

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	
President: Brian Mellady 0488 123 088	V/President: Jane Long 0407 328 597
Secretary: Brian Coughlan 9775 3361	Treasurer: Andy Troy 9787 2146
Tours/Ent: Catherine Johnson 0413 928 312	Speakers: John Fleiner 9775 2535
Membership: John Roberts 9787 1322	House: Max and Bev Moloney 9787 6358
Bulletin: Deborah Fleiner 9775 2535	Welfare: Sonia Troy 9787 2146

Presidents Annual Report 2018-2019

Thank you all for allowing me to be your President. Its been a great privilege. and guess what! It's been a lot of fun.

Our Membership now stands at 72. This is a credit to **Jane Long** and **Jan Marshall** who have actively pursued potential members. It is also great to report that our website <http://probustmeliza.club> has attracted around 5 visitors and 3 new members. This year we inducted 12 new members. During the year unfortunately we lost some dear friends and active members including Past President **Barry Rawlings**.

You may recall I made some goals for the year and I'm pleased to say that we got 9 1/2 out of 10. I think we had a fun environment and we started to follow what other clubs did well and continued with what we did well. We increased membership. We held shorter Management meetings.

My sincere thanks to **Jane Long** who stood up as Vice President when no one else would. She decided to become Vice President during a book club meeting. Jane didn't want to be President, but she contributed to our committee meetings enthusiastically as only Jane can by providing guidance and great ideas.

What would we have done if **Catherine Johnson** hadn't emerged at the AGM as keeper of the Events and Outings Team? She led a great team with contributions from **Max and Bev Moloney**, **Lyn Mellady**, **Cathy Toft** and **Margaret McArthur**. Max was particularly enthusiastic and supportive.

Debbie Fleiner has done a fantastic job with the bulletin. Over the years she has provided a readable and interesting bulletin with photos and great images. She has managed the process of emailing a PDF to almost all members in preference to a printed document thereby saving paper.



John Fleiner has provided very interesting guest speakers. I am still laughing about the second appearance of **Ian McCann** from the Mornington Cinema. What a great bloke! He just would not get off even with John's polite pressure. Ian handed him off brilliantly. The bird watcher expert **Dr Larry Wakefield** and photographic Club genius **Bob Date** gave great talks. Our 10 minute speakers were as usual very interesting and professional.

Bev Moloney does a great job with House and our thanks to her and her helpers.

Sonia Troy handled the Club Welfare tactfully and with dignity. She initiated the collection of "Emergency Contact Numbers" which will help the Club greatly.

One of our quiet assets sits at the door booking in Members and Guests, **John Roberts** does this and maintains our Member's Lists and provides the New Member's Badges and New Member's Kit. He sees members who don't always come to meetings because he cares. Thanks John.

Treasurer **Andy Troy** has provided us with vision and understanding of the numbers and at the same time runs a photographic competition with **Mike Newman**.

Secretary **Brian Coughlan** has been magnificent in support, starting his career with **Carol Spencer** then me. Thanks Brian, alias B2.

But its not only the committee which supports the Club. It's all the other dedicated members who serve and sometimes we forget.

Peter Edkins and **Mike Newman** who take care of audio visual. **Max Batchelor** who maintains great interest in the investment Club. Golf with **Graeme Buckley**. Book Club with **Wendy Griffiths**.

Bob Stephen with the books and DVDs. How lucky we are.

Ideas from members created the trades people database which is now in the bulletin.

When members lend a hand, it makes the Club Meeting function so much easier for all.

Lets keep those membership numbers growing.

Thank you all. I hope you had as much fun as I did. **Brian Mellady**



OUR FEBRUARY MEETING



Attendance: 60 Present 10 Apologies 3 AWOL 2 Visitors

President: **Brian Mellady** began the meeting by welcoming back **John Chambers**, who has been recovering from a nasty accident. He advised that nominations for next year's committee have been received, and that there was still time for members to come forward and offer their services. Brian also mentioned that as today's speaker was from **The Royal Flying Doctor Service**, it would be a nice gesture for members to make individual donations to this most prestigious organisation.

Visitors were welcomed and birthdays acknowledged.

Vice President: **Jane Long** was absent today.

Secretary: **Brian Coughlan** said that he hoped someone would come forward to take on the role of secretary next year. He reported that a resignation letter from **Heather Hooper** had been received. Heather was a former President of the Ladies Club, but due to ill health has not been able to attend the meetings for some time. The minutes of the previous meeting were moved and seconded by **Paul Harvey** and **Carol Spencer** respectively.

Treasurer: **Andy Troy** announced that there had not been much activity pertaining to the finances, but invited members to vote in the photo competition. Next month will be the final and the subject is "**Mount Eliza**".

Tours and Entertainment: **Catherine Johnson** advised that activities have been a bit challenging as some people who have indicated that they will attend have later backed out, so she urged members to try to commit and pay promptly. She then proceeded to go through the list of proposed activities that can be found later in this bulletin.

Speakers: **John Fleiner** advised that today's speaker was **Annette Allison** from the **Flying Doctor Service**. He invited members to make a voluntary contribution into a box that would be passed around, and would be presented to her at the end of her presentation.

Welfare: **Sonia Troy** welcomed back **John Chambers**, and mentioned that **Bette Wilson** was still unwell. Sonia's husband **Andy Troy** had recovered from his fall and was back to normal. **Steve Griffiths** had trodden on a sting ray at the beach and had to have minor surgery to remove the barb.

House: **Bev Moloney** thanked all those who assisted with making contributions for today's morning tea.

Investment: **Max Batchelor** noted that investors must be happy as the ASX had had the best two weeks since 2016 being up by 7.5%. There are nineteen members in the competition and not one person is in the red which is a record. There are lots of reasons why the stock market is good.



Warren Buffett who is the most successful investor in the world says "Be fearful when others are greedy. Be greedy when others are fearful". Having said that, the housing market in Australia is causing concern, as well as the upcoming general election in May.

Our group as a whole is up by 7.9%. **John Fleiner** leads with 13.6%, **Bette Wilson** 12.5% and **Jan Marshall** 11.9%.

Warren Buffett

Golf: **Graeme Buckley** reported that they had a very enjoyable golf outing on **1st February** at the **Mornington Golf Club** hosted by **Probus Central of Mount Eliza**. This was a mixed pairs event and there was 20 attendees for golf and lunch from both groups. It is planned to meet again in **October**.



The next outing is on **Monday April 15th** against **Melbourne Probus** at the **Frankston Golf Club** for the annual **Ken McArthur Trophy** match. Graeme will take names of members who wish to play at the March meeting.

Book Club: **Wendy Griffiths** reported that the first meeting for the year welcome **Dorothee Boxall** as a new member to the group and **Margaret McArthur** will be a casual member, filling in when other members are away on holiday.

Induction of New Members: Two new members were welcomed to the club and inducted today.



Bill Spencer emigrated from the UK in 1974 and became a consultant in engineering. He formed a highly successful software company in 1985 and retired in 2005. He likes travelling, photography and reading, and enjoys contributing to the community.

Tim Acton is also from the UK, and has spent most of his working life in the airline industry, first with TAA and then Cathay Pacific. Since retiring in 2000, he has taken up public speaking about travel, and has spoken to many groups including Probus. He has also volunteered for Vision Australia and community radio. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Mt Eliza and has recently joined the Bowling Club.



Speakers: Today's speaker was **Annette Allison OAM**, the **Victorian Public Affairs Manager for The Royal Flying Doctor Service.**



Introduced by **John Fleiner**, Annette gave an enthusiastic and professional presentation, firstly outlining the history of the service and then moving on to daily operations. The service has 67 aircraft and 21 bases, and is Australia's 3rd largest airline behind Qantas and Virgin. It is a free service and is funded by the Government for operational costs, but has to find \$40 million each year through fundraising and donations for capital expenditures and other costs. They are currently raising funds for a second jet plane to add to the fleet. They have a dedicated workforce of doctors, nurses and pilots, but are always seeking new recruits, particularly pilots as they get lured away by lucrative offers from overseas airlines. New inductee **Tim Acton** gave the vote of thanks, and presented Annette with a small gift and the personal donations from the



members totalling \$313.

Future Speakers

- Today:** Short - **No speaker due to AGM**
 Long - **No speaker due to AGM**
- April:** Short - **TBA**
 Long - **TBA**



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	jenningsstrecare@outlook.com	Tree Care and Removal (Arborist)



March Birthdays

3 James Malone 5 Keith Spencer 12 Lindsay Gordon 25 Jan Marshall
25 Eleanor Roberts

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



Tours and Outings Catherine Johnson 0413 928 312

Monday 18th March AGM Changeover (Light) Lunch Norwood House \$25 pp

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

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

Wednesday 24th April Our Club's Car Rally from Mt. Eliza to Flinders. (Max arranging).

Monday 20th May Probus Friendship Day at Mornington Racecourse \$43 pp. Pay before March 18th

Saturday 22nd June Menopause the Musical at Frankston Arts Centre

September 4 day trip to King Island (\$1897 approx p/p twin share)
Please see Catherine for more details regarding prices and times for the above outings at the next meeting.

Coffee & Chat @ Degani's: Tuesday 19th March 2019. (Please note it is the day **AFTER** the AGM) 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

P hotographic Competition

The winning photo for February was a selfie taken on an IPAD of **Andy Troy**. It won the category of "**Holiday Photos**" not because of the sympathy vote, but because technically it is a very good photo. It shows clarity, is in focus and as Andy said it highlights "what can happen to 82 year olds if they do not watch their step". Thankfully Andy has fully recovered.

The topic for March is "**Pictures of Mt Eliza**". It can be anything pertaining to Mt Eliza ; a shop, a street, a beach scene, a tree , a well known resident. Please forward entries to Andy before the March meeting.





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

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 8th April 2019 at the Uniting Church, Canadian Bay Rd, Mount Eliza.

Next Committee Meeting: 9.30am on Monday 25th March 2019 at the home of Neil and Estelle Gold.



Annual Subscriptions



Annual Subscriptions are now due. Please pay **Andy** by **April 1st**, at the **March Meeting** or online.