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July Message from the President

Well, here we are half-way through the year and instead of starting to get out and about we are being told to keep staying home.

The committee has been pondering ways to keep us all connected, and, since we are restricted to small groups, we have decided to start by holding morning or afternoon tea/coffee in members' homes. Because we can all be assured that our members are sticking to the rules and maintaining social distancing, etc., we feel that it is a safe way for us to start meeting.

This means that I need to have an indication of who would like to join in these gatherings so we can set them up. We may be able to organize a lift for anyone who needs it. At present we have Tuesday morning at 10.30 am in Sandringham and Wednesday afternoon at 2.00 pm in Beaumaris and Thursday afternoon at 2.00 pm in Cheltenham available. It will be organized on a *'first in'* basis. We intend to start these in the week starting 13th July.

If you are prepared to hold one of these get-togethers in your home, I would like to hear from you too. You can email me: <u>marilynhubbard@optusnet.com.au</u> or ring me on 0412 336 440.

I appreciate that we have members who are reluctant to attend outings yet and I hope you are still managing to keep informed about the club by checking out our website and reading our monthly newsletter.

Stay safe and well.

Marilyn Hubbard





July birthdays: Beth Carkeek; Pat Dalton; Marguerite Harbord; Jennifer Harrington; Esmae Kennedy; Carmen Luckman; Brenda Matthews; Bob Mylius; Lyndell O'Brien; Pamela Spencer; Graeme Storey; Shirley Tidex; Sheena Van Zyl. We wish them good health and many Happy Returns.

Welfare report

Another month has passed and the lockdown. By now we had all hoped that the nightmare has passed but alas, with the resurgence of confirmed cases of Covid-19 we must continue to be patient and keep ourselves busy. Our obedience to the rules and our patience has so far paid off in that we stayed well and happy. Hopefully we can resume some activities in the near future. In the meantime, stay well and think of the positives that have come out of this lock down.

Finally, words by His Holiness the Dalai Lama, "Human beings are social creatures, and a concern for each other is the very basis of our life together." Keep smiling and wash your hands.

Helga Anderson



Hello everyone

After waiting, waiting and more waiting, we are delighted to announce we have decided to organise our lunch.

Unfortunately we are unable to go to *Arcobar*. However we are going to the Bay Road Nursery Café, 112-114 Bay Rd, Sandringham, on *Thursday 23rd July at 1.00pm*.

At this point in time the cafe is allowing 18 people to dine inside. To manage this and to confirm our booking, it will have to be the first 18 members making a direct debit payment of \$20.00 to our bank (BSB 033-033; Account no 170138) who will be accommodated. Include your name in the reference section of the transaction.

Expressions of interest are to be emailed, texted or phoned to myself (<u>peter.mcgann@bigpond.com</u>) or (0427 416 890) by July 10th.

So looking forward to catching up with you.

Geraldine McGann

Walking Group (1st Monday)

Convenor: Ken Launder (Ph 9584 1432)

On *July 6* we will walk through the 285 hectare Braeside Park which is made up of a series of diverse environmental communities. When driving east along Lower Dandenong Road the park is on your right-hand side with the entrance directly opposite Sandleford Street (Melway 88 D8). On entering, parking is available in a car park close to the entrance or a second car park a short distance further in. We will meet in the first car park at 10.00 am. Our walk will be in a southerly direction along the Howard Road/Wetlands trail which eventually connects with the Red Gum trail thereby returning us to our starting point. Depending on restrictions in place at the time we will decide where we will go for refreshments.

V-P Steve's Covid-19 challenge

Would you believe that this car started out as a boat? A boat you say! Well, that's correct, for prior to the year 2000 I owned a boat for some years, a boat that spent most of its time in the garage, then in 2000 I performed some magic and converted the boat into this wonderful old MG sports car.



The car is now 48 years old and alas has not been used much over the past couple of years as, like most old cars, it required some mechanical TLC.

In comes: the positive of the Covid-19 lockdown. I was coerced by my lovely wife to consider undertaking the task of bringing the old car back to its former useable condition. I was informed (most politely, I might add) that you have time on your hands. Now, I am a plumber not a mechanic but why be concerned? If one can dismantle a toilet cistern, carry out repairs and reassemble the unit to its working condition, then mechanical repairs should be a breeze.



The 'Director of Works' assisting with the bleeding of the brakes. Note how easily she reaches the pedals, height is an advantage.

You would think so but it turned out slightly more challenging than expected. The front suspension and shock absorbers were removed, after much grumbling and straining and sent away for reconditioning. Phew! I thought a good job done, then I discovered a number of other components required updating, so more groaning, straining and gentle persuasion. On top of this the handbrake was starting to show signs of concern regarding the budget. "What budget?" I asked. Some flowers and sweet talking were added to making a few meals, etc., but no washing or ironing though, not being much of a success at those chores. The additional parts were purchased together with the reconditioned items and I then undertook the task of reassembling the car.



Success! It went back together with little challenge and now is ready for another 48 years of motoring. All I need now is sunshine, fine weather and the Covid-19 Virus to be overcome and our current restrictions lifted. Let's hope the last part isn't too far off but sadly I think I will have to wait until spring to bring the car back out from under the covers. One can't get it wet you know!

Keep safe, fellow Probians, and, most importantly, stay upright.

Steve McColl

Computer tips

Change of email address

If you wish to remain on the mailing list for the Club's newsletters, etc., you need to inform me (the Editor) of any change to your email address. The first I sometimes know of any change is when an email message is returned to me as undeliverable.

In actual fact, it is not necessary to change an email address when you change Internet service provider if you initially create a generic, third-party email account with a company like Gmail, YahooMail, or Hotmail.

What should I do with my email account if I change service providers?

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When you sign up to a broadband plan with a new internet provider, they inevitably either ask if you'd like an email address, or they nonchalantly 'provide' one for you to use. This is one of the provider's little tricks, because if you use their email account, you'll have a much harder time leaving their business in the future.

You'll invariably end up with questions like, 'What will happen to my old messages?' or 'Will I lose my list of contacts?' You could even fear no one will know how to contact you once you leave the email address you've used for so long, and with which people know how to reach you. Don't be fooled!

Your best bet is to keep your future internet options open by creating a generic, third party email account with a company like Gmail, YahooMail, or Hotmail. These email accounts will stay with you for the rest of your life, no matter how many different times you move house, change internet providers, or which country you live in! These are large corporations, so they won't disappear overnight like some smaller internet providers. They're also provided for free, and only take around five minutes of your time to set up.

These generic email accounts are independent and FREE! If you are unhappy with your new service provider, have to suddenly move, or find a better deal elsewhere in the future, you will never have to worry about transferring over your contact list, losing valuable messages, or having to inform everyone you know you've changed email addresses again.