



# PROBUS CLUB OF MOUNT ELIZA *INC*

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2017-2018

To be tabled at the Annual General Meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2018

Thank you for the privilege of being your President this past year.

The support from our members throughout the year for meetings and outings has been warm and friendly.

Our membership numbers have stayed much the same, although we have had some members away throughout the year for various reasons. We regretfully lost two very dear friends – **Vic Anderson** and **Norma Binks**. They are sadly missed.

We welcomed into our club three new members **Hermann Schneider**, Guenter **Steinbrecher** and **David Howell**. It is wonderful to have three new friends.

My thanks go to our committee members – firstly **Brian Mellady** for setting up the website for our club. Have you checked it out? Our wonderful hard working secretary **Brian Coughlan**, always a tower of strength, our Treasurer **Andy Troy** – very reliable

**Debbie Fleiner**, for the updating of our Bulletin and sending it via the internet. You are a treasure Debbie – it is a wonderful Bulletin. **Mardi Malone**, for the constant job of organizing outings, which we all really enjoy, and **James Malone**, for organizing some very interesting speakers. **Maxine Coughlan**, for her continual visits to our ailing members, and phone calls to keep us updated with their health issues. **Estelle Gold**, for organizing the yummy morning teas, with the help of **Bev** and **Max Moloney** and to all the helpers who bring along their delicious contributions. To our very faithful **John Roberts** for keeping our membership records up to date.

My thanks also go to **Cathy Toft** who organized our fine dining. We had some really lovely meals at some wonderful venues.



The Book Exchange and DVD Table, overseen by **Bob Stephens**, is the first stop off for our members as they come in to the meetings. This has been a very popular and successful exchange service. Thank you Bob.

The Activities Groups continue to provide opportunities for members to extend their interests. The Investment Group led by **Max Batchelor**, the Book Club by **Wendy Griffiths** and the Golf Group led by **Graeme Buckley**.

We have a wonderful group of people who help to set up tables, chairs etc. before meetings. Thank you to **Max Moloney**, **Brian Coughlan**, **Peter Long**, and to **Peter Edkins** and **Mike Newman**, who provide valuable assistance with the audio/visual equipment.

Thank you to **Barry Rawlings**, "Mr. Music Man" as I have named him, what a wonderful musical talent, and for the often useful extensive notes he makes at our meetings.

A big thank you to **David Woodlock** who has once again stepped forward to audit our books and has agreed to do it again next year.

I have been blessed this year with the wonderful people of our Club who have made this year so enjoyable.

Thank you all.

**Carol Spencer**

### OUR FEBRUARY MEETING

**Attendance:** 46 present 21 apologies 6 non-responses 2 visitors

**President:** **Carol Spencer** welcomed members and visitors to the meeting, and announced that her brother-in-law **John Mitchell** from **Montalto** would be today's main speaker.

Carol then acknowledged the passing of **Hal Breidahl**, a highly respected member of our community and a one minute silence was observed by the members.

Members are invited to lunch at **CBs** after the **AGM** next month, and a call was made for members to come forward to fill vacancies on the 2018-19 committee.

Birthdays were then acknowledged.

**Vice President:** **Brian Mellady** advised that his operation has been a success and he is slowly on the mend. He then put out a call to the members for a person to come forward to be **Vice President**, and for someone to take over **Tours and Entertainment**. These roles will have support from other committee members if the need arises.

**Secretary:** **Brian Coughlan** proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.

**Treasurer:** **Andy Troy** had little to report as there had been little activity. There had been a poor response for the photo competition; however there were eight photos to vote on. It was decided that next month's theme would be "animals"

**Tours and Entertainment:** **Mardi Malone** advised that she needed numbers for the lunch at **Flinders Hotel** on Thursday February 22<sup>nd</sup> and the **Frankston Arts Centre** is showing **The Pirates of Penzance** on Friday March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mardi then mentioned that she needed numbers for those intending to have lunch at **CBs** after the AGM, and also numbers for the **Friendship Day at Mornington Racecourse** on Monday April 16<sup>th</sup>

Two suggestions have been forwarded - a trip to **Bright** from May 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> and an outing on the **Tramboat** Tuesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> being run by Redhill Probus. Expressions of interest are welcome.

**Welfare:** Maxine Coughlan welcomed **Brian Mellady** and **Robin Cooper**, back from their respective surgeries. She then advised that **Barry Rawlins**, **Sylvia Chambers** and **Catherine Johnson** have all had surgery and are recovering. A condolence card has been sent on behalf of the club to **Meg Breidahl** and family.

**Inductions:** **Carol Spencer** proceeded to induct **Guenter Steinbrecher** and **David Hill** into the club.



**Guenter** was introduced by **Mike Newman** who advised that they had met at **U3A**. Guenter was born in a suburb near Munich and was sent to Australia in 1967 by his employer Hoechst on a four year contract. By 1971 he had become romantically involved and decided to stay. He was with the company for 40 years and retired in 2005.

Since retirement he has joined **Rotary** and enjoys singing in the **Welsh Male Choir**.



**David Hill** was introduced by **Carol**, who had spotted David when he decided to visit our Probus meeting. He is a Carpenter/Joiner by trade, and has been in the building industry for the whole of his 70+ years. He has been involved with six local governments in various positions, including Township Engineer in Zambia, in the UK and here in Mornington as a Building Inspector and as Assistant Engineer.

**Golf:** **Graeme Buckley** advised that the next match will be on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.



Cost is \$40 a round for non-members of the Frankston Golf Club and free for members. Everyone is to meet at 9am for a 9.30am tee-off. Following nine holes, there will be a BBQ lunch. Players are welcome to play another nine holes after lunch if they are capable. Graeme will be asking for golfers to put their names forward at the March meeting.

Later in the year, we will be hosted by **Probus Central of Mount Eliza** to play at **Bembridge Golf Club**.

**Investment Club:** **Max Batchelor** reported that there is a lot of red on the chart which is not a good sign. The stock market went down and the US has had a 10% correction. Australia always follows suit, however the Australian market was only down about 3.5% versus the Americans who were down about 11%. It is possible that this correction has done the right thing and taken off the pressure.

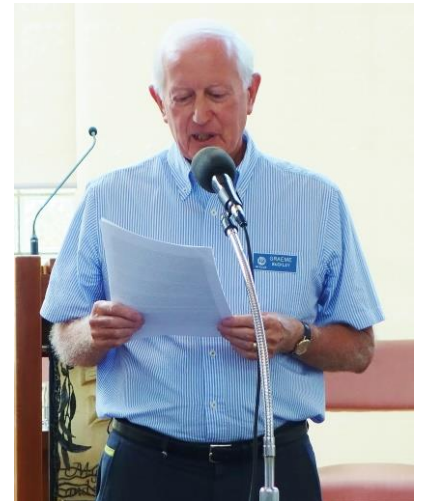


The competition is doing well. **Andy Troy** is 6.8% in the black, and **Liz McDonald** is 10.2%.

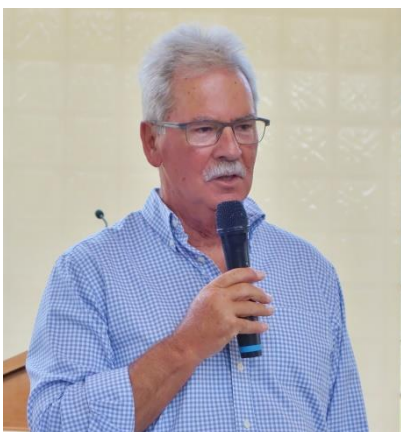


**Book Club:** Wendy Griffiths advised that the first meeting was held on Monday February 5<sup>th</sup>. The yearly arrangements were organised, followed by a lovely lunch. Our first book for the year is **Major Pettigrew's Last Stand** by **Helen Simonson**. There is still room in the group for some casual members who perhaps would just like to read one or two books in the year. There is always members going on holidays, and this creates temporary vacancies.

**Speakers:** **Graeme Buckley** spoke today about his “**Two Years in Taiwan**” which resulted in twenty exciting years in Asia for he and his wife Lorraine. At the age of 29, Graeme was offered the position of General Manager in the Taiwan office in Taipei, by the Personnel Director of the Monsanto Chemical Company where he had worked for the previous eight years. Initially neither Graeme nor Lorraine knew where Taiwan was, but they soon became accustomed to the culture and lifestyle, and the amusing English mistakes in the local China Post. They travelled extensively with friends in Taiwan and spent a lot of their leisure time with American ex pats.



At the end of the two year stint, Graeme was offered a five year position in Jakarta Indonesia. Lorraine was six months pregnant with their first child at the time, but despite the difficulties they said “yes”. From there they lived in various Asian countries and they developed a deep appreciation of other races, cultures, religions, food and work ethics.



**John Fleiner** introduced our main speaker today, who was **John Mitchell** from **Montalto Winery**.

After several years living overseas, John and his wife purchased a small vineyard on the Mornington Peninsular with a view to relaxing and enjoying the property. Within a couple of years, their daughter indicated that she and her husband wanted to come on board with the project. An architect was found and a building designed that incorporated a kitchen, and a gallery. From there Montalto was created. The restaurant was opened in 2002 to a full house.

The property also boasts a sculpture garden, a Piazza, and is a sponsor of the Wheeler Centre for Books Writing and Ideas. They recently purchased Tucks Ridge, a property adjoining Montalto, which opened last year after some renovations. It offers inexpensive fresh quality food in a lovely setting.

Although John had virtually no experience in growing wine grapes and wine making, he has produced top quality boutique wines that have won several awards. Along with fantastic restaurants, gallery and sculpture garden, John and his wife Wendy have created a very successful business.



## FUTURE SPEAKERS



**Today:** Short Talk: No speaker due to AGM  
Main Talk: No speaker due to AGM

**April:** Short Talk: TBA  
Main Talk: TBA

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS



3 James Malone  
5 Keith Spencer  
12 Lindsay Gordon  
25 Jan Marshall

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

**Tours and Outings** Mardi Malone 9775 3546

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Coffee & Chat @ Degani's** Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup> 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.



## BUS TRIP TO BRIGHT

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Tour Departs: Tuesday 15th May, 2018  
Tour Returns: Friday 18th May, 2018  
Deposit: \$200 per person upon booking  
Balance due on invoice approximately 30 days prior to departure

### **Tour Price Includes:**

- \* **Pick up from and return to the Uniting Church, Canadian Bay Road, Mt Eliza. Departing: 8.00am and returning 5 / 5.30pm.**
- \* Minimum 20 passengers.
- \* **2 Coach Crew** - Driver and Tour Director
- \* Travel by our own state of the art luxury coach, equipped with **restroom**, satellite phone, fold-down arm rests, **seat belts** and **extra leg room**. Our coach has a 'kneeling' device and **second door** for ease of entry and disembarkation. Our coach is also fitted with 'Road Cam' TV monitors which display in real time the road ahead. The coach offers a **smooth quiet** ride and views through large **panoramic windows**.
- \* **Quality** ensuite motel accommodation.
- \* **All tours** and interest venues as per itinerary.
- \* **Meals:** Full cooked breakfasts, dinners, most lunches and morning teas. (1 lunch at own expense as per itinerary)

### **The following cancellation fees apply for this tour: Deposit refundable until 30 days prior to departure**

30 to 15 days	<b>BEFORE DEPARTURE</b>	<b>75% Refund of Tour Cost</b>
14 to 8 days	<b>BEFORE DEPARTURE</b>	<b>50% Refund of Tour Cost</b>
7 to 1 days	<b>BEFORE DEPARTURE</b>	<b>25% Refund of Tour Cost</b>
On or after	<b>Departure date of Tour</b>	<b>NO REFUND GIVEN</b>

All passengers are required to co-operate with the seat rotation program determined by O'Shannessy's Tour Directors.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE IS NOT COMPULSORY HOWEVER IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED AND IS AVAILABLE FROM OUR OFFICE.**

**The Proprietors reserve the right to vary any accommodation, price or other features of the tour at any time at their own discretion.**



**We are asking for expressions of interest for this wonderful all-inclusive four day trip to Bright. It is terrific value for money, and we need a minimum of TWENTY people for it to be viable. Max Maloney has put this together, so let him know ASAP.**



Seen on the internet.



Seen at our probus meeting.

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)

**Next General Meeting: 9.45am on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at the Uniting Church, Canadian Bay Rd. Mount Eliza.**

**Next Committee Meeting: 9.30am on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at the home of Brian and Lyn Mellady.**

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**The Probus Club of Mount Eliza Inc.**

***Meeting Dates for 2018 / 2019***

<b>General Meeting</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mondays at 09.45 am	<b>Management Committee Meeting</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays at 09.30 am
<b>2018</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>March 19</b> <b>Annual General Meeting</b>	<b>March 26</b> Joint Meeting of outgoing & incoming Management Committees
<i>Monday</i> <b>March 19</b> After AGM Lunch @ CB Hotel, Mount Eliza	
April 9	April 23
May 14	May 28
June 18	June 25
July 9	July 23
August 13	August 27
September 10	September 24
October 8	October 22
November 12	November 26
December 10	<i>No meeting</i>
<b>2019</b>	<b>2019</b>
January 14	January 15
Nomination Forms distributed	
February 11	February 25
AGM Notice distributed	
<b>March 18</b> Annual General Meeting	March 25
<b>March</b> Changeover Lunch (TBA)	

*Please note that when 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays are holidays, the General Meeting is on the following Monday, e.g. March, 2018 (Labour Day): June (Queen's Birthday).*

*Please note that when 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays are holidays, the Management Committee will normally meet on the following Monday.*