



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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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 MESSAGE

Hello Probuss Friends,

After the August meeting at the Uniting Church, we are going to have a free luncheon together. We are hoping that you can all join us and look forward to seeing you there. Estelle has organized this luncheon, along with the help of many members who are contributing by bringing home cooked food.

Barry Rawlings will entertain us with a singalong to get people feeling uplifted. Please come and help make this an enjoyable time for everybody.

A Smile

Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing. A smile is the same in any language.

Carol



OUR JULY MEETING

Attendance: 52 present 17 apologies 5 non-responses.

President: **Carol Spencer** welcomed all members and acknowledged July Birthdays. She then advised the members of the passing of past member **Ruth Warner Bishop** and called for a minutes silence as a mark of respect.

Vice President: **Brian Mellady** talked about security on the internet and advised the members that only the committee will have access to membership details. Should anyone need the phone number of another member, then they are to contact a committee member for the relevant information.

Secretary: **Brian Coughlan** proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. There was not a lot of correspondence that needed attention.

Treasurer: **Andy Troy** presented the financial report for the month. He advised that the membership fees were almost up to date and that the club has a positive cash flow.

Tours and Outings: **Mardi Malone** advised the members of the following:

Friday July 14 Christmas Lunch in July members were reminded that payment was due and to see Mardi in the break if they intended to go and had not paid.

There was still time to put names down for the outing to **Beleura House & Garden** and for tickets to **Kings of Croon** at the Frankston Arts centre.



Monday August 21. The **Mt Eliza Ladies' Probus Club** has invited anyone who would like to join them at the Uniting Church at 10am for a **Fashion Parade**. **\$20** includes a Champagne or orange juice, sandwiches and cakes.

Tuesday September 26 Cruden Farm Langwarrin; includes morning tea. As this is very popular, Mardi must have an idea of how many will be going as soon as possible. There is a minimum number required of 15 to do the tour. **\$40pp**. The venue for lunch is yet to be decided.

Thursday September 28 Judy Crook who is also a member of **Red Hill Probus Club** has invited us on a day tour to **Walhalla**. **\$79 pp**. Please see Judy if you would like to go.

Mardi is exploring some more appropriate venues, perhaps the Bass and Flinders Distillery in Red Hill / Peninsula Brewery / Main Ridge Dairy / Motor Museum / ferry and lunch at Queenscliff.

So far there are not enough expressions of interest for a trip to Echuca in October.



Welfare: **Maxine Coughlan** noted that there are a lot of coughs and colds about and that there a few members that have succumbed to the dreaded winter illnesses. She also advised that **Alan Moore** is stable and in good spirits.

Speakers: **James Malone** advised that **Jan Marshall** was today's main speaker giving a presentation on the trip to China by **The Australian Welsh Male Choir** earlier this year. He also asked the membership for volunteers for 10 minute speakers.



House: **Estelle Gold** thanked **Jan Marshall** for assisting at the previous meeting, and thanked all those who have contributed for morning tea. For next month's luncheon members were invited to help by bringing a dish - a list could be found where the tea and coffee is served.

Golf: **Graeme Buckley** presented the following report:
"Our next match will be **on Monday 25th September**. We will play **Melbourne Probus** in a 'friendly' match at **Frankston Golf Club**. It will NOT be for the Ken McArthur Trophy which we won back in April. As we have done previously, we will convene at the course at 9am and tee off at 9.30am for nine holes followed by a BBQ lunch.



I am also happy to announce that **Probus Central of Mt Eliza** will be joining us starting next year for two golf matches. We will play them at **Frankston Golf Club** on **March 26th 2018** and at **Bembridge Golf Club** on a date to be confirmed.

Some of you may know that their President and Golf Co-ordinator, **Bernie Coyle**. He has confirmed that their members would be very enthusiastic to play a friendly match with us. They have an active group that plays once a month at Bembridge and he welcomes any of our members to join them on their regular Monday following the fourth Friday of the month. He mentioned that 70% of their members live in Mt Eliza, with the remaining 30% from Mornington and Frankston South, so I am sure you would know some of them.

Their arrangement is for husbands and wives to join in, so that opens up an opportunity for us to do the same when we play them. Of course, we would also welcome single players too".

Investment Club:



Max Batchelor noted an observation that had been made, that Government foreign aid is the art of transferring money from poor people in rich countries, to rich people in poor countries. The stock market is back to where it was at the beginning of the year – up by 4%. The group is up 2.7% so the gamble is paying off. There has been a 4.2% return (including dividends) for the past six months. The Ladies are up by 8.7%, and the men 1.8%.

Andy Troy has been leading most of the year but is now second with 23.7%, **Diane** is in the lead with 26.8% and **Liz** is coming third.

Fine Dining: **Cathy Toft** reminded members that the next fine dining will be a lunch at **Le Bouchon French Cuisine** Balnarring on Friday 25th August. (Details can be found later in the bulletin). There will be a choice of two main meals with a shared entrée. The venue and date for October is yet to be decided, and the first one for 2018 will be on February 14th Valentine's Day, probably in Mt Eliza.

Book Club: **Brian Mellady** gave the report for the July Meeting. The book for June titled **Addition** by **Toni Jordan** and the discussion leader was **Kay Stephen**. Overall the book was enjoyed by all present. For a first-time author, the standard was fair to good. We read Wendy's and Steve's written contributions. A NUMBER of readers felt the content was "too close to home" in experiences. There was humour in the book. Brian said we should not COUNT on his opinion!



As numbers were depleted due to sickness and holidays, Kay had arranged a lunch menu at Benito's, which was good value at a price of \$11.00 plus \$5.00 for a glass of wine. A La Carte was also available.

Speakers:



Today **Brian Mellady** filled in as the 10 minute speaker. He outlined the web site he has designed for our club. He demonstrated how to access the site, and opened some of the pages showing their content. The purpose is to be a 24hour advertisement, and eventually the aim is for members to access all information including bulletins from the site. Brian emphasized that he needed members to tell him what they want to see on the site. The address is **www.probusmteliza.club**

Our main speaker today was **Jan Marshall**, who talked about her trip to China earlier this year with **The Australian Welsh Male Choir** of which her husband **Ron Marshall** is a member. The choir had seven performances in the three weeks whilst they were away, along with plenty of sightseeing. Because their schedule was tight, the choir took several opportunities to have impromptu rehearsals, including on the bus as they were travelling, and in a park. Whilst visiting the Great Wall of China, their tour guide arranged for another choir – the **50+ Choir** to sing with them. As there are women in this choir, the Welshies sang "There is nothing like a Dame" much to the delight of the Ladies!



Jan had many photos to show us and it is obvious that she was quite smitten with the history and the culture of China. She was most impressed with the **Terracotta Army**, which had been discovered in 1974 by a farmer who was digging for a well. At a height of 6'6", 8000 figures, all with different facial expressions, had been created over 2000 years ago by 700,000 naked labourers. The first Emperor of China had had the army created to follow him into the afterlife.

Other highlights included the **Temple of Heaven**, where people pray for a good harvest, the **Wall of Xian**, which is noted to be the oldest wall in China, various markets, a silk factory, a furniture factory and many wonderful restaurants. They finished their tour in Hong Kong, where the choir performed with the **Hong Kong Welsh Choir**.

Jan concluded that the joy of song unites, regardless of culture. There is no language barrier in song.

Jan would like to thank **Mike Newman** and **Lindsay Gordon** for their technical support with the photographic presentation. Also, thanks to **Barry Rawlings**, for the use of his notes for this report.

FUTURE SPEAKERS



Today: Short Talk: **Sing-a-long with Barry Rawlings.**
Main Talk: **Pastor Sean Mapleback** from the **Salvation Army Mornington.**

September: Short Talk: TBA
Main Talk: **Mike Newman – Channel 9** and **Graham Kennedy.**

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

3rd Barry Rawlings 5th Beverley Moloney 6th Liz McDonald 10th Andy Troy
22nd Ray Stodden 24th Graeme Buckley 29th Lyn Mellady



CHRISTMAS IN JULY Friday 11th July 2017



What a happy event we had at Norwood House, celebrating a winter's Christmas lunch. With the sun streaming through the windows, it was somewhat difficult to imagine a very cold snowy day, as our northern hemisphere neighbours sometimes experience. Manager Chris and his warm and friendly staff had decorated the tables and chairs with Christmas bling, and we were made to feel very welcome with drinks and bites to eat, before sitting down to enjoy a meal of turkey with all the trimmings and plum pudding to finish. Conversation and lots of laughter filled the room which obviously meant that a good time was had by all.

Report by **Mardi Malone**

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



Tours and Outings: Mardi Malone 9775 3546

September Friday 15th 10.30 am **“How Sweet It Is” Frankston Arts Centre \$20pp**
Frankie J Holden & Michelle Pettigrove sing some of the greatest songs about living and loving.

Tuesday 26th 10.30 am **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, followed with lunch at **McClelland Sculpture Park & Gallery.***

October Friday 13th 10.30 am **“The Peter Allen Songbook” Frankston Arts Centre**
John Bowles and Michelle Fitzmaurice will sing some of his best songs. With narrator Brian Hannan, this show is a musical tribute to the great Peter Allen. \$20 pp

Thursday 26th **A Day at Red Hill.** *Let’s enjoy some of the good places to see in this beautiful area. Morning tea at **Arthur’s Seat** / Tour of the **Main Ridge Dairy** / Lunch at **The Epicurean** / Tour of the **Bass & Flinders Distillery** and if we still have time, there’s always **Gordon Studio Glassblowers** or some specialty shop to browse in. Costs TBA*



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,

Friday October 27th 6.00 pm Dinner at **1001 Nights Restaurant and Café** (licensed)
3/86 Mount Eliza Way, Mount Eliza.

In a cemetery in England:

Remember man, as you walk by
As you are now, so once was I.
As I am now, so shall you be,
Remember this and follow me.

To which someone replied by writing on the tombstone:

To follow you I'll not consent,
Until I know which way you went.



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 11th September 2017 at the Uniting Church, Canadian Bay Rd. Mount Eliza.

Next Committee Meeting: 9.30am on Monday 28th August 2017 at the home of Neil and Estelle Gold.

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