

# PROBUS CLUB OF MOUNT ELIZA INC

PO Box 667 Mt Eliza 3930 – <http://www.probusmteliza.club/>  
Founded 1985 Registration No A0011403Y  
Meetings commence 9.45 am second Monday of the month.  
If Public Holiday, then third Monday



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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Dear Probians

Here's wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas, safe & happy 2024. Starting by celebrations at our Christmas lunch Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at Dromana Estate, traditional meal, Kris Kringle, door prize, fun time & promise of good weather! Past President Graeme Buckley thankfully well enough to attend. Graeme kindly organised " Twilight Bowls" at Peninsula Golf Club for Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February - \$10 pp. Tick your name on event sheet. Promise of a great night, so please join us.

Liz McDonald thankfully able to join us at Dromana Estate after sudden heart attack, now managed with medication. Our good wishes to both of you.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024 "High Tea" at Mornington Rose Garden \$45 pp. - a request by members, please tick your name on the event sheet at the desk.

In this troubled world we are fortunate living in a peaceful, attractive area, both land & sea, a club that offers kindness, fun, friendship, & generosity of heart so that Clubs like Probusteliza can grow & continue in the future, introduced in the UK, travelling here to Australia. Have fun.

**Your President,  
Jan Marshall**

## Guest Speakers Report - Margaret McArthur



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**Last month's speaker was Sophie - 'Little Miss Sorted'** who gave us great tips for decluttering - sorting what is needed and what is not - and also how to organize the 'stuff' that is necessary to keep.

Seeing a need in the community for people requiring help when downsizing- or moving generally, Sophie now offers her services -charging by the hour- for sorting and removing unwanted items.

**December's 10 minute Speaker is John Kent**, who will describe some of his international work experiences, before moving to Mt Eliza.

### **REPLACING a GUEST SPEAKER this month of DECEMBER**

I hope you will get into **XMAS PARTY SPIRIT** 🎄 and share some fun whilst getting to know each other a little better 😊. **FIRSTLY**, I REQUEST that you wear something festive to the meeting - some red and green - a little bit of glitter or maybe some holly/a Santa costume? - or part thereof.

👴 Simple or elaborate - that's up to you - but let's have some fun 🎉 to cheer us from the world war troubles we hear each day. There will be a prize for the most effort shown to jolly us along 😊

### **Future Guest Speakers**

**January** - will be Neil Prosser, Youth Resource Officer at the Somerville Police Station.

**February** - Beth Williams - a retired Radiographer will explain the complexities of Radiology.

**March** - AGM

**April** - Silva McLeod will lead us on her path from an "Island Girl to Airline Pilot."

### **Outings**

#### **O'Shannessy's Carnival of Cherries Tour - 30<sup>th</sup> November to 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Report submitted Christine Hallam - Bulletin Editor

Firstly, before continuing writing about the tour, I would like to thank Liz McDonald on behalf of the 4 intrepid members of Probus Mt. Eliza and several members of the Mornington Probus Club who joined this fully inclusive tour. Liz's research is always second to none and it was such a shame that due to illness she wasn't able to go.

This tour was all about "cherries" so on day three 30 of us plus the tour driver and tour director set out to drive to Young - the "Cherry Capital of Australia." This area is the largest cherry growing region in the Southern Hemisphere. Personally, I have never seen so many cherry trees before. After a guided tour of the Young township, we were taken to Allambie Cherry and Plum Orchard. There we had lunch which included dessert - Cherry Pie and Cream.

After lunch we had the opportunity to pick our own cherries.



1kg of cherries

Despite the emphasis on cherries - there were other interesting inclusions and surprises. There is only room here to mention 2. The **first** was the **Monte Cristo Homestead**. It is a historic homestead located in the town of Junee, NSW. It was constructed by a local pioneer, Christopher William Crawley. The Crawley family remained in residence until 1948. The house then stood empty under the care of several caretakers until 1963, when it was purchased by Reg and Olive Ryan, who have arrested its decay and largely restored it to a habitable condition. The homestead operates as a museum and antiques showcase, and tourist attraction with curio/souvenir shop, advertising itself as "Australia's most haunted house."



The **second** was to meet with **Libby Bailey** of **Rocking Horse Restorations**. During a drought, Libby took up rocking horse restoration to ward off depression when all on the farm had dried up - a true example of country ingenuity. Her knowledge and her drive for perfection was there in her **huge** barn to see. As well as restorations we found an incredible collection of rocking horses dating from the 1870s to the 1990s as well as other historic items such as a grand collection of old farm and hand tools etc. etc. And on the walls of the barn was Libby's remarkable handmade quilts.

After being shown around, we then sat down to enjoy a splendid lunch which Libby had prepared earlier.



Thoroughly enjoyed this trip - now what do I do with the kilo of cherries Chris picked?

### **Tours/Events - Gwen Woods & Jan Marshall**

**Sunday 24th March 2024 "High Tea" at Mornington Rose Garden.** \$45.00 p.p. 14:30pm for 32 guests. A return visit, by request of members.

### **Twilight Social Lawns Bowls - Graeme Buckley**

The Peninsula Kingswood Country Golf Club is holding a Twilight Social Lawns Bowls evening on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024. Registration is 15:30 and the start is 16:00.

At the December meeting I can take names for those who may be interested. The cost is \$10.00 for a sausage sizzle and bowls. The Club has 20 sets of bowls at no charge for those who do not have their own set.

This is an opportunity for non-members of PKCGC to experience the facilities of this members-only Club and they will be encouraged to stay for dinner in the Clubhouse.

### **PROBUS PIGS Meeting NOVEMBER 2023 - Graeme Buckley**

At our Probus Investment Group meeting in November, we discussed the differences between Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) and Listed Investment Companies (LICs). John Kent reviewed ETFs and Lindsay Gordon talked about LICs, in particular the Wilson Asset Management funds. At our **December** meeting, the group will discuss the Banks, not only the Big Four but also the smaller banks which are providing good, franked dividends. Jan Marshall, Lindsay Gordon, John Kent and I will each present investment opportunities in this sector. All members are encouraged to come to the meeting with their ideas on the subject.

## Australian Welsh Male Choir – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert



Come and celebrate with Frankston's very own Australian Welsh Male Choir, born from the love of singing by a group of Welshmen. Our choir has grown and traveled the world performing throughout the UK, New Zealand, China and Hong Kong, as well as throughout Australia. Help us celebrate our anniversary on this, St David's Day, Patron Saint of Wales.

## December birthdays



Clarrie Woods	7th
Bill Spencer	10th
Joyce Pollock	12th
John Roberts	14 <sup>th</sup>
Henry Hammond	18th
Les Kemp	18th
Pat Harvey	19th

### BOOK CLUB REPORT for November 2023 – Catherine Johnson

**BOOK FOR THE MONTH: "Where the Crawdads Sing"** by Delia Owens

This book, the first by the 70-year-old author, is described as 'a mystery, thriller' and our members were all enthralled by the delightful story of a seven-year-old girl, Kya, abandoned first by her mother, then her siblings and eventually by her alcoholic Father, who finds her way through life in the North Carolina 'marshes' and eventually becomes a famous naturalist and author. This is a lovely story with, yes, mystery & murder, but also beautifully described scenery and insights by the author who seems to have drawn on her own life as a zoologist. We all agreed that this book was the best we had read in our Club this year!!



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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  
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**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	0434105897	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 22nd January 2024**.

The **next General** meeting is on **Monday 8th January 2024**.