

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 | |
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| President: Brian Mellady 0488 123 088 | V/President: Jane Long 0407 328 597 |
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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

At the last meeting of your Committee a number of important items were raised.

One of these items is the importance of our **Health and it's Management**. Lyn and I have Grand Children and it is the care of Grand Children that exposes us to the viruses which travel like wild fire through schools and through the Community. Lyn and I are just getting over the Flu and Cough. The Cough can be very nasty and can cause bronchitis or worse if not checked.

We are seeking your help to not only look out for each other which we do quite well, but to ensure that we carry with us our Emergency Contact Details. If you need help with this then talk with **Catherine** please.



We will be adding onto the rear of the '**Application For Membership Form**' regarding Privacy, an additional entry of **emergency telephone numbers**. This will help with new members' details but It would help greatly if current members would provide us with those details and we will add it to our members database. The **next of kin** or **closest relation** or **friend** is the entry required in case of emergency. We are extremely fortunate in having 3 experienced nurses as members. They know what to do at our Club functions, but they do not know who to call to advise should you have a fall or a turn. Give the details to **John Roberts, Sonia Troy, Catherine Johnson, Brian Coughlan** or myself.

We are also putting together a database of **Trades People** we use and would recommend. Please send me those details; Name, phone contact, and skills/Category as a minimum and company name and email would be great.

Thank you.

Brian Mellady

OUR OCTOBER MEETING

Attendance: 51 Present 17 Apologies 6 AWOL

President: **Brian Mellady** welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged visitors and apologies. Birthdays were recognized and "Happy Birthday" was sung by the members accompanied by Barry Rawlings on piano.

Secretary: **Brian Coughlan** asked that the minutes of the previous meeting be moved and seconded. Correspondence received included changes to the constitution which was handed to **John Chambers** for perusal. Magazines were on the table for members to take.

Treasurer: **Andy Troy** reported that the finances are in a good position, the only outgoings were for the rent for the church. Birds are the topic for November's photo competition.

Tours and Entertainment: **Catherine Johnson** advised that an outing to **Cranbourne Gardens** on **Thursday 18th October** had been suggested. Members to make their own way there finishing with lunch in the café. She also suggested dinner at **Licciardos** on **Friday 26th October**. Catherine advised that anyone interested in these outings should indicate today at morning tea time. She then reiterated on the outings previously mentioned, details of which can be found later in this bulletin. Future planned outings are: **Nashville Live** at **Frankston Art Centre** on **Tuesday 26th March 2019**, and perhaps **Evita** the stage show sometime in January.

Speakers: **John Fleiner** advised that the speakers today were **John Roberts**, talking about his stepfather's experiences in the Antarctic, and **Reg Smith**, (who was president of the **Rotary Club Of Mount Eliza** when our club was chartered and he invested our first president), discussing the motor industry.

Welfare: **Sonia Troy** reported that **Margaret McArthur** has had surgery and is recovering. **Henry Hammond** is on the mend, and **Joyce Pollock** and **Diane Griffith** are also unwell.

Book Club: **Kay Stephen** was the discussion leader for September's book which was **The Unbroken Line** by **Alex Hammond**. The book is a thriller set in Melbourne, and it captures the criminal element and corruption of those in power and has many twists and turns. All enjoyed the book and it evoked much lively discussion. The meeting was once again followed by a delicious lunch.



Golf: **Graeme Buckley** reported that the **Ken McArthur Trophy** was contested again on **Monday 24th September** against **Melbourne Probus**. The game was played at **Frankston Golf Club** under sunny skies and a perfect day for golf. After nine holes, a BBQ lunch and drinks were had, and the trophy was presented to **Melbourne Probus** by **Margaret McArthur**.

A return match of mixed pairs with **Mount Eliza Probus Central** at **Bembridge Golf Club** is planned for later in the year.

Investment: **Max Batchelor** advised that once again the market has been up and down, and currently is up only 2.16% for the year. The Investment Group is up 2.4% in capital, 4.4% taking in dividends. The two members faring the worst are **Max** and **Andy Troy**, who combined are 33.5% down. There is a change in leadership, **Liz** has surged forward, up by 31.2%, with **Diane** running second, and **John Roberts** now third with 24.3%. John has finally put the men in the black. The average for the Ladies is an increase of \$4.5k collectively, with the average increase for the Men only \$110.



Speakers: Our 10 minute speaker today was **John Roberts**, who spoke about the experiences that his Stepfather **Dick Richards** had as a member of **The Ross Sea Shore Party** in the Antarctic in 1914. The **Ross Sea Party** was a component of **Sir Ernest Shackleton's Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition 1914–17**. Its task was to lay a series of supply depots across the Great Ice Barrier from the Ross Sea to the Beardmore Glacier. As the main party would be unable to carry sufficient fuel and supplies for the whole distance, their survival depended on the Ross Sea Party setting up supply depots, which would cover the final quarter of their journey.

Despite various setbacks, the Ross Sea Party survived inter-personnel disputes, extreme weather, illness, and the deaths of three of its members, to carry out its mission in full during its second Antarctic season. This success proved ultimately without purpose, because Shackleton's main expedition was unable to land after

Endurance was crushed in the Weddell Sea ice. Shackleton eventually led his men to safety, but the transcontinental march did not take place and the Ross Sea party's depots were not required. The Ross Sea party remained stranded until January 1917, when *Aurora* arrived to rescue them. Dick Richards survived and lived until he was 92. He was offered to be taken back to McMurdo area in 1970's to have a memory jogger. He refused never wanting to see snow again. (He lived in Ballarat so did see a little snow).

Our main speaker was **Reg Smith**, and he spoke about his involvement in the car industry from 1963 to 2001. Reg was a toolmaker by trade, and he ran various businesses making components for Australian made cars, dealing with Holden, Ford and Toyota. When Holden cars were first made they were sold for roughly twice an average worker's annual income. Today it is more like five month's income. Australia could not get a reasonable volume of cars built per annum and geography made it difficult to compete with overseas markets. Hence the demise of the Australian motor car industry. Barry Rawlings gave the vote of thanks and presented Reg with a gift in appreciation.



Future Speakers

Today: Short - **Jan Marshall - Stokes Museum**

Long - **Dr Larry Wakefield – Birds in your Backyard**

December: Short - **Robin Cooper - CFA**

Long - TBA



Visit to the RAAF Base at Point Cook

Twenty six members participated in a fantastic outing to the RAAF base at Point Cook. We had a guided tour of the museum , watched a jet plane go through its paces in the sky, followed by lunch at the Werribee RSL. A good day had by all.



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

November Birthdays

4 Maxine Coughlan 4 Cathy Toft 6 Robert Stephen
19 Bette Wilson 20 Alan Moore 10 David Howell



FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Tours and Outings Catherine Johnson 0413 928 312

Tuesday 27th November Fox Classic Car Collection \$59 pp bus will be departing at 9:00am

Friday 30th November BonBons 2018/Micado on the Rocks at Beleura House
\$95/\$90 conc. Make your own bookings online.

Friday 7th December Christmas Luncheon at 12 noon Mornington Golf Club. \$38 pp

Tuesday 26th March 2019 Nashville Live Frankston Art Centre



Coffee & Chat @ Degani's: Tuesday 20th November 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

Vale Barry Rawlings



It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of our friend and fellow Probian **Barry Rawlings**. Barry was originally a member of the Men's Club, joining in January 1992, and continued when the club combined with the Ladies. Barry was Vice President of the Men's Club in 1999/2000 and President in 2000/2001. He was Publisher of the Bulletin in 1997/1998, 2012/2013 and assisted in this role during 2013/2014. Barry would always take copious notes at the meetings, and then would often generously pass them on to the Bulletin editor. He often played the piano at the meetings, especially for birthday celebrations and at Christmas time. He was also a keen historian of the club, and recently gave a ten minute talk on the foundation of the Mt Eliza Probus Club in 1985. He was invited to thank last month's main speaker Reg Smith, which he did with great alacrity despite being unwell. We will miss your cheerfulness and optimism Barry. Our condolences and thoughts are offered to your family.

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 10th December 2018 at the Uniting Church, Canadian Bay Rd, Mount Eliza.

Next Committee Meeting: 9.30am on Monday 26th November 2018 at the home of Catherine Johnson



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