

PROBUS CLUB OF MOUNT ELIZA INC

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: November 2022

Dear fellow Probians

One of the most important events in our Probusteliza calendar is fast approaching. It is the Christmas lunch which will again be held at The Ranelagh Club on Wednesday 14th December starting at noon. All members are invited to join us for canapes and drinks on the deck, followed by a two-course meal. The price has been kept to \$55 pp, the same as last year. I urge you to please confirm your attendance as soon as possible.

We are looking for a computer-savvy member of our group who is willing to act as a stand-by for Stephen and myself in setting up the overhead projector/sound system at our monthly meetings. Most of our speakers now use a memory stick and require the use of the projector. Would you please approach me at the tea break.

It is also time to make sure we have a full committee following our next AGM in March 2023. Members are asked to begin thinking about nominating for positions, particularly the office of Vice President. Nomination forms will be issued early in 2023.

Graeme Buckley



The subject of our third Member Profile is much travelled. Another interesting story!

Member Profile 3: Lindsay Gordon

Lindsay was born in Donolly, central Victoria. Donolly's claim to fame rests with "Welcome Stranger" the gold nugget. He attended a small country school which was a 3 mile walk each morning and evening. After school, he attended Maryborough Technical School and completed a four year Diploma in Electrical Engineering. His first job was with SEC in Melbourne. He lived in a SEC hostel in Kew but worked in Yarraville. He played football, went spear fishing with a group of work mates. (They were responsible for introducing spear fishing to Victoria). They caught butter fish in the bay. This fishing led to aqualung diving where they built their own equipment for deep sea diving. Question to Lindsay: "How did you know it was safe?" Answer "We didn't"!!). Lindsay went on to say that as they had no boat and no money, the diving was conducted from the shore.



After four years at SEC, he was invited by a friend to go to Scotland for a holiday. The pair went to Aberdeen in the middle of winter! Whilst there he met up with a mate from Technical School, George Park. This proved to be a life changing meeting. George posed the suggestion, if you've got \$1,000, we can go to South America by motor bike. At this point Lindsay went to Vancouver, Canada and worked for BC Electrics in order to save for the trip. Each of them bought a Lambretta scooter and arranged to meet in Loredo Texas on a certain date. They arrived within three hours of each other! The journey began with a month in Mexico, then travelled through Central America to Panama.

They arrived in Colombia, South America as deck cargo. Lindsay has many stories of their exploits on that continent, including building a raft to cross a river, dismantling the scooters in order to cross a landslip. They encountered border problems at various times, visas not in order, luggage, bikes and money in one place and them in another. In the mid 1950s, not many young people had travelled to anywhere south of USA and Lindsay recounts that when he and George summarised their experiences, they had received hospitality in the form of meals about every three days.

After more touring, Lindsay went back to England. He had met Gwen whilst working in Stafford although she came from Chelmsford, a city in Essex. They married in June 1959 and then returned to Australia, but without a job. He immediately applied for five jobs, was offered all five and accepted that of Melbourne City Council. He worked for them for eight years. Later he went back to SEC holding various jobs. He and Gwen started their family in two rooms in Preston. Christmas 1962 saw them move to Frankston. Although some tasks were subcontracted, Lindsay can say he built his own house, where he has lived for 60 years. His third child was born a week after moving in on Christmas Eve!

Lindsay has maintained an interest in Family History, trying to find his ancestor, his 2x Great Grandfather, who arrived from Aberdeenshire, Scotland, without success. He joined Probus in 2001 at the suggestion of a neighbour. At that time there were about eighty members. Very soon he was co-opted into making Morning Tea, later he became Secretary and held that post during the amalgamation of the two clubs. He was Treasurer for a number of years, President in 2020, and now holds the Treasurer's position again. He belongs to the Book Group, plays in the Card Group and has joined Max's Investment Group. When asked where, on his travels, had he enjoyed most, he replied Vancouver. He added that it was a toss up whether to return to Australia, or settle in Canada! Vancouver's loss is our gain!

Speakers:

The October speaker was **Susan Walker** - a British SAS wife - or officially described as his 'Chattel'! She told us that she chose to do her Nursing training with the Royal Navy in order to get O/S postings to see the world! - which led to her meeting her future husband in Singapore.

After a whirlwind romance they were married in England, and she then had several lonely years as her husband was sent on secret missions for months at a time.

However when she had a child, she was given permission to travel with him to Northern Ireland. She described some very traumatic experiences in clashes with the IRA.

Years later, when the children were older, she returned to Nursing in the field of IVF. She found this fascinating, and soon was in demand in various European countries, to utilise her expertise in setting up Clinics. There were many questions which demonstrated the enthusiastic interest from the members.



Susan Walker – Chattel!

The November Speaker will be **Robert Bould**, speaking on the introduction of Asparagus growing in Australia by his father in Kooweerup. Robert then took it to another level venturing into the Overseas Market, and he will explain the many challenges he faced in so doing.

The 10 minute speaker is **Theresa Weiss** - a new member who intrigued us with a short summery of her life at her induction, and so we are keen to hear more.

The December Speaker is **Fred Harrison** - CEO of IGA Australia - who will give us an insight into the management of Supermarkets -particularly during Covid and since.

Margaret McArthur

Golf Report:

Our next golf game is set for Friday 3rd February. We have been invited to join Probus Central at Mornington Golf Club. They have 8 players, mixed, and any of our golfers are urged to join us for golf followed by lunch. I will take names at our January meeting but please mark the date in your calendar.

We also have booked Frankston Golf Club to play against Melbourne Probus for the Ken McArthur Trophy match on Monday 27th March 2023.

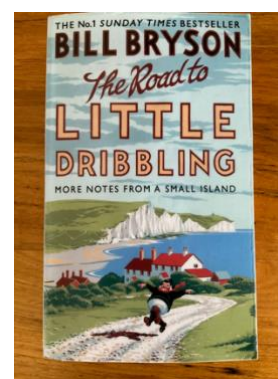
Graeme Buckley

Book Report:

Another of Bill Bryson's entertaining books, this time relating tales of his return to many places in Britain he had last visited in the mid '90s. This led to many reminiscences by the members of their visits to UK, particularly of seeing Stonehenge before the alterations.

Most of us enjoyed the travel aspects, but his flowery style was not to everyone's preference.

Catherine Johnson



Vice President's Report:

There was a Membership Drive held at the Ritchies Centre, Mt Eliza on Thursday 27 October. Considering it was a very wet day, there was good public interest, warmly received including Chris Crewther the Liberal candidate in the forthcoming state election. He happily took pamphlets. This was a fun morning with a good team. Jan will follow up the various phone numbers.

Jan Marshall



The team at the Membership Drive.
I to r: Therese, Chris and Gwen

WHAT'S ON:

Dine Outs:

22 November, Tuesday. 12 noon Dava Hotel.
610 The Esplanade, Mt Martha. Bookings through Jan Marshall

2 December, Friday 12 noon, Seaford RSL
Station Street, Seaford. Bookings through Gwenda Woods

3 December, Saturday 6pm. Beleura House 'Bon Bon'
Tickets phone Margaret McCarthur

14 December, Wednesday. 12 noon. Ranelagh Club 'Christmas Fare'
3 Rosserdale Crescent, Mt Eliza.
Canapes on arrival, two courses \$55. Wine, soft drinks available at the bar.
Bookings through Jan Marshall

For all phone numbers see Committee list on front page. Payments to Treasurer.

On the Peninsula in November:

Frankston Theatre Group: Nov 18 – Dec 4. "One Man, Two Guvnors"
Cabaret Seating Mt Eliza Community Centre Bookings: 0437 117 881
Tickets: \$26

4 Open Gardens: w/e 12/13 November 10am – 5pm
Weekend ticket to all gardens: \$65, individual tickets: \$5 - \$12

7 Douglas Court, Rye
7 Herbert Street, Mornington
65 William Road, Red Hill
26 Morven Street, Mornington



NOVEMBER

Maxine Coughlan	4
Robert Stephen	6
David Howell	10
Theresa Weiss	26

DECEMBER

Clarrie Woods	7
Bill Spencer	10
Joyce Pollock	12
John Roberts	14
Henry Hammond	18
Pat Harvey	19

Notable Birthdays in November:

4 Nov 1957	Tony Abbot, Australian politician and Prime Minister
5 Nov 1935	Lester Piggott, jockey
6 Nov 1892	Sir John Alcock, (Alcock & Brown flew the Atlantic in 1919)
8 Nov 1656	Edmond Halley, Astronomer Royal who realized comets did not appear randomly
1976	Brett Lee, cricketer
7 Nov 1926	Joan Sutherland, singer
11 Nov 1947	Rodney Marsh, cricketer
14 Nov 1948	King Charles III
15 Nov 1961	Liane Moriarty, writer
17 Nov 1966	Kate Ceberano, singer
18 Nov 1836	W S Gilbert, librettist working with Arthur Sullivan
20 Nov 1942	Joe Biden, President of USA
21 Nov 1787	Samuel Cunard, shipping magnate
25 Nov 1835	Andrew Carnegie, b. Scotland founded iron & steel works in USA
28 Nov 1757	William Blake, engraver, painter, poet
29 Nov 1898	CS Lewis, wrote The Chronicles of Narnia amongst many other books
30 Nov 1874	William S. Churchill, politician and Prime Minister of GB

Historical Events of November:

4 Nov 1956	Soviet tanks and troops crush protests in Hungary
1966	Two thirds of the city of Florence is flooded
5 Nov 1605	Guy Fawkes Gunpowder plot
9 Nov 1989	Berlin Wall comes down
13 Nov 1956	US ends segregated buses
18 Nov 1987	Underground fire at King's Cross Station
19 Nov 1863	Gettysburg Address delivered by President Lincoln
20 Nov 1992	Fire damages part of Windsor Castle
22 Nov 1906	SOS becomes standard distress signal
1963	President John F Kennedy assassinated
26 Nov 1922	Archaeologist Lord Carnarvon & Howard Carter enter Tutankhamun's tomb

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6	7 Book Group @ Jane Long's 11 am	8	9	10	11 Remembrance Day Service 10.30 am Memorial Garden Mt E.	12 Four Gardens Open on the Peninsula
13 Four Gardens Open on the Peninsula	14 Probus Meeting @ Uniting Church 9.45am	15	16	17	18 Frankston Theatre Group	19 Frankston Theatre Group
20 Frankston Theatre Group	21	22 Lunch @ Dava Hotel 12 noon	23	24	25 Frankston Theatre Group	26 Frankston Theatre Group
27 Frankston Theatre Group	28 Committee Meeting 2pm @ 13A Dalsten Grove	29	30	DECEMBER 1	2 Lunch Seaford RSL 12 Noon Frankston Theatre Group	3 Frankston Theatre Group
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Details of the events can be found within this Bulletin

PLEASE NOTE:

When you arrive, please make sure that Max Moloney (sitting with the badges) has made a note of your arrival. If you are new this is particularly important as he may not know your name.

If you fail to register, you will be marked down as absent!



Member Shirley Ingram was responsible for arranging all the flowers at the recent Peninsula Art Show.

A great Art Show and beautiful flowers!

Well done Shirley!

Do you want to participate in an activity we lack?

How about organizing a group for yourself. Start small and see how it grows!

There are several new members who might be interested.

If you want an Ad in the Bulletin, talk to the Editor (phone number and email on the front of this Bulletin)

There's no charge to advertise here!



Seen recently in UK!

Recommended and Reliable Trades People.

First Name Surname	Company Name	Phone	Email	Category
Mick		0499216723		Handyman
Don McDonald	Progress St. Mornington	5975 7700		Automotive Specialist
Steven Jones	Twin Peak Tree Services	0421 784 455	twinpeak222@yahoo.com	Tree/Stump re
Dave	Simplicity Air	0452 622 530		Aircon/ Electrics
Jason	Focus	0407 395872		Prop. Maint.
		0418 333 576		Garage door repairs
Nicho Salvatore	Conic Electrical	0409 422 198		Electrician
Martin Maloney		0418 743 901		Electrician
Peter Butterworth	Butterworth Decorating	0414 670 528	peternilly@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 cleaning
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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