

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 September 2022

Dear fellow Probians

Today we be inducting three new members to the Probusteliza Club of Mount Eliza. Theresa Weiss, a former Teacher and Business Owner; Ian McInnes, retired surgeon and Roger Henderson, a former doctor. As a result, there will not be our usual ten minute speaker.

Unfortunately, as I reported last month, we have had the passing of another member of our Probusteliza Club, Bette Wilson. Details of her life are in the Vale section of the bulletin. Probusteliza South Pacific have provided what is called a "Probusteliza Club Health Check" questionnaire which we plan to use in the coming months to ask members to assess the strengths and areas for improvement within our Club. Filling out the form will be voluntary and no signature required. It will enable us to address any concerns and suggestions you may have to improve our Club.

Following the success of the Membership drives in May and June, Jan Marshall is arranging another in October. Further details are available from Jan and volunteers are welcome to help out on the day.

We still would like to see more volunteers to provide fresh snacks for the morning tea/coffee break. A sign-up sheet will be in the foyer at the break.

The Book Swap Table is in full swing again and Bob and Kay Stephen welcome any books that you have to offer.

Graeme Buckley



Vale:

Bette Wilson

Bette Wilson had been a member of Probusteliza since 1998, firstly with Mt. Eliza Ladies Probusteliza, where she was Treasurer in 2005, 2006 and 2007, and continuing with the Probusteliza Club of Mt. Eliza. She was very active during her time with Probusteliza, leading sing-alongs, arranging dine-outs, as well as being an active participant in the Investment Group.

Our second Member Profile is also a Life Member. Another interesting story!

Member Profile 2: **JOHN ROBERTS**

John was born in Ballarat, one of three children. His father was a dentist.

John went to a state primary school but ended his education at Geelong College as a boarder for three years. From school he transferred to Ormond College for five years of dentistry study. Dentistry students had to work Saturday mornings, but two weekends out of three would find John on the road back to Ballarat once classes had finished. His father had a farm near the city, John enjoyed several hours of physical work and a wonderful change from studying!



Once he had qualified, his first job was a year in Northcote working for one of his examiners! At this point he made a decision to go travelling. In 1958 he and his sister Louise set off for Europe, in those days it was always by sea. They began in UK and then went to France where John bought a Deux Chevaux (a Citroën 2 CV) which he deftly moved from country to country in order to avoid paying tax on it! Louise stayed eight months before returning to Australia. John on the other hand found a job, then, in 1961 bought a practice in North London. Initially he lived at the Down Under Club where Rolf Harris was a regular on a Thursday night. Having been plied with several drinks, Harris would begin to sing. He not only had a fund of songs but also various alternative words! He was there for eight to ten years. Two days after she arrived in England, John met his wife, Johanna. From South Africa, she had worked for three years for the national broadcaster. As she was new and knew no-one John asked if she would like to go to the cinema.... However, she went back to South Africa fulfilling a promise made to her parents. This forced John to propose to her over the phone!

In mid 1961 they married and made use of their time in London going to the theatre at very frequent intervals. They saw John Gielgud and Leo McKern amongst others. John and Johanna managed two and a half months of holidays each year, they would work, raise the money and then travel. There was only one problem with this arrangement. A replacement dentist had to be found. There were plenty of Australian dentists working as locums in and around London but they often left it until a Thursday before looking for a job the following week. The travel agent was wary of the lack of a confirmed booking but only once were the travellers unable to go. John finally settled in Mt Eliza in 1976, the house he still lives in. He retired at the turn of the millennium, having joined Probus in 1999. In 2000 he was given the job of welcoming all members and visitors at the door. This he did for twenty years, leading to his award of Life Membership. The worldwide travels led to his time-consuming hobby: he turns all his holiday films into a travel guide. He has over one hundred CDs, each being over an hour long. Some trips might be on three discs!

When asked which new part of the world he would like to visit, he gave the reply of The Trans-Siberian Railway! Peru and Chile also featured in his thinking. Travelling is in his bones!

Money, he said, is not for saving but better used. We used London effectively!

Unprompted John stated that he had had a wonderful life, with no insurmountable problems until both he and Johanna reached the age of eighty-seven. In his own words: What a gift!

SPEAKERS:

This month's speaker is **Sjaak Kusters** whose topic is " Write your life Right"

Sjaak offers a service, to capture your life in a book for you to pass onto your descendants, so that your story is not lost to future generations.

The October guest is the widow of a former UK SAS officer, giving a glimpse of the life of a wife in such circumstances as Northern Ireland in 1970s.

November - Sharn Coombes, who was to have been Oct speaker, will now be our guest in November - talking of her experience as a participator in the TV show "Survivor".

There will not be a 10 minute speaker this month, as there is to be an induction of new members.

Margaret McArthur

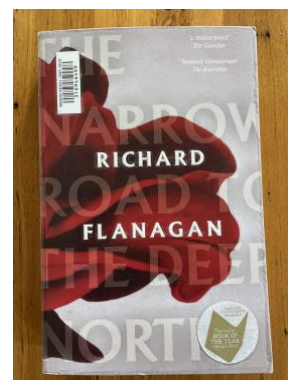
BOOK CLUB:

The Narrow Road to the Deep North by Richard Flanagan aroused deep feelings in the readers.

The gruesome details of the treatment of prisoners of war building the Burma railway evoked memories among members who had friends or relatives who suffered there or who had visited the site.

Flanagan's writing style was largely enjoyed but all are now looking forward to a more cheerful choice next month.

Catherine Johnson



INVESTMENT GROUP:

In the absence of Max, Lindsay Gordon reported at last month's meeting. He was able to say that *he* was in the lead with his portfolio up by 29.1%. Paul Harvey was up by 19.1% and Andy Troy was third with a 17.4% increase!

DINE OUTS

Wednesday 19 October: at 12 noon: lunch at "Girl and Bull" restaurant, Mt Eliza Way, at Old Mornington Road roundabout. They serve a large selection of food, entrees, seafood, Mains, Sides, Salads, Pasta, Pizza and Desserts. Also on offer are wines, beers, ciders, cocktails and a selection of non-alcoholic drinks and juices. A copy of the full menu will be on display at the September meeting. The booking list will also be at the meeting as the restaurant needs confirmation by Friday 14 October.

Organised by Gwen Woods. 9787 3062/0419 312 661.

Wednesday 26 October at 6pm "Australia Welsh Male Choir" are singing at Kirk's Pub.

Table for 12 is booked. It should be a good, fun night.

Organised by Jan 5975 2845

Wednesday 9 November 12.30pm 'Manhattan Special'. This is lunch (main course, dessert, glass of wine, tea/coffee \$35pp), pay on the day. The restaurant is next to God's Kitchen in Barkly Street / Barrett Lane, with plenty of parking behind the Main Street shops. A joint venture with Mornington Probus. We will have the restaurant to ourselves. Please add your name to the list at the September or October meeting

Organised by Liz McDonald. Book with Liz 0407 034 053

GOLF:

Our friendly game with Melbourne Probus at Frankston Golf Club is on next Monday, September 19, commencing at 10am. For the first time, we plan to play nine holes, have lunch and then another nine holes for those who have the energy! Cost is \$50 for n-Frankston members and free for members. BYO lunch and drinks and the BBQ will be operating. At this stage, there are expected to be 12 players from Melbourne Probus. I will take names of Mount Eliza participants at the tea break during the meeting.

Graeme Buckley



SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

John Chambers	2
Arthur Ranken	8
Helen Andrew	21
Gwenda Woods	21

September Events:

Birthdays: Anton Bruckner (composer) 4th; Jesse James (Wild West Outlaw) 5th; Queen Elizabeth 1 on 7th; Agatha Christie 15th; Michael Faraday, (scientist) 22nd; F. Scott Fitzgerald 24th; Jim Henson (creator of The Muppets) 24th; Dmitri Shostakovich 25th; T.S. Eliot 26th; George Gershwin 26th; Truman Capote 30th

- Events:**
- 2.9.1666 Great Fire of London started in Pudding Lane, 13,000 houses lost
 - 2.9.1752 Gregorian calendar introduced in UK, 14 Sept was followed by 25 Sept
 - 3.9.1939 Britain and France declared war on Germany
 - 5/6.9.1972 Eleven Israeli Olympians were killed in Munich during the Games.
 - 7.9.1986 Bishop Desmond Tutu became Archbishop of Cape Town. The first black head of South African Anglicans.
 - 11.9.2001 The worst terrorist attack in US history, twin towers demolished & the Pentagon bombed.
 - 14.9.1741 Composer George Frederick Handel finished Messiah after working nonstop for 23 days.
 - 16.9.1620 The Mayflower departed England with 102 passengers
 - 30 .9.1955 Actor James Dean killed in a car crash. He was 24.

Calendar of Events September/October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 Book Group @ Rhonda Vincent's 11am	6	7	8	9 'Celebration of Spring': Norwood House 12 noon	10
11	12 Probus Meeting @ Uniting Church 9.45am	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Committee Meeting 2pm @ 91 Rutland Ave	27	28	29	30	October 1

October: Wednesday 19: Girl & Bull lunch
 Wednesday 26: Welsh Choir @ Kirk's Pub
 November: Wednesday 9: Manhattan Lunch

Recommended and Reliable Trades People.

on Thursday 12 May

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	jenningstrecare@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 the continued & valued contribution.



Probus Club of Mount Eliza Bank Detail

BSB: 633/000 Ac. 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 the payment 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. Send John an email 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!!

If any problems, please contact Treasurer Lindsay Gordon

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