



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 Probus Friends,

I wish you all a very happy Christmas with family and friends.

I would like to remind you we are approaching another AGM in the New Year. In January we will have nomination forms to fill in and return by February meeting.

Would you please consider how you can contribute to our Club for the coming year?

We need new fresh ideas to bring interest for everybody.

Thank you



Carol



OUR NOVEMBER MEETING

Attendance: 54 present 15 apologies 3 non-responses 4 visitors

President: **Carol Spencer** welcomed all members and visitors and acknowledged birthdays. She advised that as several committee members were away, some jobs had been allocated to others. She also mentioned the date change from 1st of December to the 8th for the Christmas Lunch, and that **Bill Lumley**, who was to be the 10 minute speaker in December, had just had a hip replacement, and so another speaker would be required. She appealed to the members for someone to come forward and **Margaret McArthur** obliged.

Carol then invited the members to sing "For they are jolly good fellows" to **Brian and Maxine Coughlan** who have just celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and "Happy Birthday" to **Cathy Toft** has celebrated another milestone birthday. (She's not saying which milestone!!)

Vice President: The members were advised that **Brian Mellady** had had an accident and was awaiting hip surgery in hospital.

Secretary: **Brian Coughlan** proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted and briefly mentioned the contents of the correspondence received.

Treasurer: **Andy Troy** advised the club's financial status, and commented that there had been no receipts for the month of October, which was unusual.

Tours and Outings: **Deb Fleiner** deputizing for **Mardi Malone**, reminded the members of the change of date for the Christmas Lunch, and that as a result the outing to the Christmas Spectacular at the Frankston Arts Centre would be cancelled. She also gave details of the meal, and reminded members to bring a Kris Kringle present to the value of between \$15 to \$20, clearly marked male or female or both.

The outing to the Goat Dairy farm was a great success, and everyone enjoyed the generous tasting plate and the long leisurely lunch at Montalto.

November 22nd is the date for the ferry crossing and lunch at Queenscliff. Members were advised to meet Mardi at the ferry by 10.45 am for the 11 am crossing, so that they can board the ferry as a group. Also if they required a lift to Sorrento, to contact Mardi by November 16th. John Roberts kindly offered to take someone in his car.

In her role as Bulletin Editor, Deb indicated the Dictaphone that is now being used at the meetings, and is a great assistance for recording the minutes and for composing the bulletin. It picks up everyone's voices beautifully, including the background chatter while people are addressing the membership.

Welfare: **Maxine Coughlan** advised that **Estelle Gold** had undergone shoulder surgery and was recovering very well. **Bryan Mellady** has had surgery for a hip displacement, and **Bill Lumley** has also been in hospital for a hip replacement. Sadly **Norma Binks** has passed away after a fall at home.

Speakers: **Carol**, on behalf of **James Malone**, advised that the speakers for today were **Henry Hammond** whose topic was **Raffles Hotel**, and **Andrew Swaine** from the **Mornington Rail Preservation Society**.

House: **Jan Marshall** thanked **Max and Bev Maloney** and **Maxine** for their help with morning tea, and a reminder that there will be a Christmas Lunch at our December meeting.

Golf: **Graeme Buckley** advised that the next match will be on **Monday 26th March 2018**. It will be the inaugural match against **Probus Central of Mount Eliza** and will be at the **Frankston Golf Club**.



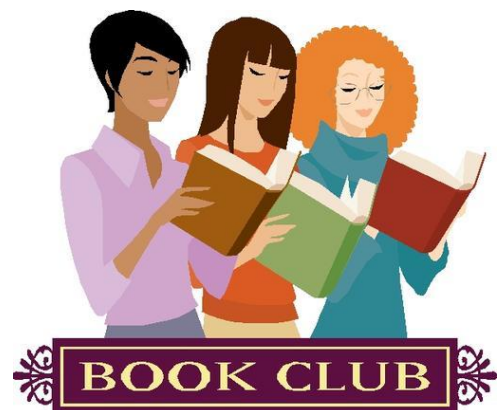
Three weeks later on **Monday 16th April** we will be defending the **Ken McArthur Trophy** against **Melbourne Probus**, also at **Frankston Golf Club**.

Brian Coughlan and **Peter Long** have suggested a challenge match with the **Rotary Club of Frankston Sunrise Group**, who is a group of six who play each Monday. Details and arrangements are to be confirmed.

Investment Club: **Max Batchelor** announced that it was time for celebration! The All Ords had passed the 6000 mark. Back in November 2007 it had reached 7000. Over the last ten years it has since dropped by 54%. The investment group is doing very well, due mostly to the Ladies who are up 22% overall. The Men are up by 8.8%. With dividends the group is up by 13.8%. The most outstanding member is **Diane** whose portfolio is now showing almost 50% profit. The tipping competition for what the All Ords will be on December 31st is going on in the background, and so far **Bob Graham** is leading with 6066.

Fine Dining: **Cathy Toft** advised that she is in the process of checking out a venue for February 2018. She then called on **Barry Rawlings** to give a report on the outing to 1001 Nights.

Book Club: **Jane Long** gave a report on the book for October, which was **My Brilliant Friend** by **Elena Ferrante**. Set in Naples in the 1950's, it follows the lives of two girls growing up in the slums amid poverty and corruption. Both excel at school with one staying in the slum area, the other escaping through education. Some of the group liked the book, some found it bogged down with detail, others thought it should be made into a film.



Speakers: Our 10 minute speaker was **Henry Hammond** who spoke about **Raffles Hotel** in **Singapore**, where he was posted in the 1950's. With the aid of old photographs, Henry talked about its origins, its grandeur, and its popularity that still exists today. It was established by Armenian hoteliers, the Sarkies Brothers, in 1887 and was named after British statesman Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles, the founder of Singapore. Henry described how the hotel became the focal point for the ex-pats, and for cruise ship companies to take their guests. He also talked about the famous billiard room, where women were once not allowed. It is evident that Henry has fond memories of Raffles, and was last there in 2004 when he and his wife celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary.





The main speaker today was **Andrew Swaine** from **Mornington Railway Preservation Society**. Andrew gave a brief summary of how the railway network began in Victoria, the reasons behind its inception, and its decline, with the aid of overhead photographs. He then went on to describe how the society was formed and the

reasons why there is a need to preserve steam trains and rail network.

The Mornington Railway Preservation Society (MRPS) was formed out of a public meeting in 1984 with the objective of securing access to the then-closed Mornington railway line. The vision was to reopen it as a heritage railway, focusing on the operation of steam-hauled passenger trains. In 1991 the MRPS was granted a State Government Order in Council, giving access and operating rights to the line, so it could be operated as a heritage railway.

At present the heritage railway runs between Moorooduc station and the completely new Mornington station, which is sited at Yuilles Road in Mornington. This station was opened formally on Sunday 18 April 1999, as just a platform for pull-push working. A run-around loop was added at a later stage. There is an intermediate stop at Tanti Park station. Plans are for the remaining section of line between Moorooduc station and Baxter station to be restored.

The society has approximately 200 members, with about 50 being active volunteers. There are many plans being mooted, which include extending the rail line and acquiring more trains. Andrew has been involved with MRPS for over 30 years and his enthusiastic and eloquent presentation was well received by the members. **John Fleiner**, a noted train buff himself, gave a vote of thanks and presented Andrew with a bottle of wine.



FUTURE SPEAKERS



Today: Short Talk: **Margaret McArthur**
Main Talk: **Carolyn Pethik – A woman in the Police Force**

January: Short Talk: There are **no** speakers this month.
Main Talk:

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



8 Beryl Vogwell	10 Joan Baillie
12 Joyce Pollock	14 Carol Spencer
14 John Roberts	17 Pat Mattingly
18 Henry Hammond	21 Sylvia Chambers

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Tours and Outings Mardi Malone 9775 3546



There are **no** outings planned for January or February.



Coffee & Chat @ Degani's Please note there will be **no** Coffee & Chat in December.

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



Dinner at **Vinnies Pizza Boys Restaurant**
57 Mt Eliza Way (next to Flight Centre), at 6pm on
Wednesday 21 February 2018.

Set Menu, 2 courses **\$55 pp**, consisting of 3 shared starters and a choice of 4 main courses consisting of chicken, lamb, fish and veal or the above plus a choice of three desserts for **\$65pp**.

Both choices accompanied by a glass of house red or white wine.

Otherwise the restaurant is fully licensed.

Please contact **Cathy Toft** for details and bookings on **9787 9561**

Day at Queenscliff – 22 November 2017



It was a delightful day spent at Queenscliff. Despite it being hot, travelling there by ferry, accompanied by a school of dolphins, we had a lovely sea breeze so we didn't seem to notice the weather at all. Following a short walk across the pier to Barry Iddles' restaurant, '**360 Degrees**', we lunched with boats bobbing up and down almost beside our table. It's always so good to get together with fellow members to chat and try and solve the world's problems! On our return we all agreed that it had been a very pleasant day.



Norma Binks
12 March 1933 ... 12 November 2017



Sadly we acknowledge the passing of **Norma Binks**, a quiet and lovely woman. She was not only a valued member of Probus, she also contributed to the Frankston Uniting Church for over thirty years, and served on the Ladies Auxiliary of the Frankston Secondary College long after her children had left the school. Norma loved playing cards and tennis, and attended many Probus outings with her husband **Len**. Many people agree that she was the finest and nicest person they knew. The world is a little sadder with her passing.



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 8th January 2018 at the Uniting Church, Canadian Bay Rd. Mount Eliza.

Next Committee Meeting: 9.30am on Monday 22nd January 2018 at the home of Brian and Maxine Coughlan.

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