



PROBUS CLUB OF MOUNT ELIZA INC

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Over the last two years, there seems to have been a growing interest shown by residents of Mount Eliza and surrounding areas in joining our Club. At our last meeting in October, there were no fewer than 11 visitors. This could be a record for one meeting in the last ten or more years. Our members have shown their readiness to welcome visitors to our meetings with warmth and friendliness and in that way, we are giving meaning to the stated Probis ideals of Friendship and Fellowship. It remains to be seen just how many of last month's 11 visitors return and ultimately apply for membership. First impressions count a great deal, so let's all continue to make our visitors feel welcome, so that they come back again...and again.



John Chambers

OUR OCTOBER MEETING

Attendance: 53 present, 24 apologies, 2 non-responses, plus 11 visitors.

President: **John Chambers** gave a warm welcome to Alan Moore who has been ill for some time and expressed his delight in seeing him back. He also welcomed all the visitors that had come along to the meeting, and acknowledged those who have birthdays in October, including himself.

Vice President: **Carol Spencer** announced that everyone was welcome to join her and Keith for lunch at the Canadian Bay Hotel after the meeting.



Secretary: **Michael Leydon** standing in for **Catherine Anstiss** thanked Carol for the loan of her pink glasses as he had left his at home. He proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting be moved and seconded. He briefly read through the correspondence and advised that it had been dealt with in the appropriate manner.

Treasurer: **Lindsay Gordon** presented his monthly report and announced that there were no outstanding debts or issues.

Welfare: **Maxine Coughlan** reported that Hal Briedhal is now home from rehab and doing well.

Tours and Outings: **Estelle Gold** talked about forthcoming outings, including the Christmas Lunch on December 2nd at Mornington Golf Club with a reminder about bringing a bottle of wine for Kris Kringle. There are still cabins available for the Tasmania Cruise in February.

Golf: **David Woodlock** reported that he has donated the Zwar Templar Trophy to the Archives as competition had now ceased between Mt Eliza and Mt Martha. He encouraged all Mt Eliza Golfers to consider participating in the two matches against **Melbourne Probus** scheduled for 2017.

Investment Club: **Lindsay Gordon** deputising for **Max Batchelor** announced that the share market is currently on a positive note and appeared to be in the black for a change. **Catherine Anstiss** was leading the group with a 25.5% increase for the year, with **Dianne Griffith** on 24%. **Roger Stretch** was sitting on 20.9%, with the rest of the male members of the group sadly lagging behind.

Book Club: Wendy Griffiths said that book for September had been **The Mountain**, a novel set in Papua New Guinea during the struggle for independence, up to modern day. As some members had lived in PNG, they were able to contribute to the lively discussion that reading it ensued.



Speakers: Our 10 minute speaker was **Chris Hallam** who was a precision engineer prior to retirement. After a brief synopsis of his working life, he then proceeded to recite “The Secret of Machines” by Rudyard Kipling. He finished with “The Glory of the Garden” by the same poet.

Our main speaker was **Bob Greaves** who is a volunteer with the **Ardoch Youth Foundation**. This is a charity that provides educational support for children and young people in disadvantaged communities. Bob uses his skills as an artist and a retired Monash University lecturer, in teaching art, woodwork and craft to children in schools, in conjunction with their reading and comprehension. It is obvious that he really enjoys this important work, and gains much satisfaction in seeing the results of his endeavours.

FUTURE SPEAKERS

Today: Short Talk: **Henry Hammond** “A trip across the Nullarbor”
Main Talk: **Roger James** “A Tale of Four Cities”

Dec: Short Talk: **Margaret McArthur** “A Chapter of my Life”
Main Talk: **Dr John Beaney** “Living to a Ripe Old Age”



VALE -- Len Binks

It is with much sadness that we record the passing of our esteemed friend and fellow Probus member Len Binks, who passed away on October 22nd aged eighty seven years. Len was a member of the club for eighteen years.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Norma and their family. Len will be remembered for his good humour despite adversity, and will be sorely missed.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4th Maxine Coughlan 4th Cathy Toft 6th Robert Stephen

19th Bette Wilson 20th Alan Moore





FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Tours and Outings: Estelle Gold 9787 3682

Nov Wednesday 16th November 10am Car pool
Cranbourne Botanical Gardens

Dec Friday 2nd December \$36
Xmas Lunch – Mornington Golf Club

Friday 9th December 10.30am \$20 pp
Christmas with Ian Stenlake - Frankston Arts Centre



Dine-Out: Bette Wilson's next dine out will be January 2017.
Location and date to be advised.



Coffee & Chat @ Degani's Tuesday, November 22nd at 10.30 am.

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

Next General Meeting: 9.45am on Monday 12th December 2016 at the Uniting Church, Canadian Bay Rd. Mount Eliza.

Next Committee Meeting: 9.30am on Monday 28th November 2016 at the home of Carol and Keith Spencer.

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