

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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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

Seasons Greetings

Christmas is the time when we get together with our families. That is if we are lucky enough to have family members who are close to us so that they can be with us. Loneliness is just awful! I just can't imagine how awful this can be because I am blessed with a family.

Today we recognise the passing of **Diane Griffiths**. Diane admitted to many of us that she was very lonely, made all the worse from being nearly blind and deaf. She very much enjoyed **Max Batchelor's** Investment Club sessions.

At this time please could I ask members to talk to another member who they don't know that well. Lets get to know each other better and extend the hand of friendship. But lets do that please at our break, **not** during our meeting session, and certainly **not** during the guest speaker's session.

Our trips and dine outs are wonderful opportunities to get to know one another better.

A Happy Christmas to all and stay safe. Don't drive if you have a glass or two!!

Brian Mellady



OUR NOVEMBER MEETING

Attendance: 59 Present 11 Apologies 3 AWOL 5 Visitors

President: **Brian Mellady** welcomed the members to the meeting and then paid tribute to **Barry Rawlings** who passed away on October 30th. A minutes silence was observed. Visitors and birthdays were then acknowledged. He also mentioned that **David Woodlock** had sent a letter of resignation as auditor, and asked if any one would volunteer to take up the position, or perhaps recommend someone.

Vice President: **Jane Long** mentioned that she had magnetic badges for sale, and that she hoped to have a table at the next Farmers' Market to promote the club, but was having difficulty contacting the person in charge. She thanked **Jan Marshall** for organising the lunch at **Ginseng**.

Secretary: **Brian Coughlan** asked that the minutes of the previous meeting be moved and seconded and also made mention of the letter from David Woodlock.

Treasurer: **Andy Troy** had little to report as the finances were much the same as the previous month. He also urged people to vote for the best photo in the competition.

Tours and Entertainment: **Catherine Johnson** reported that the **Rail and Sail** was a great success, and that **John Roberts** and **Lindsay Gordon** had just returned from **Norfolk Island**. The dinner at **Licciardos** had mixed reactions: the food was nice but the facilities were limiting. She then went on to mention future outings that can be found later in this bulletin.

Speakers: **Deb Fleiner** standing in for **John Fleiner**, advised that today's speakers were **Jan Marshall** on Stokes Museum and **Dr Larry Wakefield** speaking about birds in the backyard. Next month will be **Ian McCann** from **Mornington Cinema** once again!!

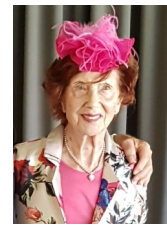
Welfare: **Sonia Troy** reported that a form would be passed around for members to complete, advising emergency contact details. The committee has realised that we need this information in times of emergency and hoped that the membership would also see reason and comply. She also paid tribute to **Barry Rawlings** who has passed away. She welcomed back **Joyce Pollock**, **Henry Hammond** and **Margaret McArthur**, and advised that **Diane Griffiths** was still unwell and back in hospital.

Investment: **Max Batchelor** advised that the All Ords were down 10% and most people are 2.5% down from eleven months ago. The group is down by 3.5%, with **Andy** and **Max** being the main offenders and now joined by **Bob Stephen**. **Diane** is still leading with 30.6%, closely followed by **Liz** with 30%. **John Roberts** is the leading man with 24%.



In the group the average gain for the women is \$9238.00 each, and the men \$1735.00 each. **Diane** is also winning the tipping competition with **Bette** coming a close second.

Membership: **John Roberts** advised that some members had actually joined the club last century!! **Alan Moore** 1988, **Barbara Trewartha** 1996, **Bette Wilson** 1998, **Peter Edkins** 1996, **Laurie Baillie** 1997, **John Roberts** and **Len Christie** 1999.



Golf: Graeme Buckley reported that the next golf outing is **9am Friday 1st February 2019** at the **Mornington Golf Club. Probus Central of Mount Eliza** is the host and the cost is \$20 for nine holes. Golf carts are available. Lunch can be purchased at the club house after the game, and a senior's meal can be bought for \$18. As usual, this is a mixed pairs event so all members are welcome.

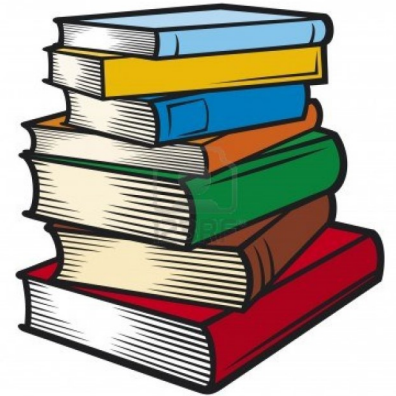


There are also confirmed bookings at **Frankston Golf Club** for 2019. **April 15th** and **September 23rd** **Melbourne Probus** **May 20th** **Frankston Rotary** **October 28th** **Probus Central.**

Please mark your 2019 calendars and start practising!

Book Club: Deb Fleiner advised that the book for November was **Tumbledown Manor** by **Helen Brown.**

“Choosing a book from a list containing hundreds of titles (up to a year before), is probably not the best way to pick something that everyone will enjoy. We all have the opportunity to peruse the list and pick out two or three that we fancy. However, you can't have a quick look to see if it “grabs”, or in my case, whether you have read it before. Whilst I was reading this book again, my thoughts were that the men in our group probably would view this book as trivial and frivolous, more a “woman's” book.



We all agreed that it resembled a soap opera where every conceivable event that could happen, did happen. It encompasses betrayal, homosexuality, bush fires, country dances, cancer, senility, good will, petulance, and much more. We all agreed that the we could picture the characters in our minds, except the main character, the narrator so to speak. Having said that, all the characters where quite stereotypical.

Surprisingly, the majority of the group quite enjoyed the book. It was light (even though some of the situations such as the bush fire were serious), and generally an easy read albeit the language being flowery and peppered with an abundance of adjectives. My concerns that the men might have protested were unfounded. It was one female (who shall remain nameless) who hated the book, finding it irritating and trite. Everyone is entitled to their opinion.

The meeting was followed once again by a delicious lunch. Next month is the last meeting for the year, and we are all keen to continue next year.”

Speakers:

Our 10 minute speaker today was **Jan Marshall**, who along with some choice photos, talked about **Stokes Museum on Mount Macedon**, a place that some of us visited several years ago. Her photos included some of the wonderful pieces that Cyril Stokes has collected and of his beautiful gardens. We last saw it in winter when the daffodils were in full bloom, so Jan is hoping to organise another outing to the museum at different time of the year.





Our main speaker was **Dr Larry Wakefield**, a dedicated and passionate bird watcher, who spoke about birds in our backyard. Dr Wakefield, using a very interesting power point presentation, explained that birds need food, water and nesting sites. Mount Eliza has many creeks, parkland areas and gardens that are conducive to attracting a variety of birds that many of us are familiar with, notably Little Ravens, Rainbow Lorikeets and Noisy Minors. If we want to attract birds to our gardens then water sources along with suitable vegetation are very important.. He showed us some beautiful photos of the most common birds to be found, plus some elusive birds that are around but not always seen, especially the pardalotes and the finches. After the presentation some members asked questions which he happily responded to.

Mike Newman standing in for **John Fleiner** introduced Dr Wakefield and also gave the vote of thanks, presenting him with a bottle of wine.



Future Speakers

- Today:** Short - **Robin Cooper - CFA**
 Long - **Ian McCann – Mornington Cinema**
- January:** Short - **No speaker due to Induction.**
 Long - **Trivia by Jane Long**

Recommended and Reliable Trades People.

If you know of a reliable tradesperson and can recommend them, then let the committee know and they can be added to the list. (With the permission of the tradesperson of course).

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Surname</u>	<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Skill/Category</u>
Evan	Dowsett	JMP Home Services	0412 444 710	jmpservices@westnet.com.au	Small Job Specialist
Steven	Jones	Twin PeakTre Services	0421 784 455	twinpeak222@yahoo.com	Tree & stump removal solutions
Dave		Simplicity Air	0452 622 530		Air conditioning and electrician
John		Royal Flush	0419 344 997		Plumber
Jason		Focus	0407 395 872		Property Maintenance
			0418 333 576		Garage door repairs
Nicho	Salvatore	Conic Electrical	0409 422 198		Electrician
Martin	Maloney		0418 743 901		Electrician
Peter	Butterworth	Butterworth Decorating	0414 670 528	petemilly@iprimus.com.au	Master painter
Ivan		Ivans Carpentry	0408 535 710	ivansbuddy@hotmail.com	All carpentry work
Andrew	Jennings	Jennings Tree Care	0407 356 127	jenningstrecare@outlook.com	Tree Care and Removal (Arborist)



Steam Rail Geelong and return on Star Ferry Sun 21st October

Eight Members met at Flinders Station and then admired beautiful engine Number 761 of the train that was to take us to Geelong at the start of our Rail & Sail adventure. It was in pristine condition and many Train Enthusiasts spent time climbing on & off the engine to see the inner workings under the watchful eyes of the Driver and his assistant.

The train trip took a good hour during which time we enjoyed passing scenery as well as the reminder of days gone by as soot flew into our eyes any time someone opened a window!

Arriving in Geelong we then meandered towards the docks where we had a rather hasty lunch before embarking on a delightful little craft that had, in a past life, been a Sydney Harbour ferry.

The return trip to Docklands was in brilliant sunshine and with a flat sea, several dolphins delighted all with their frolicking alongside the boat.

A wonderful experience with great company.

Report by Catherine Johnson



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 or by phone **9787 2146**

Bank Account Details BSB 013 396 Acc 308637999

December Birthdays

8 Beryl Vogwell 10 Joan Baillie 12 Joyce Pollock
14 Carol Spencer 14 John Roberts 17 Pat Mattingley
18 Henry Hammond 19 Pat Harvey

Happy
BIRTHDAY

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Tours and Outings Catherine Johnson 0413 928 312

2019

January Evita (\$140pp plus bus)

Thursday 14th February Blue Lotus Water Garden. Cost TBA.

February (date TBA) Victoria Market.

Friday 1st March Avalon Air Show \$99 incl transport to and from event and entry.

Tues 19th/22nd March Lakes Entrance and Raymond Island 4days/3nights \$949 pp
Door to Door luxury coach.

Tuesday 26th March Nashville Live Frankston Art Centre

Sat 19th October to Sat 2nd November India Golden triangle \$5798 pp (+ \$1800 single supplement). Any interest?



Anyone interested in possible trips to India, Sri Lanka or elsewhere next year, please discuss with Catherine and she will see if she can organise a group.



Coffee & Chat @ Degani's: February 2019. 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

Emergency Contact Details

At the last meeting, members were asked to complete a form advising the committee of the contact details of someone you would like to be informed in a case of emergency, such as sudden illness or injury. Please ensure, if you have not already done so, that this information is given to a committee member so that the records can be updated. This information will be kept secure and only used when it is deemed absolutely necessary.

Vale Diane Griffiths

Sadly we say goodbye to Diane who passed away on November 25th 2018. Diane was a very private person, always elegantly dressed and well mannered. Despite being almost blind and deaf, she had been attending our meetings until quite recently, and was a successful member of the Investment Group where she demonstrated her astuteness regarding investments.

We will always remember her.



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 January 2019 at the Uniting Church, Canadian Bay Rd, Mount Eliza.

Next Committee Meeting: 9.30am on Monday 21st January 2019 at the home of Peter and Jane Long.



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