



PROBUS BORONIA NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Movies at Boronia Cinema.** Now showing is the movie "The Critic". Please join us on Tuesday 15th October at 1.40pm to see this movie. From October 24th is the movie "Lee". A date and time will be made closer to the release. Both look quite interesting movies.
- **Monthly Walk** will be on 10am Wednesday 23rd October. This month it will be at Lakewood Nature Reserve, Details page 4
- **Coffee and Chat** Details will be announced at the next meeting.
- **Alowyn Gardens** Come and explore 7 acres of award winning display gardens with 9 distinct themes of gardens to explore. Keep the 21st of November free for this event. More details of times etc closer to the date.
- **Christmas Lunch** at the Paradise Valley Hotel in Clematis on the 12th of December in lieu of a General Meeting.
- **Q Train-** February or March 2025, dates not available yet.
- **Next Executive Meeting** at Boronia Hotel Thursday 3rd October at 2pm
- **Next General Meeting** Thursday 10th October, 10am at the CWA Sundew Ave, Boronia. Please wear **Blue** and **Yellow** to celebrate Probus Month.

The Knox Seniors Festival

The Knox Seniors Festival will run from 2 to 31 October 2024. The festival includes many free events and activities and is an opportunity to celebrate and value our older residents.

This year's theme, Explore. Engage. Evolve, invites you to step out, meet new friends, and redefine what ageing means to you.

Many free activities have been organised from Line Dancing to Mystery Bus trips.

See the Knox council website for all activities.

<https://www.knox.vic.gov.au/our-services/children-family-and-community-services/seniors-and-over-55s/activities/knox-seniors-festival>

PROBUS Month

1 - 31 October 2024

What is Probus Month?

Our Community celebrated the inaugural Probus Day on 1 October 2020 – in line with the United Nations Day of Older Persons, which is recognised worldwide. In 2021 and 2022, Australia and New Zealand celebrations of Probus Day grew, with our communities and media recognising the important role Probus serves.

Probus Clubs held a wide range of special events to showcase and rejoice everything their Clubs mean to them. Monthly meetings became a festival of blue and gold, Probus Clubs took to their local parks, stadiums and public spaces for the jubilee. Landmarks across Australia and New Zealand were lit-up in Probus colours of blue and yellow and it has become clear that one day a year is just not enough to celebrate all that Probus does. With that in mind, since 2023 we celebrate Probus Month.

Clubs now have the entire month of October to celebrate what makes their Clubs amazing. Please wear Blue and Yellow to our next meeting to celebrate Probus month.

MONTHLY GUEST SPEAKER



This month's guest speaker was Sue Gunningham.

Her speech was very emotional as she talked about the Black Saturday bushfires where she lost her partner.

She has written a book called “All The Days After” which is about her experiences the day of the bushfires and what she experienced after the horrific event.

It was a day that changed her life the way she knew it and how she found the strength to go on, the challenges of the bureaucracy to come and how she emerged on the other side after facing devastating grief.

Our speaker for October is Resi Schwarzbauer, talking about the life of artist Ludvig

Hirschfield-Mack who left Germany, then the UK during the war, and was placed in the

Internment Camp at Tatura. It should be a fascinating insight into the life of the greatest generation that ever lived.

PRESIDENT REPORT 30/09/24

Hello fellow Probus colleagues,

Spring is really in the air. We've had wild winds, teeming rain, splashes of sunshine and chilly cold fronts. Melbourne certainly does have four seasons in one day.

Sounds like a good title for a song!

The month of September was noted for the delightful experiences that were presented for all our members and even some visitors. We had another 2 visitors join as members which brings our membership to 35.

My thanks to Radio Eastern FM and Catherine Balaz (Publicity) for promoting our club to the wider community. The word is getting out that we are a fun and friendly club which is a testament to the committee and our members by being collegial and warm hearted.

What a fun month it has been. The general meeting was dutifully presented, and we followed up with our AFL morning tea.

A huge thankyou extending to Kerrie, Sue, Clare and Lyn for preparing the warm beverages and tasty treats. It was a bigger hit than the Grand Final! Ditto! We followed with Sue Gillingham shared her experiences of the Black Saturday fires. It was a heart-rending talk. Even so many years later you could feel the rawness of her recollections. What a courageous person, that's what crossed my mind.

The meeting closed with a fun footy trivia session with AFL quizzes, challenging rebuses, footy scores and a mix and match activity. It was a spontaneous and humorous finale to the meeting. The Group Walk was convened at the Ferntree Gully Quarry and though it was brisk the sun appeared and all delighted in the surrounds of the lake and the views. We followed with coffee and lunch at Station Street Café externally.

Again, appreciation is extended to Kerrie for planning this outing.

Last week a gathering for a coffee 'n' chat at Bee Knees was a big hit.

Helen Bone a new member was responsible for the organisation and has scheduled another date for this activity.

Bravo to you, Helen. We are most gratified.

October is recognised as Probus Month so we are seeking ideas for some other captivating experiences for our members. If you have any suggestions, please share with someone on the committee.

As always, be safe and keep informed of our club's plans and remember to invite those you know who would like to make new friends and have fun and fellowship with like minds. Our next meeting is on Thursday 10 October at 10am at the CWA Hall, 4 Sundew Ave Boronia.

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.

Henry S. Haskins

In friendship

Keiran Smith



KEIRANS CORNER!!

JOKE OF THE MONTH:

I went to the aquarium this weekend, but I didn't stay long.
There's something fishy about that place!

DID YOU KNOW?

Australia is wider than the moon!
The world's longest golf course is situated from Kalgoorlie
W.A. to Ceduna S.A. It is 1365km (848m)
and takes several days to complete all 18 holes.
Tasmania has the cleanest air in the world!



*Happy Birthday
this month to*

Sue Harrison 9th Oct

Karen Taylor 12th Oct

Jill Wilson 13th Oct

Graeme Harrison 15th Oct

Have an amazing day!



What a great turn out for our
September Walk at the Quarry
Reserve. There were 12 of us, 3
dogs and a beautiful sunny spring
morning.

Great conversation and getting to
know each other over a coffee
afterwards.

Please join us for the next walk on
the 23rd of October 10am at
Lakewood Nature Reserve,
Knoxfield. Meet at the entrance
gate on Lakewood Drive, (off
Burwood Hwy) Knoxfield.
Coffee and Cake afterwards at
Franks Cakes, cnr of Scorsby Rd
and Ferntree Gully Rd.

REMINDER

Please bring your own
Coffee Cups to our
monthly meetings

