PROBUS BORONIA NEWSLETTER

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A NOTE FROM HELEN

Hello Everyone,



Let the Spring Racing Fun Begin!



Our meeting next week will be our **Spring Racing Carnival** theme, so it's time to let your creativity shine and design your very own colourful or crazy hat!





We'd love to see the room bursting with vibrant colours, feathers, flowers, sequins, glitter, and all sorts of imaginative creations. There are no rules, no limits, just plenty of colour, laughter, and fun.

We will also be continuing our **Silent Auction**, and we need your help to fill the tables. If you have any suitable items to donate, please bring them along. Every contribution helps make the auction a success.

And a special call-out to our green-thumbed members: if your garden is producing a bounty of vegetables, fruit, herbs, flowers, or seedlings, we'd love you to share them at our **Produce Table**. It's always a popular way to swap, share, and take home something fresh.

So, dust off your creative hat-making skills, gather your auction treasures, and bring along some garden goodies. We're looking forward to a colourful morning filled with friendship, fun, and plenty of laughter!

Take care everyone
Regards Helen

LUNCH AFTER THE MEETING THIS WEEK WILL BE AT WANTIRNA HILL HOTEL
715 Boronia Road, Wantirna

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REMINDER

Next meeting – AT BORONIA BOWLS CLUB
Thursday 12th November 2026 – 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 **Membership Officer - text 0488 998 185**



To help cover the cost of morning tea, please feel free to make a small donation into the donations box as you come in.

Our speaker for this month is – Brian Barnard
Ex Police Sgt with Victoria Police Dog Squad

Brian will speak about his experiences working as a General Duties Police Officer and how he was selected to become a member of the elite Victoria Police Dog Squad.
He will share some of his most memorable experiences as an operational police dog handler, describing the incredible skills that the police dogs possess and how they provide invaluable assistance in the detection and apprehension of offenders even in modern day policing.
He will also speak about his books and why he came to write them.



November Birthdays

Marlene Hughes	***11th November***
Julie Duke	***15th November***
Marg Tuskin	***27th November***
Catherine Balaz	***30th November***



October Meeting - Celebrating Our Past

October was a special month for our Club as we joined Probus clubs across Australia in celebrating Probus Month and the 50th Anniversary of Probus in Australia.

To mark the occasion, our Foundation President, **Keiran Smith**, shared a fascinating look back at the two-and-a-half-year history of the Boronia Probus Club. Members enjoyed hearing how the Club was established and the challenges faced in getting a new club off the ground.
Keiran spoke about the early days when a brand-new committee took on the task of building the Club from scratch. It was not always easy, but through hard work, dedication and enthusiasm, they created the strong foundations that have helped the Club grow into the vibrant and friendly organisation we enjoy today.
Following this enjoyable trip down memory lane, members were treated to a delicious special morning tea (thank you to Clare and helpers) and the chance to reflect on how much has been achieved in such a relatively short time.

The morning concluded with a very special surprise. In recognition of his outstanding contribution and commitment to the Club since its formation, the Committee was proud to award **Life Membership of the Boronia Probus Club** to Keiran. The announcement was met with warm applause from members and was a fitting tribute to someone who has played such an important role in our Club's success.



Congratulations, Keiran, on this well-deserved honour.

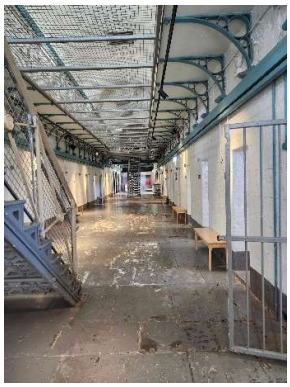


ACTIVITIES AND OUTINGS

- ***Friday 23rd October – Behind the walls of Pentridge***



On a lovely sunny morning, ten members set off from the Boronia Library for a tour of Pentridge Prison. After enjoying a coffee and snack at the Pentridge Shopping Centre, we joined a guided tour of H Division, the former maximum-security wing.
Our guided tour brought the fascinating history of the gaol to life. Using audio headsets, we explored the original cells and exercise yards while learning about the prison's fascinating history, notorious inmates, and the harsh realities of daily life behind its walls.
We finished the outing with a light lunch at BrewDog Pentridge, rounding off an enjoyable and informative day. A big thank you to Kay for her excellent organising and planning which made the day such a great success.



- ***Theatre, Friendship and Fun***

  A happy band of 9 enjoyed an evening recently at the Lilydale Theatre, seeing their production of "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" preceded by a meal at a local hotel.
  They reported they thoroughly enjoyed the whole evening, the company, the meal and the show were exceptionally good and the whole evening a great success.
  A wonderful social outing and one that members are keen to repeat!

- ***Sunday Brunch 8th November 10.00am – Changing Seasons Cafe***

  TABULAM and TEMPLAR RETIREMENT VILLAGE, 31-41 Elizabeth St Bayswater

- ***Monday 16th November –A Walk in the Forest – 10.30am***

  Alfred Nicholas Gardens – 1A Sherbrooke Road, Sherbrooke.
  The walk is a 1.9 to 3km loop and approximately 30 to 90 minutes long. Easy to moderate, features winding paths, stone steps and gentle slopes.
  Highlights – The iconic ornamental boathouse, lower lake, waterfalls and towering mountain ash trees.
  Meeting point: At the entrance of the gardens, opposite the car park.

- ***Friday 20th November – Family History Connections Centre***

A personalised tour of the Resource Centre at **Family History Connections in Blackburn has been arranged for Friday November 20th at 10.30a.m.**

There is no cost associated with this tour. This outing will have:-

An introduction to the Family History Connections Centre.
A tour of their Resource Centre.
A simple how to start a family tree session.

We have been invited to bring our own lunch and to join the team to eat together at the Resource Centre. Tea and coffee will be provided.

If you wish to attend, please sign the board at the next meeting. **NOTE** – if we do not get a sufficient number attending, this event will be cancelled, as they are opening up especially for us. So, if you are interested in exploring your family history, this is a great place to start!

- ***Monday 30th November – Dandenong Ranges Botanical Gardens, Olinda – 10.30am***

Location: 24 The Georgian Rd, Olinda
Length: Approximately 1.9 km to 4 km loop, depending on the specific paths taken.
Duration: 30 to 60 minutes.
Difficulty: Easy to moderate (some sections are hilly and involve climbing up and down valleys).

A Friendly Reminder for Members

When registering for an outing or function, please ensure your payment is received by the due date, either at a general meeting or by direct deposit into the Probus bank account.

We also ask that you let the organiser or host know when you have paid by sending a quick email or text message. This small courtesy makes a big difference and helps our organisers avoid spending time following up payments. Thank you for your cooperation and support.



Helping Keep Our Morning Teas Special

One of the things that makes our club so welcoming is the wonderful morning tea shared at each meeting. As the cost of supplies continues to increase, we are asking members to consider helping out where they can.

Donations of paper plates, cups, teaspoons, forks, or a small monetary contribution towards refreshments would be sincerely appreciated. By sharing the load, we can continue to enjoy the friendly atmosphere and delicious treats that make our gatherings so special. Many thanks for your support.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Walks 10.30 am	Coffee & Chat * 10.00 am	General Meeting Boronia Bowls Club 9.45am for 10.00am	Outings
Host: Keiran	Host: Bev		Host: Kay
Monday 16th November Alfred Nicholas Gardens, 1A Sherbrooke Rd Sherbrooke 10.30	Thursday 26th November Coffee House Mt Gate 10.00am	Thursday 12th November Guest Speaker Brian Barnard Ex Police Sgt Dog Squad	Friday 20th November 10.30am Family History Connections Blackburn Free
			Host: Fran
Monday 30th November Dandenong Ranges Botanical Gardens Olinda	Thursday 28th January Changing Seasons Cafe 31-41 Elizabeth Street Bayswater 10.00am	Thursday 10th December CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON at 12 noon FTG Bowling Club 2A Glenfern Road 3-course lunch $40	Thursday 3rd December 8.00 pm "A MURDER IS ANNOUNCED" 1812 Theatre Upper Ferntree Gully Cost: $29 approx

** Start time is 10.00am*

Please indicate your interest in any of the outings, on the attendance boards

Christmas Celebration and Lunch

Date: Thursday 10 December
Time: 11.30 am Lunch 12:00 noon
Venue:Ferntree Gully Bowling Club
Lunch: Three-course meal and coffee/tea — $40.00 per person



Kris Kringle Activity

Please bring a wrapped cup or mug filled with small, thoughtful festive items. This joyful tradition adds colour, warmth and fun to our Christmas celebration.



Suggested Mug Fillers (Value: $15.00)

- Chocolates — truffles or wrapped minis
- Socks — cosy, neutral or festive
- Tea/Coffee — premium sachets
- Biscuits — boutique shortbread
- Toiletries — hand cream or soaps
- Surprise goodies — elegant small treats

Join us for a cheerful afternoon of friendship, festive fun and good company.
Your personalised Kris Kringle mug will add a special sparkle to our Christmas table.

RSVP and payment required by 27th November