PROBUS CLUB OF MOUNT ELIZA INC

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

As winter draws on, I would like to encourage you all to participate in club activities.

A car rally was organised by Max Moloney along with assistance from Bob and Kay Stephen. This drew several members to participate during a cold and misty winter day. Despite the weather the rally was a lot of fun and a resounding success.

Finally, we gathered for lunch at the Flinders Hotel where Max presented the winners each with a bottle of wine. Following my appeal for volunteers to fill the role of

Secretary as well as the role of deputy Vice President I am pleased to announce that John Connan applied for the Secretary role and Bill Spencer applied for the role as Deputy Vice President. Both roles were agreed and accepted by the management committee and we look



forward to working closely with them both in the future. Finally, the committee wishes to thank Brian Coughlan for all his dedicated work as Secretary and wish him well for the future.

Neil Gold.

OUR APRIL MEETING

Attendance: 51 Present; 19 Apologies; 3 Visitors; 2 AWOL.

President: Neil Gold wished everyone a happy Easter and wished Brian Coughlan a speedy recovery after being admitted to hospital with pneumonia and with his forthcoming surgery. Brian has indicated that he wishes to hand over the position of Secretary as soon as possible and he appealed to all for nominations to the position of Secretary. It has been decided to introduce positions of deputy Secretary and deputy Vice President, to help in the smooth running of the Club in the future. Neil has the details and if anyone is interested then please come and discuss. We need members to support a membership drive at IGA.

Neil announced that it he and Estelle would be celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary next week!

Vice President: Mardi Malone advised that she would not be acting Secretary for long. Brian Coughlan had become ill and he has been Secretary for two terms and we should not expect him to continue as Secretary into a third term considering his health. She appealed to the Club Members to come forward to fill this very important position.

Secretary: Minutes of the meeting 11th March were accepted.

Treasurer: The treasurer Andy gave his report. Please can we pay our subscription dues as soon as possible so as not to incur the wrath of our creditors

Tours and Entertainment: Max Moloney, in Catherine's absence, asked that survey responses be sent to Max and copy Catherine. There are still a number to come in. The car rally will be a fun event. We have packages outside for those who put their names down.

Max announced that there are a number of proposed outings as follows: -

Wednesday 24th April Our Club's Car Rally to Flinders Arranged by Max.

Friday 17th May 6.30 at the Wok on the Bay, Mt Martha. Call Cathy Toft.

Monday 20th May Probus Fellowship Day at Mornington Races. Thursday 20th June Trip to Yarragon. See Gallery and curio shops.

Saturday, 22nd. June Menopause, the Musical comedy at FAC at 7:30p.m.

Wednesday 24th July Christmas in July at Norwood House.

Friday 26th July 'Yes, Minister" at Mt Eliza Community Centre.

September A trip to King Island.

In the planning stage

- Lunch at Montalto Winery.
- Trip to Shrine of Remembrance
- Cerberus Brass Band
- High Tea on the High Seas
- St. Andrews Brewery.
- Visit to Police Museum, CBD, with meal at the RACV (\$19).

Lunch at Canadian Bay Hotel: All Members are invited to join **Keith and Carol** for lunch at the Canadian Bay Hotel after the Monthly General Meetings.

There is a specials menu that includes a glass of wine for \$24.50. Please let Carol know by Morning Tea if you would like to attend, so that she can make the booking.

Coffee and Chat @ Degani's: Tuesday 21st May 2019. Meet up with friends for half an hour or more and enjoy a relaxing tea or coffee and a chat. No need to book, just come along. **John Chambers 9775 4498**

Speakers: James Malone asked for ten-minute speakers to come forward. We all have a good story to tell. Our speaker today is new member Tim Acton and James will do a ten-minute talk as well.

Welfare: Sonia Troy advised that Brian Coughlan is due to have surgery on his heart valve and we wish him all the best. Bette Wilson is improving and is having a session of physio today. Len Christie is recovering well from shingles. Margaret Lade back after flu. Lindsay Gordon is having radio therapy and needs 40 sessions, one each day, and he is standing up very well. Keith Spencer had a foot operation about three weeks ago and he is doing very well.

Bulletin: Brian Mellady advised that a pdf of the last bulletin is available at the website for downloading and printing like the one available at the front door today.

House: Bev Moloney thanked all her helpers.

Book Club: Wendy Griffiths advised that our book was "What Came Before" by author Anna George. This was a passionate psychological thriller. The book starts at the beginning and we begin wondering how we could reach the conclusion. It's about love between David Forrester, a lawyer, and Elle Nolan, a film maker who just don't understand love and the perils of falling in love. It highlights domestic violence which unfortunately we hear on the news all too often. The group as a whole could not use the term "like" the book but we did agree that the author had done a good job writing about such a violent subject. Discussion was concluded and members were refreshed by another gourmet lunch.

Golf: Graeme Buckley reported that on Monday, April 15, we play Melbourne Probus at the Frankston Golf Club for our annual Ken McArthur Memorial Trophy match. The cost for those who are Frankston Golf Club members will be \$3, and for non-members it will be \$43. We will meet at 9 am for tea/coffee and biscuits and tee-off at 9.30 am. After nine holes, we will announce the winning team and Margaret McArthur has agreed to come along and present the Trophy and also join us for a BBQ lunch. We are looking for more players to support the event. Melbourne Probus have nine players. On Monday May 27 we play the Rotary Club of Frankston Sunrise at the Frankston Golf Club. Peter Long will coordinate the team for that event.



Investment: Max Batchelor gave some words of wisdom for investors and probably for everyone. Quoting the twentieth century philosopher Arnold Schwarzenegger who had this to say. "Having more money doesn't make you more happy, I have \$50 million and I am no more happy than when I had just \$48 million".

Max was a little worried about numbers today because he did want to support our host at Norwood House. Our competition is up and running very well and our investors appear to be learning over the years

We are doing better than the ASX. Four members have a return greater than 25%. Laurie Baillie is out in front with a 27.6% increase. Paul Harvey is just behind Laurie. John Fleiner and Bette Wilson are close behind on 26.5% increase. Many members have increased over 20% and if they were doing that "live" they would be very happy people. The stock market has worrying concerns lead by President Trump's global Issues with North Korea. The Chinese economy is not as buoyant as they would like it to be. We just have to wait and see. Brexit doesn't appear to be having an impact with the London stock exchange going quite well.

Ten Minute Speaker: James Malone spoke about his ten years as Federal Director of The Federation of Australian Commercial Television. This was the Industry body dealing with Trade Unions, interested bodies like Commercial Radio and the Government. His tenure included the Whitlam Government (1972 -1975) which gave him some interesting moments as Government policy clashed with Industry views. The industry icons James met in those days were very exciting; like Ron Casey; Don Lane - the lanky Yank; Bert Newton; and Doug Elliott on sports shows. Lou Richards, and Jack Dyer were great characters and Bill Collins was one of the most talented people. James met many stars of the day and had an insider view of Television production during the Golden Years of Australian Television.

Guest Speaker: James Malone introduced Tim Acton, our new member. Tim has an interesting history with the travel industry and was with TAA - Trans Australia Airlines from 1959 - 1976 and then he moved to Cathay Pacific as a senior executive. He also broadcasts on Community Radio, FM 95.7.

Tim delivered his talk from the Church pulpit. He began by reminding us that George Burns said "A good speech has a strong beginning and a strong end and the two should be as close together as possible."

His subject was the types of people you meet on coach tours. It drew on his first coach tour ever, 12 years ago in Eastern Europe. The talk was very light-hearted and very tongue in cheek and not be taken too seriously. Tim hoped no-one in the audience would be offended.

The final of the photo competition is to take place today.

The subject for the final is Photographers choice of photo including the one that won them the monthly comp if they wish. Eligible photographers are: Judy Crook, J&D Fleiner, N&E Gold, S&W Griffiths, C&C Hallam, P&J Long, J&M Malone, M&S Maloney, B&K Stephens, B&S Troy.

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).

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May Birthdays!

8th Paul Harvey 23rd Debbie Fleiner 24th Mike Newman 26th John Fleiner



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Next General Meeting:

Monday 9.45am on Monday 17th June 2019 at the Uniting Church, Canadian Bay Rd, Mount Eliza.

Next Committee Meeting:

9.30am on Monday 27th May 2019 at the home of Max and Bev Moloney, 21 Rutland Ave., Mt Eliza.

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