



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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Committee Members 2017-18	
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Tours/Ent: Mardi Malone 9775 3546	Speakers: James Malone 9775 3546
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Probus Friends,

Don McDonald owner of **Mornington Automotive Specialists** has offered our Probus Club a sponsorship for the service of a vehicle to the value of \$250. Don has been working in his business for many years and offers a very valued service to many of our members. His mother just happens to be one of our members – **Liz McDonald**. Don is a very reputable motor mechanic and makes sure the job is done well and to a high standard. I have no hesitation in recommending him and we thank him for approaching us with his generous offer.



We enjoyed a wonderful day out at Red Hill. The weather was sunny and mild – just perfect. The goat farm at the **Main Ridge Dairy** was fun. Our beautiful hosts and friendly goats are just so lovely. **Bess Noxon** showed the members around the dairy and the farm. After lunch at **Montalto** it was on to the distillery. Thank you **Mardi**, for a well-organized outing.

Our lunch at **1001 Nights** in Mt Eliza on Friday October 27th was a great success. It was a banquet served at the table – really different food but so enjoyable. Thank you **Cathy**.

Please put your name down for our **Christmas Lunch on Dec 1st at Mornington Golf Club**. The club will be subsidizing this outing and it will cost you only **\$20**. You will need to pay at our meeting in November. If you are in need of a lift to the Christmas Lunch please let us help you by approaching a committee member and letting them know.

Congratulations **Brian and Maxine Coughlan** on the occasion of your **Golden Wedding Anniversary**. Our very best wishes go to you for your future together. We do hope you enjoyed your trip to the Barossa Valley.

Carol

OUR OCTOBER MEETING

Attendance: 50 present 21 apologies 3 non-responses 2 visitors

President: **Carol Spencer** welcomed all members and visitors and acknowledged birthdays. She announced that due to **Estelle's** absence, **Jan Marshall** would be providing the refreshments. She spoke of how from time to time, there is need to change our 10-minute speakers and she thanked the members for understanding these last minute changes. At the last committee meeting there was a discussion about the need to have a January meeting, as this month is often a busy time with family and friends. Carol then sought input from the floor. **John Chambers** advised that he had no opposition to the idea but reminded us about the Club's Standard Regulations on this matter. Another point was made that a lot of people go away in January but of course many are at a loose end. A vote was taken but there was no clear indication by a show of hands either for or against, so it was decided NOT to cancel the January meeting.

Vice President: **Brian Mellady** was on holidays in Queensland. [This meeting was recorded on Brian's new recording device by James so that the bulletin for November could be written up.] Debbie and John return in October from their holidays.

Secretary: **Brian Coughlan** proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. **Peter Long** moved and **Beryl Vogwell** seconded. Brian read out correspondence received. Not much received of vital interest to the Club.

Treasurer: **Andy Troy** recovering from the flu advised that the flu injection didn't work. He then advised the members of the club's current financial situation. He finished by announcing that since there were only 2 entries of photos for the month, there would be no prize awarded. After some debate it was decided that there would be a specific theme for each month.

Tours and Outings: **Mardi Malone** advised that the outing to **Cruden Farm** was a lovely day. It started with morning tea. **Michael** the gardener, who had been with **Dame Elizabeth** for 47 years gave us a very informative tour. This was followed by lunch at **McClelland Gallery**.

Mardi then talked about the upcoming outings to the Frankston Art Centre and the visit to the Red Hill area giving details of the itinerary. She also advised the following events:

Friday November 10th at Frankston Arts Centre "From Broadway to Ballroom" stars the **2015 World Dance Council Champions Emma** and **Rhett Salmon** and seasoned opera performers **Liza Beamish** and **Lachlan Baker**.

Wednesday November 22nd An outing to **Queenscliff**. Lunch will be 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** was pleased that there was little to report. Alan Moore remains in remission and is doing extremely well and has moved into a 5 star bay view front room at Andrew Kerr and hopes to be able to attend a meeting next month. Jane Long announced that if you are allergic to egg you should not have the flu shot.

Speakers: **James Malone** announced that the main speaker for today was **Bess Noxon** from **Main Ridge Dairy**, with **Catherine Johnson** doing a ten minute talk on her experiences volunteering in Zambia. He also announced forthcoming speakers for the rest of the year.

House: **Jan Marshall** standing in for **Estelle** hoped that everyone would enjoy the morning tea that she had provided.

Golf: Graeme Buckley reported: “On September 25th we played our friendly match against Melbourne Probus at FGC. The best player from each team received a bottle of wine. Alan Day, who is 93 years of age, won with 18 points for Melbourne Probus. Ray Manchester, who represented Mount Eliza Probus, also won with 18 points.



Altogether, there were a total of 10 players who braved the adverse weather. It was disappointing that only four Mount Eliza Probus members (and two invitees) were there to represent us, namely David Woodlock, Max Batchelor, Peter Long and Graeme Buckley. Let’s hope we get a better turnout when the weather improves”.

Investment Club: Max Batchelor once again gave a very amusing and informative report. The stock market has been up and down all year, but last Friday, after nine months of struggle, it was only up by 1%, which equalled the whole year! Our competition was doing very well compared to the market. Its capital gain is up by 4.8% and with dividends it is up 7.3%. Diane is leading the field by being 41% up so far this year. This is due mostly by her investment into A2 Milk which is up 221% this year, CSL and Cochlear. Joan Baillie is running second, she also has A2 Milk. Liz McDonald is running third place with 22.7% profit. The Ladies have an average return of 13.6%, while the Men are tracking at 3.6%.

Fine Dining: **Cathy Toft** said that she had some true “fake news”! There was a rumour that 1001 Nights had closed down. This was indeed fake news! She then reminded members of the next Fine Dining Lunch at **1001 Nights on Friday 27th October**.

Book Club: “Bereft” by Chris Womersley Report by Catherine Johnson

An easy, although at times bleak read, this story tells of a 26 year old soldier returning, albeit aimlessly, to his hometown of Flint in NSW from where ten years previously he fled under the suspicion of having raped and murdered his dear sister.



Book Club members voiced various levels of enjoyment in the book, but it was a book largely lauded by critics and was short-listed for the 2011 Miles Franklin Awards.

Speakers: Our 10 minute speaker was **Catherine Johnson**, who had decided to do some volunteering in Zambia – the country of her birth. She worked for a not for profit organisation that mainly looked after orphans, where 16% are affected by AIDS. With accompanying photos, Catherine described how the volunteers built huts from broken down ant hills and branches from trees. The accommodation was quite basic, with tents and huts for sleeping, communal eating areas and water heated by a constant wood fire. All volunteers were given the opportunity to go on a safari, where they saw many elephants, giraffes and monkeys. Catherine also visited the local hospital where she observed very basic care for the patients, who had to provide their own bedding and food, and had to have a relative with them at all times. Catherine said that it was a wonderful experience, but would now prefer to donate money now that she has seen where the money is spent.





The main speaker today was **Bess Noxon** from **Main Ridge Goat Dairy**. Currently they are milking over 200 goats on a 130 acre farm in Main Ridge. They are all named and free range on the family property. They are milked on a two year lactation and they run a split herd with one herd kidding every year, this enables them to have milk every day of the year. The shed is an eight sided herringbone and is designed to be very gentle on the milk. Goat milk is much more

fragile in composition than cow's milk and is best handled very gently.

Much time is spent developing the optimal feed regime to have the goat in great condition and producing milk of the highest quality through all seasons. They are supplemented with hay and silage and fed a special grain and mineral mix in the dairy.

Maintaining the environmental values of the property is very important to the Noxon family. All large areas of remnant vegetation and creeks have been fenced to exclude stock and over 5000 indigenous plants have been planted in shelterbelts to link these areas. As a result of these efforts the farm has won the Peninsula VFF Landcare Award and is registered under the Land for Wildlife Scheme.

The cheesery is located at the front of the beautiful farm and consists of a sales outlet adjacent to the cheese factory, which allows cheese lovers a view into the 'Manufacturing room' and a 'Maturing room'. At the cheesery, cheese tastings are offered and sales of the cheeses and some platters can be enjoyed in or outside, as well as sales of many cheese related products.

(Some of this report has been taken from the website)

PROBUS OUTING FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER by James and Mardi Malone



Friday October 20th provided a very enjoyable day at Red Hill. We began with an informative and entertaining tour of the **Main Ridge Goat**

Dairy where we were introduced to a delightful herd of goat kids and shown how their milk is converted into excellent cheeses. The visit included coffee and a delicious tasting plate of the Dairy's several cheeses.

Then on to **Montalto Winery** for a superb two hour lunch with many more tasting sensations and a glass (or two) of the winery's excellent varieties.

Next stop was the **Bass and Flinders Distillery**. Due to time and others commitments not all of us could join the most interesting talk about the distillery, its products and production processes but those who did found the visit extremely interesting and informative.

FUTURE SPEAKERS



Today: Short Talk: **Henry Hammond** – Raffles Hotel Singapore
Main Talk: **Andrew Swaine** - President of the Mornington Railway Preservation Society

December: Short Talk: **Bill Lumley**
Main Talk: **Carolyn Pethik** – A woman in the Police.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4 Maxine Coughlan 4 Cathy Toft 6 Robert Stephen 19 Bette Wilson
20 Alan Moore 29 Jenifer Wrigley



FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Tours and Outings **Mardi Malone** 9775 3546



Wednesday November 22nd: Lunch at Queenscliff. We'll take the Ferry trip from Sorrento to Queenscliff at 11.00 am. There is parking at the end of the pier, but you must arrive early in order to buy a parking ticket and return to your car to display it on the dashboard. Lunch at **360 Degrees Restaurant** (\$35 - set 2 course menu or à la carte). Depending on the numbers the ferry will cost between \$12 and \$14. The restaurant will pay for the ferry costs and we will reimburse the restaurant when we pay for our lunch on the day. Mardi will be at the ferry terminal to meet our members and explain the procedure to board the ferry.

Friday December 1st Christmas Lunch - To be held at the **Mornington Golf Club**. It will be in their upstairs room and although there are some steps to climb, it is worth the effort. Light and airy with large windows providing a lovely view out to the grounds and Bay. Do come along and join the festivities. On arrival we will be offered a drink (house wine, tap beer or soft drink), canapes, a delicious 2 course Christmas lunch, as well as tea and coffee. Not to mention Kris Kringle's gifts for everyone and raffle prizes. Our Club is subsidizing the event so it will only cost us **\$20**.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PAY AT THE NEXT MEETING ON NOVEMBER 13th.

Also, please bring a **KRIS KRINGLE GIFT** to the value of **\$15 - \$20**. ***Something that you would like yourself.***

Friday December 8th - Frankston Arts Centre -
Christmas Spectacular - Thirty years of a mix of traditional Xmas Carols, contemporary songs and a whole lot of laughs in between. **\$20 pp**



Coffee & Chat @ Degani's Tuesday 21st November 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. 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



On October 27th some members attended lunch at **1001 Nights in Mt Eliza**. It was a two course menu that included hummus dip with flat bread and various other nibbles for entrée, a choice of chicken, lamb and vegetable tagine for the main course, followed by Baklava, Turkish Delight and tea or coffee. It was a most delicious lunch enjoyed by all. Thanks to **Cathy Toft** for arranging another successful Fine Dining experience.

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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 December 2017 at the Uniting Church, Canadian Bay Rd. Mount Eliza.

Next Committee Meeting: 9.30am on Monday 27th November 2017 at the home of Brian and Lyn Mellady.

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