

PROBUS CLUB OF MOUNT ELIZA INC

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Meetings commence 9.45am second Monday of the month. Public Holiday, then third Monday.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE July 2022

Dear Fellow Probians

It is with deep sadness that we report the passing of Barbara Trewartha, Heather Hooper and Joan Baillie, all past members and stalwarts of our Probus Club. Tributes to these ladies are in the Vale section of this bulletin.

It has been brought to my attention that members need to register with our Membership Officer when they arrive. They can then be marked present on the roll. Quite often, members who retain their badge from month to month enter without registration. We need to know the names of those present at the meetings, as well as those visiting who need to sign the Visitors' Book.

We held our second membership drive on Thursday June 30 at the Mount Eliza Village Centre. Once again, several prospective people registered their names, bringing the total to nearly 30 potential new members as a result of the two drives. My thanks go to Jan Marshall for arranging the drives and to those members who helped over the two days.

Starting from last month, we can once again enjoy fresh food at the coffee/tea break. We still need members to volunteer to provide fresh food and the list will once again be circulated to all members at the meeting. Note that the volunteer list does include men!

The Book Swap Table is now operating again and Bob and Kay Stephen welcome any books that you have to offer.

Finally, Christmas in July is set for 29th July at Norwood House. Please see Jan Marshall at morning tea to sign up for this event.

Graeme Buckley President



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Vale

Heather Hooper

Heather joined the Ladies Probus in 2008. She became President in 2010, the year that the merger of the clubs took place. Many of the Ladies Club members were apprehensive about the proposal. Some felt that they would lose their independence and the Men's Club would be overbearing. However, Heather was strongly supportive. Their membership numbers had dwindled and she felt that a merger was inevitable. Heather and John Chambers worked together as an informal action committee of two whilst negotiating the bureaucratic hurdles surrounding the legislation, Federal and State, governing the entire process. John Chambers said that he and Heather worked well together, and that he doubted that the merger of the two clubs would have gone so smoothly if it had not been for the support and leadership shown by Heather. Heather continued to be an active member of our club until ill health forced her to resign a few years ago.

She passed away on Saturday 11 June 2022.

Barbara Trewartha

Barbara, along with her beloved husband Hugh, were once members of our club. She was also a member of the Ladies Probus Group prior to the merger. She was a quiet, warm and friendly lady, who for two years in 2012 and 2013, oversaw the morning tea and coffee at our club meetings. She and Hugh would have coffee every morning at one of the local coffee shops and do the daily crossword together. Up until she had to go into care, Barbara was a keen walker who chalked up several 'ks' every day, walking from her home opposite Toorak College into the village, when many adults her age would have retreated to the comfort of a nice armchair and a hot cuppa.

Barbara passed away on Monday 6 June 2022 aged 90 and will be sadly missed.

We are indebted to John Chambers for his thoughts and reminiscences of these two ladies.

Joan Baillie

Joan and her husband Laurie were longstanding members of the Investment Group in our club. In spite of waning health and mobility they managed to attend the meetings regularly where their understanding of investing along with very sound words of wisdom were enjoyed by the members. They were married for 67 years and worked and travelled together to many destinations around the world, often telling of their experiences.

Thank you to Max Batchelor for this information.

Speakers:

Reagan Barry speaking on 'Community Banking' was very well received at our June meeting. He wasn't able to assure us of no interest rises, but did assure us that Bendigo Bank is a long term fixture in Mt Eliza - which was very good to hear as others are closing.

Responding to a request, he offered to send further details to the committee and we will forward it on to those interested .

July Meeting. - our guest at this meeting, **Helen Gordon**, is on a completely different topic –

'How to have FUN MAINTAINING STRENGTH & FITNESS in our senior years'

She is a very experienced Physiotherapist and although retired is often called to attend previous patients and also conducts ' Shake ,Rattle & Roll' classes at U3A and on Zoom.

You will be uplifted by her exuberance & energy!

Our 10 minute slot will be taken by husband and wife duo **Rosemary and Geoff Barnes** who will tell us about their lives prior to joining Probus.

August 8th : 'Modern Board Games' is the topic by a very interesting Gentleman.

BELEURA CONCERT - Thursday 14th July, 1 pm in Mornington Golf Club Foyer

A reminder to those attending the concert to pay \$50 to treasurer Lindsay ASAP.

Golf:

On **Monday September 19**, we will have our friendly game against **Melbourne Probus** at Frankston Golf Club. We will play 18 holes altogether including lunch.

Probus Central have abandoned any further golf until October as most of their golfers are on extended holidays.

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), cards, wineries and dine-outs. To date, there are seventeen people booked for the trip. Further details can be obtained from Jane.

Book Club:

Book: The Ripping Tree

Author: Nikki Gemmill

Discussion Leader: Di Horscroft

Nine members of the club met to discuss the latest book. Instead of each person vocalising their thoughts on the book, there was a series of questions which resulted in an interesting discussion.

The story revolves around a sole survivor of a ship wreck off the coast of Australia in the eighteen hundreds. Tomasina finds herself on the verandah of a large house in the middle of nowhere! She has been carried by an unknown rescuer and left for the family to find. She is covered by bark from a Paperbark tree (the Ripping Tree of the title). She is an independent sixteen year old, used to an outdoor life and encouraged by her father to roam at will. Life at Willowbrae is very different. She discovers a terrible secret and although she considers escape, eventually she is locked in her room until the transport arrives to take her to the asylum. We found the ending weak and unsatisfactory.

The view was that there could be a sequel but none of us would be reading it! When asked for marks out of ten, the results varied from 5 to 7. Not a book that any of us would recommend! (I found it confronting and unsettling. Ed.)

Another of our Gourmet Lunches ended the proceedings well!

Trips: The Sapphire Coast.



We set off on a Monday morning and headed for south Gippsland. The first stop was at Prom Country Cheese. This is an organic farm producing sheep's cheese. Our morning tea included a platter of a variety of the cheese they produce as well as Devonshire Tea.

Our next visit was Port Arthur Maritime Museum which is run by volunteers. After an interesting tour of the museum we enjoyed a light lunch on site (see photo above left).. After a restful night at Lakes Entrance, we set off for Merimbula. Morning Tea was enjoyed at Cann River, then on to Pambula for a lunch stop. There was a wonderful craft shop and garden centre. We reached Merimbula with time to explore before dinner.

The next day, more exploring of small country towns. Tatura with its beautiful gardens and an historic wharf (see photo above right). Bermagui, a delightful coastal village where we had a Devonshire lunch with the biggest scones! Bega Pioneers' Museum. This museum, run by volunteers, depicts a wonderful history of the area. Then on to Tura Country Club for dinner with gorgeous sea views. The dinner was spent at Eden, a very pretty town with a history of whaling.

Our journey home took in a morning stop at Cabbage Tree Creek Café and high tea lunch. The trip travelled off the main highways, exploring the beauty of the region. The accommodation was excellent and the food was akin to a gourmet tour of the Gold



Oaklands Café had enough time to

rich pasture land town, Tilba with its history of the area. following day was

later in the day a of the region. The region. *Estelle*

SwanHill, Mildura and Bendigo

A trip enjoyed by all participants.



Paddle steamer of the past

Decorated church wall.

Membership Drive at Ritchie's Thursday 30 June.

President Graeme, Vice President Jan covered the first 2-hour shift. This time they did not get as many phone numbers. However the people that did show interest could contribute to our club in new ways.

Margaret McArthur and Lindsay Gordon covered the second shift, took phone numbers and received a comment "I'm looking for something to do!" Great!

Graeme, Jan and Margaret are following up the day's work with phone calls before the meeting. Jan's comment 'I do enjoy interacting with the general public!'

Dine Outs.

Sunday 17

Dubliners Irish
Octavia Street,

front.
@ 4pm.

Marshall

Friday 29

July. Norwood
Highway. 12



Drinks at the bar \$7 per glass. Please book asap., pay the Treasurer.

Sunday 14 August Lunch at Mornington Hotel (the old Tanti), Tanti Avenue, M'ton

12.30pm Bookings with Jan Marshall.

Sunday 28 August Lunch at God's Kitchen. 53 Barclay Street, Mornington, 12.30pm

Bookings with Jan Marshall.

July The
Restaurant/Bar, 65A
Mornington
3pm Carpark in
Lunch/snack, live music

Bookings with Jan

July Christmas in
House, Nepean
noon, \$50,

July		August	
2	Michael Leyden	5	Beverley Moloney
2	Helen Begg	6	Liz McDonald
6	Bill Joynson	10	Andy Troy
7	Max Maloney	11	Shirley Ingram
17	Margaret McArthur	24	Graeme Buckley
17	Di Horscroft	26	Margaret Morey
19	Pat Anthony	27	Rosemary Barnes
23	Chris Hallam		
25	Catherine Johnson		

Calendar of Events July/August 2022

JULY Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10	11 General Meeting: 9.45am	12	13	14 Concert @ Beleura 1.30pm	15	16
17 The Dubliner Irish Restaurant 3pm.	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Commitee Meeting 2pm	26	27	28	29 Christmas in July' Norwood House 12 noon	30
31	AUGUST 1 Book Club 11am @ Deb Fleiner's	2	3	4	5	6

7	8 General Meeting: 9.45	9	10	11	12	13
14 Sunday Lunch@ Tanti Hotel	15	16	17	18	19	20



Recommended

First Name Surname	Company Name	Phone	Email	Category
Mick		0499216723		Handyman
Steven Jones	Twin Peak Tree 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	peterilly@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	jenningstreecare@outlook.com	Arborist
Dave & Jemma	Perfection Reflection	0488 800 252		Window clean'g
Mt Eliza Shoe Repairs, Greg Hunter	Safeways Arcade	0404 787 604	mteliza.vic@hireahubby.com.au	Watch and shoe repairs
		0488 203 014		Handyman

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).

A big thank you to
Terry White for their
continued & valued contribution

Probus Club of Mount Eliza Bank Details**BSB 633/000 A/c No: 1793 84045**

When making a payment, please enter in the reference box sufficient information for the Treasurer characters so you may need to be creative (eg Smith-Subs). The last four digits of your phone number could also help. Send an email to the Treasurer detailing your transaction.

PAYMENTS in CASH

From now on any cash payments are to be the exact amount, and to be presented in a sealed envelope with the person's name, amount and purpose written on the front. No change will be given, please use online banking if you can!!

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