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# PROBUS BORONIA NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello fellow Probus colleagues,

October was very much a festive month for Probus Clubs with many activities and events organised by clubs, PAV and PSPL. Some of our members attended the PAV City to the Bush Friendship Day which was a huge hit delightfully presented by Bush Poet Colin Driscoll.

The Executive have been organising speakers, coffee club venues, dine-outs, walks, excursions and bus trips for 2026. We have scheduled some unique and pleasant experiences so I would like to see more members partake of the scheduled events. Not only are they wonderful social occasions but they also allow us to reduce the cost as a group booking.

Leading on from that message is a request to have a member(s) to volunteer to coordinate bookings for a monthly cinema event, a matinee for local theatre performances at the 1812, The Basin Theatre or the Lilydale Atheneum Theatre. Additionally, someone schedule senior events from the City of Knox or the City of Whitehorse. If interested in any of these roles, could you please contact one of the committee members.

**Importantly, this November meeting I encourage all Boronia Probus members to attend as we will be voting on the new Constitution. The last review of the PSPL Constitution was in 2011 so therefore we will be voting on 24 resolutions – 19 Standing and 5 Special Resolutions.**

Peter Brien, our Publicity Officer has devoted considerable time to reviewing and synthesizing the documents for our perusal. In October he distributed this information to all members to examine and so at our November General Meeting we will be voting to ratify the new Constitution. **Personally, I commend Peter for his application and attention to detail. It has been an arduous task for him at times and on behalf of the committee and membership we are most grateful for his professionalism. Maxime grati sumus, Peter.**

November is our final General Meeting for 2025. There are no meetings in December and January so we reconvene on Thursday 12 February 2026 at 10am. However, our December meeting is replaced by the Christmas Lunch at **Fortnums Restaurant in Sassafras on Thursday 11 December at 12pm**. This a special event to close out the year so I encourage everyone to attend. Spouses, partners and friends are welcome. Carpooling is highly recommended.

Keep in mind – Fun, fellowship and friendship always.  
Keiran Smith

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***The greatest power a human being has is the power to choose their response to a situation.***

*Viktor Frankl*

***Thanks to the office of Jackson Taylor MP for providing the printing of this Newsletter***

## REMINDER

**Next meeting – Thursday 13th November – 10am SHARP!**

**Everyone must register in on entry to the meeting** - NOTE – this is required for insurance purposes

**Also, don't forget to bring along your coffee cup for morning tea**

If you are unable to attend a meeting, please send your apologies to be recorded, to the Secretary at [sec.boroniaprobus@gmail.com](mailto:sec.boroniaprobus@gmail.com) or text 0467 203 587



## LAST MONTH

Last month's meeting was full of laughs and lively chatter, thanks to our guest speaker, Winston Marsh. Before the event even kicked off, Winston had already made friends with many of our members—he's clearly not one to wait for formal introductions!

With over thirty years of experience in professional speaking and a solid background in marketing, he has a knack for connecting with people. Winston brought both wisdom and wit to the room. He had us chuckling over the "Lies our mothers told us" and shared some delightfully simple life lessons—encouraging us to pass them along to our grandchildren



## November Birthdays

|                        |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| <i>Graeme Taylor</i>   | <i>6th</i>  |
| <i>Julie Duke</i>      | <i>15th</i> |
| <i>Margaret Tuskin</i> | <i>27th</i> |
| <i>Catherine Balaz</i> | <i>30th</i> |

## November Speaker

Our speaker this month is Bill Ireland who is a member of the Knox Historical Society and has some fascinating stories to tell about the local history of Ferntree Gully and Boronia.

## KEIRAN'S JOKE OF THE MONTH

- Q. If spaghetti made a movie, what would it be called?  
A. Mission im-pasta-ble



## RIDDLE OF THE MONTH

- Q. If an electric train was travelling North which way would the smoke blow?  
A. Nowhere, electric trains don't blow smoke.

## DID YOU KNOW!

- A fear of long words is called Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia.
- Your heart beats an average of 100,000 times each day.
- Only four countries in the world have national anthems with no lyrics.

## Constitution — Notice of Upcoming Vote – November Meeting

At our November meeting, members will vote on the adoption of the new **Constitution and Standing Resolutions**.

For the motion to pass, we need 25% in attendance and at least **75% of members present must vote in favour**. If you are unable to attend the meeting, it is essential that you **complete and return the Proxy Form** in advance to ensure your vote is counted. Your participation is important—thank you for supporting this process.

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## ACTIVITIES AND OUTINGS

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- ***Cranbourne Botanical Gardens – Thursday 20th November***

Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne is made up of the Australian Garden, an award-winning, contemporary botanic garden, and the surrounding 300 hectares of remnant native bushland. Cranbourne Gardens is recognised as a site of State significance for plant and wildlife conservation, home to over 25 endangered or rare and threatened species.

Entry to the gardens is FREE – Travel by own transport – carpooling with others if you wish.

**Meet at Cranbourne at 10.30am.**

Followed by morning tea or lunch in the Boon Wurrung Café at Cranbourne Gardens, at own expense.



### ***LAST CHANCE TO PUT YOUR NAME DOWN FOR THE CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT FORTUMS IN SASSAFRAS:***

***DATE: THURSDAY 11th DECEMBER***

***COST: \$45.90 for a 2-course meal – pay on the day at the venue***

***\*\*\*\*Please bring along a \$10 wrapped Christmas gift to be distributed. It will need to be something suitable for a male or female \*\*\*\****



- ***Update on Mahjong***

Heather has purchased Mahjong sets and tables, also a book with the rules the group will play. First game will commence in the new year.

We need more sets and members are asked to keep an eye out for Mahjong sets and books in op-shops

- ***Lawn Bowls***

Anyone interested in trying out lawn bowls? A suggestion is to try it out after our AGM with lunch provided by the Bowls Club. Show your support for the Boronia Bowls Club as they support us.

- **Latrobe's Cottage – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

La Trobe's Cottage is a historic cottage in built in 1839 by the first superintendent of the Port Phillip District of New South Wales, Charles La Trobe, and his family. It is located at corner of Birdwood Ave &, Dallas Brooks Dr, Melbourne. Entry – Adults \$5 – Concession \$4.

Members will enjoy lunch at the Botanical Hotel on Domain Road (or another nearby venue depending on availability), followed by a tour of La Trobe's Cottage at 3.15.

- **Werribee Zoo – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

Bus trip to Werribee Zoo. Leaving Boronia Library at 9am and returning at 4pm. Entry cost is \$71 adult, \$63 concession, guided tour, plus \$20 cost for bus.. Own lunch.

## ***PROBUS MONTH OUTING - October***

- **"City to the Bush"**

Twelve members gathered at Boronia Station on the 21st of October, ready to conquer the city for Probus Friendship Day's "City to the Bush" Luncheon at the William Angliss Institute.

We were treated to a delightful dose of bush wisdom and wit from none other than Colin Driscoll, a bush poet who was raised on a humble sheep and wheat farm in Barkly (Wimmera District), Colin swapped paddocks for pavements when he moved to Geelong—but never lost his knack for spinning yarns.

Since the mid-1990s, Colin's been crafting bush poetry inspired by his farm days, his travels across this wide brown land, and the colourful characters he's met along the way. His verses capture the dust, the drama, and the dry humour of the Aussie outback—and they've earned him the prestigious Golden Damper Award at the 2009 Tamworth Bush Poetry Competition.

All in all, it was a day of laughter, nostalgia, and poetic brilliance—plus a two-course meal prepared and served by the hospitality trainees.



The Rotary Club of Boronia is holding a  
TRIVIA - BINGO NIGHT

SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER

ON:

AT:

*St Pauls Anglican Church Hall.*

273 Dorset Road, Boronia

*COST*

\$25 per person/table of 10

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Food and drinks (glasses & cutlery not supplied)

DOORS OPEN AT 6.30PM

STARTS 7.00PM

## PROCEEDS GOING TOWARDS COMMUNITY PROJECTS

**BOOKINGS: – [www.trybooking.com/DFCME](http://www.trybooking.com/DFCME)**

[contact@rotaryboronia.org.au](mailto:contact@rotaryboronia.org.au)



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| Monthly Walks<br>10.00 am                                                                             | Coffee & Chat<br>10.30 am                                                                           | General Meeting<br>Boronia Bowls Club<br>9.45am for 10.00am                                                                                                            | Outings                                                                                                                                       |
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| Host: Kerrie                                                                                          | Host: Helen                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                        | Host: Kay                                                                                                                                     |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov<br>Dorset Recreation<br>Reserve<br>Park in car park in<br>Jenkins Lane | Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup><br>November<br><br>EUGENE'S<br>Wantirna Mall                              | Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov<br>Speaker –<br>Bill Ireland<br>Speaking on Local<br>History                                                                             | Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> November<br>Cranbourne Botanical<br>Gardens<br>FREE<br>Followed by morning<br>tea/lunch in the Boon<br>Wurrung Café |
|                                                                                                       |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                        | Host: Kay                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                                       | NONE IN<br>DECEMBER                                                                                 | Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup><br>December<br>CHRISTMAS BREAKUP<br>FORTNUMS<br>395 Mt Dandenong<br>Tourist Rd, Sassafra<br>11.30 am<br>Cost for 2-course meal<br>\$45.90 pp | Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> January<br>Latrobe's Cottage<br>Lunch, then 3.15 tour<br><br><i>Near Botanic Garden and<br/>The Shrine</i>            |
|                                                                                                       |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                        | Host: Keiran                                                                                                                                  |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup><br>February<br>Lilydale Lake<br>Meet near the coffee cart                  | Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January<br>Victorian Elixir Coffee<br>Roasters<br>15 Erica Ave<br>Boronia |                                                                                                                                                                        | Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February<br>Bus Trip to<br>Werribee Open Range Zoo<br>Approx cost \$60-65<br>9.00am – 4.00pm                         |

***Please indicate your interest in any of the outings, on the attendance boards at the General Meeting***

## ***OUTINGS PLANNED FOR 2026***

### **January**

- 11th January – La Trobe's Cottage Tour

### **February**

- 5<sup>th</sup> February – Werribee Open Range Zoo
- Next Dine Out/Lunch will be Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of February at the Stamford Homestead

### **March**

- Sunday 22nd March - Kirth Kiln Picnic. This will be a bring-your-own (B.Y.O) picnic event. Map references and further details will be provided closer to the date.

### **April**

- 17th April – "A Night Out" Will be either a theatre production or a movie, depending on what is available at the time.