

# 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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Bulletin: Deborah Fleiner 9775 2535	Welfare: Sonia Troy 9787 2146

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Christmas has been celebrated and the New Year is in. I have resolved to lose 20 kgs over the next 12 months. The benefits are enormous. Easier exercise and walking and increased fitness and maybe a longer life expectancy. It will also help with my newly diagnosed diabetes 2.

It's not long now until the end of my Presidential Year. The AGM will be in March 2019. In preparation, please think if you are able to assist the running of our Club and ask for a nomination form from Secretary Brian. The easiest job has been mine, but that is only because we have a dedicated and very strong Committee who work very hard on the Club's behalf. The Club Events team under Catherine has been very successful and I'm sure the more help she can get will be much appreciated. Support is always welcome in the running of House under Beverley. In particular, please talk with Jane Long about how you can help the Club. We have a number of new members who I know are very well qualified to assist.

Remember Probis is all about having fun with like minded people. Sadly we lost some very strong long serving members over this past year and these have been replaced by new eager members.

Let's help each other in having lots of fun together.

Happy New Year to you all.

**Brian Mellady**

*Happy  
New Year*



## OUR DECEMBER MEETING

**Attendance:** 58 Present 12 Apologies 1 AWOL 3 Visitors

**President: Brian Mellady** welcomed the members to the meeting and then paid tribute to **Diane Griffiths** who passed away on November 25<sup>th</sup>. A minutes silence was observed. Visitors and birthdays were then acknowledged. He noted that the Christmas Lunch held on December 7<sup>th</sup> was highly successful and thanked **Estelle** for her efforts.

**Vice President: Jane Long** advised that the application to have a Probus Table at the Farmer's Market has been rejected, therefore the Membership Program has been put on hold for the time being.

**Secretary: Brian Coughlan** had nothing to report, but requested that the previous month's minutes be accepted..

**Treasurer: Andy Troy** had little to report also as there had been little income and expenditure.

**Tours and Entertainment: Catherine Johnson** also thanked **Estelle Gold** for organising the Christmas Lunch at Mornington Golf Club. She then went on to talk about the upcoming tours and events that can be found later in this bulletin.

**Speakers: John Fleiner** advised that today's speakers were to be **Robin Cooper** speaking about the CFA, and return speaker **Ian McCann** from **Mornington Cinema**, back by popular consensus.

**Welfare: Sonia Troy** spoke of the funeral for **Diane Griffiths** and that several Probus members attended. Also, **John Chambers** has had a fall and is not too well at present.

**House: Bev Moloney** thanked all who have contributed to the morning teas throughout the year, and asked if someone could come on board to help out next year. Also, a roster has been set up for people to complete, indicating what and when they can contribute.

**Investment: Max Batchelor** reported that the group is not a happy group of investors. As a whole it had not done well, neither had the stock market. He also gave tribute to **Diane**, who was an enthusiastic and successful member., conservative but solid.

The winner was **Liz McDonald** who was up by 22.7%, followed by **Diane**, and **John Roberts** came third with 13.7%. The men in the group have been disappointing as they have lost a total of \$10 k for the year, and the Ladies have made \$6370.



**Max Batchelor** presenting **Liz** with her prize for winning the investment competition for 2018.



**Golf:** Graeme Buckley reported that the next golf outing is **9am Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 and their spouses are welcome.



There are confirmed bookings at **Frankston Golf Club** for 2019, **April 15<sup>th</sup>** for the annual **Ken McArthur Trophy Match** with **Melbourne Probus**, and **September 23<sup>rd</sup>** also with **Melbourne Probus**.

**May 20<sup>th</sup>** with **Frankston Rotary** **October 28<sup>th</sup>** with **Probus Central of Mt Eliza**.

Please mark your 2019 calendars and start practising!

**Book Club:** Wendy Griffiths reported that the book for December was **The Memory of Salt** by **Alice Melike Ulgezer**.

We explored the gender of the character Ali. Discussed the importance of music; the difficulty faced by Mac and Ali living with mental illness; the style of writing and the meaning of the title.

All members gave their impression of the book, many finding it heavy going. After the discussion, the group participated in a competition devised by **Lyn Mellady** about choosing a book by its cover. It resulted in some interesting comments.

The meeting was followed by a delicious Christmas Lunch with all members contributing.

**Deb Fleiner** thanked **Wendy** and **Steve** for hosting our last meeting for the year. They always put a lot of thought and effort into our enjoyment as can be seen by the photos.



### Speakers:

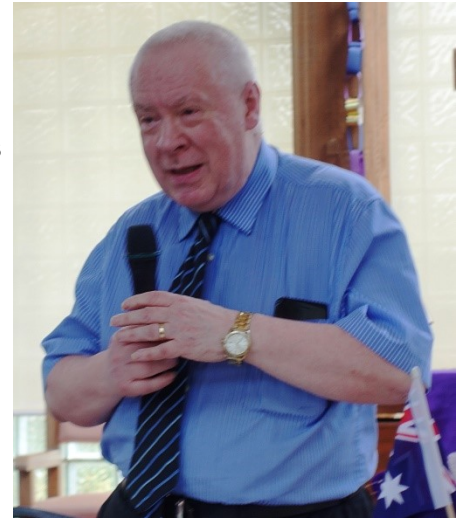


Our 10 Minute Speaker was **Robin Cooper** who spoke on the early days of the **Mount Eliza CFA**. Robin joined in 1967, and for seventeen years he was second in command during some of the worst times. There was a fire bug in Mount Eliza during 1970 that they called "Charcoal Charlie". Every week there was a deliberately lit fire that had to be dealt with along with hoax calls. There was over 500 calls in that year.

A house, a pre- school and eventually the original fire station was targeted. Robin was able to save the fire trucks but the building was destroyed. There were no fires after that, but one of the members was missing and it was determined that he was the fire bug.



Our main speaker was once again **Ian McCann** from **Mornington Cinema**, who returned by popular demand to finish his most interesting talk on his fascinating life in the entertainment industry.



Along with his supportive family, he bought the cinema in 1981 and his first movie was *Breaker Morant*. Other early successes were *The Man from Snowy River*, *Crocodile Dundee* and *Strictly Ballroom*. Technology keeps moving on, and the advent of VHS and later DVDs has had a profound impact on his business. Now Netflix is his major rival, and he blames the writer's strike in the U.S. as all the good writers have moved across from the movie industry and Netflix is producing top quality shows.

However, Ian's motto is "A good movie and people will come". He showed *Strictly Ballroom* for forty two weeks and is a box office record. *The King's Speech* holds the second highest gross .

Ian has had to update the cinema and has divided it into several parts. He has a small theatre which is good for certain movies. The large theatre has been divided into two smaller ones , and he has built another on a block of land behind the building. Now he can show several movies at the same time.

Ian has met many famous people and has many stories to tell. **John Fleiner** had to gently persuade him to stop his reminiscences otherwise he would have kept on talking! John thanked Ian and presented him with a bottle of red wine.



### Future Speakers

**Today:** Short - **No speaker due to Induction**

Long - **Trivia by Jane Long**

**February:** Short - TBA

Long - **Annette Alison – Flying Doctor Service**

### Recommended Trades People

<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)



## Christmas Lunch at Mornington Golf Club

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December



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 [briantroy@gmail.com](mailto:briantroy@gmail.com) or by phone **9787 2146**

**Bank Account Details    BSB 013 396    Acc 308637999**





# January Birthdays

6 Max Batchelor    7 Bob Graham    10 John Connan  
 12 Barbara Trewartha    21 Brian Coughlan    29 Ron Vassil  
 31 Wendy Griffiths

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



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

**Thursday January 17th 12 noon** Lunch at **The Pier** Greek restaurant, 889 Pt. Nepean Road Rosebud. To be followed by a trip to the movies?

**January** date to be booked **Evita** show at **Melbourne Arts Centre**.



**Thursday February 14th** Trip to **Blue Lotus Gardens** at **Yarra Junction**. Only 6 signed to go so probably private car transport.

**Tuesday 19th February** Fine Dining at **1001 Restaurant** in Mount Eliza.

**Wednesday 27th February** Film in Frankston followed by dinner by the Bay.

**Sunday March 3rd 11am to 5pm** Sunday Session at **The Briars**- jazz, activities food & bar truck. Free day out for all family, take a picnic, rug and chairs!

**19th-22nd March** Day Tripper to **Lakes Entrance & Raymond Island**

**Tuesday 26th March** **Nashville Live** at Frankston Arts Centre. \$74.90 **Need to pay Andy ASAP** please in order to book

**Friday 29th March** **Roy Orbison & the Beatles** at Frankston Arts Centre \$69.90 Please pay **Andy ASAP** in order to book.

**14th to 18th April** Trip to **Bright** option to take a coach from the city or to self-drive.

*Please see Catherine for more details regarding prices and times for the above outings at the next meeting.*

**Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Oct to Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov** India Golden triangle \$5798 pp (+ \$1800 single supplement).

Any interest?

**Coffee & Chat @ Degani's: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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**

## Photo Competition



The winner for December is **Andy Troy** with his photo of the **Beechworth Post Office**.

The theme for **January** is **Christmas Holiday Snaps**.

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 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at the Uniting Church, Canadian Bay Rd, Mount Eliza.**

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



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