



## *PROBUS CLUB OF MOUNT ELIZA INC*

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Founded 1985 Registration No. A0011403Y Meetings commence 9.45am second Monday of the month. If Public Holiday, then third Monday.

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<b>Committee Members 2017-18</b>	
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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
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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



Hello Probis Friends

It was wonderful to be able to go north for 12 days, enjoy the lovely warm weather and the beautiful sunny beach days. We returned in time to go with our club to Cruden Farm where we enjoyed morning tea before strolling around the magnificent gardens of the late Dame Elizabeth Murdoch. Lunch was at Mc Clelland Gallery.

Thank you, Mardi it was a lovely day out.

Now we look forward to a day at Red Hill where we are going to visit a dairy, a distillery and have lunch at Montalto in the Piazza. Do come and enjoy this outing because it is quite different to anything you would do yourself.

We also have a dine-out with Cathy later this month.

At our Committee Meeting this month we discussed having a Probis Meeting in January or not. This is a time when we have family and visitors coming down to the Peninsula and it can be a busy time.

What do you think? Do you want a meeting in January? We will discuss this at our meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Carol

## **OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING**

**Attendance:** In John's absence Cathy reported 53 present 5 apologies and unknown non-responses 1 Visitor (announced later)

**President:** **Carol Spencer** welcomed all members and visitors, and acknowledged September Birthdays. **A special thank you to Estelle** for providing a very special in-house lunch at the last meeting and a thank you to all those who supported and contributed food. **Thanks to Jane Long** for providing us with a lot of fun with a trivia quiz. 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. Brian Mellady is producing the bulletin whilst Debbie and John are on holiday in Canada. Thanks to Cathy Toft for arranging a very successful "Fine Dining" Event at Le Bouchon. Syliva has arranged for those who want to enjoy Coffee and Chat **September 19th at 10.30 at Degani's. Welcome back Joan Baillie** after a long battle with flu.

**Visitor David Howell** was introduced before our guest speaker.

**Vice President:** **Brian Mellady** advised that if the bulletin doesn't arrive in your email box then please go to the website and download the one you want. [www.probusmteliza.club](http://www.probusmteliza.club) and look for a menu item bulletins on the right-hand side. Barry Rawlings has volunteered to help write the notes from the next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> October since Lyn and I will be absent. If there are others who can help with this it would be appreciated. Authors are to please send notes to [brian.m@mellady.com](mailto:brian.m@mellady.com) and I will do the bulletin and distribute it. Andy Troy and Mike Newman are looking for photos from members to assess in the photographic competition at the end of this month. Please send to [mhnewman@bigpond.com](mailto:mhnewman@bigpond.com)

**Secretary:** **Brian Coughlan**, proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. Brian read out correspondence received.

**Treasurer:** **Andy Troy** was absent today and Brian Coughlan presented his report. The two accounts contain \$3149.69 and \$3229.06 making a total of \$6378.75.

**Tours and Outings:** **Mardi Malone** said that the next outing is to **Cruden Farm** on **September 26<sup>th</sup>** that 22 members are booked in. The fee is \$40.00 and will include morning tea, a tour of the garden which could take an hour. Then Lunch at McClelland Sculpture Park & Gallery which will be \$18.50 for choice of delicious quiches and salad. I need confirmation of numbers today. Transport can be arranged for you.

**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.

**October 20<sup>th</sup>** is Day Out to **Red Hill**. 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. Welcome back Joan Baillie.

**Speakers:** **James Malone** advised that he has been stunningly unsuccessful at gaining short form speakers. Anyone who has an interesting story to tell then please see James. Speaker today comes from the era of very early television – our own Mike Newman. We can remember the test pattern on our screens until about 5pm. Next meeting, we have Beth from the Redhill Dairy. Then we have lined up the President of Mornington Railway.

**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**, in a friendly match 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 and BYO lunch and wine. For Frankston Golf Club Members, the cost is \$3, for non – members it will be \$43. All Probus Club members are invited to attend. Please form an orderly line at the tea break so that I can take your name. (good one! Graeme).

**Investment Club:** **Max Batchelor** is back after a trip (probably the best trip ever) around the Baltic sea with his wife. Flew to Northern Norway and boarded a small boat with 108 on board and went around the Norwegian coastline. Finishing off with the Shetland Islands, the Orkney Islands and Edinburgh. The market has been poor this year. Market up just 0.3 of 1% since the start of the year. Over the last week the market has performed rather badly on the back of USA hurricanes, earth quakes, Donald Trump communicating via Twitter, and North Korea sabre rattling. The banks have traditionally been the backbone stocks for investors. The Commonwealth Bank has been in trouble with misdemeanours and mismanagement and is down 10.87 % for the year. [But you haven't lost anything until you have to sell]. The AUD is worth USD 0.80. Diane leads the way with A2 milk, Cochlear, and CSL. Ladies are way ahead of the men.

**Fine Dining:** **Cathy Toft** reminded members that the last fine dining for the year will be a lunch at **1001 Nights** has been booked for lunch at 12 noon on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October (PLEASE NOTE LUNCH). This will be a banquet starting with a selection of starters followed by 2 main courses including a couscous. We can bring wine (only) at a corkage of \$7.00. The price is \$45.00 per head. Bob gave a review of the lunch at Le Bouchon. It was a wonderful lunch which was very well organized by Cathy.

### **Book Club:**

**Lyn Mellady** reported on the book which was “**All the Light We Cannot See**” **Anthony Doerr**. The book took 10 years to write. We welcomed Robert Stephen into the group. The meeting was held at the Mellady’s.



The book was enjoyed by all present except Brian who felt the content had too many characters, far too much horror (real horror not invented), too much truth about the futility of war. Wendy was floating up the Mississippi River as we were speaking. She reflected on the research she did after the last book about Guernsey and Saint Malo during the war. It is well written and captures events through youth growing up in 1940’s. The opening quote by Goebbels “, It would not have been possible for us to take power or use it in the ways we have without the radio” is so true and how more has the internet had an even greater impact making the World a Global Village with “truth” and “fake news” to influence us all. Steve enjoyed the book and liked the introduction of the sea of flames gem and the strength of the human spirit about what is right. There are 2 major characters, a blind French girl and a young 15-year-old boy in Germany.

**James Malone** introduced **Mike Newman** who was with Channel Nine in the very early days and Mike has some very interesting slides to show us about the beginnings of Television. **Mike Newman** is from our club. He explained the Test Pattern which appeared on our TV screens. The red dot and the large circles allowed adjustments to screens. He provided a history of TV in Australia as far back as 1929 with black and white Baird TV. It wasn’t until 1940 when the Government moved. The planned Olympic Games in 1956 was targeted as the opportunity to show the opening ceremony. In 1950, it was decided that there would be a national service. In 1953 the Government sponsored a Royal Commission. Following the Royal Commission report in 1954, the Australian Broadcasting Control Board was considering commercial licences in 1955. A slide shown was of a TV licence in favour of Channel Seven for broadcasting between 4.30pm and 9.30pm and 6pm – 9.30pm on Sunday. Typical costs were the transmitter 28,600 pounds. The master control room at a cost of 10,500 pounds and a camera studio at 16,500 pounds. There were 2 transmitters one vision and one sound. The Australian Broadcasting Control Board controlled AM and FM Radio and commercial TV. The Post Office was responsible for the National Broadcasting Service. Technical Training was arranged at Melbourne Tech looking towards “TV Day”. Doug Little was involved.

The Electron Gun in TVs was explained technically in atomic terms. The camera tube centred around an image orthicon which focused an image. This came at a cost of 1000 pounds. The monitor TV screen was explained. The camera control unit was explained.

The antenna towers were located at Mount Dandenong and installed by a company called Electric Power Transmissions. We saw the ATV tower and the studio at Bendigo Street and Channel Seven Transmitting Building. Test transmissions commenced in July 1956 with TCN nine and seven and continued with each channel until 19<sup>th</sup> November 1956. The official opening was 19<sup>th</sup> January 1957. We saw photos of the inside of the control room for Channel Nine, the audio control panel and studio, the video recording 16mm camera using a 2-inch tape. This was manually edited. We saw the 16mm projector. Dress code seemed to be a jacket and tie. We saw popular shows with actors like Graham Kennedy and Gerry Gee. Shows like "Emergency" and "Hopalong Cassidy". Channel Seven bought an old theatre in Fitzroy. From 1960 award wages were being considered. We observed different wages being paid for different levels. The Federation of Australian Commission for TV Stations (F.A.C.T.S) who acted on behalf of the TV Stations. We saw advertising rates at that time. We saw outside broadcasting vehicles and setups including microwave dishes where the direction had to be manually pointed. Reg Ansett became involved with ATV Channel O in 1964.

**James Malone** gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the members for a fascinating speech.

**Andy Troy reports:** - Following the suggestion 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.

Photos please to be emailed to: [mhnewman@bigpond.com](mailto:mhnewman@bigpond.com)

## FUTURE SPEAKERS



**Today:** Short Talk: **TBA**  
Main Talk: Beth from the Redhill Dairy.

**November:** Short Talk: **TBA**  
Main Talk: President of Mornington Railway

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



2	John Chambers
15	Lawrence Baillie
17	Imelda Hogan
20	Margaret Lade
29	Hermann Schneider



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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**Friday, October 20: A Day at Red Hill.** *10.30: Tastings, coffee and tour of the Main Ridge Dairy (\$15) / 12.00 noon: Lunch at The Piazza Cafe, Montalto Restaurant and if time permits, a walk around their beautiful grounds / 2.45pm: Tour of the Bass & Flinders Distillery (\$10)*

**Friday, November 10: 10.30am Frankston Arts Centre.** *“From Broadway to Ballroom”.*  
*World dance council champions, Emma and Rhett Salmon and opera performers, Liza Beamish and Lachlan Baker will deliver an unforgettable performance of ballroom, opera and favourite melodies.*

**Wednesday, November 22: Lunch at Queenscliff.** *Ferry trip (\$12 - \$14) from Sorrento to Queenscliff. Lunch at 360 Degrees Restaurant (\$35 - set 2 course menu or á la carte).*



**Coffee & Chat @ Degani's: Tuesday 17th October 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**

**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**.

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