

# 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

As President of our Club I need to say that things do occur which are unexpected.

**Lyn** and I planned a trip away to Caloundra where she was to be an art teacher for one week. It was an honour for her to be asked by the Australian Pastel Society. The Australian Pastel Expo took 2 years to plan and they brought in teachers and experts in their field from all over the World and Australia. We drove up to get Lyn's art gear there.

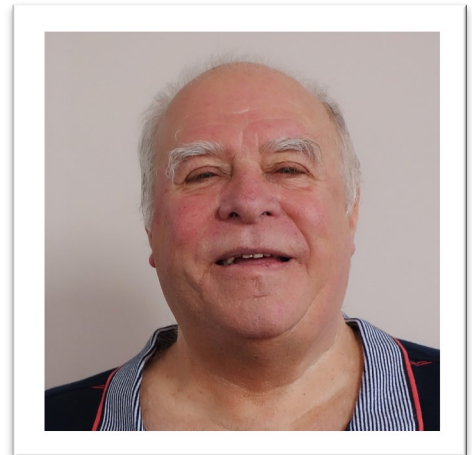
Leading up to that special week for Lyn, my son in law died after a short battle with cancer and fortunately we were in a position to travel back and forth to Brisbane in support of our daughter and her 4 year old. We decided to stay over a little longer to ensure the best support we could give.

All members will know that we should always put family first.

However, I need to say that it is a great credit to our Club that we have so many dedicated members who will support the Club when needed. Some members received their bulletin late, but it did get distributed and we are looking at ways to facilitate bulletins more remotely so that we don't just depend on one person. **Debbie** has done an outstanding job.

Thank you **Jane** for being there for the Club. Thank you all committee members and Club members for being understanding at this time.

**Brian Mellady**



## OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING

**Attendance:** 50 Present 8 Apologies 1 Visitors 7 AWOL

**President:** **Jane Long** standing in for **Brian Mellady** first acknowledged the passing of **Roger Stretch** who had been a member since 1999. She then noted apologies from the floor and September birthdays. **Barry Rawlings** played Happy Birthday on the piano and the members joined in song.

**Vice President:** **Jane Long** advised that she had no report.

**Secretary:** **Brian Coughlan** asked that the minutes of the previous meeting be moved and seconded, There was nothing worth talking about by way of correspondence.

**Treasurer:** **Andy Troy** reported that there was a positive cash flow of \$88 for the month, and that all was well for coming under budget for the year. The photo comp was a little disappointing as there was only five entries.

**Tours and Entertainment:** **Catherine Johnson** advised that the **Luv-a-Duck** outing has been cancelled due to lack of numbers. She also reiterated on other outings noted later in the bulletin.

**Speakers:** **Brian Coughlan** standing in for **John Fleiner** advised that the speakers for today were **Peter Edkins** and **Ken Piesse**.

**Welfare:** **Sonia Troy** reported that **Henry Hammond** is now in rehab at Beleura. **Shirley Ingram** is in Frankston Hospital following an operation.

**Book Club:** **Lindsay Gordon** announced that Septembers book was **Go Set a Watchman** by **Harper Lee**. This book dealt with the controversial topic of race in America during the 1950's. It is a sequel to **To Kill a Mockingbird**. It caused great discussion and all but Jane enjoyed the book.

**Golf:** **Graeme Buckley** announced that on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September** the **Ken McArthur Trophy** will once again be challenged against **Melbourne Probus**. The game will be played at **The Frankston Golf Club**, commencing with coffee/tea at **9am**, with tee-off at **9.30am**. After nine holes, a BBQ lunch and drinks will be held, along with the presentation of the trophy to the winning side. Cost is **\$3** for members of the Frankston Golf Club, and **\$43** for non - members.



**The Rotary Club of Frankston (Sunrise)** is keen to meet again when the weather fines up for another friendly match, following the successful game last May. There was even talk of establishing a trophy for this event. However, there would need to be more interest in playing for this to be viable.

There will also be a return match against **Mt Eliza Probus Central** at **Bembridge Golf Course** later in the year with the actual date to be decided.

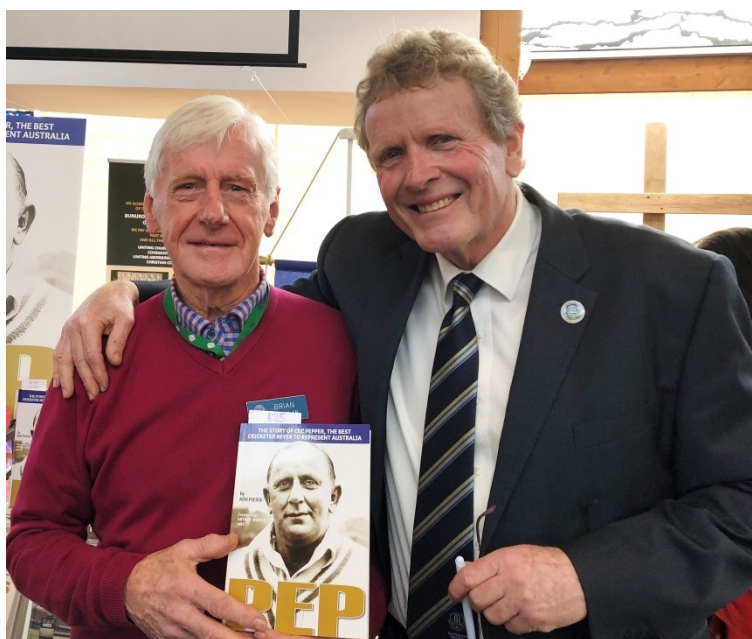
**Investment:** **Max Batchelor** paid tribute to **Roger Stretch** who was a founding member of the investment group. Roger had a lot of interesting and well considered comment and made a huge contribution to the group.

The stock market is at an interesting and critical point being only 3.8% up for the year. There are a lot of clouds on the horizon such as the US v China trade war and the conjecture about Donald Trump. The repercussions could well be felt here in Australia. Lending is down for the fifth straight month, the lowest in five years.

The group is doing reasonably well with **Diane** leading with 34.7%, and **Liz** 27%. **John Roberts** is holding the flag for the boys with 20.8%.

**Speakers:** Our 10 minute speaker today was **Peter Edkins**.

Peter spoke of his desire to be alive on January 13<sup>th</sup> 2019, as this will be the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of his Grandfather. William had been a master tailor and was fifth in line of master tailors in a business that had been going for 250 years. He had a total of 17 children from two wives, 14 of which were sons. When he retired in 1905, none of his sons were interested in continuing the business, and so it was closed. William died in 1907.



**Brian Coughlan** gave a magnificent introduction to our main speaker **Ken Piesse**, whom he has known for sometime. Ken is the most published Australian sports writer and author, having written 76 books, including biographies and as a ghost writer, mainly about football and cricket. He has also edited more than 500 magazines from cricket and AFL football, to boating and business. He has been Melbourne sports radio RSN's cricket expert for two decades.

Ken has been president of the Australian Cricket Society for more than a decade and is a member of the Melbourne Cricket Club Media Hall of Fame *and* the Australian Football Media Hall of Fame. He is also a local activist, passionate about Mount Eliza keeping its village like atmosphere. He and his family have lived here for 37 years.

Ken is a great story teller, and entertained us with many tales and anecdotes about his experiences, and of others. He answered several questions after his talk which was enjoyed by all. Brian Coughlan gave the vote of thanks and presented Ken with a small gift in appreciation.



## Future Speakers

**Today:** Short - **John Roberts**– The Antarctic  
Long - **Reg Smith**- Manufacturer

**November:** Short - **Jan Marshall** - Stokes Museum  
Long - **Fred Harrison**- Ritchies

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. **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**



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## Vale Roger Stretch 27/7/1929-2/9/2018

Roger was a keen golfer and an enthusiastic rugby player in his earlier years. He was a St Kilda supporter and an active Rotarian.

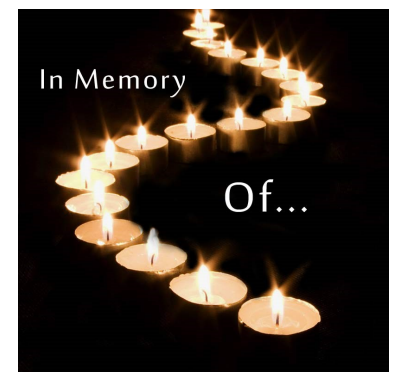
He & wife Robin moved from Wollongong to the Mornington Peninsula some 40 years ago.

He joined the Men's Probus in September 1999 and continued when the club combined with the Ladies.

He was a strong participant in the Club's Investment Group, providing wise counsel at their monthly meetings.

Roger suffered from a long & debilitating illness (on dialysis) before he died.

Our sympathy and thoughts go out to his family.



# October Birthdays

2 John Chambers  
20 Margaret Lade

15 Lawrence Baillie  
29 Hermann Schneider



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Tours and Outings Catherine Johnson 0413 928 312

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October Steam Rail Geelong and return on Star Ferry.**  
Details on the board.

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October Dinner at Licciardos Mt Eliza**

**Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup>-11<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.

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November BonBons 2018/Micado on the Rocks at Beleura House**  
**\$95/\$90 conc.** Details TBA

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Luncheon at 12 noon Mornington Golf Club. \$38 pp**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019 Nashville Live Frankston Art Centre**

**\*\*Early 2019\*\* Fox Classic Car Collection**



**Coffee & Chat @ Degani's: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 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**

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

**Next Committee Meeting: 9.30am on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 at the home of Peter and Jane Long.**



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