

# NEWSLETTER

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## September Birthdays:

Ann Langton (4th)  
Lynette Smith (8th)  
Irene Noble (12th)  
Livia Parkanyi (18th)  
Brenda Emerson (26th)  
Glen Davis (29th)

## Editor's comment:

*"There is no passion to be found playing small - in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living".*

*Nelson Mandela (1918-2013).*

Because of the success of our August General Meeting, we will be holding them monthly again, unless restrictions are tightened. We had two new members attend the August meeting and now we have their badges, we will induct them, our first Pandemic Members 😊. We have 41 Members coming on The Nepean Belle Morning Tea Cruise, really looking forward to that. Ernie is being inventive with the Lunches as we are restricted to 10, he has come up with a cunning plan to hold 3 at different venues on the same date, then rotate them the following month. To date, we have 72 for our Christmas Party, it will be hard to improve on last years but, the organising team are really trying hard 😊. All our Members that booked The Proud Mary Murray River Cruise, have accepted Vouchers for their \$400 deposits, as it will not be possible to fly to Adelaide in November. These vouchers are valid for 2 years and we have a guarantee that the price will stay the same. As this clashed with the, now cancelled, Jacaranda trip this year, we are thinking of re-introducing The Cruise to Members for next year, watch this space!

Our Acting Treasurer, Rosina, is now committed to leaving and starting a new life in sunny Cairns, she will be dearly missed. In her 3 years + as Treasurer, she has managed to get the majority of our Members to embrace electronic banking, she never put off anything until tomorrow when she could do it NOW, especially refunds!! She always called "a spade, a spade" and I would always reciprocate. Secretary Mandy is now an Approver and I am still an Administrator, our Membership Officer Barbara will keep the books, but without the power to raise or approve payments. This is a very temporary situation until someone steps up!

**Glen Davis (Editor)**

GARDENING CORNER UK



As it is winter here and summer in the UK I thought I would use photos from some of my relatives gardens in England. This month Uncle George Treadway's garden in a Cambridgeshire village called Wisbech & Cousin Jan and husband John's allotment in Belvedere Kent.



**SITUATION VACANT.**  
**The Club needs a new Treasurer.**  
**Have we a member that will step up please?**  
  
**Contact me on 0412 629 945**  
Glen Davis (Club President)



Come and join us on FaceBook and get daily news on the latest events, birthdays etc. We are completely private, all new Members have to be approved as do any new posts. Just search Glenmore Park Probus Club.



- 1) New plot, waiting to be planted.
  - 2) Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Melons and Chillies.
  - 3) Their first attempt at Aubergines.
  - 4) Asparagus, nearly ready to cut back in preparation for next year.
  - 5) View from their shed.
- As you can see, loads of harvesting has already been done.

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**Barbara Davis**  
**Membership Officer**



Uncle George's Hibiscus and below his lovely fishpond.



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**TV Review: Karin Figg**Shetland – ABC – Series finished Sunday, 6 September

What a barren, cold and unfriendly looking place! However, the scenery is wild and untamed and so quite beautiful. But more attractive is DI Jimmy Perez. I have no doubt that he will get to the bottom of the people smuggling ring in good time. This is one of my favourite programs, although the Scottish accent is sometimes so strong, that we almost need the sub-titles!

Family Feud Special – Ch Ten – Sundays – 7:30-pm

If you want some light relief in these times of ever more depressing news, this is the show for you. Grant Denyer can be relied upon to make us laugh. COVID frontline workers like the award-winning ER team from Wollongong were up against a team of psych nurses!! Teams have a chance to win \$100,000 but they have to work for it, which creates a lot of fun along the way. Survey says ...

Halifax: Retribution - Ch Nine – Tuesdays at 8:40pm

Jane Halifax, a forensic psychiatrist, is known to many of us from a much earlier season, think back to 1994 ... I enjoyed that series then and I am certainly hooked on this follow up series. Jane is happily married to her musician husband Ben and a stepmother to his daughter Zoe. She is working as a professor at the university. However, the police turn to her for help, as an elusive sniper is on the loose and they are desperate to know what makes him tick. Jane is reluctant to return to this kind of work but then it all becomes very personal. Rebecca Gibney is again cast as Jane Halifax, Anthony LaPaglia plays Inspector Tom Saracen, Claudia Karvan is cast as Zoe's biological mother Mandy. A lot of Australian actors are cast in this series, which I find quite heartening. The story is quite thrilling and at the end of each episode I find I can't wait until next Tuesday to find out more.

The Piano – recorded from one of the Free-to-Air Channels some time ago

I have seen this film before quite some time ago and was haunted by the story, enough to want to watch it again. The cast consists of Holly Hunter, Harvey Keitel, Sam Neil and Anna Paquin and the film is directed by Jane Campion. This period drama is set in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century and tells the story of a Scottish woman, Ada and her daughter, Flora, who travel from Scotland to a remote part of New Zealand, after her father arranges a marriage for her. The film was released in Australia in August 1993. No one knows why but Ada has not spoken a word since she was six years old. She uses sign language which her daughter translates for her. Ada also expresses herself through her passion for her piano and her music is everything to her. When they arrive on a remote New Zealand beach, her belongings, including the piano, are deposited in the sand. When her husband arrives, he tells her that it is too difficult to transport the piano to the remote location of the small settlement where he lives. Well, this is where the story really starts, and Sam Neill will forever regret that he refused to bring the Piano along....

I love these period dramas, depicting the hardships people had to overcome and the primitive way they lived. That does not mean to say that their lives were void of passion, jealousy and all other human emotions. My kind of film!

**TV Review: Glen Davis**STAN - Yellowstone - Season 3.

Oh my goodness, what a final episode to the season, I hope the next season isn't too far away! 🙏

ABC - IVIEW - Escape from the City

I really would have stopped watching this weeks ago if it didn't have all these marvellous Australian locations. 🙄

ABC - IVIEW - The Repair Shop - S2 E1 available until 12 Aug

This lovely gentle program from the BBC, is a 'workshop' where various artisans practice their skills repairing and rejuvenating precious antiques, artefacts and heirlooms for the general public. Can bring a tear to the eye. We watch this show while eating lunch, absolutely absorbing. Nearly at the end of the current season, but after Googling, it shows that five were made, yippee. 😊 We have also located a spin off program called "The Repair Shop: Fixing Britain."

### Book Reviews by Lorraine Batterham

#### Bridge of Clay by Marcus Zusak ( author of The Book Thief).

This is a heartfelt and innovative novel is set in an Australia we all recognise. The four Dunbar boys bring each other up in a house run by their own rules. A family of ramshackle tragedy- their mother is dead, their father has left and they love and fight and learn to deal with the adult world. "It is Clay , the quiet one, who will build a bridge; for his family, for his past, for his sins. He builds a bridge to transcend humanness. To survive." The Dunbar family story ranges over the migrant experience, love in many forms , suburban and country life, school ,culture and survival, to list a few. Stick with its almost 600 pages, your effort will warmly rewarded as all the jumping around in between times, places and characters, falls into place. You will feel emotionally but happily exhausted.

#### A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles.

Described as "everything a novel should be: charming, witty, poetic and generous." Set in Moscow in 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is escorted out of the Kremlin and into a genteel type of imprisonment for an aristocrat, in The Hotel Metropole. There he establishes a lifestyle and a group of friends unfazed by his aristocratic background. Pure joy from beginning to end.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

<p><b>CLOSED</b> September 22nd. 9:30am</p>	<p><b>FULLY BOOKED</b> Nepean Belle Cruise</p>	<p>Morning in the Gorge. Boarding 9:30am. Cruise 10:00-11:30am. Includes Devonshire Tea with tea &amp; coffee. \$27pp. Payment due by 31st. August. EFT use code NB26+surname. Cheques, see P2 for details. We already have 38 for this event, capacity is 50 max. You might be able to still book. Contact Barbara Davis or Chris Brenton. Report any food allergies to us.</p>
<p><b>NEW</b> September - November Noon</p>	<p><b>Ernie's Lunches</b></p>	<p>As we can only have 10 for lunch, we are running 3 locations on the same day. Ernie, Barbara &amp; Christine will host one each. Then they will rotate the same venues the following month. Venues are 1) Kao Wiu Chinese Restaurant. 2) Maldini's Italian 3) St. Mary's League Club. You can only book at our meeting where Ernie will give details.</p>
<p><b>NEW</b> November 3rd. Noon</p>	<p><b>Picnic at the Tench Reserve</b></p>	<p><b>Bring your own chair, food and drink, or take away from one of the outlets across the road. Strict Covid-19 rules apply. You <u>must book</u>, you cannot just turn up on the day.</b></p>
<p><b>NEW</b> December 8th. 12 Noon</p>	<p><b>Club Xmas Lunch</b></p>	<p><b>PROBUS CHRISTMAS LUNCH @ WINBOURNE</b> Winbourne Function Centre, Mulgoa Road, Mulgoa. Two course meal + juice/tea/coffee. BYO, entertainment, Bon Bons, raffles etc. Members \$25 Guests \$32, pay Nov. DD code XP27 + Surname. <b>At present we have 74 Members booked with a new limit of 100. The limit may alter depending on Covid-19 restrictions. Strictly first come, best dressed!</b>  <b>*** Watson Coaches have offered to take Members to and from the venue. Pick up point TBA. Cost \$10pp.***</b></p>
<p><b>Postponed until 2021</b> <b>WATCH THIS SPACE</b></p>	<p><b>Pick up point TBA</b></p>	<p><b>9 DAY RIVER MURRAY TRIP - plus Kangaroo Island, aboard The Proud Mary. Limited cabins, \$400 deposit required. Prices from \$4495 pp twin, \$5795 per single. All payments direct to Lisa of Proud Mary.</b>  <b>***VOUCHERS ISSUED FOR DEPOSITS***</b>  <b>AS THIS TRIP IS NOW POSTPONED UNTIL 2021, WE ARE CONSIDERING RE-INTRODUCING IT TO THE MEMBERS.</b></p>

### ACTIVITY GROUPS

**CANASTA @ KAYS** 11:00am 2nd, Wednesday every month. Contact Kay Cane for details.

**MID WEEK WALKING GROUP** 8:00am: Days and locations vary, coffee and chat after. Contact Robert Hillsmith or Glen Davis or check our Facebook page.

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INTERESTING ANCESTORS

VICE ADMIRAL SIR JAHLEEL BRENTON BT K.C.B.

Max Brenton's great great grandfather

Born in America 1770 died England 1844, Jahleel was a highly decorated Naval Officer in the British Navy. He fought against the Spanish and the French. At one time he was the Commander of 'The Speedy' and won distinction in actions against Spanish gunboats in the Straits of Gibraltar. His most brilliant action was fought in the Bay of Naples in May 1810. His ship was 'The Spartan', it had 38 guns and 258 men. The French force had 96 guns and 1108 men. Jahleel was wounded in the battle and was unable to continue with active duty. He went on to serve at The Cape and then became Governor of Greenwich Hospital, London. He was a devout Christian interested in providing a Home for Sailors, the better treatment of prisoners and ending the slave trade. Jahleel's 600-page biography is filled with names from the history books e.g Lord Nelson, Earl St. Vincent, Lord Saumarez, Elizabeth Fry, Mr. W. Wilberforce. Also mentioned are visits with the King of France and the King of England.



Jahleel Brenton, circa 1802

Stories from Mum - by Joan Cotterill

My Great Grandfather Thomas Bealey Watson was born in Kilsyth, Scotland 1838. He came to Australia onboard 'The Fiery Star' on 20th November 1864. He was a stonemason and worked on Sydney Town Hall.

My Great Grandmother Elizabeth Anderson was born in Kilsyth, Scotland too, in 1841 She came to Australia on board 'The Prince Consort' to Hervey Bay Colony on 30th March 1864. Thomas and Elizabeth married 15th September 1865 in Brisbane. They had nine children. Agnes, my grandmother, was their 6th child and only six years of age when her father died. I don't know how they survived. Thomas died in Sydney 23rd November 1884 aged only 46 years. His wife Elizabeth died 30th November 19921 at the age of eighty.

Agnes Watson, born 20th January 1878 at their home in Surry Hills married Maurice Frank Bullivant in Sydney. They had a family of thirteen - three sons and ten daughters. My mother was their sixth child. In 1914 they moved to Dulwich Hill, where they lived the rest of their lives.

Maurice Frank Bullivant: Billiard Saloon Pro-Tobacconist 1875 - 1947

Agnes (Watson) Bullivant most loving mother of thirteen: 1878 - 1951

Memories are wonderful

Joan Cotterill

THIS BRANCH OF BRIDGESTONE IS MANAGED BY ERNIE CAMPBELL'S GRANDSON. SO, DON'T FORGET TO EITHER WEAR YOUR PROBUS BADGE OR TAKE YOUR PROBUS CARD AND YOU WILL BE WELL LOOKED AFTER.

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I hope you find these stories interesting. Please, if you have any interesting ancestry stories do send them in so that we can use them in the Newsletter. I'd like to give thanks to all who have contributed so far, especially Joan Cotterill who has excelled herself with her many interesting family stories.

Barbara Davis

If you have any interesting family history stories, skeletons, mysteries, amazing people. Please let Glen or Barbara know if you wish to share it.

**IMPORTANT COVID-19 INFORMATION**

We have had strict guidelines from PSPL on how to conduct ourselves when organising any events under the Probus banner. At a later date we will send all Members a copy of the email sent to all Group Leaders. The main reason they have issued these guidelines is to ensure we stay within the rules that ensure we are covered by their Insurance scheme. We **must** maintain a record of all attendees with their contact details, most of the rest of the guidelines, relevant to individual Members, are the same as usual, keeping your distance and using a hand sanitiser. If you are unable to comply with these conditions, you will not be able to attend any of our Probus events. We have emailed our Group Leaders with these guidelines, if you feel these are not being strictly adhered to, then the Committee's advice is, don't attend and inform the Committee of your concerns.

On behalf of the Management Committee: Glen Davis (Club President)



**GUESS WHO?**  
 On the left is my cousin & oldest mate, Mick Mew, who sadly passed this year. Next is my middle brother Les Davis and, of course, on the right Me. I look like an angel, but I was just as big a bugger as Mick, especially when we were together!



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**Helpers-** Hospitality: Wendy Johnston. Tours & Social: Robert Hillsmith, Judith Mahon, Leah Curds. Registration: Betty Watkins & Violet Mulcahy. Library: Marion Turner & Jeanette Corlis. Chief Welcomer: Barbara Orth. Equipment & Returning Officer: Peter Clay.

**Group Leaders-** Canasta: Kay Cane. FaceBook & Zoom: Barbara Davis. Movies: Carole Gregory. Gardening: Helen Skepper. MidWeek Walking: Robert Hillsmith. Chess: Brian Corlis.

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THE FUNNIES PAGES

Look at the picture first and then read the story:



This really happened in France to an Englishman who was totally drunk. A French policeman stops the Englishman's car and asks if he has been drinking. With great difficulty, the Englishman admits that he has been drinking all day, that his daughter got married that morning, and that he drank champagne and a few bottles of wine at the reception, and many single malt scotches thereafter. Quite upset, the policeman proceeds to breath test the Englishman and verifies that he is indeed completely hammered. He asks the Englishman if he knows why, under French law, he is going to be arrested. The Englishman answers with a bit of humour, "No sir, I do not! But while we're asking questions, do you realise that this is a British car and my wife is driving on the other side?"

Lawyers should never ask a grandma a question if they aren't prepared for the answer. In a trial, a small-town prosecuting attorney called his first witness, a grand motherly, elderly woman to the stand. He approached her and asked, "Mrs. Jones, do you know me?" She responded, "Why, yes, I do know you, Mr. Williams. I've known you since you were a young boy, and frankly, you've been a big disappointment to me. You lie, you cheat on your wife, and you manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. You think you're a big shot when you haven't the brains to realise you never will amount to anything more than a two-bit paper pusher. Yes, I know you." The lawyer was stunned. Not knowing what else to do, he pointed across the room and asked, "Mrs. Jones, do you know the defence attorney?" She again replied, "Why, yes, I do. I've known Mr. Bradley since he was a youngster, too. He's lazy, bigoted, and he has a drinking problem. He can't build a normal relationship with anyone and his law practice is the worst in the entire state. Not to mention he cheated on his wife with three different women. One of them was your wife. Yes, I know him." The defence attorney almost died. The judge asked both counsellors to approach the bench. In a very quiet voice, he said, "If one of you idiots asks her if she knows me, I'll send you to the electric chair."

How LONG is this social distancing thing supposed to last? My husband keeps trying to come into the house.

Day 7 of SOCIAL Distancing: Struck up a conversation with a spider today Seems nice. He's a web designer.

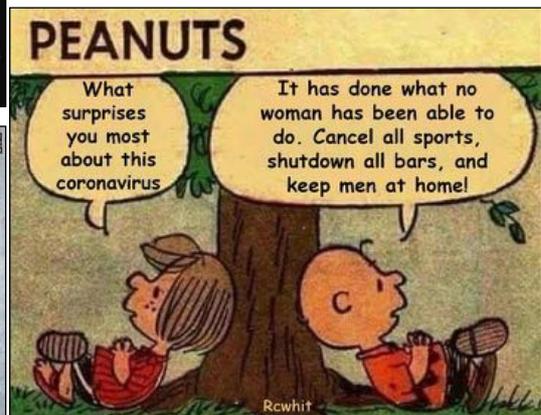
Is it too early to put up the xmas tree yet? I have run out of things to do.

This really works! If you haven't been officially tested then you can do it yourself and save time, money and effort. A new and easy test, for the horror of Covid 19 is doing the rounds and it's simple, quick and positive (or negative if you see what I mean). Take a glass and pour a decent dram of your favourite whisky into it; then see if you can smell it. If you can, then you are halfway there. Then drink it. If you can taste it, then it is reasonable to assume you are currently free of the virus because the loss of the sense of smell and taste is a common symptom. I tested myself 7 times last night and was virus free, every single time, thank goodness. I will have to test myself again today because I have developed a throbbing headache, which can also be one of the symptoms of the dreaded Covid.

My wife sent me a text that said, "Your great"  
So, naturally, I wrote back, "No, you're great"  
She's been walking around all happy and smiling.  
Should I tell her I was just correcting her grammar or leave it?

**MY WIFE MADE ME COFFEE THIS MORNING AND WINKED AT ME WHEN SHE HANDED ME THE CUP.**  
**I'VE NEVER BEEN MORE SCARED OF A DRINK IN ALL OF MY LIFE.**

**I see people around my age mountain climbing - meanwhile, I feel good getting my leg through my underwear without losing my balance**





The guy sat next to me on the train pulled out a photo of his wife and said, "She's beautiful, isn't she?"

I said, "If you think she's beautiful, you should see my missus mate."

He said, "Why? Is she a stunner?"

I said, "No, she's an optician!"

Irish Craic and Humour

Do you know that great feeling when you get into bed, fall straight to sleep and wake up feeling refreshed and ready to take on the day...

No, me neither.

[irishcraicandhumour.com](http://irishcraicandhumour.com)

After years of wanting to thoroughly clean my house but lacking the time, this week I discovered that wasn't the reason.

MY WIFE SAID THAT IF I DON'T GET OFF MY COMPUTER AND HELP WITH THE DISHES, SHE'LL SLAM MY HEAD ON THE KEYBOARD, BUT I THINK SHE'S JOKINGSG67SGHI3DHGJ RE7490DNDWHK3-2J4H37SHDUDKJJI SD877HR8SKO20A3Y3H3J3UHU338JE SU83J8R

GARDENING CORNER AUSTRALIA: More of Alan Curds' Orchids



WHAT OUR MEMBERS ARE DOING



**Left to right, top to bottom:**

- 1) Jan Hennell, home made, washable mask, brilliant.
- 2) Wendy Johnstone & husband Phill supporting their team, South Sydney Rabbitohs.
- 3) Margaret Gadd with her home made washable mask, superb.
- 4) Pat King with some of her Great Grandchildren, Penelope, in party dress, celebrating her 1st Birthday
- 5) Robert Hillsmith, photographing the Quirindi Coal Train. Photo: Judith Mahon.