



## 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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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 Friends,

A special thank you to Estelle for the lovely lunch provided after the meeting last month. Also thanks to many other members who provided a wonderful variety of food which was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by everybody.

Our Fine Dining experience this month was down to Balnarring to Le Bouchon, a French restaurant. There were 40 of our members present, a fantastic turnout, which shows us what people really like to do. If you have any suggestions for other outings, we would be happy to hear from you.

On 26<sup>th</sup> September, we are off to Cruden Farm. I am really looking forward to this outing as I have seen it on television and it looks amazing!

Congratulations to Chris and Christine Hallam who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 1<sup>st</sup> September. They are enjoying a trip to Central Australia.

*"We're all gifted with the opportunity to succeed. But you get further if you extend the hand of friendship."*

Carol



## OUR AUGUST MEETING

**Attendance:** 45 present 16 apologies 13 non-responses 1 Visitor

**President:** **Carol Spencer** welcomed all members and visitors, and acknowledged August Birthdays. **Andy Troy** had recently celebrated a special birthday so the members sang "Happy Birthday" accompanied by **Barry Rawlings** on piano.

**Vice President:** **Brian Mellady** had nothing to report.

**Secretary:** **Debbie Fleiner**, deputizing for **Brian Coughlan**, proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.

**Treasurer:** **Andy Troy** presented the financial report for the month. He then suggested that the club has a photo competition each month, and that he was looking at re- starting the photographic club with **Mike Newman**.

**Tours and Outings:** **Mardi Malone** said that the outing to Beleura House had been very successful and that everyone had enjoyed themselves. She reminded the members of the **Frankie J Holden** concert at **Frankston Arts Centre** on September 15<sup>th</sup>, and that the money for **Cruden Farm** on September 26<sup>th</sup> was due today.

Mardi then advised of the October outing to **Red Hill**, the date yet to be decided. The suggested itinerary: to meet at **Arthurs Seat** for morning tea, then to the **Main Ridge Dairy** where the goats will be kidding, for a milking and cheese making demonstration. Then lunch at the **Emporium** at Red Hill. Later, a visit to the **Bass and Flinders Distillery**.

An outing to **Queenscliff** is being organised for November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Lunch at the restaurant run by **Barry Idles**, who is offering a special price of \$35 for a two-course meal, with a discount on the ferry crossing.

Car-pooling is available and will be arranged by Mardi.

**Welfare:** **Maxine Coughlan** had nothing to report.

**Speakers:** **James Malone** advised that today's speaker was **Sean Mapleback** from Mornington Salvation Army, with a presentation about his street campaign for youth.

**House:** **Estelle Gold** had no report.



**Golf:** **Graeme Buckley** advised that the next match will be a friendly one, held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September against **Melbourne Probus**, at **Frankston Golf Cub**. Players are to convene at the course at 9am and tee off will be

at 9.30am for nine holes, followed by a BBQ lunch. For Frankston Golf Club Members the cost is \$3, for non – members it will be \$43. All Probus Club members are invited to attend.

**Investment Club:** Max Batchelor is currently overseas.

**Fine Dining:** Cathy Toft reminded members that the next fine dining will be a lunch at **Le Bouchon French Cuisine** Balnarring on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August. **1001 Nights** has been booked for lunch at 12 noon on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October (PLEASE NOTE LUNCH). There is a variety of meals to choose from, especially the lamb tagine, and there is also a good selection of cocktails.

### **Book Club:**

The book was “**The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society**” by **Mary Ann Shaffer** and **Annie Barrows**. Brian Mellady led the discussion and recommended <http://cliffsnotes.com> to review the book. The analysis and character list summary is very thorough and there is even a quiz.

For a first-time author who died before publication, the standard was good and written in epistolary style. We read Wendy’s and Steve’s written contributions. Steve liked the story line but found the style difficult to follow. Wendy thoroughly enjoyed it as a “feel good read” but found the ending a bit predictable. It is a part of history Wendy was not aware of and whilst overseas, looked at the prospect of a visit to Guernsey, but time was against them. Set in 1946 as London emerges from the Second World War it tells the tale of Juliet Ashton, a novelist who lost her home in London and is looking for new adventure. Guernsey is a farming and fishing community in The Channel Islands and was occupied by the Nazis for the whole of the war. Some of the experiences of the islanders were told in letter format between the protagonists. All members of the group enjoyed the book.



**Wendy Griffiths** announced that the group is currently looking at titles for 2018, and is seeking some new members. If anyone would like to join, please let Wendy know as soon as possible so that they can also be a part of the selection process.





**Speakers:** In lieu of a 10-minute speaker, **Barry Rawlings** along with **Bette Wilson** led the membership with a rousing sing- a- long. Songs including “Daisy”, “John Brown’s Body”, “Clementine”, “There’s a tavern in the Town” and “When Irish eyes were smiling” were sung with gusto by the members.



Today our speaker was **Pastor Sean Mapleback** from **Mornington Salvation Army**. This remarkable young man was raised in multicultural Gladstone Park, with a passion for sport and people. He also grew up within the church which was a huge part of his life. When pressured in year 12 to make a decision on his future, the pull towards his faith was very strong, so he did a short course in theology, and a security course at Broadmeadows, Tafe. He spent some time at Rod Laver Arena as a Controller Operator working alongside the Federal Police, then as a Community and Children’s Youth Officer. However, his faith was his first priority and he completed a theology course at the Salvation Army College. After being appointed to Mornington as an Associate Pastor, he is now Head Pastor.

Sean is very community minded and is passionate about making the world a safer place. The church owns an old yellow van, and in 2016 Sean came up with an idea of creating a safe place for young people in Main Street on Saturday nights during the summer. Sean, along with a group of volunteers, parks the yellow van in the street near the Grand Hotel, and passes out free bottles of water and chupa chups. The van has a number of phone chargers for people to charge their phones. There are also chairs around the van for people to sit if they are feeling unsafe or vulnerable, and there are also roving teams with backpacks and chupa chups, walking up and down the street.

McDonalds is a sponsor, and donates 12x24 pk of water. The chupa chups are funded by the volunteers. Sean is currently seeking sponsors to assist with the purchase/hire of a proper modern food van, where coffee can be provided. His vision is for sponsor's names to be highlighted on the side of the van.

Initially, the Police were on side, but lately that has dwindled, probably due to lack of resources.

Sean is also involved in other projects. He is the Chaplain for the Mornington Football and Netball Clubs, and a mentor for fifteen year 8 boys at Mornington Secondary College showing them on what it looks like to be man. His church runs a Market Place on Fridays between 1.30-2.30pm, where free fresh produce is distributed, and Women's and Men's sheds have been initiated to create space and networks, and a safe place for all.

Sean advocates that it is important for young people to know that the Salvos care for them, so that they will remember in years to come.

**James Malone** gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the members. Thanks to **Barry Rawlings** for generously donating his notes.

**Andy Troy reports:** - Following the suggestion, last month's meeting, of reviving the "Camera Club " it has been decided to make it a monthly competition with the winners being eligible for the annual prize, decided by "People's Choice " (a prize is yet to be determined) Monthly prizes will be determined by Committee Members

There will be a subject for each monthly entry e.g. Landscape - Seascape - Floral - Cityscape - Buildings - Animals - Portrait - Still life etc. Please include any other favourite subjects.

With digital cameras and telephone cameras, it is relatively easy to forward by email your photographic entry. However, for those not yet internet literate help will be made available by any fellow members.

Meetings at locations suitable for a particular photo shot (for a monthly subject) will be arranged.

It has also been suggested that those of us with modern cameras that have numerous gadgets that few if any of us fully understand would benefit from some lessons. It would, therefore, be great if any member who feels qualified to provide this service would volunteer.

All interested please contact Andy Troy or Mike Newman at the next monthly meeting.



Our meeting concluded with a sit-down lunch at the Church. All the food was donated by the members, which included homemade soup, salads, quiches, curry, rices, apple pies and custard and much more.

Many thanks to **Estelle Gold** for her expert coordination and organisational skills, resulting in a very successful and enjoyable club event. Thanks also to **Jane Long** for devising and running the Trivia, which challenged our brains and created unity amongst the tables.

**There are a couple of our members making a fashion statement. Any**



**idea who?**



### Fine Dining at Le Bouchon



## FUTURE SPEAKERS



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

**October:** Short Talk: **TBA**  
Main Talk: **TBA**

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- 6 Neil Gold
- 11 Peter Edkins
- 13 Stephen Griffiths
- 16 Lorna Csakvari



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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

**Friday, September 15 - 10.30 am: Frankston Arts Centre. "How Sweet It Is"**

Frankie J. Holden & Michelle Pettigrove who sing some of the greatest songs about living and loving. \$20 pp.

**Tuesday, September 26 - 10.30 am: Cruden Farm, Langwarrin.** *Join us on a tour of Dame Elizabeth Murdoch's beautiful garden which will be waking up from its winter slumber. \$40 pp Includes morning tea. Lunch at McClelland Sculpture Park & Gallery: 18.50 for choice of delicious quiches and salad.*

**Friday, October 13 - 10.30 am: Frankston Arts Centre.** *"The Peter Allen Songbook". 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, October 26: 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 / Tastings at the Bass & Flinders Distillery and if we still have time, there's always Gordon Studio Glassblowers or some speciality shop to browse in.*

*Itinerary and costs TBA.*

**November** Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> **Queenscliff**



**Coffee & Chat @ Degani's:** We are resuming our coffee mornings 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.



**Bi- Monthly Fine Dining:**

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

**Friday October 27<sup>th</sup> 12.00 pm Lunch at 1001 Nights Restaurant and Café**  
(licensed)

3/86 Mount Eliza Way, Mount Eliza.



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)**.

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