



PROBUS CLUB OF MOUNT ELIZA *INC*

Po Box 667 Mt Eliza 3930
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Meetings commence 9.45am second Monday of the month. If Public Holiday, then third Monday.

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President: Carol Spencer 9787 5825	V/President: Brian Mellady 5973 6218
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Tours/Ent: Mardi Malone 9775 3546	Speakers: James Malone 9775 3546
Membership: John Roberts 9787 1322	House: Estelle Gold 9787 3682
Bulletin: Deborah Fleiner 9775 2535	Welfare: Maxine Coughlan 9775 3361

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Probuss Friends

Winter has arrived with an icy blast. The only consolation is that we have passed the shortest day and can now look forward to the days lengthening. For those who have been lucky enough to get away to warmer weather, enjoy yourselves and have a good time.

Please put your name down for the luncheon in August, which will be at the church after our Probuss Meeting. We would be very pleased if you can help out with making some lovely homemade dishes. Thank You.

It is very important to our Committee that everybody's privacy is protected. This refers to your internet address, home address and telephone numbers – both home and mobile. We have had lengthy discussions on this matter and will talk to you about this at the meeting.

Quote

"When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us."

Helen Keller



Carol

OUR JUNE MEETING

Attendance: 47 present, 25 apologies 4 non-responses, plus 1 visitor.

President: Carol Spencer welcomed all members and visitors to the meeting and acknowledged June birthdays. One minute's silence was observed by Club Members for **Vic Anderson**, a distinguished community member and Probus Past President 2005/2006, who recently passed away.

Carol praised **Cathy Toft** who arranged a superb, value for money lunch at Pier 10 which was enjoyed by 21 Probians last Sunday. She commended these fine dining events to members. They permit excellent opportunities for fellowship and fun.

Vice President **Brian Mellady** had drafted a letter to the Church Administration for Carol to sign, seeking their assistance to unclutter our Probus Cupboard so we can easily access our property and books. It worked! The cupboard is clear.

Secretary: Brian Coughlan proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted, moved by **Brian Mellady** and seconded by **Beryl Vogwell**. Various pieces of correspondence were read.

Treasurer: Andy Troy presented the financial report for the month. He also advised that we are still collecting membership subs.

Tours and Outings:

Lyn Mellady deputising for **Mardi Malone** reminded us of:

Friday July 14th Christmas in July at Norwood House \$46 pp

Monday 8th August Members Lunch following the monthly meeting at the Uniting Church

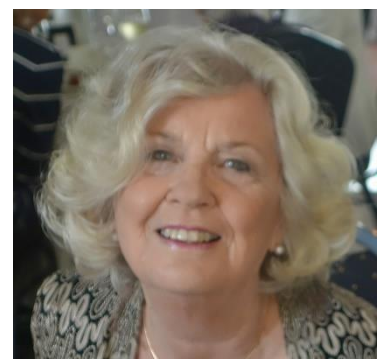
Thursday 10th August a visit to **Beleura House \$36 pp** for the bus including a light lunch.

Echuca Trip - Expressions of interest are being sought for a three day trip to **Echuca 16th - 20th October**.

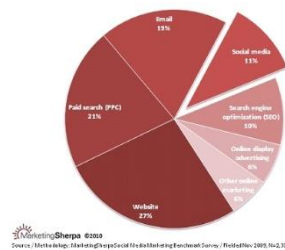


Speakers: James Malone is still seeking volunteer speakers to fill the ten minute timeslot at future meetings. Next month's main speaker will be **Jan Marshall** on the **Australian Male Welsh Choir** tour to China.

House: Jan Marshall standing in for **Estelle Gold** who is on holiday, thanked those people who helped with today's morning tea



Investment Club: Max Batchelor reported that computer issues had curtailed his love of updating and management of ASX trends in ordinary shares. After hours of battling with the computer and involving Telstra, who were allowed into his computer, it all started to work again. The share market has risen and fallen and now appears to be up 1.6%. *He decided to change his password to “password is incorrect” so now the computer tells him that his password is incorrect when he logs in. Mmmm!* But in the share market “The sooner you fall behind the longer time it takes to catch up.”



Fine Dining:



Cathy Toft felt that the menu offered at **Pier 10**, comprising entrees and a main for \$52.50, was very fair and she likes the idea of a set menu so that members can plan on what to spend and enjoy.

The next fine dining is on **25th August at Le Bouchon French Restaurant - Address: 10 Russell St, Balnarring VIC 3926.** *Traditional meals served in a simple space with old-world charm, a cosy courtyard and a casual vibe. Le Bouchon is a style of restaurant in Lyon and Paris serving sweet meats and French Cuisine.*

Book Club: The book for the month of May was **The Great Gatsby** by **F. Scott Fitzgerald**. “On the surface, *The Great Gatsby* is a story of the thwarted love between a man and a woman. The main theme of the novel, however, encompasses a much larger, less romantic scope. Though all of its action takes place over a mere few months during the summer of 1922 and is set in a circumscribed geographical area in the vicinity of Long Island New York, *The Great Gatsby* is a highly symbolic meditation on 1920s America as a whole, in particular the disintegration of the American dream in an era of unprecedented prosperity and material excess. Fitzgerald portrays the 1920s as an era of decayed social and moral values, evidenced in its overarching cynicism, greed and empty pursuit of pleasure”. (Notes from www.sparknotes.com/lit/gatsby)



Deb Fleiner as the discussion leader, using notes from the above website, found that there was much to talk about. Fitzgerald cleverly weaves a story, using various themes, imagery, symbols and motifs that in essence create a second, subtle storyline that runs parallel to the main one. Much like *The Plague* by Camus, and *1984* by George Orwell.

Everyone in the group enjoyed the book and the discussion, which was followed by the usual delicious lunch. Thanks to **Kay Stephens** for giving a report at the meeting.

Induction: President Carol invited John Chambers to introduce Hermann Schneider to the Club, which he showed great delight in doing. He told how Hermann was born in Switzerland and became a very well-known leading Chef here in Victoria.



President Carol spoke about Probus and its status and our Club sought that new members bring fresh ideas to the Club and help with administration of the Club. She gave Hermann the Probus Club name badge and pin and membership package.

Hermann then introduced himself. He has lived in Mount Eliza and currently lives in Mornington. He was 20 when he came to Australia and had his birthday on the boat. He had a great love of athletics and wanted to participate if he could in the 1956 Olympics. They were looking for cooks at the Olympic Games so he worked hard there for 15-16 hours each day of the Olympics. He spoke little English but did try to learn it in Frankfurt. His first job of many was at the Chevron Hotel and later opened the Two Faces Restaurant in South Yarra. He achieved many awards. In 1987 he joined a consortium which owned Delgany Estate in Portsea. He married an Aussie girl who was a pillar of strength behind him.

Speakers: Barry Idles Sorrento Catering owner and chef was today's main speaker.

Barry was born in Rochester and is a twin with his brother Ron, who with a 99% conviction rate, is probably one of the best, police officers Victoria and Australia has ever known.

Barry became a chef. He was O'Brien's first apprentice chef and was Victorian apprentice of the year in 1975. He ran a food service at the Cumberland Hotel and first Alfresco Dining in Bendigo. He moved to Swan Hill and won Chef of the Year in 1985 presented by the Australian Wine and Food Society.

He came back to Melbourne and worked at Café Alcaston, and also did private catering for Robert and Janet Holmes a Court, and Robert and Hazel Hawke. Together with his daughter, he created a hugely successful business, the Artistic Catering Company.

They ran the catering at Sydney Myer Music Bowl, Melbourne Zoo, Werribee Open Range Zoo, Healesville Sanctuary, and four International Hotels. He has cooked for many well-known performers and celebrities and has brushed shoulders with Kerry Packer and Dame Elizabeth Murdoch.

Last October he opened the amazing business at Queenscliff Harbour 360Q. Nobody wanted to take on the challenge. He created a marketing campaign and it has grown. He negotiated an arrangement with the Ferry Company so that Probus Members can travel between Portsea and Queenscliff for \$10.00.

"I get bored a lot and started to think about helping others. I support kids in Laos and Hanoi and sponsor their university places. I support the Australian Kidney Foundation. My next thing is WOWh. Wipe Out World Hunger.

Think big. Market yourself Big. Work hard and creatively."

President Carol and James Malone thanked Barry Iddles for a fascinating and motivational talk.



FUTURE SPEAKERS



Today: Short Talk: TBA
Main Talk: **Jan Marshall - Trip to China with the Australian Male Welsh Choir**

August: Short Talk: TBA
Main Talk: **Pastor Sean Mapleback from the Salvation Army Mornington.**

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2 Michael Leyden 6 Bill Joynson 7 Max Moloney 17 Margaret McArthur
18 David Woodlock 19 Pat Anthony 19 Margaret Kelly 19 Mardi Malone
23 Chris Hallam 25 Catherine Johnson 27 Roger Stretch



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FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



Tours and Outings: Mardi Malone 9775 3546

July 2017 Friday 14th 12.30pm Christmas in July at Norwood House
Come and join us for lunch at Norwood House. For those wishing to go but haven't paid as yet, we must have \$46 by this Monday, 10th July

August 2017 Thursday 10th Beleura House & Garden \$36 pp
Our visit commences with morning tea, then a tour of the garden and a light lunch. Meet at the Mornington Golf Club carpark at 9.25am.

Friday August 11th 10.30am Frankston Arts Centre \$20 pp
Kings of Croon – Ian Stenlake, Derek Metzger & Scott Irwin.
Take a trip back to an iconic time with modern mixes of contemporary songs included alongside the classic hits.

Sept 2017 **Tuesday 26th Cruden Farm Langwarrin \$40pp** includes morning tea.
Join us on a tour of Dame Elizabeth Murdoch's beautiful garden which will be waking up from its winter slumber.
Lunch at **McClelland Sculpture Park & Gallery**



Coffee & Chat @ Degani's: There will be no Coffee get-together in **July or August**. We will resume on **Tuesday, September 19th at 10.30 at Degani's**. Hope to see you there!

Sylvia Chambers 9775 4498

Lunch at Canadian Bay Hotel:

All members are invited to join **Keith and Carol Spencer** for lunch at the **Canadian Bay Hotel** after the Monthly General Meetings. There is a specials menu that includes a glass of wine for \$22. Please let Carol know if you would like to attend by Morning Tea, so that she can make the booking.

Join Me For Lunch



Bi- Monthly Fine Dining:

Please contact **Cathy Toft** for details and bookings on **97879561**

Friday August 25th 12 noon

Lunch at **Le Bouchon French Cuisine**,
10 Russel St. Balnarring,



Note from the Editor

My thanks go to **Brian Mellady** who took notes of the last General Meeting in my absence, especially those on the main speaker Barry Idles and our new member Hermann Schneider.

Would any member who is unable to attend a general meeting please send their apologies to Membership Officer **John Roberts** Ph: **9787 1322** or email **j_jroberts@hotmail.com**.

Next General Meeting: 9.45am on Monday 14th August 2017 at the Uniting Church, Canadian Bay Rd. Mount Eliza.

Next Committee Meeting: 9.30am on Monday 24th July 2017 at the home of James and Mardi Malone.