



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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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Probus Friends,

Our AGM is next month and as a change in our Probus Committee approaches, I ask you all to please stop and think what the best way forward is for our Club. We need members to come forward and take a more active role.

We need to plan for the coming year and discern what it is that we want out of our Club.

It is lovely to make new friends and have coffee together or maybe lunch. But what more would you like?

A trip to Phillip Island? A Ferry boat ride through the docks of Melbourne to Williamstown with fish and chips to eat on the return trip? Perhaps a few days in Wangaratta, Milawa or Bright to see the autumn leaves. Beechworth and maybe Yarrowonga? Or even a few days in Marysville.

If you would like to join a sub-committee for outings please let us know. If you would like to be our Committee Convener please let us know.

Is there a lady or gentleman in the Club who would like to be Vice President, even if it is only for one year? Please, please come and talk to us. It is not a demanding role but a necessary one for us to fill.



Carol

OUR JANUARY MEETING

Attendance: 45 present 24 apologies 2 non-responses 2 visitors

President: **Carol Spencer** welcomed all members and visitors to the meeting and hoped that everyone would enjoy the morning tea, and in lieu of a main speaker, participate in the **Trivia Competition** to be run by **Jane Long**. She then advised the club of the passing of **Cathy Toft's** husband **Lars**, and that on behalf of the club, she had extended our sympathy to Cathy and her family. Cathy has asked that she have two months leave of absence. Consequently the **Fine Dine Out** at **Vinnies** in February has been cancelled.

A new speaker has been organised for February. He is **John Mitchell** who runs **Montalto**.

Carol then wished "**Bon Voyage**" to all who are going on the **NZ cruise** next month, as they leave on the day before the next meeting.

Carol reminded members of the **AGM** in March, and that nomination forms for the committee are to be received by **February 26th**. There will be no formal changeover lunch this year, but members are invited to lunch at the **Canadian Bay Hotel** after the **March** General meeting.

Secretary: **Brian Coughlan** proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. Some correspondence was received, including a lovely Thankyou card from the family of **Norma Binks**.

Treasurer: **Andy Troy** did not have a great deal to report. Normal expenses were received for the month. As only a few photos had been received for the photo competition, it will be postponed until next month.

Welfare: **Maxine Coughlan** reported that both **Brian Mellady** and **Robin Cooper** are slowly recuperating from their respective surgeries. **Alan Moore** has recovered from his chest infection, and **Bill Lumley** is now settled in Ti Tree Lodge and is quite frail.

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**. Probus Central generally plays as mixed pairs, so Lady Golfers are encouraged to join in on the day.



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

As mentioned at the last meeting, we have been approached by the **Rotary Club of Frankston (Sunrise)** for a challenge match. **Frankston Golf Club** has been booked for **Monday 21st May 2018**, subject to confirmation with our challengers.

Investment Club: **Max Batchelor** reported that he has all the portfolios for 2018 up to date. There are two new members, **Herman Schneider** and **Gunther Steinbecker**, which brings the membership up to 20. **Henry Hammond** won last year's **All Ord Tipping Competition** by predicting that the count would be **6200**. The actual figure was **6167**. Although most people had been pessimistic, the share market did much better than expected. During the first four days of this year, one of **Andy Troy's penny dreadful** stock shares had gone up by 29% and another by 50%.





Book Club: Wendy Griffiths advised that the first meeting for the year is **Monday February 5th**. There are currently 10 members in the group, and that there are vacancies for some casual members who can fill in when a member is on holidays. Please contact Wendy if you are interested in being a casual member.

Speakers: Margaret McArthur spoke today about her ancestors in Gippsland. Her Great Grandparents had migrated from Scotland to Australia in 1856 seeking their fortune. Being an engineer, her Great Grandfather was soon able to find work in Sale and eventually run his own business. They raised a family of five in Sale, one of which was William, Margaret's Grandfather. He left school at age fifteen to work in a haberdashery shop where he met and married his boss's niece from Ireland – another Margaret. William soon opened his own store in 1888, and it was the first department store in Gippsland. Known as WD Leslie Pty Ltd, the business gradually expanded into many other towns in the Gippsland area. Margaret's father managed the Maffra store. As a child Margaret recalls being permitted to trigger the pulley that shot the overhead canisters containing the change for the customers. Despite some hardships, the family became very well respected and extremely successful.



FUTURE SPEAKERS

Today: Short Talk: **Graeme Buckley**
Main Talk: **John Mitchell – Montalto and Tucks Ridge**

March: Short Talk: No speaker due to AGM
Main Talk: No speaker due to AGM



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 3 Peter Long | 5 Sonia Troy |
| 7 Diane Griffiths | 21 Barry Wyatt |
| 22 Charles Meyer | |



FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Tours and Outings Mardi Malone 9775 3546

Thursday 22nd February 12.30 pm Flinders Hotel Bistro. Carpooling is available if required. Because February's weather is renowned for being hot, the Committee thought it best to play it safe and not have a strenuous, out-doors event.



Monday 19th March AGM and Lunch at CB'S. Seated on the Mezzanine level - please let Mardi know during the break at the general meeting if you intend coming.

Because Easter looms the following week, no outings have been arranged for March.

Monday 16th April 12.30 - 5pm. Friendship Day at Mornington Racecourse. \$42 pp The Probus Association of Victoria has arranged this special day which includes admission, Race Book, reserved seating, 2 course seniors' meal, tea & coffee and a cash bar. **Please indicate if you would like to attend at our meeting on February 12th with the money if possible.**

Coffee & Chat @ Degani's Tuesday February 20th 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. The table to the right of the door will be reserved for us.

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 \$23. Please let Carol know if you would like to attend by Morning Tea, so that she can make the booking.



TRIVIA COMPETITION

In lieu of a main speaker at the January Meeting, the club enjoyed a Trivia Competition run by **Jane Long**. It was a lot of fun, and the club extends its thanks to Jane for her effort and enthusiasm.



VALE HAL BREIDAHIL

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of **Hal Breidahl**, who had reluctantly resigned from our club last year due to ill health. Hal had been a member of the Club for 16 years, being responsible for Speakers for 2 years in 2005/6 and 2006/7, and Welfare in 2012/13. Hal graduated MBBS from Melbourne University in 1948, and MD in 1952. He then spent 3 years as intern and registrar at the Alfred Hospital before going overseas for one year at the Mayo Clinic in the USA, and two years at hospitals in London. His highly regarded professional life was spent mainly at the Alfred Hospital in Melbourne - from student in 1946 to Consultant Physician in Diabetes from 1964 until retirement in 1984. He remained in private practice in Endocrinology until 1996.

Hal gave many talks, both long and short – usually about topics relating to his career in medicine, travels and persian rugs. Because of his lengthy experience lecturing medical students, he was an interesting & entertaining speaker. Our thoughts and condolences go to his wife Meg and family.

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 19th March 2018 at the Uniting Church, Canadian Bay Rd. Mount Eliza.

Next Committee Meeting: 9.30am on Monday 26th February 2018 at the home of Keith and Carol Spencer.

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