



# PROBUS CLUB OF MOUNT ELIZA INC

Po Box 667 Mt Eliza 3930  
Founded 1985 Registration No. A0011403Y

Meetings commence 9.45am second Monday of the month. If Public Holiday, then third Monday.

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**8<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

Committee Members 2017-18	
President: Carol Spencer 9787 5825	V/President: Brian Mellady 5973 6218
Secretary: Brian Coughlan 9775 3361	Treasurer: Andy Troy 9787 2146
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 REPORT

Hello Probuss Friends

Autumn is a lovely time of the year. The changing colour of the leaves on the trees is nature at its best, in all its glory.

What a great day we had at **Panorama Gardens Estate!** Nick the owner is an amazing man, who has spent 20 years building all the beautiful gardens within this estate. He certainly shows great passion and remarkable vision. His next project is to be a grotto, which I am sure will be just as beautiful.

Afterwards, we enjoyed lunch at **Montalto**.

**Cathy Toft** organized a dinner at **Licciardos** last week where more than 20 members attended. We were surprised to find that one of our guests – Herman, had once taught our Chef. I think Herman knew that we were going to enjoy a lovely meal.

Our membership drive outside **Ritchies I G A** last week was very successful. Today we welcome some visitors to our club, with the view to joining us. Please make them welcome.



**Carol**

## OUR APRIL MEETING

**Attendance:** 56 present, 15 apologies, 5 non-responses, plus 1 visitor.

**President:** **Carol Spencer** welcomed all members and visitors to the first meeting of the 2017-18 year, and acknowledged April birthdays.



**Vice President:** **Brian Mellady** announced that as there are three “Brians” on the committee, it reminded him of the John Cleese film “The Life of Brian” and its memorable quote about “three very naughty boys”. He also mentioned the **Membership Drive** on **27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> April** and asked that members volunteer an hour of their time.

**Secretary:** **Brian Coughlan** proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted and was seconded by Brian Mellady. He also discussed several pieces of correspondence which mainly dealt with possible outings.

**Treasurer:** **Andy Troy** made an apology to the members as he had brought the wrong paperwork with him. He did say that nothing had changed since last month.

**Tours and Outings:** **Mardi Malone** spoke of the upcoming visit to **Panorama Gardens** advising that the address is not on the internet, and for members intending to go on the outing should see her for the address. She also said she would organise carpooling for those requiring it. Mardi then discussed the visit to **Dandenong Market** and the various performances at the **Frankston Art Centre**.

**Speakers:** **James Malone** announced that today’s speaker **Wendy Johnstone** had cancelled due to the inclement weather. She had to drive from the Geelong area and felt that it was unsafe. **Andy Troy** had agreed to extend his ten minute talk and an invitation was extended for a member to step in to be the main speaker.



**Welfare:** **Maxine Coughlan** advised that new member **Bill Lumley** had had a fall and is in Two Bays Hospital, **Vic Anderson** is now in the RSL Nursing Home, and **Alan Moore** is stable. He now has a Great Great Grandchild, and was able to attend his Grand Daughter’s wedding.

**Investment Club:** **Max Batchelor** noted jokingly, that **Andy Troy** appeared to be taking over the club! Not only is he treasurer, today’s ten minute speaker and today’s speaker for the Investment Group, he is the leader once again of the group being up 30%. As of last Friday, the All Ordinaries were 5902, which is the best it’s been so far for this year. The figure of 6000 has been hard to exceed since the GFC. It almost gets there, and then drops away.

The group is up 3.4%, but Andy’s success is based mostly on one share – **SAS** or **Sky and Space** which is up 150%. In three months, Andy’s initial outlay of \$15k is now worth \$37K. **CSL** has been kind to **Diane**, who is up 20%, and **Liz** is up 15%.

The Ladies are still ahead by 7.1% whilst the Men are 3.00%.

**Golf:** David Woodlock as Graeme Buckley's, deputy gave the following report:



**Probus Mount Eliza** played **Probus Melbourne** on April 3 for the **Ken McArthur Trophy** at **Frankston Golf Club**. It was a perfect autumn day to enjoy 9 holes of golf, a BBQ and a glass or two of wine. This time, the two teams were fairly evenly matched as we fielded 10 players to their 11.

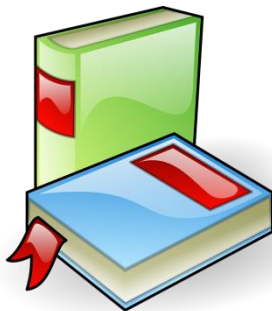
In a close contest, Probus Mount Eliza won the trophy back by the narrowest of margins – one point. As Melbourne has won the trophy for the last four years, it was a win to be savoured.

It was all the more meaningful given the fact that **Margaret McArthur** was on hand to present the trophy to the winning team. Thank you Margaret, for taking time out to be there for us.

Among the best players for Probus Mount Eliza were **Michael Leyden, David Woodlock and Graeme Buckley**.

Thank you to all those members who participated on the day.

Our next match is on **Monday September 25<sup>th</sup>** so please mark it in your diary.



**Book Club:** Wendy Griffiths reported that the March Book was **A Spool of Blue Thread** by **Anne Tyler**. The group met at the home of **Jenifer Wrigley** and the discussion leader was **Kay Stephen**. The book shows the development of a middle class American family, their dramas and how an unexpected death changes the dynamics of the family. The format traces events from current times, back four generations, much like unveiling a family tree. The book was enjoyed by all and enabled interesting discussions.

**Membership:** As a gesture of recognition, **President Carol Spencer** presented our Membership Coordinator **John Roberts** with a bottle of wine for his "contribution and dedication to the club over many years". John said that he enjoyed the job, and that he did it to "remember names" and to "keep his mind active". He also announced that a new list of names had been printed, and asked for members to check it and make the necessary changes if required, so that a final copy can be made.



**Speakers:** **Andy Troy** gave the 10 minute talk today on “**Relations**” and announced that **Henry II** was his 22<sup>nd</sup> Great Grandfather. He discovered this fact through the investigations of an Aunt, who long before the internet had painstakingly traced the family



tree by hunting through church records, passenger lists, the census data, etc., and had a tree with 170 names. Andy had found a website called “**Genie**” and placed the tree onto the site. Suddenly, he found that he had connections with other people researching their trees, and now has 5000+ names. By going back through all the great grandfathers he found Henry II. After giving it some thought however, he realised that many other people would also be able to trace back to Henry II (including the editor!). People in those days, had multiple partners and many children, so

the odds of meeting a “distant cousin” now is not so remote.

Our main speaker today was **Peter Edkins** who stepped in at the last minute, because our scheduled speaker could not attend due to bad weather. Peter spoke about the **Edkins** name, and about a family with the same name who settled in Queensland in the 1800s. Peter has done extensive research into this family, but as yet cannot find a definite connection with his own. He spoke about how **Edward Roland Edkins** and **Henry James Edkins** became pioneers in the emerging cattle industry, and became involved in tallow and salted beef. The remains of the **Edkins Boiling Down Works** can still be seen today.



### FUTURE SPEAKERS

**Today:** Short Talk: **James Malone**  
Main Talk: **Darylle Kelly** “Gemmology”

**June:** Short Talk: To be advised  
Main Talk: **Barry Iddles** - Well known Chef and Caterer.

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

13 Heather Hooper

23 Debbie Fleiner

24 Mike Newman

26 John Fleiner



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



Tours and Outings: **Mardi Malone** 9775 3546

**May 2017**                      Friday 26<sup>th</sup> **Frankston Arts Centre - Big, Blonde & Beautiful**  
*Celebrate the music of history's favourite iconic blonde songs*

**June 2017**                      Friday 16<sup>th</sup> **Frankston Arts Centre - Rachael Beck and Michael Cormick.** *A magical theatrical experience of musicals such as Chess, Les Miserables and Chicago.*

**July 2017**                      Friday 14<sup>th</sup> **Christmas in July at Norwood House**  
*Come and join us for a Winters Experience.*



**Coffee & Chat @ Degani's: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am.** Meet up with friends at Degani's for half an hour (or more) & enjoy a relaxing tea or coffee and a chat. No need to book – just come along.

**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: Sunday June 18, 12 noon**

At Pier 10, 10 Redhill-Shoreham Road, Shoreham

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

## **PANORAMA GARDENS ESTATE by Estelle Gold**

Panorama Garden Estate is an Australian garden and wildlife sanctuary situated on the Mornington Peninsula. On the 19th of April 2017, a group of sixteen members, travelled to the gardens. We were given an extremely warm welcome and morning tea, and then the gardens beckoned us.



There are nineteen garden displays, from formal walled gardens, to gardens inspired by visits to Africa. We were all enthralled by the diversity and beauty of the gardens. We then travelled to Montalto Winery, where we enjoyed a wonderful lunch in beautiful surroundings. The weather was gorgeous and the day was enjoyed by all.

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](mailto:j_jroberts@hotmail.com)**.

**Next General Meeting: 9.45am on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at the Uniting Church, Canadian Bay Rd. Mount Eliza.**

**Next Committee Meeting: 9.30am on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 at the home of Brian and Maxine Coughlan**

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