

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.



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Committee Members 2019 – 2020

President: Neil Gold 9787 3682

Secretary: John Connan 9781 2636

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Membership: John Roberts 9787 1322

Bulletin: Bill Spencer 9589 4408

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, spring has at last arrived and it will shortly be summer.

I would like to once again welcome John and Di Horscroft, newly inducted members of our club. I feel sure they both will become active members and outgoing participants.

Maureen Nankervis was unfortunately unable to attend her induction ceremony due to ill health. Hopefully she has fully recovered and will be able to be inducted shortly.

So far, the month of November has been an exciting month what with the rugby world cup and the annual

Melbourne Cup horse race, both winners not being expected to win

I know I have mentioned this before but it is now time for members to start discussing the committee for 2020. I am sure you are all aware that all positions will become available. There will be some of the present committee retiring after several years of service and it will be hard to fill these positions. However, in order to keep the club going forward it is essential we have offers of interest from our members.

You all are welcome to talk to the present committee if you are interested in becoming involved.

Our annual Christmas luncheon will be held on Friday the 29th of November at Norwood House. If you have not already expressed interest please contact Catherine Johnson.

Our next General Meeting has been moved forward from the 11th

November to Monday the 18th of November due to the 11th being Remembrance Day

The following General Meeting in December will be held on Monday the 9th at the Uniting Church Mount Eliza.

Neil Gold.



Minutes of October meeting

President: President Neil called the meeting to order at 10.51 and welcomed members and visitors to the meeting.

Inductions: Paul Harvey introduced John and Di Horscroft who were then formally inducted by President Neil.

John was brought up near London. He was in the Navy for a long time before becoming a pilot. Some 25 years ago he retired, and he and Di decided to join the family who had earlier migrated to Australia. They arrived in Sydney in 2000, before settling in Camberwell. 17 years ago they moved to Mount Eliza.

Di was born in Wales but moved to London when she was 6. On her first day at school her accent drew comment, so she decided to get rid of it. She became a teacher and finished as Vice-Principal of a large Junior School. She is heavily involved in gardening, reading and opera.

Apologies: Dorothee Boxall, Cathy Toft, Shirley Ingram and Henry Hammond. (Tim Acton had sent an emailed apology from Norway.)

Visitors: Deidre Samba, Keith and Salina Forbes, Louise Jarvis.

Birthdays: October 2nd John Chambers, 15th Laurie Baillie; Bob Watson, 20th Margaret Lade, 29th Hermann Schneider. November 4th Cathy Toft, 4th Maxine Coughlan, 6th Robert Stephen, 10th David Howell, 19th Bette Wilson, 20th Alan Moore (his 99th!)

Vice President: Mardi Malone

Vice-President Mardi introduced Deidre Samba. She also spoke of contact with a Mornington Probian running a *photography* class with only 3 attending from Mornington. Mardi and James went. If anyone else is interested they should contact Mardi.

Secretary: John Connan

Minutes of Meeting N^o 414 held on 9th September, were accepted as a true and correct record. John thanked Catherine Johnson for taking the Minutes in his absence.

Correspondence In: Nil

Correspondence Out: Nil.

John Chambers:

John pointed out that the Degani Coffee Morning was on the Third Tuesday – which meant it would be the next day: October 15th.

Treasurer: Andy Troy

Andy reported that there had been little movement of funds. As at 30th September \$5,476.05 was available: \$3,229.06 Savings; \$2,751.99 Cheque A/C.

Canberra trip with Mt Eliza Central

Margaret McArthur spoke on the trip to Canberra with Mt Eliza Central Probus. With a cold and wet start, she was warmly welcomed into the group. 5 lovely sunny days in Canberra. Organization well done. Floriade. Tulip Festival, Bowral. Don Bradman Museum, Bowral. In Canberra: museums, Parliament House, Cockington Green. Overall a great experience.

Welfare: Sonia Troy said how good it was to have Brian Coughlan, Estelle Gold, Lindsay Gordon and Henry Hammond back. She'd had a great chat with Alan Moore with his 99th birthday coming up. On 22nd November he has an invitation to Government House to recognize his achievements.

Membership: John Roberts

Present: 53 Apologies: 19 Absent: 4 Visitors: 4

Club Activities:

Golf: Peter Long for Graeme Buckley. Friday, November 8th Mt Eliza Probus Central at Mornington Golf Club

Investment: Max Batchelor. The group is up a hypothetical 24%, led by Paul up 104%; David 50%; Hermon 48%. In fact, the group portfolio is up 44%.

Book Club Meeting 09 October 2019

Attendees Bob, Brian, Catherine, Debbie, Jane, Kay, Lindsay, Steve and Wendy; Apologies : Dorothee

Venue: Jane Long's 13 Beal Place Mornington

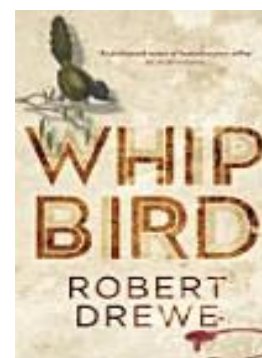
Discussion Leader: Debbie

Book: Whipbird by Robert Drewe

The Whipbird is the name of a Winery near Ballarat owned by a Melbourne Barrister Hugh Cleary. The plot unfolds over a weekend celebrating the 160th anniversary of Conor Cleary's arrival from Ireland to Australia during the Gold Rush.

Over 1000 of his descendants gather from far and wide for the weekend and many subplots develop with the various characters. Hugh has been planning the event for months to proudly showcase the winery to the extended clan. Some of the family members know each other some don't. As the wine flows it promises to be an eventful couple of days.

Most book club members enjoyed the Whipbird, though it read more as a series of short stories about the many characters; the ending was dramatic if a bit far-fetched. After the meeting a gourmet lunch was enjoyed by all.



Bob Stephen

Tim Acton Radio Show "Tim's Top-eight Temptations"for November

Wed 13th Nov. Peninsula Music Society presents the Berlin-based Trio Marvin playing a concert of pieces by Faure, Brahms and Shostakovich. Peninsula Community Theatre, Wilsons Road, Mornington at 7.30pm. Tickets \$55.00/\$50.00 at door.

Thu 14th Nov. MPRG, Civic Reserve, Mornington. "Talking Ceramics" -Illustrated talk by Prue Venables and Neville French, renowned ceramics and porcelain artists. 5.00pm-6.30pm incl refreshments Tickets \$18.00: Contact : MPRG 5950 1580.

Fri 15th Nov. Frankston Arts Centre: Harrison Craig (winner "The Voice" in 2013) presents his show in which he performs many of Sir Elton John's best-known songs. 8.00pm for two hours incl interval. Tickets \$65.00/ \$45.00. Call FAC box office: 9784 1060.

Fri 15th Nov until Sun 1st Dec (Fri, Sat 8.00pm and Sun 24th Nov, 1st Dec 2.00pm): Frankston Theatre Group presents black comedy play "Seasons Greetings" by Sir Alan Ayckbourn. In Mount Eliza Community Centre, Canadian Bay Road with cabaret-style seating at tables – BYO food and drinks. Tickets \$28.00/\$15.00 through www.trybooking.com

Sat 16th Nov. Neighbourhood House, Canadian Bay Road, Mount Eliza. "Annual Community Fete" 9.30am - 4.00pm. Live entertainment, kids activities, food and produce stalls, sausage sizzle and Dog Show -fun for folk of all ages (and pet dogs!). Tickets not required.

Fri 22nd Nov. Merricks General Wine Store 6.30pm - 9.30pm. Talk by Dr Jill Robertson, Founder and CEO of Animals Asia, whose major project is the saving of Asian black bears kept in tiny cages in China and Vietnam whose bile is brutally extracted for use in traditional Asian medicines. Tickets \$65.00 which includes presentation, music, finger food and beverages. Contact 5989 8088.

Sat 23rd Nov. Frankston Arts Centre. Concert "John Williamson – The Butcherbird Tour" in which this Aussie icon takes the audience on a journey through the outback, combining humour, romance, campfire stories and songs accumulated during his 48-year career. 8.00pm until 10.30pm, tickets \$54.00 through FAC box office 9784 1060. Suggested group outing, see below.

Sun 1st Dec. The Belcanto Choir performs "Christmas Readings and Carols", conducted by Margaret Brown. In the Village Uniting Church, Mount Eliza (home of our Probus Club!) starting at 2.30pm.

Activities, Tours & fine Dining to 9th. November, 2019
Catherine Johnson

- Saturday, 16thNov. noon: Marengo Winery & Bee keeping information
(Fully booked).
- Saturday, 23rdNov. John Williamson "The Butcherbird Tour" Frankston Arts Centre,
\$54.00/\$52 concession.
- Friday, 29thNov. Our Christmas Lunch at Norwood House, \$42.00
(Kris Kringle limit:\$20)**
- Sunday, 1st Dec. Navy Blue Harmony Concert at Frankston Arts centre. \$25 p/p
- Wednesday, 4thDec. 9.30 am-Tour of Jayco Caravan factory.
- Friday, 21stFebruary 7pm "Fawlty Towers Dinner & Dance", \$65 p/p. FAC

Forthcoming Events:

- Thursday, 7th May` "Spirit of the Dance" \$89.90/\$84.90conc.
- Tuesday, 21st.July 2020. "Carmen" at Frankston Arts centre. Further details as they come in!!!
- Date TBA. Werribee Open Range Zoo
- Dates TBA. "Unearth Loddon Valley"-3 day/2 night trip \$315/ +
\$30 s/s

Guest Speaker: Bill Spencer

Bill trained as a microbiologist, though he became involved in industrial engineering. He migrated to Australia in 1974.

He took up work in R & D with a cheque-printing company. In 1989 the company was taken over and he resigned rather than wait to be retrenched. His best mates began work on software. In 1991 when the software was nearly ready to go, they invited him to become a partner, which he did, mortgaging his house to buy in. His role was selling "PrintSoft". Bill said that from the beginning it was "born global": the Australian market was too small; the aim always was to create world-wide software.

The first two years were of loss, followed by 13 years of profit.

It was the era when laser printers were coming in. Companies were wrapping and mailing. A new market was opening.

In 1994 they won the Victorian Best New Exporter of the Year Award.

Bill suggested there's a lot of luck in business – being at the right place at the right time.



Before the company sold out to Australia Post it had some 100 staff employed worldwide, including subsidiaries and joint ventures and had a good reputation for a product usable worldwide across the normal linguistic character barriers.

Bill provided a fascinating history of the way a local company could be smart enough to meet the challenges of being a global software company.

(John Connan)

Outing to RoRo café at the Queenscliff Ferry terminal.

On Wednesday October 30th, a group of us sailed across the bay on the Sorrento to Queenscliff ferry and enjoyed a very pleasant lunch at RoRo (name derived appropriately from the “Roll on Roll off” ferries).



The weather was kind, a mild sunny day, and although transport arrangements meant that we

had to split into two and travel on successive ferry trips, there were no problems and the two groups met at the café for lunch. The menu was interesting, the service was friendly and although some of the wines selected did not meet with universal acclaim, generally a good time was had by all.





November and December Birthdays!

November

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

December

8th Beryl Vogwell
 10th Joan Baillie
 10th Bill Spencer
 12th Joyce Pollock
 14th Carol Spencer
 17th Peter Mattingly
 18th Henry Hammond
 19th Pat Harvey

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	jmpservices@westnet.com.au	Small jobs
Steven	Jones	Twin Peak Tire Services	0421 784 455	twinpeak222@yahoo.com	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	peternilly@primus.com.au	Master Painter
Ivan		Ivan's Carpentry	0408 535 710	ivansbuddy@hotmail.com	All Carpentry
Andrew	Jennings	Jennings Tree Care	0407 356 127	jenningstrecare@outlook.com	Arborist
Dave & Jemma		Perfection Reflection	0488 800 252		Window clean'g



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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,
A/C: 308 637 999**

Next General Meeting:

Monday 9.45am on Monday 18th November 2019 at the Uniting Church, Canadian Bay Rd, Mount Eliza.

Next Committee Meeting:

9.30am on Monday 25th November 2019 at the home of Andy and Sonia Troy, 15 Picnic St, Frankston South, 3199, Tel 97872146

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