

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: August

Dear Fellow Probians,

The cold, wet winter days have not been conducive to attendances at our Probust Club of Mount Eliza recently. However, with the success of our two Membership drives and the milder temperatures just around the corner, we look forward to seeing increasing numbers of members.

Unfortunately, we report the passing of another member of our Probust Club, Bill Joynson. Bill was a long serving member of Probust having joined in May 2003.

Once again, I need to remind members that they need to register with our Membership Officer when they arrive.

If, for some reason, you need to leave before the close of our meeting, you also need to let the Membership Officer know of your departure. All of this is required for insurance reasons as dictated by Probust South Pacific Ltd. With the finer weather hopefully just around the corner, I urge members to consider taking on a role as co-ordinator of an activity group, whether it be outdoors such as walking, gardening or dare I say cycling, or indoors such as painting, board or card games. By increasing the number of our activities, it will make our Club more attractive as a place to belong.

Graeme Buckley President



Vale:

William (Bill) Thomas Joynson 6.7.27 – 16.7.2022

Bill was an active man. He fished, making his own flies, he gardened, he bred goldfish at home and he could build, fix or renovate anything. His business life was as a wool classer, travelling far and wide for work. He moved to Mt Eliza in 2001 and he joined Probust in 2003.

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As John Chambers has been made a Life Member of the club in recent weeks, it seems fitting that he should be the first in the series of Member Profiles.

Member Profile 1: **JOHN CHAMBERS**

John was born in Ivanhoe in 1934. He was the younger of two brothers. He attended Ivanhoe State School to the age of eleven when he transferred to Melbourne Grammar.

He left school at sixteen having completed his school certificate. He did not enjoy secondary school: it was immediately post-war and the teaching staff were not of the best. Corporal punishment was not uncommon both by the headmaster and the prefects.

Once he had left school, he was holding down a job and studying accountancy part time.

In 1955 he met Sylvia (born in UK) whilst visiting Lorne. They married the following year and had their first home in East Bentleigh. In time two children arrived, Ross and Lyn, both of whom live in Australia.

In order to gain further experience he wanted to travel overseas. His aim was the UK and this was the spur which encouraged him to complete his studies and qualify.



John & his wife Sylvia

In 1968 the young family of four sailed on the 'Ellinis' to Southampton via the Panama Canal and headed for 'Kangaroo Valley' (Earls Court) accommodation for a few days. They found a small cottage to rent close to Potters Bar in Hertfordshire about thirty two kilometers north of London.

John joined the London office of Arthur Young & Co. Management Services Division where he worked as a consultant. During this time he was seconded to their Lisbon office for a year to participate in a project for a large ship repair yard on the banks of the River Tagus.

The family then returned to England and Potters Bar where they bought a house and found local schools for the children. Things were becoming rather permanent! Still with Arthur Young & Co., John carried out various assignments throughout England, the most interesting being with the Beatles' company Apple Corps Ltd. This work took him to Switzerland, Los Angeles and New York. The journey lasted much longer than planned, but it was career changing.

In 1975, after seven years away, the family sold up and returned home to Melbourne. John joined the film and television production company: Crawford Productions Pty Ltd., where he became a Director and General Manager. He resigned in 1989 due to ill health. After that he worked privately in Estate Management for a few years.

John was introduced to Probus by Vic Anderson in 2009 when the club was Men Only. He had been member barely three months when there was a great need for a Treasurer! John filled the bill for two years and thereafter at intervals he became Secretary (2years), Vice President (1 year) and then President for a year. The merger with the Ladies Club came about through the work of John with recently deceased Heather Hooper.

When asked for his favourite spot overseas he instantly talked about the Lake District in UK. On one particular day, during their seven-year overseas visit, the family visited Cockley Beck in Cumbria, sat on the grass, only one house in sight and enjoyed the peace and quiet as well as a memorable view. Favourite city? London (and that was not for the benefit of the interviewer!).

What do you call a sleeping bull?

Why did the frog take the bus to work today?

Answers on page 7

Speakers:

The 10 minute speaker will be a new member **Marija Stanford**, telling us a little of her life journey to our club.

Our main speaker will be **Jim Moleson** to share with us the intricacies of **Modern Board Games**.

Last month unfortunately our guest speaker, Helen Gordon was not well enough to attend - I have forwarded our best wishes to Helen, who is improving but may need surgery.

A huge thankyou to Lindsay Gordon who filled the spot at very short notice

He amazed us with his experiences in his twenties, of riding a motor bike from Canada to Sth America, to then traverse some isolated and rugged terrain. He described some of the challenges he encountered, including building a raft to cross a rapid river.

Margaret McArthur

Book Club:

The Beekeeper of Aleppo by **Christy Lefteri**

In 2015, Nuri and his wife Afra from Aleppo Syria, decide to leave their war-ravaged country where they suffered many losses, to make an extremely dangerous journey through Turkey and Greece with their final destination being England. The story weaves together two timelines, the journey, and their time in England while awaiting asylum.

The writing seamlessly bridges the past to the present through flashbacks, and through Nuri's dreams and nightmares, and by connecting one chapter to another by a word. The last word of each chapter is continued with the title of the next chapter, and that word begins the first sentence of that chapter. It is incredibly sad and some of the images are reminiscent of the horrific ones currently being seen on TV.

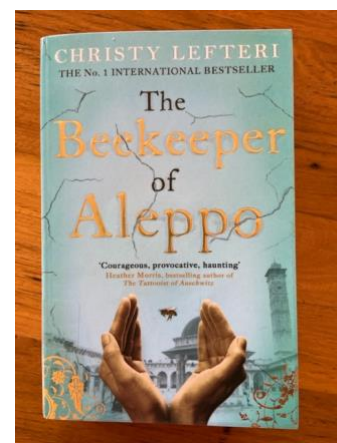
Nuri is a beekeeper, and his dream is for him and his wife to join his cousin in Yorkshire to continue his passion. There are many obstacles along the way, and the book suddenly ends with the reader wondering if they ever reach their destination.

The bees remain a constant theme throughout the book, and they symbolise the toughness and resilience needed to survive.

"Where there are bees there are flowers, and wherever there are flowers there is new life and hope."

The meeting for August was held at the home of John & Deb Fleiner. There were mixed feelings about the book. Some felt that it was too sad and could not finish it, others found it quite moving.

Deb Fleiner



Golf:

Our next golf game is on Monday September 17 when we have our friendly game against Melbourne Probus. It will be at Frankston Golf Club where we play nine holes, have lunch and proceed to play another nine holes.

Frankston Golf Club has increased its daily fee to \$50, hence the desire for eighteen holes!

Jane Long has arranged a golf outing to Yarrowonga 20-23 September. Members are invited to join Jane and Peter. The trip will include golf (optional) touring and dine-outs.

Further details from Jane (0407 328 597).

Graeme Buckley

Dine Outs:

'The Dubliners', Irish pub on Octavia Street, Mornington was enjoyed by several members. The atmosphere was good with a great Irish singer. Ploughman's Lunch was enjoyed with good drinks available. A recommendation is to share the large platters!



Inside the Irish Pub



At Café 13/83

Future Evenets.

Sunday 14 August: **Lunch at Mornington Hotel** (the old Tanti), Tanti Avenue, Mornington
12.30pm Bookings with Jan Marshall.

Sunday 28 August: **Lunch at God's Kitchen.** 53 Barclay Street, Mornington, 12.30pm
There are very generous serves, 'small' serves are recommended.
Bookings with Gwenda Woods 9787 3062

Thursday 1 September: All those booked on Liz's Geelong Trip, to meet at Mornington carpark,
behind the old Woolworth and Aldi store **by 8.30am**

Friday 9 September: **Celebration of Spring, Norwood House, 12 noon. \$55 pp** ****
Champagne on arrival, 3 courses, drinks at own cost from the bar, \$7 per glass.
All welcome. Book with Jan at the meeting.

Wednesday 28 September: Café 13/83 Watts Road, Mornington 11.30am Coffee, light lunches

**** *Sadly repair work is progressing very slowly at Norwood House.
Keep the date free and watch this space for further details.*

Investment Group:

Our Investment Group held our regular monthly meeting and lunch at the Tanti Hotel Mornington following the Club general meeting at the Church on Monday July 8. Unfortunately, our regular venue of many years, Norwood House, was not available because of flood damage.

As usual there was lively discussion covering a wide range of current investment topics.

One of our newer members Alan Glover, a very experienced investor, gave us a fascinating presentation about the revival of an old gold mining company, North Stawell Minerals (ASX code NSM) which was founded by the late Victor Smorgan. The Smorgan family is still involved.

He feels that it is an extremely well-managed company with a very experienced board. It has mining rights over a large tract of land near Stawell which is showing great promise of being developed into a profitable gold mining enterprise.

Alan's presentation evoked great interest.

I will be absent for this month's group meeting, it will be chaired by our old faithful, Lindsay Gordon, who will lead the discussion.

Max Batchelor

Trips & Tours:

NSW NORTH COAST & JACARANDA FESTIVAL COASTAL BEAUTY & LILAC WONDERS

Cost: \$3299 twin share (\$499 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT)

Thu 3rd – Wed 9th November 2022 7 days/6 nights

The Tour Price Includes:

- Door to Door Pick Up & Return
- Economy Flights & Airport Transfers
- 6 nights Quality Motel Accommodation
- Most Meals as per itinerary
- All Entry Fees and Guides as per Itinerary

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Port Macquarie Tour

Butterfly House

Grafton

Clarence Region

Yamba

Old Kirk Church

New Italy

Tweed Heads Town Tour

Tropical Fruit World – lunch & tour

Coffs Harbour

Sealys Lookout

Jacaranda Festival Parade Day

Maclean

Yamba Museum

Yamba Town Tour

Tweed Heads

Tweed Eco Cruise with lunch

CONTACT LIZ McDONALD FOR FURTHER DETAILS: 0407 034 053

TASMANIA – Liz is also organizing a trip to Tasmania, talk to her for details.



August

5 Beverley Maloney
6 Liz McDonald
10 Andy Troy
11 Shirley Ingram
24 Graeme Buckley
26 Margaret Morey
27 Rosemary Barnes

September

6 Neil Gold
13 Stephen Griffiths
23 John Horscroft
25 Janis Turpie

Calendar of Events August /September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	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 12.30pm	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Lunch at God's Kitchen 12.30pm	29	30	31	SEPTEMBER 1 Geelong Trip 8.30am @ carpark	2	3
4	5 Book Group 'Narrow Road to the Deep North' Richard Flanagan	6	7	8	9 Norwood House 12 noon Celebration of Spring	10
11	General Meeting 9.45	12	13	14	15	16

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	jenningsstrecare@outlook.com	Arborist
Dave & Jemma	Perfection Reflection	0488 800 252		Window clean'g
Mt Eliza Shoe Repairs,	Safeways Arcade	0404 787 604		Watch and shoe repairs
Greg Hunter		0488 203 014	mteliza.vic@hireahubby.com.au	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 to identify who is making the payment AND what it is for. Space is usually restricted to only 18 characters so you may need to be creative (eg Smith-Subs). The last four digits of your phone number could also help. When the transaction is completed, send an email to the Treasurer with the details.

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!!

ANSWERS. 1. A bulldozer

2. His car was toad away