

# PROBUS CLUB OF MOUNT ELIZA INC

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

**Date: February 2023**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: February

Dear Fellow Probians,

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of two of our past members, Judy Crook aged 86 and Laurie Baillie aged 92, and the wife of John Roberts. You can read further details in the Vale section of the Bulletin.

Today, we will be inducting seven new Probus Members and so there will not be a ten minute speaker this month. The inductees are Kay Mackie, John and Carolyn Kent, Les and Barbara Kemp, Margaret Puttman and Marion Wright. I hope they will participate in our current activities and even consider setting up new ones. I particularly look forward to hearing about their experiences in their ten minute talks later on in the year. This is a final reminder for members to consider joining the committee for the 2023-2024 year. A notice has already been sent by our Secretary to all members to think about nominating for a Committee position.

Once again, I wish to stress that for insurance purposes, we all need to register with the Membership Officer when we arrive and if you are a visitor, please put your details in the Visitors' Book.

*Graeme Buckley*

*Vale:*

***Laurence Joseph Baillie: 15.10.1930 - 27.01.2023***

Laurie was married to Joan for 67 years, they had six children, eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren. In Probus, he was a member of the Investment Group.

***Judith Myra Crook***

In the Herald Sun on January 15 read: "With heavy hearts we announce the passing of Judy from her short battle with MND. She passed peacefully at the Village Glen Aged Care. Judy, with her many fascinating stories will be sadly missed by all. Rest in Peace."

***Johanna Elizabeth Roberts***

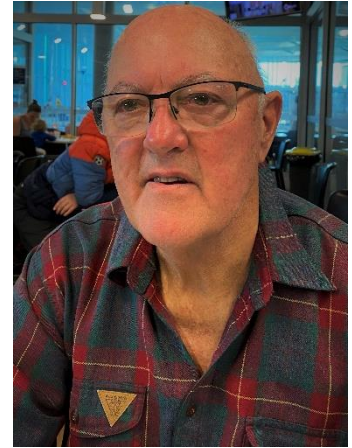
Johanna, wife of John Roberts, passed away peacefully on 5<sup>th</sup> February. She had been in care for some time. Our condolences go to John and family. John Roberts has advised that there will be a wake for his wife Johanna next Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm, at The Mornington Golf Club. All welcome.



## Member Profile 4: John Fleiner

John was born at St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne in 1943. His father was serving in the RAAF, his mother was living with her parents in Hawthorn. From an early age he wanted to go to Swinburne Technical School.

His father had other ideas, but John prevailed and completed the first year of a diploma in Mechanical Engineering. At this point he decided to do two things: change to Civil Engineering and get a job! The night school lasted thirteen years during which time he had two jobs. The first of these was with Brockhoff Biscuits for 3 years as a junior draughtsman. The last was with Melbourne & Metropolitan Board of Works (MMBW) where he stayed for the next forty years. More of this later.



John's main interests outside work were following AFL (Hawks), bushwalking, birdwatching, model railways and athletics, in which he maintained an interest for fifteen years. He belonged to the Power House Athletic Club and ran sprints: 100, 220 and 440 yards as well as relays. Every third year the club went to New Zealand to race against the Toc H Club. It also gave them a chance to compete against world class athletes, such as Peter Snell, Murray Halberg and John Walker. The result was a whitewash for both the Power House and USA athletes!

In 1959 John was nominated to attend the Lord Somers Camp. The Camp consisted of 100 boys, half were apprentices and half from private schools in equal number. They had been nominated by their respective organisations. The object of the week can be summarised as 'co-operation and tolerance'. There were various tournaments during the week, but also a considerable number of pranks and stunts by Slushies, Staff and the Groupers (the boys) in equal measure. The new unsuspecting fresh Groupers of John's camp should alight from the train at Bittern, but there was no such station (i.e. no signs). Bittern Station was deserted except for three local rustics on the platform, did they know Bittern? A wave of the hand sent the driver onwards in the wrong way until he admitted to being lost!

During the week there were various guest speakers, these included The State Governor, senior politicians and industry leaders, each with a message. Eddie McGuire was one such speaker, his subject was forcefully delivered 'Don't Mess with Drugs', an admirable theme but John was not impressed with his choice of language in front of Christine Nixon. In 1961 John returned to Camp as one of the Staff.

John played tennis for his local Church where he met his first wife Barbara. They married in 1966 had two children, a girl and a boy. They were married for twenty-eight years before Barbara died of breast cancer a week before her fiftieth birthday.

Working for MMBW, John spent the first ten years at Head Office. When he finally qualified, he became the Area Engineer for Preston Reservoir. This, he maintains, was the most fulfilling and best job he ever did. He was responsible for the monitoring and regulation for Melbourne's major storages. Next, he was invited to apply for a top position at Mitcham. He became Area Operations and Maintenance Engineer, with 190 labourers and 10 office personnel under his control. For five years he was controller of metropolitan water, sewerage and drainage in the area. Later he became Risk Manager for Mitcham. He and four others speculated on what type of incidents might occur and then produced a manual covering all eventualities for each pumping station.

After Barbara died in 1994, John was on his own for ten years. During this time, whilst cutting down a tree at his son's house, he ended up on crutches and in hospital. Deb was also visiting hospital as her son had a motorbike accident. They knew each other through their children when camping each summer. Deb visited John at home for a cup of tea. John felt he ought to take her out for a drink "to square things up!" In 2004 they moved to the peninsula and John joined Mt Eliza Probus in 2006.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Probus Club of Mount Eliza

Meeting Dates for 2023/24

<b>General Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 9.45am</b>	<b>Management Committee Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Monday 2.00 pm</b>
<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>March 20 Annual General Meeting</b>	<b>March 27 Joint meeting of outgoing and incoming Management Committee</b>
April 17	April 24
May 8	May 22
June 19	June 26
July 10	July 25
August 14	August 28
September 11	September 25
October 9	October 23
November 13	November 27
December 11	No Meeting
<b>2024</b>	<b>2024</b>
January 8	January 22
Nomination Forms Distributed	
February 12	February 26
March 18	March 25

1. Please note that when 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday are holidays, the General Meeting is on the following Monday e.g. Easter Monday
2. Please note that when 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays are holidays, the Management Committee will normally meet on the following Tuesday e.g. Anzac Day (no 5<sup>th</sup> Monday so will be Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>)

## **SPEAKERS:**

The Guest Speaker this month is Dr Mano Thevathasan, who was a very popular doctor in this area for many years. He is a rheumatologist specializing in palliative medicine. He also gave freely of his time as a volunteer with Mornington Hospice. His topic for us is "Need it be a challenge"?

He has many stories to share, having lived in India, Singapore, and New Zealand before arriving in our midst. This month, the ten-minute speaker spot will be replaced by the induction of new members.

*Margaret McArthur*

## **BOOK GROUP:**

Our first meeting of the year was basically discussing general matters and distributing books. The next meeting will be on 6 February, the book for discussion will be Marcus Zusak's "Bridge of Clay".

We are still one member short so if anyone is interested in joining our group, please contact either Lindsay Gordon (0409 171 020) or me (0413 928 312).

*Catherine Johnson*

## **INVESTMENT GROUP:**

Our little group, PIGS (Probus Investment Group) is up and running with great enthusiasm again this year. At this stage we have 18 members, and we held our first meeting for the year at the Church after the Club's regular meeting on January 9. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend but Lindsay, who stood in for me, reported that it was a great meeting with much interesting discussion.

Our investment competition is well underway with each of our members having made a selection of 5 Australian shares with a nominal total value of \$100,000 per person.

Despite the gloomy forecasts from the investment community, and the commentators predicting a dire year after the continuing interest rate rises leading to mayhem in the stock market and then a recession, the opposite appears to be happening at this early stage.

As of writing the ASX All Ordinaries Index closed on Friday February 3 at 7772 up **7.6%** since the close of trade on December 31 last. HOWEVER, the average result, so far, for our little bunch of canny investors at this very early stage is almost **13%**! Considering that many of our members are inexperienced and some even non investors that is a wonderful result.

Andy Troy is the leader at the moment showing a profit of **\$30,000** or **30%** in just a little over a month. That sure beats bank interest at 5% per year.....if you can get it.

If there are any of our existing, or new, members vaguely interested in finance, please feel free to come along to our meeting next Monday and check us out. You will find a friendly, informal atmosphere with lots of discussion (sometimes about world affairs and little to do with finance). You will be most welcome. You have nothing to lose, and you may glean some interesting information.

I will be absent again for this meeting and I am greatly indebted to Lindsay who will be leading the proceedings once again.

*Max Batchelor*

## **DINE OUTS:**

Thursday 19 February. 12 noon. Lunch at Fine Foods, Mt Martha.                   HOST: Jan Marshall  
Good selection of light meals, best vanilla slices!

Sunday 19 March. 2.30pm                   High Tea at The Rose Garden, Mornington. HOST: Jan Marshall  
Pay treasurer, Lindsay Gordon. \$40 pp.

Thursday 20 April. 12 noon               Lunch at 'Amazing Aromas', Main Street, Mornington.  
Indian restaurant, opposite Westpac Bank    HOST: Liz McDonald  
(John and I have eaten there. Delicious! Will certainly go again! Ed.)

All event sheets will be on the desk at the General Meeting.

**TRIPS:**

Message from Liz: She will be away from 4-11 February. The Gippsland trip is very soon after her return, please ring after these dates if you need assistance, or Lamble if it is urgent.

Adelaide (7-14 May) is well into the planning stages.

Deposits are required during February (\$200). This will be a lovely holiday so please talk to Liz if you are interested. Travel by the Overland will be a great experience.

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**February**

**March**

- 3 Peter Long
- 9 Margaret Puttman

- 2 Rhonda Vincent
- 5 Sonia Troy
- 12 Lindsay Gordon
- 25 Jan Marshall

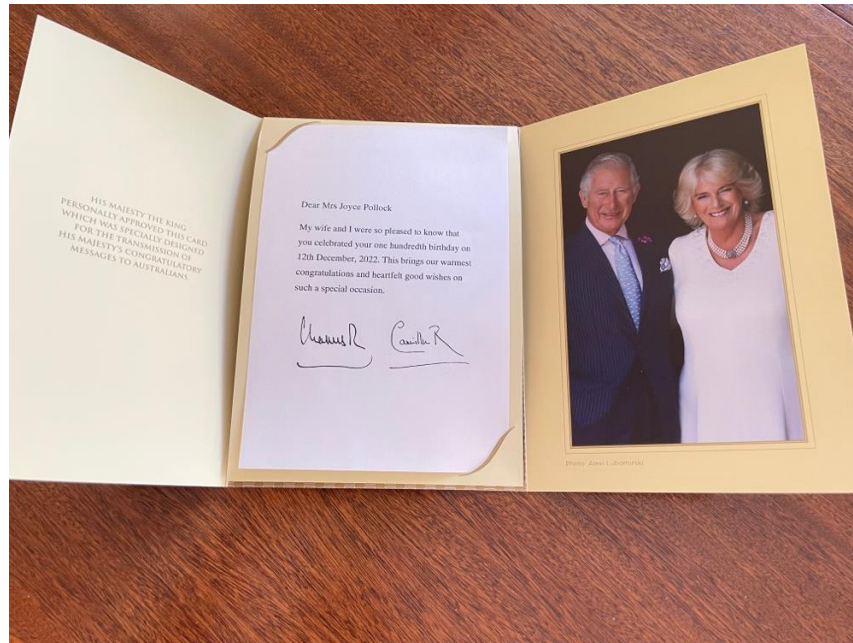
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**Famous February Birthdays:**

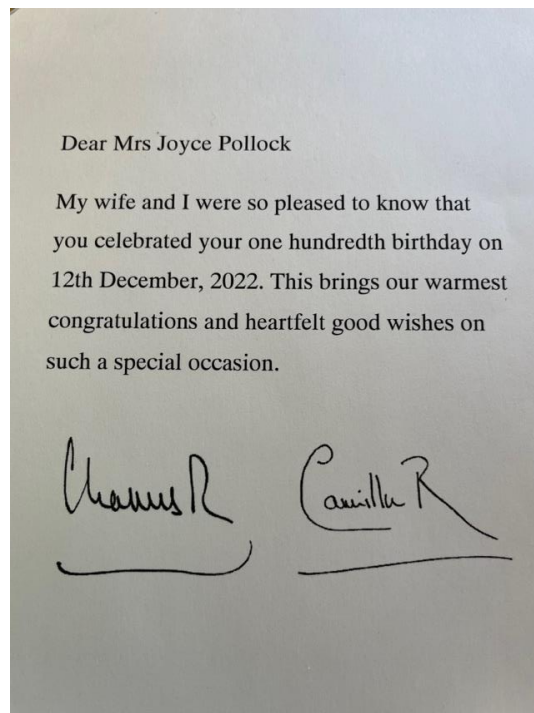


- 5 Charlotte Rampling
- 6 Zsa Zsa Gabor
- 9 Mia Farrow
- 11 Damien Lewis
- 13 George Segal
- 17 Paris Hilton
- 18 John Travolta
- 22 Julie Walters
- 23 Peter Fonda

Talking of birthdays...



Joyce celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with her extended family: 3 daughters  
8 grandchildren & partners  
11 Great Grandchildren  
It was a beautiful day, with lunch at Stillwater winery. Everybody came!



Longevity is in Joyce's genes!  
Her Great Grandmother died at 97  
Her Great Grandfather at 94  
Her cousin is still alive at 103!

# Recommended and Reliable Trades People.

First Name Surname	Company Name	Phone	Email	Category
Mick		0499216723		Handyman
Greg Hunter		0488 203 014	<a href="mailto:mteliza.vic@hireahubby.com.au">mteliza.vic@hireahubby.com.au</a>	Handyman
Don McDonald	Progress St. Mornington	5975 7700		Automotive specialist
Steven Jones	Twin Peak Tree Services	0421 784 455	<a href="mailto:twinpeak222@yahoo.com">twinpeak222@yahoo.com</a>	Tree/Stump re
Dave	Simplicity Air	0452 622 530		Aircon/ Electrics
Jason	Focus	0407 395872		Prop. Maintenance.
		0418 333 576		Garage door reps
Nicho Salvatore	Conic Electrical	0409 422 198		Electrician
Martin Maloney		0418 743 901		Electrician
Peter Butterworth	Butterworth Decorating	0414 670 528	<a href="mailto:peterilly@primus.com.au">peterilly@primus.com.au</a>	Master Painter
Ivan	Ivan's Carpentry	0408 535 710	<a href="mailto:ivansbuddy@hotmail.com">ivansbuddy@hotmail.com</a>	All Carpentry
Andrew Jennings	Jennings Tree Care	0407 356 127	<a href="mailto:jenningstreecare@outlook.com">jenningstreecare@outlook.com</a>	Arborist
Dave & Jemma	Perfection Reflection	0488 800 252		Window cleaning
Jeff Dawson	Fussy Window Cleaning	0403 850 653	<a href="mailto:dawsonjeff32@gmail.com">dawsonjeff32@gmail.com</a>	Window cleaning
Mt Eliza Shoe Repairs,	Woolworths Arcade	0404 787 604		Watch, and shoe repairs
Mark Garvey	New Vision Plumbing Solutions	0414 904 464	<a href="mailto:mark@newvisionplumb.com">mark@newvisionplumb.com</a>	Plumber

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 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!!

**Please remember to check in as you enter the hall for the General Meeting.  
Max Maloney sits to the right of the door with the name badges.**