



The Beachcomber

The Official Newsletter of the Probus Club of Altona Inc.

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Coming Up

	Today's speaker's topic is the MIKI Ticket System
22 October	Movie at the Sun Theatre. "Mao's Last Dancer"
28 October	Day trip to "Woop Woop"
4 November	Committee Meeting
5 November	Dine Out - Altona Bowling Club
11 November	Bike Ride
18 November	General Meeting - Speaker Paul Grant, "Criminal Law"
19 November	Movie at the Sun Theatre. TBA
25 November	Day Tour Jewish Museum and Synagogue
2 December	Committee Meeting
16 December	Christmas Lunch at the Wallace Hotel.

Situations Vacant

2010 is rapidly approaching and we, as a club, need to start thinking about next year and our management team. All positions will be declared vacant and elections will take place at our Annual General meeting in March, if required. We will need committed members to step forward and nominate for committee positions. Think about who you would like to represent you in managing your club's affairs and approach them to nominate. Ask not what your club can do for you but what can you do for your club.

Bumper Sticker of the Month



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Trips

28 October 2009. Day Trip to Woop Woop

Coach to depart Civic centre carpark at 9am heading towards Harcourt, with a morning tea stop on the way. Woop Woop is situated outside Harcourt and is unlike anything you've ever seen before.

A sculptured garden/ Gallery/Tea Room based on our Aussie lingo. We will then enjoy a 2-course lunch at the Commercial Bar and Grill in Castlemaine.

Cost is \$38 per person based on a minimum of 35 people.

25 November Day Tour - Jewish Museum and Synagogue

Make your own way to city (9:42am train from Altona) then take tram 3/3a or 67 along St Kilda Rd to stop 32. Alma Rd. Museum is a 2 min walk along Alma Rd.

Mel Ref 58 B9. Meet at museum 10.45am for 11am combined tour. Tour concludes 1pm. Lunch at own expense. Optional an afternoon visit to City Museum at Old Treasury building in Spring St

Costs: Seniors all day travel card \$3.40

Museum and Synagogue tour \$5 pension card holders \$8 others

City Museum in Spring St \$5 concession

Lunch of your choice.

16 December 2009, Christmas Lunch

Enjoy Christmas Lunch and entertainment at the Wallace Hotel. Travel via Bacchus Marsh for morning tea and visit the Big Apple. Cost is \$42 perperson

April 26-30, 2010- Lakes Entrance 5days/4Nights -

Private accommodation at the RSL Glenara Motel.

Cost \$559 pp (single supp \$76) for minimum 35 people.

Cost for minimum of 30 \$585pp

Itinerary from Dave Malthouse at the October general meeting.

Special Interest Groups.

Movies

Thursday the 22nd of October at the Sun Theatre, Yarraville. Own transport. Cost for movie, light lunch and trivia quiz is \$18 per person. Alternative movies are available if preferred and join the group for lunch. Movie starts at 10am, so please arrive by 9:50am. If you are late and the theatre is in darkness, please ask the staff to help you to your seat.

Please ensure to put your name on the list, or book in with Dick Murdoch if you are staying for lunch, as lunch is ordered in based on the numbers given the day before.

"Mao's Last Dancer

STARRING: Chi Cao, Amanda Schull, Bruce Greenwood, Kyle McLachlan, Joan Chen
DIRECTOR: Bruce Beresford
Mao's last dancer is based on the extraordinary true story and memoirs by Cunxin Li, who, from the Shandong Province in China, was plucked at the age of 10 from his poverty stricken small village school to train to be a dancer in Beijing.



Enduring the strict discipline of the Academy of Dance and suffering the heartache of separation from his family, Li ultimately seizes the gift of his incredible opportunity with determination to succeed. He was later offered to study with one of the top ballet companies in the world, the Houston Ballet in America. Li's fate could so easily have been the anguish of an individual who vanished, like millions of other peasants living amidst the chaos of Mao's Cultural Revolution, but there was to be another and more thrilling destiny for Li. One day he would have to make an agonising choice between duty and freedom. One day he would be regarded as one of the greatest ballet dancers of his time. One day he would be a friend to a president and first lady, movie stars and the most influential people in America. One day he would become a star: Mao's last dancer and the darling of East and West.

Dine Out

The next dine out on Thursday the 5th of November at the Altona Bowls Club in Altona at 6.30pm
Put your name on the list at the door or Book with Doug Bottoms

Cycling

This month we rode from Altona to the Punt at Scienceworks and crossed the river to the Port Melbourne side under the Westgate Bridge then to the City around Docklands for our usual coffee stop at Southbank. (The Punt ran today as part of Ride to Work day).

Next month our ride on 11th November we will catch the 9am train from Westona to Footscray and ride along Footscray Rd to the Moonee Ponds creek trail to Flemington Bridge and use a new bridge over Manningham St in Parkville and ride to either Rushall station or a station on the Upfield line. Returning to Altona by train.

Regards Leo.



Doing it hard on the Bike Ride



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Ill Members

If you are aware of members who are not well, please contact Jack Drane on 9398 1276 or George Quarrier on 9369 2841 to arrange for a visit.