

## PROBUS CLUB OF MOUNT ELIZA INC

PO Box 667 Mt Eliza 3930 – <http://www.probusmteliza.club/>

Founded 1985 Registration No. A0011403Y

Meetings commence 9.45am second Monday of the month.

If Public Holiday, then third Monday.



**Bulletin No. 411**

**2nd JULY 2019**

### **Committee Members 2019 – 2020**

President: Neil Gold 9787 3682

Secretary: John Connan 9781 2636

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V/President: Mardi Malone 9775 3546

Treasurer: Andy Troy 9787 2146

Speakers: James Malone 9775 3546

House: Bev Moloney 9787 6358

Welfare: Sonia Troy 9787 2146

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Members,

It has been a cold winter and hopefully you all have avoided the flu epidemic.

Catherine Johnson has arranged several interesting outings. Hopefully you will respond to her efforts and sign up and encourage her good work.

I wish to thank those volunteer members who agreed to man the table at Ritchies Store during our forthcoming membership drive and wish them every success.

At the management committee meeting held on Monday June 24<sup>th</sup> it was decided that in view of his age and length of involvement with and service to the club, Alan Moore should be made an Honorary Life Member of The Probusteliza Club of Mt Eliza. I have therefore obtained the appropriate certificate from Probusteliza PPSL and had it mounted and framed for presentation.

Alan has been a member of Mt Eliza Probusteliza for thirty-one years having joined in July 1988, what was then the men's club. I am sure you will all join with me in recognising Alan's great contribution to the club.

More about Alan on page 6.



*Neil Gold.*

## MINUTES OF OUR JUNE 17<sup>th</sup> MEETING

- President:** President Neil welcomed John Connan back from China, congratulated Bill Spencer for the production of the Bulletin and welcomed Brian Coughlan back after his illness. He highlighted the forthcoming Membership Drive on Thursday and Friday July 18 and 19 outside Ritchies. He also welcomed the \$200 donation from Chris Bradley, a local Pharmacist.
- Apologies:** David Woodlock.
- Visitors:** Nil
- Vice-President:** Mardi Malone  
Mardi reiterated the Membership Drive and asked members to sign up for 2-hour slots.
- Secretary:** John Connan  
The acceptance of Minutes of the Meeting, held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019, as circulated and amended, was agreed without dissent.  
Correspondence In: RACV, Frankston Theatre, Drouin Lions Club, Ladies Probus Club Mt Eliza Village, National Pen. (for Andy Troy).  
Correspondence Out: Nil.
- Treasurer:** Andy Troy  
Andy reported that there had been no movement of funds since 31<sup>st</sup> May and that current funds stand at \$6,017.23.

**Coffee and Chat @ Degani's:** 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 on the third Tuesday of the month.  
John Chambers 9775 4498

**Speakers:** The speakers were John Connan (10 minute spot) and Sophia Moczulski (Librarian at Mornington library).  
Scheduled are:  
July, Eileen Murray, President, Southern Peninsula Rescue Service  
July, Estelle Gold (10 minute speaker)

**Welfare:** Sonia Troy welcomed back Brian Coughlan, Lorraine Aston and Henry Hammond.

**Bulletin:** Sixty copies were emailed and ten printed and made available at the door. A show of hands indicated that five members did not have email accounts, and on the basis of making copies available for visitors, it was decided to continue printing ten copies. Bill Spencer re-iterated that it is important that members add the Bulletin email address to their Contacts/address book to ensure that the mailing will not be treated as "Spam" and consigned to your "Junk" folder. Please email contributions to this address also.

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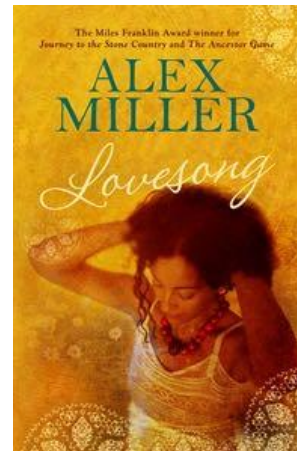
**House:** Bev thanked all those who had provided cakes, biscuits etc for morning tea, and also those who prepared and served the tea and coffee.

**Book Club:** In the absence of Wendy (living it up in foreign parts), Catherine Johnson presented the book club report on “Lovesong” by Alex Miller.

This story is narrated by Ken, a retired author who sees the potential for a book as John, an Australian he meets in Carlton, opens up and relates his own story.

The main tale is that of John and Tunisian born Sahiba who meet, fall in love and settle in Paris. Sahiba is obsessed with having a daughter and, when she fails to conceive after 11 years, she uses her wiles to seduce a local family man, Bruno, and the consequences are unexpected and, for Bruno, fatal.

The book contains all popular themes-love, passion, and murder and was thoroughly enjoyed by all Members, although we all felt there were many loose ends that were not addressed. We all admired the writings of Alex Miller and plan to read more of his works



**Investment:** Max Batchelor; Max began by saying that members of the investment group should be very pleased with their performance this year. To date the group has achieved a gain of 23% which compares very favourably to the 16% rise of the all-ordinaries index. Some members have done extraordinarily well; Paul Harvey achieved a 51% gain, with his best share pick being ZIP, a “buy now, pay later” company. Max rounded out his report with an amusing story about a man taking his son to the pub for the first time.



**Tim Acton Radio Show:** Tim presents an hour-long programme on Peninsula Radio RPP FM98.7, every Tuesday morning from 9.05am (after the news) until 10.00am. Tim covers about ten events or activities which are taking place on the Peninsula, in Frankston or nearby, in coming days. Typical events usually include upcoming performances at Frankston Arts Centre, art shows at local galleries, performances by schools in the area, and the monthly events organized by ADFAS (Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Societies)

**ACTIVITIES, TOURS & FINE DINING as at 24th. JUNE 2019.**

Catherine Johnson



- Mon 15<sup>th</sup> July. Visit to The Shrine of Remembrance & return with one course lunch at Caulfield RSL, \$60.00 p/p. "Daytripper Tours" dep. 9 a.m. from Mt.Eliza.
- Tues 24<sup>th</sup> July. 12 noon Our Christmas in July at Norwood House, Nepean Highway, Mt. Eliza. Cost now \$42.00 p/p.
- Fri 26<sup>th</sup> July 8 p.m. "Yes, Prime Minister" at Mt. Eliza Community Centre. \$25 p/p  
Tue 6<sup>th</sup> August 7:30 p.m. "Les Miserables" by PLOS at Frankston Arts Centre; \$55 p/p  
Concession:\$50. car pool.
- Wed 21<sup>st</sup> August 6 p.m. Welsh choir over dinner at "Kirks on Esplanade" Car pool (for a lift discuss with Catherine).
- Fri 6<sup>th</sup> September 10.30a.m. "Sherlock Holmes & a Woman's Wit" -Radio Theatre at Frankston Arts Centre, \$21 or \$19/group.  
Then lunch at "Sofia's" on Frankston foreshore.
- Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Sept to Sat. 5th.Oct Trip to Canberra with Probus Central. \$1075 p/p incl. B/fast & dinner daily; \$200 single room supplement. Staying at Ibis-style hotel. Visits to Bowral Festival, Parliament House, War Memorial and Floriad.

**Forthcoming Activities still in the planning stage:**

- Feb. 2020 P&O "short break" cruise with one day on King Island.  
Lunch at Montalto Winery  
Moonlight Sanctuary, Pearcedale  
Cerberus Brass Band  
Panama Gardens, Boneo  
Movie Club at Mornington Cinema  
Boat trip from Tooradin (Tidemaster)  
Lunch at St. Andrews Brewery, 160 Sandy Road, Fingal  
High Tea on the High Seas.  
Police Museum, CBD. Meal for \$19 at RACV

**Ten Minute Speaker: John Connan; China Today**

“Prior to our trip, my first to China, I had a dated view of life there. I imagined hordes of identically dressed peasants on bicycles, antiquities, a drab conformity. What I found was beauty, modernity and variety.”



John’s introduction was followed by a series of beautiful photographs taken during his recent trip. They showed colourful parks and gardens, roadsides planted with shrubs and flowers and well restored historic sites such as the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square, and beautiful artefacts from previous eras.



But they also showed modern buildings, some of the tallest in the world, and some exhibiting a playful architecture, such as the “bottle opener”.

The shops were full of the same merchandise that could be found in Paris or New York, and the service in shops and restaurants equalled or bettered that to be found in those cities.

Everywhere the focus was on material progress, and there was no doubt that the Chinese people were better off than ever before. We also found they had a pride in their country. That it was finding its place in the modern world, was taken seriously as a world power.



However, the continuous police presence and the absence of any opposition to Government made it clear that this was the price of progress  
John closed with a slide summing up his feelings after the visit:

“You will be richer but you will not be free”

**MAIN SPEAKER Sophia Moczulski – Libraries Today**



Ms Moczulski began her talk by describing how she came to Australia from her native Poland in 1983. In Poland she had been active in Solidarity, the trade union-based movement which opposed the Russian controlled government, and this led to her needing to flee the country.

Sophia completed a Masters at Monash in 1988, which involved visiting lots of libraries and she became interested in the early use of

computers in cataloguing books. She was involved in the collaboration between Melbourne University and RMIT which was the beginning of the library/internet focus, and taught many people to use the internet.

Moving on, Sophia asked us to consider what should be available for people, nowadays, who go to libraries. Maybe they only go to be warm in winter and cool in summer, but they are a captive audience – how should the library best help them?

So, what other than “old-fashioned” books will we find at our library? Well, e-Books, audio books, digital magazines, personal computers offering Internet access, (with help if needed), printers and copiers.

Many libraries have classes where you can learn things, U3A of course, but also many short courses and workshops. Mornington library currently has offerings as diverse as “My Gov” workshop, for those challenged by the intricacies of Centrelink, to the “Very snuggly quilt” program.

To explore all the features of your local library, log on to the library web site:

eg <https://ourlibrary.mornpen.vic.gov.au/Home>

This will take you to the home page where you can select the area you are interested in.

E-books and audio-books, like regular library books have a loan period of three weeks. After this, the title will still appear on your viewing device, but will not open. E-magazines, in contrast, once downloaded will stay on your device until you delete the file.

If you would like to access any of these, but find the procedure daunting – or are unsure if your reader is supported, visit the library in person and ask to talk to the appropriate person. Help is freely available.

### **Alan Moore – thirty-one years at Probus**



Alan was born in Camberwell, his father was an engineer and his mother a nurse. Alan had a sister who contracted Polio and later died, an event which deeply saddened the whole family.

Alan went to Melbourne Grammar from the age of ten and played Football for the school and rowed in a winning crew in the “Heads of the River”.

Being a lieutenant in the school cadet corps led to joining the 14<sup>th</sup> Battalion Militia Regiment at age twenty, and soon after he volunteered for the 39<sup>th</sup> Battalion, which was being sent to Papua New Guinea.



Alan fought in the battle of the Kokoda Track, and when his Battalion was finally disbanded at Sanananda after their epic struggle to halt the Japanese advance, and with only seven officers and thirty-five men remaining, he was sent to 2/6 Battalion as a Platoon Commander.

Alan was discharged at the end of the war with the rank of Company Commander.

After a period of recuperation Alan joined the Heinz company, a forty-year career culminating in senior management roles.

Alan has served in many organisations during his long and productive life. He was Commodore of The Canadian Bay Yacht Club, is a member of Rotary, and during his time with us has been variously; secretary, membership officer, welfare officer and tours organiser.



### Donation to Probus

Our thanks to Chris Bradley for the donation of \$200.



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### 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).

First Name	Surname	Company Name	Phone	Email	Category
Evan	Dowsett	JMP Home Services	0412 444 710	<a href="mailto:jmpservices@westnet.com.au">jmpservices@westnet.com.au</a>	Small jobs
Steven	Jones	Twin Peak Tire Services	0421 784 455	<a href="mailto:twinpeak222@yahoo.com">twinpeak222@yahoo.com</a>	Tree/Stump re
Dave		Simplicity Air	0452 622 530		Aircon/ Electrics
John		Royal Flush	0419 344 997		Plumber
Jason		Focus	0407 395872		Prop. Maint.
			0418 333 576		Garage dr reps
Nicho	Salvatore	Conic Electrical	0409 422 198		Electrician
Martin	Maloney		0418 743 901		Electrician
Peter	Butterworth	Butterworth Decorating	0414 670 528	<a href="mailto:peternilly@primus.com.au">peternilly@primus.com.au</a>	Master Painter
Ivan		Ivan's Carpentry	0408 535 710	<a href="mailto:ivansbuddy@hotmail.com">ivansbuddy@hotmail.com</a>	All Carpentry
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Dave & Jemma		Perfection Reflection	0488 800 252		Window clean'g



## July & August Birthdays!

### July

2<sup>nd</sup> Michael Leyden  
6<sup>th</sup> Bill Joynson  
7<sup>th</sup> Max Moloney  
15<sup>th</sup> Mike Symes  
17<sup>th</sup> Margaret McArthur  
18<sup>th</sup> David Woodlock  
19<sup>th</sup> Mardi Malone  
23<sup>rd</sup> Chris Hallam  
25<sup>th</sup> Catherine Johnson  
31<sup>st</sup> Ralph Bayer

### August

5<sup>th</sup> Beverly Moloney  
6<sup>th</sup> Liz McDonald  
10<sup>th</sup> Andy Troy  
11<sup>th</sup> Shirley Ingram  
21<sup>st</sup> Helen Andrews  
22<sup>nd</sup> Roy Stodden  
24<sup>th</sup> Graeme Buckley  
29<sup>th</sup> Lyn Mellady





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](mailto:brianptroy@gmail.com) or by phone 9787 2146

### **Bank Account Details**

**BSB: 013 396**

**A/C: 308 637 999**

#### **Next General Meeting:**

**Monday 9.45am on Monday 8th July 2019 at the Uniting Church, Canadian Bay Rd, Mount Eliza.**

#### **Next Committee Meeting:**

**9.30am on Monday 22nd July 2019 at the home of Andy Troy, 15 Picnic St, Frankston, tel 9787 2146**

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