lovers monthly event:

Who can say No to some heartwarming humour? Nobody. Who has family relations to work through with the hope of a happy result for all? Everybody.

So say Yes to coming to an American comedy/romance, *The Wedding Banquet* at the Mercury Cinema, 13 Morphett St, CBD. Languages spoken are English, Chinese, Korean and Mandarin, so some subtitles.

It's on 15th August at 10am for a 10.30 start. Why 10am? Because Retire Australia will put on a big spread for morning tea at 10, all included in the movie ticket of \$10 for Seniors.

The Silverscreen program for Seniors is on Mercury's website, and they run on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

Further information: Anna Bianchi 0438 390 337 No need to book, just come to the Mercury, in Morphett Street, CBD, near the City West tram stop, and meet in the foyer after if you are interested, to discuss the film over a nearby lunch.

September's film, Friday 12, *The Friend*: When a solitary writer adopts and bonds with a Great Dane that belonged to a late friend, she begins to come to terms with her past and her own creative inner life.

Anna Bianchi



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A brief visit to Europe in May/June 2025

As the heyday of my youth was behind me, it had been my intention to make one final visit to the country of my birth, the Netherlands. My younger sister was keen to join me. While the family was gathered for a family barbecue and my daughter heard of our plans, she leapt at the opportunity and invited herself along, much to my delight. We then spent the weekend making flight bookings, capitalising on sale fares and frequent flyer points. Emirates offered direct flights from Adelaide with a transfer at Dubai, which was excellent, although still long and tiring.

Random observations of our trip plus some extras:

Despite its bustling nature, Dubai surprised us, it is designated a silent airport. There were no boarding announcements or calls for passengers, just serene visual displays providing information. The quietness created a surprisingly peaceful environment, a stark contrast to the usual airport chaos. We found the same approach on some of the trains in Europe where 'silent' carriages were dedicated on some of the trains. No music, talking, phones etc.



Rotterdam, Europe's busiest seaport experienced a devastating bombing during WW II, so it has been reinvented into a city of bold, modern architecture. Iconic sights like the Erasmus bridge (left), is one impressive example of the city's innovative design. Among the high-rise buildings you will find small peaceful green spaces, with lots of street art and bike riding being the popular way of getting from A to B. The population is diverse with many countries and cultures represented.

We heard Dutch, English and an array of other languages woven into daily life.

Oisterwijk, a beautiful town in the south of The Netherlands, proudly retains its village image despite being entitled to call itself a city. Dating back to 1141, Oisterwijk is older than Amsterdam, and boasts a stunning array of restored historical buildings. My father and his family came from Oisterwijk when it was a small village and I still have quite a few family members who live there. My grandmother was the local midwife and a trailblazer in her own right. She was the first woman to buy and ride a bike in Oisterwijk, a decision that was met with much disapproval. Undeterred, she pedalled through the countryside to assist birthing mothers. Remarkably, she had 16 children herself.

At a family dinner we were served a Dutch Spring season highlight, thick white asparagus, served with egg and ham and whole nutmeg seeds for grating - a classic Dutch tradition. I thought it was wonderful, but my daughter was less keen!

Domestic train and tram travel was simple, even for those of us who have been around for a while. Simply tap on and tap off with your credit card. If you forget to tap off, you'll certainly remember the next time as you will be charged the maximum distance amount for that trip plus a possible fine!

Throughout The Netherlands, Belgium and Paris we came across numerous secondhand and vintage shops. These stores were a delightful blend of funkiness and vibrancy, filled with music and colour. They attracted people of all ages and genders, plus surprisingly, lacked the typical musty odour of secondhand clothes. Even the prestigious Galeries Lafayette, an upmarket department store in Paris, has a section of a fashion floor dedicated to 2nd hand/vintage clothing, emphasising sustainable fashion and showcasing the growing emphasis on eco-friendly choices. Maybe David Jones could lead the way in Adelaide on its first floor?

We loved our time in Paris. We hopped aboard the open-top tour bus to explore the city's iconic sights. Paris was buzzing with the tennis finals at Roland Garros and a high-stakes football match between Paris Saint-Germain F.C. and Milan F.C., won by Paris-Saint Germain, their first European Cup triumph and ending in riots in the centre of Paris. Howling sirens were the order of the evening and the following morning when we walked to the Louvre. My daughter Sam had organised tickets from Australia for both the Louvre and Musee d'Orsay so we were guaranteed early entrance before the crowds swelled. Even so, the lines to enter wound round and round. By lunchtime it was turmoil, so many people trying to gain admittance to see the art and history. Many of the restaurants we visited (we ate out more often than not), include a list of possible allergies on their menus associated with the food on offer, including encouragement to notify staff if one had concerns.

Antwerp in Belgium seemed quite a medieval city, compact, energetic and easy to explore. It is one of the world's largest ports, has a vibrant art culture but felt more comfortable than Paris. It had a beautiful railway station and very old zoo not far away. The Antwerp diamond district, a highly secured pedestrian area near the railway station spanning about 1.3 km, is protected by traffic controls and visible security measures. In 1981 a car had been parked in front of the synagogue building in the photograph. It had been armed with a bomb which exploded as the service was beginning and killed three people, injured 106 and damaged buildings nearby. The surroundings did feel a little ominous at times.



Bruges in Belgium, as everyone says was a delight. Full of cobbles and more medieval buildings. The young boy eating mussels was initially so absorbed in his task that I asked his mother if I could take a photo. Mother happily agreed and told me the day before had been the first time he

had tried mussels and he had become an immediate convert. Fear of war in the countries we visited, people were very concerned about the possibility of war breaking out, due to events in Ukraine and Russia plus concerns about NATO decisions. There were signs on lamp posts in Rotterdam and t-shirts with signs saying: 'No war'. I can imagine there will be much greater concerns now due to the additional rumblings associated with the Middle East.

Our accommodation was excellent throughout. A beautiful apartment in Rotterdam with amazing views, a small apartment in the centre of Paris and in Belgium we used a B & B Hotel, a French budget chain founded in the 1990s which has expanded to many other European countries. All excellent.



Mariella Hocking

MEMBER NEWS

Peter and Rosemary Molden-Hauer report on their latest travels:



"We have recently returned from a caravan holiday to Central Australia - bright blue skies and warm days (but chilly nights). So many highlights:

- visiting a private opal mine site and The Breakaways with a very entertaining local from Coober Pedy.
- a flight to the Painted Hills for a guided walk (after a dingo got off the runway), then to the water filled Lake Eyre before landing again at William Creek for lunch.
- viewing the Field of Light at Uluru and witnessing a perfect sunset with the moon rising from behind Uluru.
- an evening serenade by a pack of dingoes at Kings Canyon - one decided to sleep by our van.
- a day trip over the rocky Finke River bed - not with the caravan in tow - to view ancient palms and towering red cliffs in Palm Valley.
- an overnight camp at Devils Marbles with a spectacular sunset and sunrise. (We had no idea the boulders covered such an extensive area.)
- fossicking for garnets at Gemtree - we found some! It has been 30 years since our last visit to Central Australia and it was wonderful to rediscover its beauty."



Turkiye with Mary-Kaye Lanyon



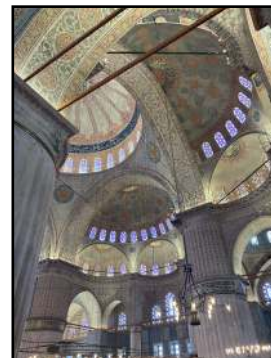
I have recently returned from a 'Turkiye in Depth' tour.

Of the many sights I visited in Istanbul, including the Blue Mosque with its interior adorned with exquisite Iznik tiles and the domed Hagia Sophia, the most intriguing was the Underground Basilica Cistern, the largest Byzantium cistern which used to supply water to the then Constantinople. From Russia with Love was filmed there.

Next flew to Cappadocia where I ticked off my bucket list a hot air balloon ride over the unique landscape of towering rock formations and cone shaped fairy chimneys. Amongst sites visited on our way to Antalya on the Mediterranean was Sultanhanı Caravanserai, a former roadside inn, visited by travellers along the Silk Road.

Included was a visit to Ephesus and the Library of Celsus. At Gallipoli our guide explained both sides of the war. However an outstanding plaque with the meaningful words by Mustafa Ataturk, the founder of the Republic of Türkiye, explained the special bond that the Turks and Australians now have.

I learnt much about the history including the occupation of the Ottomans, the Greeks and the Romans but it was Ataturk who, in 1923, turned Türkiye into a secular modern nation, well worth visiting.



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Monday 4th August



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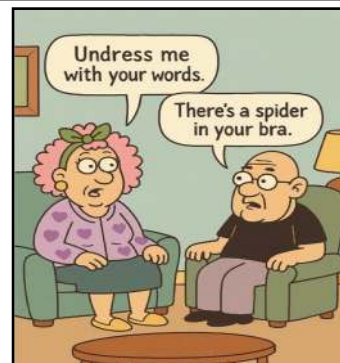
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Mother Christmas Shirley Roberts at the crayfish lunch at Edgleys.



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