

PROBUS CLUB OF MOUNT ELIZA INC

PO Box 667 Mt Eliza 3930 – <http://www.probusmteliza.club/>

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



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Today, 1 October 2023, marks the start of a very special month in our calendar as the Probus Community celebrates **Probus Month**.

Probus Clubs will celebrate with themed parties, outdoor events, lunches and get together, making this month extra special for members across Australia and New Zealand.

We will see landmarks lit up in Probus **Blue** and **Gold** across more than 100 locations during this month, creating awareness and sharing what it means to have "**Good friends, Great times, New adventures**".

On behalf of the PSPL Board and Team, we wish every Probus member a very **HAPPY PROBUS MONTH!**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – 9th October 2023

Dear Probians

Bob Stephen, thank you so much for your most amusing encounters with well-known caricatures, as our 10 min speaker last month.

Our Guest Speaker Ben Smith CEO of Mornington Community Support Centre, gave us a great insight on what services they are offering our community who are so much less fortunate than ourselves.

Not only offering day to day needs, friendship, kindness, safety, shelter and more. Ben you are an inspiration to us, sharing such compassion and generosity of heart.



I will be organizing a Coffee/Brunch morning on the 26th October, to enjoy and donate to this great cause.

Vice President Bill. Organising membership drives. please support him. I found it good fun and interesting interacting with the General Public.

Stokes Museum was very much enjoyed by all. The beauty was amazing, hit me more this time, rooms seemed more spacious, china, stain glass windows, paintings, chandeliers, each room a "wonder".



A male, founding member of the Rose Gardens thanked me over lunch, for bringing them to such a beautiful place! Gardens delightful, hilly, not for the faint hearted! Sun even shone!



Puffing Billy. We do need 14 more - a trip requested by some of our members. Unfortunately, " Stokes " did run at a loss, due to not meeting our numbers. The Charge of the Bus/Coach is a fixed price whether you fill the Coach or not! Admittedly 22 Probians were absent last month. I invited 18 friends including the Rose Garden to help with numbers, much as we and they enjoyed us and the day.

Sadly, if day trips are not supported using a coach, this can no longer be a proposition and indeed Puffing Billy could be in jeopardy with the numbers we have at the moment. Disappointing for us all, in many ways, so, if possible, please bring a friend.

My thanks, Jan Marshall.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT- Bill Spencer

Publicity Campaign - October

We are going to have a publicity campaign to ensure that the residents of Mount Eliza and surrounding areas know that we exist, what we do, and what a good bunch of people we are! We will have a display in the Shopping Centre, just outside Richies, on two consecutive weekends - the 21st and 28th October. **I need your help.**

I am calling for volunteers to staff the display. This involves getting the attention of passers-by handing out leaflets and explaining to anyone interested the benefits of being a member of Mt Eliza Probans. The details, where, when, how much it costs etc. will be in a handout. I am asking for a two-hour spell from each volunteer, so I need four members to cover each day. If you are prepared to help, please put your name on the sheet at the "tours" desk. Preferred shifts will be sorted out later.

Guest Speakers Report - Margaret McArthur

Ben Smith, CEO of the 'Morningson Community Support Centre' was a very inspiring Speaker in September - explaining the surprising amount of homelessness and basic need within our own community. I have since received a generous donation from one of our members, to assist the ongoing work at the Centre - which was gratefully received.

There will not be a 10 minute talk this month as the President has a surprise in store.

October Guest Speakers are from "**Morningson Green Legacy Gardens**" - **where Memories Grow !.**

Rebecca and Rob will explain how you could consider remembering your loved ones with a tree, instead of a tombstone, in the area of a former Golf Course, thereby also contributing to saving the environment.

November - we will welcome " Little Miss Sorted"- Sophie, who will assist us with ways to sort the necessary from the junk, in our households!

December will, hopefully, be a surprise 'fun hour' leading up to Christmas.

Outings - Gwen Woods (0419312661)

The Art Gallery of New South Wales has announced the Morningson Peninsula Regional Gallery (MPRG) as the exclusive Victorian venue for the Archibald Prize tour in 2023. The exhibition will run from 15 September to 5 November 2023. The Archibald Prize for portrait painting is the country's favourite and most significant art award. MPRG last hosted the Archibald in 2013 and 2014

12th October 2023 - Our entry time is booked for 10:00, so I suggest we meet there at 09:45. There is on-site parking and we can also use "The Rose Garden" Car Park. This is not a guided tour, but due to expected demand they have divided the day into timed entry sessions every 45 minutes from 10:00 up until 13:00. The local "Commonfolk" Café is situated at the entrance of the Gallery.

We still have **4 tickets** available at a cost of \$15.00 pp. Can we please have correct amount in cash at the meeting on Monday, the 9th October?

PROBUS Golf Update/October 2023 – Graeme Buckley

Our planned golf match with Melbourne Probus at Frankston Golf Club took place on Monday September 18. The weather could not have been better. A great game was followed by lunch.



PROBUS PIGs Meeting September 2023 – Graeme Buckley

At our Probus Investment Group meeting in September, the retail property market together with stocks and REITs were discussed in some detail. Many opportunities with an 8% return were reviewed. Theresa Weiss and Andy Troy discussed their PIGs portfolio choices. While Andy prefers small mining company stocks with unlimited upside, Theresa favoured large profitable shareholdings with good management and a steady stream of dividends. At our October meeting, the group will discuss the Health Care segment of the market. Lindsay will cover Ramsey, John Resmed, Maxine Cochlear and Graeme CSL. All members are encouraged to come to the meeting with their ideas on the subject.

Tours/Events - Gwen Woods & Jan Marshall

- Wednesday 18th October **Puffing Billy** with Day Tripper Coach
28-seater carriage on train to lunch at
Lakeside. Coach will meet us after
Lunch to drive us home. \$90.00 pp
09:00 pick up from Mt. Eliza Centre
Car Park, outside the Bowling Green.
- Wednesday 25th October Coffee/Brunch @ Mornington Community
Support Centre. Meet Jan at 10:30.
Booked table for 10. A chance for us to
donate to their great cause and enjoy
company.
Ph. Jan (eve only) 59752845
- Sunday 5th November Join Gwen - Lunch at the Dava Hotel,
Mornington @ 12 Noon. Table for 10
booked. Ph Gwen 97879616
- Tuesday 21st November "High Teas" on the High Seas,
Date changed for easier parking.
13:00 at Sorrento, car pool,
same menu, \$75.00 pp.
Booked for 20 people.
Ph. Jan (eve only) 59752845
- 7th December Christmas Lunch at Dromana Estate
3 course meal @ \$50.00 pp
& Kris Kringle.
- 10th December Christmas Bon Bons at Beleura.
13:30-16:30 including champagne
& Afternoon Tea.
Rigoletto aka "Had it Comin".
Concession \$110.00 book ASP
Ph Jan 59752845
- Sunday 25th March "High Tea" at the Rose Garden - 14:30
\$40.00 pp - Mornington

PROBUS BOOK EXCHANGE TABLE - Bob Stephen



We have on hand a range of approximately 60 Books at all times. These are mainly Novels covering Contemporary Fiction, Crime, Fiction, Historical Fiction, Romance fiction plus some Autobiographies, Biographies and true stories. These are turned over approximately every 3 months to keep the stock fresh. Any donations are gratefully received.

October birthdays



John Chambers	2nd
Arthur Rankin	8th
Helen Andrews	21st
Gwenda Woods	21st

BOOK CLUB REPORT for October 2023 - Catherine Johnson

Booker Prize winner ("Life of Pi"), **Yann Martel is the author of "The High Mountains of Portugal"**, this month's book for discussion.

Described by "Good Reads" as 'part quest, part ghost story, part contemporary fable. Our Readers varied in their levels of enjoyment of the tale that is in three parts, all with widowers as the main character. Religion and science can be seen as the central theme, but the author has quite a strange imagination (we agreed it was 'wacky'!) as he wends his way to the end with the chimpanzee scampering off into the distance with the rhinoceros!

We were animated in our discussion of the interpretations with ratings varying between 2 and 8 out of 10. Thankfully, there was only enjoyment and friendship to be shared over our delicious lunch.



Probus Club of Mount Eliza Bank Details

Bendigo Bank Account - BSB 633000 Acc: 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 (e.g., 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!!

**If there are any problems,
please contact Treasurer Lindsay Gordon: Tel: 9787 5132
Email: lig200a@hotmail.com**



Recommended and reliable trades people:

Mick		0499 216 723	Handyman
Greg Hunter		0488 203 014	Handyman
Don McDonald	Progress St. Mornington	5975 7700	Automotive Specialist
Steven Jones	Twin Peak Tree Services	0421 784 455	Tree/stump removal
Dave	Simplicity Air	0452 622 530	Aircon/Electrics
Nicho Salvatore	Conic Electrical	0409 422 198	Electrician
Martin Maloney		0418 743 901	Electrician
Peter Butterworth	Butterworth Decorating	0414 670 528	Master Painter
Andrew Jennings	Treecare	0407356127	Arborist
Dave & Jemma	Perfection Reflection	0488 800 252	Window Cleaning
Jeff Dawson	Fussy Window Cleaning	0403 850 653	Window Cleaning
Mark Garvey	New Vision Plumbing Solutions	0414 904 464	Plumber
Shane	Bayplex Plumbing	0428 858 843	Plumber
Robert Webb	Renovate	0409 352 693	Garden Design & Renovate
	Mr. Gas Man P/L	5977 0006	Gas/Electric Heating
Jamie McDonald	MPA McDonald	0409 927 498	Air Conditioning
Jesse	A.B. Arbor	0423066017	Trees and Stumps
Matt	ByTeon	0424105897	Computer Services

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).

The **next Committee** Meeting is **Monday 23rd October 2023**.

The **next General** meeting is on **Monday 13th November 2023**.