

# 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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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We really appreciate the Club's understanding concerning our guest speakers. It was fantastic to see an increased level of support for our guest speaker at the last meeting.

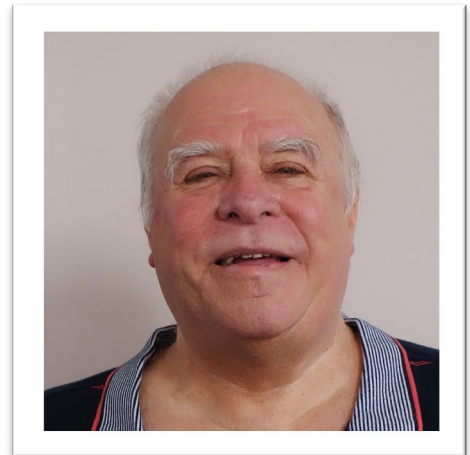
Hard work by the members and the committee in recruiting new members is bearing fruit. We are now ahead of the position we held at the beginning of this year when we lost members.

We have new members seeking induction and taking benefit from the temporary waiving of the joining fee. If newly inducted members feel that they cannot speak at their induction then that's alright. As they get to know us they maybe comfortable at a later stage in their membership.

Its great that some of our new members have made outstanding introductory talks and no doubt John Fleiner has their names for potential 10 minute speakers.

Once again Catherine and her team have developed an outstanding and interesting program for members enjoyment. Please get behind them and show your support and approval.

On the question of membership drives, I must apologise for making an inappropriate statement at the last meeting following Jane Long's announcements. The cost of an advertisement in the local newspapers is prohibitive at \$400.00 per advertisement and so the Committee has agreed that we will not be spending that money. We will find other ways to get the word out.



**Brian Mellady**

## OUR JUNE MEETING

**Attendance:** 51 Present 19 Apologies 4 Visitors 0 AWOL

**President:** **Brian Mellady** advised that to encourage new members to join the club, the \$20 joining fee will be waived for the time being. He then welcomed visitors and wished Happy Birthday to all those celebrating birthdays in June.

**Vice President:** **Jane Long** reported that the membership drive had been very successful with nine names collected. Some had come along to the meeting and that was very encouraging. Another drive will most likely be held at the Farmer's Market sometime in October or November.

**Secretary:** **Brian Coughlan** advised that the minutes had been distributed, and were moved and seconded. Most of the correspondence was handed to Catherine.



**Treasurer:** **Andy Troy** presented the monthly statement. The petty cash tin is working well and that online payments are now available. Photographs were on the board for perusal and voting. Next month is "Still Life". The theme for August is "Wildlife".

**Tours and Entertainment:** **Catherine Johnson** spoke of various proposed outings (please see details under Tours and Outings further in the bulletin). She advised that the boards for expressions of interest were on the table. Eight members went to **The Pig And Whistle**. It was a lot of fun until the fire started to send out a lot of smoke.

**Speakers:** **John Fleiner** announced that today's 10 minute speaker was **John Connon** on behalf of **Bill Lumley** who has been unwell for some time, and the main speaker **Rosie Clark**, councillor for Briars Ward. Next month will be **Ian McCann** from **Mornington Cinema**.

**Welfare:** **Sonia Troy** welcomed back **Robin Cooper, Bob Stephen, Neil and Estelle Gold, and John Fleiner**, all of whom had been absent the previous month due to health issues. **Roger Stretch** continues to be unwell.

**Book Club:** **Brian Mellady** reported that the book for May was "**Owls do Cry**" by **Janet Frame**. It was a very dark story, dealing with poverty, grief and mental health issues. Most of the group did not enjoy it very much, but **Bob Stephen** provided a more balanced opinion.

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**Investment:** **Max Batchelor** invited the visitors to join the group at Norwood House for lunch as they may be interested in the discussion.

The group has twenty members, **Catherine** has left, but **Paul Harvey** has agreed to join. The stock market is not good at all and the All Ords only up by .62% for the year. The banks have turned around a little as has Telstra. However the group is doing well, up by 3.6% with dividends. The six women in the group have an average return of \$14.5 k each, while the fourteen men have lost over \$1000 each, some more spectacularly than others. **Diane** is up 25.2%, **Liz** 25.1%, and **Jan** 23.9%.

**Inductions:** Today **Brian Mellady** welcomed to our club **Shirley Ingram** and **Lorraine Astone**.



**Shirley** was born in Brighton and went to Firbank. Her first job was in modelling in Flinders Lane. She married at twenty two, and lived in Frankston whilst running a Greeting Card business. Now retired, she has been a member of the Peninsula Art Society for fourteen years.



**Lorraine** was born in Hastings, as her father was in the Navy. She spent most of her young life in Frankston, and caught the eye of an Italian man who worked in a produce store. After a time, they married and opened their own fruit shop in Young St Frankston, and later Karingal. Lorraine loves cooking, reading and gardening.

**Speakers:**

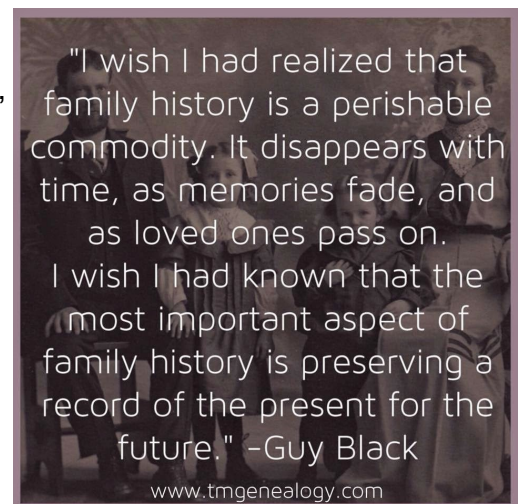
Today's 10 minute speaker was **John Connon**, who on behalf of **Bill Lumley** presented Bill's talk that he had prepared a little while ago. Bill joined us last year at the age of ninety two, but sadly had to go into care not long after. He had been a Pharmacist, and was once the Mayor of the City of Chelsea.



After recounting some life stories at a dinner table one night, Bill was asked if he had ever told them to his family. When he replied that he had not, he was presented with a table napkin that had "**WIDBITL**" written on it. He was advised to "**WRITE IT DOWN BEFORE ITS TOO LATE**". Only too often do families miss out on such stories.

So he did, and he wrote them up on his computer. With the help of his daughter, he had his stories made into a book at Officeworks.

Bill advocates that if he can, then anyone can. Do it before its too late. What a wonderful philosophy. Good on you Bill!!!





Our main speaker today was **Rosie Clark** who is a councillor for the **Mornington Shire** representing the **Briars Ward**.

Rosie has lived in Mt Eliza for thirty five years, her two children went to the local schools, and she served on many school committees during that time. After her retirement from the Real Estate Industry, it was suggested by a friend that she might try to get onto the local council. So she went to an information meeting where there appeared to be a lot of men, however she decided to give it a try and was duly elected.

Before she was elected, her idea of the council was that they collected the rubbish and swept the streets. She quickly realised that the council actually do many things, and that the facilities provided for the community in the Shire are excellent.

Rosie talked about various projects that are currently being funded by the shire, the problem of recycling and waste, the new swimming complex being proposed for Rosebud, and answered several questions from the members.

**Henry Hammond** thanked Rosie for an interesting discussion, and noted that Rosie had gained selection for the council with no particular agenda and he found this most admirable. He presented her with a small gift in appreciation.



### Future Speakers

**Today:** Short - **No Speaker due to Inductions**

Long - **Ian McCann** from **Mornington Cinema**

**August:** Short - **No Speaker due to Inductions**

Long - **Bob Date** –**Travel Photography**

Instead of paying by cash or cheque for fees and outings, the committee has agreed that payments can now be paid online. Please ensure that you complete the details in the reference box with your name and what it is for so that the Treasurer can reconcile it. As there are only 18 characters you may have to abbreviate eg Subs Flein, something that is easy to decipher, and send Andy an email detailing

your transaction. Should there be any problems please contact Andy Troy by email [brianptroy@gmail.com](mailto:brianptroy@gmail.com) or by phone **9787 2146**



# July Birthdays

2 Michael Leyden 6 Bill Joynson 7 Max Moloney 17 Margaret McArthur  
18 David Woodlock 19 Pat Anthony 19 Margaret Kelly 19 Mardi Malone  
23 Chris Hallam 25 Catherine Johnson 27 Roger Stretch



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

**Tours and Outings** Catherine Johnson 0413 928 312

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July Photo Book Workshop** with **Lyn Mellady** 77A Barkly Street Mornington. 1-3 pm NO COST. Limit 6.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July Christmas in July Lunch** at 12:00 noon **Norwood House** Nepean Hwy Mornington. **\$52 pp** includes table wines.

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September Fine Dining** at **Ginseng** 450 Nepean Hwy Frankston. **\$45 pp** Choice of three courses. BYO.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October RAAF Museum** at **Point Cook**. **\$67 pp** Depart 9am with **Daytripper Tours** includes two course lunch at **Werribee RSL**.

**Minimum 20 passengers** for this to be a viable proposition.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October Luv-a-Duc Class** commences **11am** in **Port Melbourne**. Transport will be by bus if sufficient numbers.

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October Steam Rail Geelong and return on Star Ferry**. Details TBA.

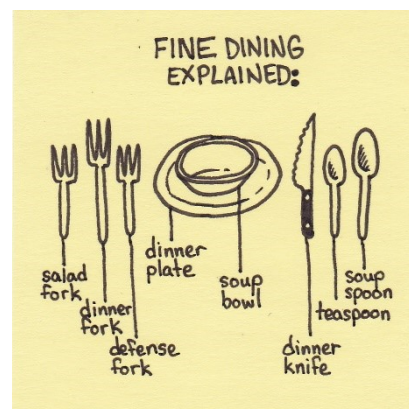
**November 2<sup>nd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Norfolk Island 7 night trip**, includes flights ex Melbourne. **\$1529-\$1619** depending on accommodation preference. Need **confirmed** numbers **ASAP** in order to make the booking.

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November 7 day "Proud Mary /S.A Tour"**. p/u and return Mt. Eliza Church. Details TBA.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Luncheon** at 12 noon **Mornington Golf Club**. Price details available in July.

**Fine Dining:** Cathy Toft 0457 314 923

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August Epicurean Red Hill** 12 noon Details TBA.



Each month there are a number of members that quietly contribute to the running of our meetings and they rarely get recognised or thanked for their efforts. This month we would like to pay tribute to **Bob and Kay Stephens** who always arrive early to set up the book and DVD table for members to

peruse and take, free of charge. They also accept donations, and rotate the collection in order to keep the supply fresh and interesting.

Thanks Bob and Kay.



Although **Alan Moore** can no longer come to our meetings, he is still a fully paid up member! This picture shows Alan paying his subs to **John Robert**.

**Keith Spencer and Bette Wilson** won “ **Best Dressed**” at the **Mornington Races** in April this year.





**Coffee & Chat @ Degani's: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am.** 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.  
**John 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 \$23.50 Please let Carol know if you would like to attend by Morning Tea, so that she can make the booking.



**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 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at the Uniting Church, Canadian Bay Rd. Mount Eliza.**

**Next Committee Meeting: 9.30am on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018 at the home Brian and Maxine Coughlan.**

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