

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. 417

8th January 2020

Committee Members 2019 – 2020

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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,

I trust you all had a pleasant Christmas celebrating with your loved ones and that the New Year will bring you happiness and health.

Our thoughts go out to those who are battling the horrific bush fires and we hope and pray that the fires will be tamed and put out in the near future and normality will resume.

Our Christmas luncheon at Norwood House was, according to most members, one of the best they had attended and a great success.

Thanks must be passed on to Estelle for her contribution for making the luncheon a success .

The Club's 35th anniversary celebration was well attended,

as shown in the photograph which appeared in the local Mornington Newspaper (see page 5).

My final plea to members is that they put up their hand to fill positions which will be vacated by current management committee shortly.



Neil Gold.

Minutes of November meeting

President: President Neil was back in the Chair. Before the meeting formally began, he asked all members and visitors to go back to the Narthex, so a Morning News photographer could take a photograph celebrating the Club's 35th year of existence. Back in the meeting area he wished everyone a merry Christmas and happy New Year!

Induction Maureen Nankervis: Maureen moved to Mount Eliza seven months ago from NSW. A big move, in order to be nearer family and friends. Maureen was born in Geelong, lived for a number of years at Traralgon on a hobby farm where she learned to spin, and also took up Golf. After the retirement of her husband they moved to Tarooma in NSW.

Maureen lost her husband in 2006 and has six grand-children and six great grandchildren.

Apologies: Margaret Lade; Carol & Keith Spencer.

Visitors: Gwen and Clarrie Woods.

Vice-President: Mardi Malone

Mardi spoke of the vacancies which will need to be filled at the March Annual Meeting; and wished everyone a happy Christmas and New Year. President Neil reinforced the need for nominations by February 10th.

Secretary: John Connan

This was further reinforced by Secretary John reminding everyone of the need to have a Secretary. Without a Secretary, the Club is by law no longer able to continue as a Incorporated Organization.

Minutes of Meeting N^o 416 held on 18th November, 2019, were accepted as a true and correct record, after John noted a number of omissions from the circulated version of the Minutes. He asked for corrections before the Minutes kept for the record were signed.

Correspondence In: Nil

Correspondence Out: Nil.

Treasurer: Andy Troy

Andy reported that there had been little movement of funds. As at 30th November \$5,896 was available: \$3329 in Savings; \$2,667 in Cheque A/C.

Welfare: Sonia Troy: little to be said: everyone seems pretty good.

She wished everyone a good Christmas and a happy New Year and reminded members to make sure they had enough fluids during the hotter weather.

Membership: John Roberts

Present: 56 Apologies: 12 Absent: 8 Visitors: 4

Coffee and Chat @ Degani's:

The "Coffee & Chat" gathering at Degani's on the 3rd Tuesday of each month has attracted very few members over the past year or two. Because of this, consideration is being given to whether this monthly arrangement should be suspended, either temporarily or permanently. Please let me know have your thoughts about this question at our club meeting on January 13 (Monday).

In the meantime, there will be no "Coffee & Chat" in January.

Thank you to those who have supported our little get-togethers in the past.

My best wishes for 2020.

John Chambers

Golf:

Graeme Buckley. Good morning everyone. Our next golf day is scheduled for early next year, February or March, with Mt Eliza Probus Central at Mornington Golf Club. Date to be confirmed. Our match against Melbourne Probus will be at Frankston Golf Club on Monday on Monday April 27th when we play for the Ken McArthur trophy. I would like to wish you all good golfing in the New Year!

Investment:

Max Batchelor. Markets have been up and down. Exactly what has happened in the group he can't say: his computer is down and he's lost his records! Lindsay was able to help. Market up 18% on year.: the group 32%. 2019 winner was Paul Harvey up 76%. John Fleiner 47%. Paul thanked Max for his efforts and those who took part and wished everyone a good Christmas and New Year.

Book Club Meeting 2nd December 2019

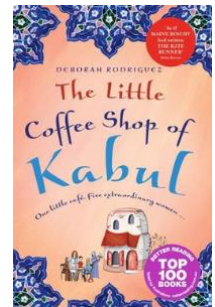
Attendees: Bob, Brian, Lyn, Deb, Dorothee, Jane, Lindsay, Kay, Steve, and Wendy.

Apology: Catherine. – Catherine submitted a report that was read out at the meeting.

Venue: Steve and Wendy's, 11 Glenshan Lane, Mt Eliza.

Discussion leader: Dorothee

Book: The Little Coffee Shop in Kabul by Deborah Rodriguez



This was the story of an American woman who sets up a coffee shop in Kabul, Afganistan of all places. It was based on the author's personal experience of opening the first beauty salon in Kabul. The main characters were five interesting women.

Sunny – an American who runs the coffee shop in this dangerous place.

Yazmina – a young pregnant woman stolen from her village and abandoned in Kabul.

Halajan – a sixty year-old mother with a long hidden secret love.

Candace – a wealthy American who left her husband for an Afghan lover.

Isabel – an English investigative journalist who discovers more than she bargained for in a dangerous and violent country.

Their trials and tribulations are set against the threat of the Taliban and the rules of Afghan society, however, at the end of the book we had a happy ending for most of the characters.

All in all, we did enjoy this one and afterwards sat down to a sumptuous Christmas Luncheon.

I would like to thank Wendy and Steve for hosting our Christmas lunch and the fun games they provided afterwards. I think everyone enjoyed them and had a good laugh.

Bob Stephen

TOURS, ENTERTAINMENT and FINE DINING as from 13th January 2020

Catherine Johnson

Sunday, 12 th Jan.	Shakespeare in the vines – “Macbeth” at Crittendens Winery
Tuesday 14 th Jan	Film night at Mornington cinema with dinner prior.
Wed, 5 th Feb. 12 noon	Lunch and garden tour at “Montalto Winery” \$49. car pool. Book early please.
Friday, 21 st Feb. 7p.m.	“Fawlty Towers” Dinner & Dance at FAC. \$65 pp
Monday, 16 th Mar.	With Mornington Probus 3-day Lakes Entrance trip. \$1,298. Indication of interest ASAP , please.
Tuesday, 17 th Mar.	“Moonlit Sanctuary” Pearcedale, Evening tour. Cost/Times TBA. Please indicate interest.
Thursday, 7 th May 7:30pm	“Spirit of the Dance” FAC \$89.90/\$84.90 conc.
7 – 10 th May	Unearth Loddon valley 3 day/ 2 night trip \$315 + \$30 s/s
Sunday, 17 th May	with Mornington Probus Club-10 Day trip to Mauritius, incl. return airfares, fully escorted, \$5,098 (s/s + \$750). Indicate interest ASAP .
Tuesday, 21 st July	“ CARMEN” live opera at Frankston Arts Centre. Time- TBA, Cost- TBA. Book in early. One show only in Frankston
Sunday, 20 th Sept.	6 Day “Proud Mary” trip-Return airfares; 2 night on board, 2 nights Kangaroo Island, Adelaide accom. \$3,295 twinshare.

10 Minute Speaker - Tim Acton- “The Twelve days of Christmas” or “The Everlasting Turkey”

With the available time restricted because of the Anniversary Presentation, Tim gave a short but very amusing recitation of this very funny verse which was much enjoyed by all.

Presentation of 35 Year Certificate



Our club has now been in existence for 35 years and the occasion was marked by the presentation of a certificate from Probus Head Office. The photographer from Mornington News was on hand to report the event.

Guest Speaker: Stuart Davis-Meehan

Stuart was introduced by Margaret McArthur who works as a volunteer at the Mornington Peninsula Community Information and Support Centre.

Stuart came from a similar position in Canberra 18 months ago.

He paid his respects to Elders past, present and emerging. He had begun training in law but receiving a Rotary Youth leadership award in Maitland changed his direction. He set up his own company and became principal of a school for students with challenging behaviours.

The Centre is a community-based NGO, separate from the Shire. It has a Committee of 8 volunteers and is a registered charity. There are 125 volunteers.

It does 2 main things: it is an Information Centre, operating Mon-Fri 9-2; Sat 10-4; Sun 10-2, offering information to residents and visitors, as well as personal and community support services. Stuart largely focussed on the support services.

In 2018 it provided 19,560 occasions of service: 54/day.

Community Information: 300 brochures. Community Directory produced by Shire: over 1,500 organizations listed.

Emergency Relief: anyone who comes can receive 2/3 days food, no questions asked; food vouchers; Telstra; Myki; prescriptions; Op Shop; financial assistance. Fulltime case worker for more complex needs – long-term if necessary; loan scheme – up to \$1,500 no-interest loans; tax return help.

Thursday: fresh food program, St Mark's Mornington; 60/70 each Thursday – at present 100!

Monday at 5.30: Mornington Free Masonic Hall; free meal 25/30.

Bread program each Monday. Baker's Delight free bread.

Needle/syringe exchange or supply program; 20,000 needles for medical purposes; 10% illicit drugs.

Christmas lunch: ~79 people.

Christmas hamper (St Vincent de Paul): 33 people; 350 hampers. 2018: 344 Christmas items.

Centrelink Cards: Christmas presents for kids – 316 in 2018. {Salvation Army: 1,000,000 families cannot afford presents.}

Community High Teas: Often attended by those older and/or isolated. Amazing food.

Magician.

Beach End Op Shop, 70 McLaren Place.

Hopes:

- 1. Stable One.** Homeless, sleeping rough, on the Peninsula there is nowhere to send such folk. Trying to provide accommodation. Churches open doors for winter for 1 ~ 10 people. Hope to convince Shire to provide \$100,000.
- 2. Mornington Peninsula Pizza Appreciation Society.** Anxiety/Depression support group. 1st Thursday each month social occasion to make pizza.
- 3. Mornington Community House Activities,** Albert Street. Shire has begun work on new Wilson Road site. Hope to have access and management to run courses and hold events.

Questions from the floor:

How closely does Centre work with *Police*? Not linked; little relationship.

Homeless; problems with churches? Mt Evelyn had problems. Shire wary. Buildings need to be safe: fire/access. Each building would need to provide up to 12 vacancies. Stuart confident Shire will be happy.

Funding sources: Building is free (value ~ \$200,000); Centre pays utilities. Also: Rosebud and Hastings. Fed Dept Soc. Services: \$50,000. R. E. Ross Trust: \$25,000 (not in future); Op Shop \$25,000; Rent: \$50,000; \$30,000 to balance books.

Peninsula Voice: focus is local community. Still exists.



Homelessness: Victorian Council of Social Service map shows 10% in poverty Mt Eliza, Mt Martha According to Anglicare ! – nothing available as affordable property in capital cities; up to 30% of income for many goes out as rent. *Foodbank:* in 2019 up to 1 in 5 runs out of food at least once a week; 3 in 10 go without food for an entire day. Hard to get statistics on homelessness: living in cars; living rough; in boarding houses. A Government enquiry. Shire: 2018 9 rough sleepers / month; 2019 14!

At the end of a fascinating talk, Stuart was presented with a small gift by James Malone

Christmas Luncheon at Norwood House

The Christmas Luncheon at Norwood House was an outstanding success. The food was excellent – succulent turkey and ham accompanied with roast veggies, plum pudding, mince tarts and chocolates to finish. Wine flowed as did the happy chatter – a good time most certainly was had by all!

Adding to the atmosphere were the delightful Christmas decorations to put us in the spirit of the Season. It was obvious that Norwood House management had gone to some trouble in creating a happy setting.

A huge thank you to Estelle Gold who organised and coordinated the entire event. Thanks also to Mardi Malone for the words and Deb Fleiner for the Photos.





MT ELIZA PROBUS CLUB and GUESTS
on the occasion of the Club's Christmas lunch at Norwood House



January and February Birthdays!

January

6th Max Batchelor
 7th Bob Graham
 10th John Connan
 12th Barbara Trewartha
 21st Brian Coughlan
 28th Ron Vassil
 31st Wendy Griffiths

February

3rd Peter Long
 5th Sonia Troy
 21st Barry Wyatt
 22 Charles Meyer
 27th Hannelore Somerville

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	impservices@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.
Nicho	Salvatore	Conic Electrical	0418 333 576		Garage dr reps
Martin	Maloney		0409 422 198		Electrician
Peter	Butterworth	Butterworth Decorating	0418 743 901	petermilly@primus.com.au	Electrician
Ivan		Ivan's Carpentry	0414 670 528	ivansbuddy@hotmail.com	Master Painter
Andrew	Jennings	Jennings Tree Care	0408 535 710	jenningstreecare@outlook.com	All Carpentry
Dave & Jemma		Perfection Reflection	0407 356 127		Arborist
			0488 800 252		Window clean'g



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 Mt Eliza Way, Mt Eliza,
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 9787 7088



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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 13th January 2020 at the Uniting Church, Canadian Bay Rd, Mount Eliza.

Next Committee Meeting:

9.30am on Monday 20th January 2020 at the home of Catherine Johnson, 2/23 Cerberus Rd, Baxter, 3911

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