



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 2018-2019	
President: Brian Mellady 5973 6218	V/President: Jane Long 9781-5479
Secretary: Brian Coughlan 9775 3361	Treasurer: Andy Troy 9787 2146
Tours/Ent: Catherine Johnson 0413 928312	Speakers: John Fleiner 9775 2535
Membership: John Roberts 9787 1322	House: Max and Bev Moloney 9787-6358
Bulletin: Deborah Fleiner 9775 2535	Welfare: Sonia Troy 9787 2146

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am honored to be named President 2018 – 2019.

Carol Spencer has worked very hard to manage the affairs of the Club and provide outstanding activities to its members this past year. On your behalf I thank Carol and her committee for all the hard work which they have put in on our behalf.

For the upcoming year here are my goals: -

1. Create an environment in the Club for increased member participation.
2. Find out what Club Members want.
3. Emulate successful Clubs.
4. Inspire creativity and do new things so we can have more fun.
5. Embrace what we do well.
6. Advertise locally and be seen.
7. Increase membership by nett 3.
8. Help develop a longer-term attitude.
9. Care for all members.
10. Hold effective and hopefully shorter Management Meetings.



I'm certain with the Club's backing we will enjoy ourselves and have a lot of fun.

Brian Mellady

OUR MARCH MEETING

Attendance: 45 present 16 apologies 10 non-responses 1 visitor.

President: **Carol Spencer** welcomed members, visitors, and those who had returned from the New Zealand Cruise to the meeting. She also made special mention of **Barry Rawlings**, who had returned to Probus after being away. Barry has collated and bound the Bulletin from 1997, and each book contains five years' worth of bulletins. It is a marvellous record of the history of the club, from when it was a Men's only club, to current day. Carol invited members to take the opportunity to peruse the books.

Carol then acknowledged April Birthdays, two of which ended in "Zero". Happy Birthday was sung by all the members.

Vice President: **Brian Mellady** advised the members that the website is up to date and available on line. He also asked for members to support the committee by a show of hands, for the organisation of tours and entertainment. This is to take the pressure off one person doing all the work. The aim is for small committees to be formed for each event, coordinated by the Tours and Entertainment Person, who will report to the main committee.

Secretary: **Brian Coughlan** proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. Correspondence included ideas for outings, and a card from **Meg Breidahl**, thanking the club for its condolences on the passing of **Hal**. A resignation was received from **Imelda Hogan**.

Brian commented that **Robin Cooper** has come up with an idea of compiling a list of reliable local tradespeople for the members to have on hand.

The proposed trip to **Bright** still needs people to make it a viable event.

Treasurer: **Andy Troy** reported that the club had the usual outgoings for the month, and advised that a more comprehensive report would be given at the AGM. The pens have finally arrived and will be given to the winners of the photo competition. **Mardi Malone** was today's winner.

Tours and Entertainment: **Mardi Malone** advised that the lunch at the **Flinders Hotel** had been a very pleasant occasion, and she reminded the members of the day at the **Mornington Racecourse** on **April 16th** and that all monies had to be in today.

Frankston Art Centre is commemorating the 100th anniversary of end of the First World War with **Great Songs of the War Years** on **Tuesday April 24th** at **10.30am** for **\$20**.

Mardi also promoted the **Bright** trip, and urged members to participate.

Speakers: **James Malone** reported that there would be no speakers today because of the AGM, and that he had been unable to contact the speaker he had organised for April. **John Fleiner**, who is taking over the position of Speakers, advised that he had been able to get a member of the **Frankston Photography Club** to give a talk on Travel Photography.

John also indicated that he will be approaching members to give a 10 minute talk sometime in the year. Everyone has a story.

Welfare: **Maxine Coughlan** welcomed back **Catherine Johnson, Sylvia Chambers, Barry Rawlings** and **Margaret Kelly**, who have all had recent surgery. **Alan Moore** is currently in Peninsula Private, and **Bill Lumley** is not doing too well, and unlikely to return to Probus, even though he wants to stay a member.



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.



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.

Probus Central had five couples signed up, and Graeme asked for some more support from the members.

Later in the year, we will be hosted by **Probus Central of Mount Eliza** to play at **Bembridge Golf Club**. The **Ken McArthur Trophy** will be held on **Monday April 16th**.

Investment Club: **Max Batchelor** reported that the Ladies in the completion were still leading, with **Jan Marshall** up 22%, **Diane Griffiths** up 19% and **Liz McDonald** up 16.2%. Not a man in sight! The All Ords are down but the competition is breaking even. Max indicated that Self-Funded Retirees may have a problem with the possibility that imputation credits could be stopped, should Labour get in at the next election. Incomes will be substantially reduced should this happen.



Book Club: **Wendy Griffiths** standing in for **Jane Long** who was to give the report, said that for the first time, the whole group enjoyed the book "**Major Pettigrew's Last Stand**" by **Helen Simonson**. It was an enjoyable read, and all agreed that it would make a good TV series. When Wendy googled the book, she discovered that production is already taking place. The meeting was held at **Benito's**, which was a break from tradition, but we were well looked after by the owners of the restaurant.

A story of an English man who is staid and stuffy and resists change, preferring to live in the past with old fashioned values. He is bereft about the death of his youngest brother and finds solace with the local storekeeper Mrs Ali. His love of his father's Churchill shotguns features heavily throughout the book, so does his selfish son and snobbish members of the local golf club. A very good, easy read which is about to be made into a mini-series in the UK.

Report written by **Jane Long**

Speakers: Because of the AGM, no speakers were scheduled; however **Margaret McArthur** gave a very amusing talk on the recent New Zealand Cruise that she, **Lindsay Gordon, Pat Anthony** and **Neil** and

Estelle Gold participated in. The cruise went very well, and included sailing in to **Milford Sound**, with its magnificent waterfalls, a tour of **Christchurch** which is still being rebuilt after the earthquake, a wander around **Wellington** which was windy as usual, and **Gisborne**, which was hot and crowded. On the way home the ship had to avoid the cyclone that was approaching, and they had a very rocky two days at sea. Various high jinx took place during the cruise which included a premature celebration of Lindsay's birthday, and a determination to make sure that all the coffee (available from a free coffee card) was enjoyed.



*The General Meeting was closed by **Carol Spencer** at 10.30 am*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NO 33 MARCH 19th 2018

The **AGM** commenced after morning tea at 11.00am.

President: Carol Spencer asked that the minutes of the previous AGM be accepted and signed by the President and Secretary. There were no matters arising. She stated that she would not read the President's Report, as it had been published in the March Bulletin and on the notice board. The report was passed by the members.

Treasurer: Andy Troy announced that an audited copy of the Annual Treasurer's report was available for anyone who was interested. Receipts and payments were discussed. The major payments are for the rental of the hall, the Post Office Box and to Probus South Pacific. The Budget for the coming year based on a membership of 76 is also available for perusal. The annual subscriptions will remain at \$50.00. The minutes were passed by the members.

Election of Office Bearers: John Chambers announced that all positions were vacant and that there had been one nomination for each.

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All nominations were declared and appointed.



Brian Mellady as the new President thanked the members for their support and closed the meeting at 11.30 am.

FUTURE SPEAKERS



Today: Short: **Barry Rawlings** - the History of our club.
Main: **Max Bryant** - Ottawa & the Maritime Museum

May: Short: **TBA**
Main: **George McEncroe** - Shebah, Uber for Women.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

5 Brian Mellady 9 Judy Crook 9 Kay Stephen 11 Len Christie
12 Christine Hallam 25 Robin Cooper 29 Jane Long



FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



Tours and Outings Catherine Johnson 0413 928 312

Monday 16th April 12.30 - 5pm. Friendship Day at Mornington Race-course. \$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

There will be no Coffee & Chat for April.



Sylvia Chambers 9775 4498

Fine Dining Cathy Toft 0457 314 923

Le Bouchon French Cuisine 10 Russell St Balnarring.
on **Saturday April 28th at 12.30 pm.** Fixed three course menu, includes entrée, mains - choice of fish, steak or duck, choice of three desserts, and a glass of wine for **\$65** per person. Please advise Cathy ASAP if you would like to go. Car-pooling available if required.



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 \$23.50 Please let Carol know if you would like to attend by Morning Tea, so that she can make the booking.



Annual Subscriptions of \$50 per person are due now. Please bring you contribution and give it to the Treasurer at the next 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

Next General Meeting: 9.45am on Monday 14th May 2018 at the Uniting Church, Canadian Bay Rd. Mount Eliza.

Next Committee Meeting: 9.30am on Monday 23rd April 2018 at the home of Brian and Lyn Mellady.

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