

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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President's Report – April 2025

Well, your new Committee has had its first meeting of the PROBUS year, basically the same old Committee, with the addition of Theresa Weiss, who was warmly welcomed as Vice President.

I have been thinking about how we can maximize our output of activities relative to the planning effort required. The clubs that meet regularly, i.e. Finance and Book Club, and lately the Men's Coffee Morning Club, roll on independently of committee, providing enjoyable activity for those concerned and interesting reports for the Bulletin.

I would like to suggest the revival of some old ideas, with perhaps some new twists. We used to, at one time, have a Cinema club. Why don't we revive it? Possibly with the addition of theatre performances when available. Do we have a member interested in running such a club?

What about a wine appreciation club? With about 50 wineries on the Peninsula, we do have a great range to "appreciate" without going further afield. Again, who would like the role of club leader?

The Committee is very open to other ideas, and of course our program of outings open to all members will continue.

I would like to thank Liz McDonald for her excellent suggestion (and organizing) of the Tidemaster excursion from Tooradin. An excellent day, enjoyed by all who went.



Bill Spencer – President

Guest Speakers Report – Rhonda Vincent

APRIL – The guest speaker is Andrea McCall. She will talk to us about Shakespeare.

The **TEN-MINUTE SPEAKER** - TBA

The Probus Club of Mt. Eliza - on Thursday, 13th. March 2025

Report by Rhonda Vincent

What an adventure we had! How lucky we were to awaken to the most perfect day for our trip on The Tidemaster, organized by Liz McDonald. (I know a few of us thought about the chance that it MIGHT be a terrible wind on Westernport Bay - I know I did).

A bit of carpooling was organized and we arrived in Tooradin for a 11.30 departure to the calmest and sunniest morning.

The first thing everyone saw was a gathering of 150 or so Bikies near our departure point, making parking a premium. Apparently, it is a regular Thursday event for Bikies for a couple of hours and the local cafe does a big coffee trade with the gathering. The Horscrofts enjoyed a delicious breakfast in the cafe. I believe John had delicious pancakes with berries and ice-cream!!!



The Tidemaster was being made ready for us - a husband & wife team, Rachel and Brett who worked so hard the whole day to make it really special for us.

We boarded at 11.30 and all 28 of us were seated at already set tables ,with cloths, on board.



As we got underway, tea & coffee were offered by our hostess, Rachel, which I thought was generous of her, as she was very busy preparing our super lunch. We were given a commentary during some of the time it took to motor out into the northern arm of Westernport Bay.

Arthur and Karen

We anchored quite close to Charing Cross Island which is a sanctuary for migratory birds. Mudflats and mangrove swamps support a large number of invertebrates that are an important food source for waders and visiting migratory birds, some of which travel from and return to Siberia.



Here you can see 2 varieties of pelican, black swans and an Eastern Curlew. The bay also supports small numbers of critically endangered birds such as the Far Eastern Curlew, red-necked stints, pied oystercatchers and the vulnerable fairy terns.

We rested in the calm quiet waters of Westernport Bay while our hostess served up a Spit roast of lamb and/or pork, accompanied by 3 delicious salads. Wine was not included but could be purchased if desired. The main course was more than adequate and was followed by a very generous serve of homemade cake & slices.

The Tidemaster is available for groups who can just enjoy a very pleasant day on the water, as we did, or those who want to catch a fish or two, or maybe a wedding or a Bucks party!!! Our captain knew Westernport extremely well and was able to give us a lot of information.

It is certainly a huge expanse of water which one doesn't imagine until out there and seeing the distant shoreline.



The general feeling as we returned about 2.30pm, was that we could do it again.

Future Outings

Thursday, 15th May 2025

Lunch at Amazing Aromass, Main Street, Mornington at 12:30

Lovely Indian cuisine. Please add your names to the clipboard

Pay individually on the day.

Liz McDonald

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Reminders

The **next Committee Meeting** is on **Monday 28th April 2025**.

The **next General Meeting** is on **Monday 12th May 2025**.

The **next Men's Coffee Club Occasion** is on **Saturday 19th April 2025**

Probus Membership fees are now due.

The committee would appreciate payment by the 28th April 2025

PROBUS PIGs Meeting - March 2025 – Graeme Buckley

At our Probus Investment Group meeting in March, members finished reviewing the 5 shares which they each added to this year's portfolio. We also discussed alternative investments, with particular emphasis on bank bonds and high interest-bearing deposits, including RMBL.

For our meeting in April, Alan Glover will review the lithium market as well as alternatives to lithium in EV battery production. Members will also discuss the ongoing effect of Trump tariffs on our economy. All members are welcome to attend.

APRIL birthdays



Barry Cumming	2nd
Kay Stephen	5th
Len Christie	11th
Christine Hallam	12th
Carolyn Kent	13th
Jane Long	29th

PROBUS BOOK EXCHANGE



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.

Bob & Kay Stephen

MEMBERSHIP – CATHERINE JOHNSON

Would any Member who is unable to attend a General Meeting please send their apologies to the Membership Officer – Catherine Johnson on my phone – 0413 928 312 or email: catherinemajo17@gmail.com

Thank you

Catherine Johnson

Report of our Men's Coffee Club's occasion – Len Christie

Saturday 22nd March - We doubled the February's attendance today, with the total of 4 members attending, but these members are some of our most handsome, comprising of John Kent, Chris Hallam, Stephen Griffiths and yours truly.

Again, various stories were shared, but the one that stood out in my mind was the one about "A One Pound Pom who came to Australia and rose to a senior position in the South Australian Government and on his retirement a hat was passed around, with the hope that a Pound would be raised to send him back to England."

Our Convenor, Bob Brunton, unfortunately is still in Hospital and we wish him a speedy recovery. We miss your wise counseling, Bob.

BOOK CLUB REPORT

March's book for discussion was "To Love, Honour & Betray" by Kathy Lette, but this time discussion was succinct!

Kathy Lette has been writing similar veined books since she was in her teens and co-wrote "Puberty Blues" - provocative and somewhat trashy! It was completely read by only 2 of our Readers, but all in all rated a 2/10 and not to be recommended by any of us.

Catherine Johnson
Co-convenor

Welfare – Shirley Ingram

Clarrie Woods is still in the Knox Private ICU. We are looking forward to seeing him again.



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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 Les Kemp: Tel: 0418 328 643
Email: lesbarb1945@gmail.com**

Recommended and Reliable Tradesman

Name	Company Name	Phone No.	Category
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
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Andrew Jennings	Treecare	0407 356 127	Arborist
Dave & Jemma	Perfection Reflection	0488 800 252	Window Cleaning
Jeff Dawson	Fussy Window Cleaning	0403 850 653	Window Cleaning
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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
Peninsula Transport Assist		0397 088 341	Medical & Shopping
Jamie McDonald	MPA McDonald	0409 927 498	Air Conditioning
Jesse	A.B.Arbor	0423 066 017	Trees & Stumps
Matt	ByTeon	0403 850 653	Computer Services
Mike Johnston	Mikelec Electric	0410 597 563	Electrian

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