# **PROBUS CLUB OF MOUNT ELIZA INC**

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE June 2022

Dear Fellow Probians,

The Change-over lunch was held at The Ranelagh Club on May 12 and all agreed that the venue and food were outstanding. Past President Len Christie was presented with the traditional feather duster (or in this case, an up-market microfiber duster!). I took the opportunity to recognize the other Past Presidents who were in attendance (Lindsay Gordon, Neil Gold, john Chambers and Jane Long) as well as introducing the 2022/2023 committee members to the attendees.

It was then my honour to bestow Life Membership on John Chambers who has been a stalwart of the Probus Club of Mount Eliza for many years. Jan Marshall did an excellent job in arranging the day and invited several prospective new members along for the lunch.

We held a membership drive on May 26 and another will take place on Thursday June 30 at the Mount Eliza Village Centre. Probus South Pacific have been very supportive in supplying personalized club flyers, benefits posters and handouts at no cost. Anyone who is willing to help will be most welcome. Last month, the book swap table was back and I wish to thank Bob and Kay Stephen for taking the time to set this up. If you have any books you wish to swap, please bring them along to the next meeting.



Starting this month, you will be pleased to see that due to the relaxing of COVID restrictions, we can once again enjoy fresh food at the coffee/tea break. While I have heard that this is one of the main reasons why some members attend our meetings, the committee is happy to do whatever it takes!

We will once again be holding our Christmas in July at Norwood House. The date is set for 29<sup>th</sup> July so please mark it in your calendar.

Finally, I am pleased to advise that Marija Stanford will be inducted as a new member at the June meeting.

Graeme Buckley President

#### SPEAKERS:

At our May meeting Lorraine Smith (right), entertained us with

the fascinating story of tracing the journey of a 16th century, parchment manuscript: from Yorkshire in 1583, to a second hand bookshop in Warrnambool in 2013. Lorraine's excitement in the telling, kept members intrigued throughout.

For our June 20th meeting, Reagan Barry's topic is Community Banking. Reagan is a past student of The Peninsular School, and is currently on the board of Mt Eliza Bendigo Bank. He holds a Masters of Business (Banking and Finance) and a Bachelor of Commerce from Monash University

He is currently Chief Commercial Officer for Telstra's national business. Before returning to the Peninsula, he worked in Hong Kong as Chief Commercial Officer of Telstra's International division,



leading a diverse global team through major geopolitical change and the global pandemic. You can be assured of a very interesting talk

The 10 minute talk will be replaced this month by the induction of a new member.

### GOLF:

Our next golf game is on Monday September 19 when we have our friendly game against Melbourne Probus. It will be at Frankston Golf Club when we play 9 holes, have lunch, and proceed to play another 9 holes. FGC has increased the daily fee to \$50, hence the desire for 18 holes!

Jane Long has arranged a golf outing to Yarrawonga from 20-22 September. Members are invited to join Jane and Peter for the 3 days which will include golf (optional), touring and dine-outs. Further details can be obtained from Jane.

#### **BOOK CLUB: Coal Creek by Alex Miller**

Coal Creek, by Alex Miller, began slowly and readers were required to adapt to a grammatically incorrect narration by Bobby Blue, a 20 year old ex-station hand, now working as assistant to a newly arrived police constable.

Persistence paid off as this Australian story set in the harsh & unforgiving Queensland landscape of the 1940s is about "friendship, loyalty, misunderstandings and devastating consequences". Our readers largely enjoyed this book which reflected the author's own experiences gained as a young man in the Australian outback.

As usual, the gourmet lunch proved a satisfying way to end the meeting.

#### **Probus Club of Mount Eliza Bank Details:**

BSB: 633/000 A/c No: 1793 84045

#### Membership Drive at Ritchies: Thursday 26 May

President Graeme and Vice President Jan with husband Ron were on the 2-hour morning shift. Shirley Ingram and Chris Haliman were on for the two hours in the afternoon. Both groups enjoyed the friendly interaction with the general public. All up, it was a gratifying list of 16 names. Jan and Shirley will follow up, inviting the sixteen to our next meeting as well as forthcoming events and activities. Well done to those four, their efforts are much appreciated.

We hope the **next membership drive** will be as successful on **Thursday 30 June**. More members helping would be appreciated. Each shift is two hours, 10am-12 noon, and 12 noon to 2pm. Flyers, as handout material will be available.



#### **FUTURE EVENTS:**

#### Dine Outs.

**Thursday 23 June.** The Heritage Hotel, Balnarring, 12 noon. Organised by Max Molony. This is own transport, pool cars if required. Pay as you go. Max: 9787 6358. for Bookings

Wednesday 6 July. Café Thirteen/83 Watts Road, Mornington (off Yuilles Road Mornington) 11.30am, coffee, lovely selection of light lunches. Jan: 5975 2845 for Bookings

**Sunday 17 July.** The Dubliners Irish Restaurant and Bar, 65A Octavia Street, Mornington (car park in front). 3pm late lunch/snacks, live music @ 4pm. Jan 5975 2845 for Bookings.

Friday 29 July. 'Christmas in July' at Norwood House, 12 noon. Jan is taking bookings at the desk.

#### Cinema.

**Wednesday 29 June.** 'Downton Abbey'. Hoyts Cinema, Frankston. 12.45pm. Free parking under the cinema Hoyts to confirm. Jan 5975 2845 for Bookings.

#### Concert. Beleura Concert Thursday 14 July 1.30pm

\$50 Seniors Concession. Bob and Steve Sedergreen "The Company of Pianos". Father and son performing original blended well-known standard and Jazz music. Their infectious love of the Australian jazz community is sure to lift our spirits and warm our hearts.

Margaret McArthur has obtained a group booking for this concert but *must* confirm numbers soon as the tickets are in great demand. Early birds catch the worm! Margaret: 0400 660 824 for Booking

## Daytripper Tour to Bendigo – Elvis & Da Vinci Exhibition

Day 1 – Wednesday– We began our journey after being picked up from our homes and taken to our bus, which was parked near the tennis club in Mt Eliza. Enjoying Morning Tea



enroute, we made our way to historic Maldon for lunch, and did a little exploring, before making our way to Victorian Goldfields Railway, to board our first-class carriage for the rail trip through the goldfields of Central Victoria to Castlemaine. Arriving in Castlemaine, Kevin our driver, met and then drove us in the bus to Bendigo where we stayed for two nights at the Quality Hotel Lakeside. Day 2 – Thursday – This morning we visited the



Bendigo Gallery for the Elvis - Direct from Graceland Exhibition. This exhibition features a wide range of costumes, vintage memorabilia, and treasured items from his beloved

> Graceland home. Lunch was in the café at the Gallery.

Whether a fan or not, one could only admire the intricate beading work on the costumes.













In the afternoon we went to the **Bendigo Discovery Centre** and **Da Vinci's Machines Exhibition**. Leonardo Da Vinci did not limit his thinking to the times within which he lived, but rather imagined a future where his ideas were not only possible, but do-able. This exhibition consists of carefully reconstructed, and functional machines which were invented by Da Vinci in the 15th Century, as well as excellent recreations of some of his most famous paintings.





Day 3 – Friday –Our last morning began with a visit to **The Great Stupa of Universal Compassion**. A stupa (also known as a pagoda) is the most sacred building in Buddhism. We enjoyed a guided tour and learned a little more about the 100-year project, which will eventually incorporate shops, a hotel,







houses and even a school.





On the way home we stopped at the **Russo Estate Winery** and enjoyed a delightful lunch. Just the way to end a lovely holiday! Once home we were escorted to our door.



Lindsay Gordon, Margaret McArthur, and John & Deb Fleiner joined seventeen others on Daytripper's recent adventure, and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Deb Fleiner



This Month and Next Month's Birthdays.

	JUNE	
17	Estelle Gold	

## JULY

- 2 Helen Begg
- 6 Bill Joynson
- 7 Max Maloney
- 17 Margaret McArthur
- 17 Di Horscroft
- 19 Pat Anthony
- 23 Chris Hallam
- 25 Catherine Johnson

## ADVANCE NOTICE from the Editor:

One of the bulletin items I am hoping to include from next month is a

## **Member Profile**

There are several new members (I include myself in that list) and I think it would be of interest to us all if some of the members who have been in the club a considerable number of years, have the chance to say a little about themselves.

I do hope that if you are approached you will be willing to spend a some minutes with me whilst I glean basic information!

# Calendar of Events June/July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JUNE 12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 General Meeting: 9.45am	21	22	23 Lunch @ The Heritage Hotel Balnarring 12 noon	24	25
26	27 Committee Meeting 2pm @ Di Horscroft's	28	29 Film@Hoyts Frankston 'Downton Abbey' 12.45	30 Membership Drive @ Ritchies 10-2pm	JULY 1	2
3	4 Book club 11am@Di Horscroft	5	6 Trip to Swan Hill 6-11 <sup>th</sup> 11.30, Café Thirteen, Watts Rd M'ton	7 ⇒	8 ⇒	9 ⇒
10 ⇒	11 ⇔ General Meeting: 9.45	12	13	14 Concert @ Beleura 1.30pm	15	16
17 The Dubliner Irish Restaurant 3pm.	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 'Christmas in July' Norwood House 12 noon	30