

## 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

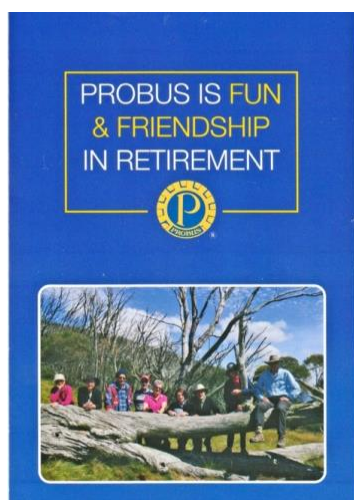


**Bulletin No. 481 - Date: 12th May 2025**

**Committee Members 2025 – 2026**

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### President's Report – May 2025



You may remember that I recently floated the idea that starting some new clubs within Probus was one way of adding more activities, possibly appealing to a sub-set of members. Two members have responded with ideas/information which is a great start.

Following the coffee morning at “Frankston Universal Bowling Alley,” **Les Kemp** has formed a **tenpin bowling group**, four members at present, so if you are interested - talk to Les. The Film Club we used to have died with the closure of Mornington Cinema, but Bob Stephen contacted me with some information about Hoyts in Frankston who operate a **60+ Hoyts Rewards program** with “**Mornings at the Movies.**” This offers a selection of well-regarded movies for mature patrons. All ticketed at \$11.50. Current movies include; “The Penguin Lessons”, “Bonnie and Clyde – the musical,” “Crocodile Dundee – the encore cut.”

There is a nice café/restaurant opposite the theatre for a coffee and chat afterwards to discuss the movie.

At the last committee meeting a poster from Kirks was tabled advertising their “**Christmas in July**” lunch menu. I contacted Kirks who offer a 2-course menu for \$29 and a 3 course for \$31.

I suggested a date of July 2nd which is currently available. On the outings table is a “sign up” for you to indicate interest.

We have done a few lunches lately at The Ranelagh club, so maybe it's time to try something different.

**BILL SPENCER/PRESIDENT**

## Guest Speakers Report – Rhonda Vincent

**May** – The **main speaker** will be Gill Nikakis – “He’s Not Coming Home.”  
The **Ten-Minute Speaker** will be Bev Moloney.

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## 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**  
**0407 034 053**



**Shirley Ingram** suggested to the committee that members might enjoy a two-way flight on the Eagle. Before returning down to the car park, Members might also enjoy Scones, Jam, Cream and Tea or Coffee at The Eagle Café. The cost would be \$35.00.

However, she needs to know how many would be interested before proceeding with a booking.  
Please indicate your interest on the form on a table at the back on the reception area.



**Liz McDonald** is also investigating a day out with the Red Hill Rocket. They specialize on Mystery Discovery Tours on the Mornington Peninsula & Surrounds. Tours include visiting wineries, eateries, breweries, cafes, markets, farm gate produce, gardens, tourist attractions & more. Tours start on the first Wednesday in January and finish on the last Wednesday in March and cost \$25.00 per head.  
Tours departs: 10.00 and return: 17:00.  
Expressions of interest would be appreciated.



## 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – Mt. Eliza Community Centre

Some members of our Probus Club enjoyed the concert listening to the Mornington Peninsula Welsh Ladies Choir.



We were also invited to join them after the concert for a delightful afternoon tea.

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### Reminders

The **next Committee Meeting** is on **Monday 26th May 2025**.

The **next General Meeting** is on **Monday 16th June 2025**.

The **next Men's Coffee Club Occasion** is on **Saturday 17th May 2025**

**Probus Membership fees are now overdue.**

**The committee would appreciate payment**

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## PROBUS PIGs Update - April 2025 – Graeme Buckley

I would, once again, like to thank Lindsay for his continuing efforts in preparing this year's portfolio.

The market has fallen again this month and is sitting at minus 7.5% from the start of the year. As a group, we are minus 5.9% for the year. So, we are beating the market!

In the US, Donald Trump continues to keep the markets on edge with his daily, bewildering tariff statements. Australia was no exception with an overall 10% tariff. His latest 90 day hold on implementing the tariffs (except for China where the tariffs are something like 145%) has only increased anxiety.

His main reason for the backflip on tariffs is that he suddenly realized that China and Japan were the major buyers of US Government bonds and the latest effort to sell billions of US dollars of Government bonds to help with their \$34 trillion debt wasn't going so well!

The only way America can survive is by continually issuing Government Bonds i.e. borrowing money from the rest of the world. They currently run a budget deficit of US\$2 trillion a year! Mind boggling.

As far as our share portfolios are concerned, Carolyn Kent is leading with a 1.2% gain for the year. The best stock in her portfolio is Collins Foods, up 17%. Coming in second is John Fleiner, up 0.4%. His best stock is Sigma, up 14.5%. Third is Jan Marshall, up 0.2%. Her best stock is also Sigma.

Unfortunately, the rest of us are all in the red! While the worst performer shall remain nameless, I suspect he will be getting a bit of stick from his winning wife!

MAY birthdays



Paul Harvey	8th
Roger Henderson	18th
Debbie Fleiner	23rd
Alan Glover	25th
John Fleiner	26th

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](mailto:catherinemajo17@gmail.com)

Thank you

**Catherine Johnson**

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### **Report of our Men's Coffee Club's occasion – Chris Hallam**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April** – Not a good start to this meeting. It looked like it was going to be a no go! On arrival 1001 Nights was closed for the Easter weekend. Plan B was initiated – we slowly but surely made our way to the “MT Terrasse Bar” on the corner opposite Woolworths.

A total of 7 of us got seated inside and coffees were ordered. Max Moloney, John Roberts, Steve Griffiths, Len Christie, John Kent, Alan Glover and myself proceeded to discuss all the things that men discuss, such as cars, hips, footy, knees and our diverse heritage. A most enjoyable time was had, but was noted that we missed the company of Bob Brunton – our leader and looked forward to be seeing him soon.

**Our next meeting will be at the 1001 Nights.**

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### **APRIL 2025 - BOOK CLUB REPORT.**

From 19th century cigar factories to present-day detention centres, from Cuba to Mexico Gabriella Garcia, the author of “Women & Salt” is a kaleidoscope portrait of betrayals - personal, political, self-inflicted and those done by others that have shaped these extraordinary women”

This quote well summarises the book which was thoroughly enjoyed by the majority of our Readers and resulted in Wendy, who, with Steve, have travelled through Cuba, being nominated to give the Book Report to May's General Meeting. Our score was 6.5/10.

**Catherine Johnson**  
**Co-convenor**

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## House – Bev Moloney

Thank you to everyone who has helped in the kitchen – washing dishes and bringing food. You will find a roster where you get your tea and coffee. I would appreciate if you would put your name next the month you wish to bring something for morning tea. We need about 3 donations per meeting.

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<b>Probus Club of Mount Eliza Bank Details</b>
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<b>Bendigo Bank Account - BSB 633000 Acc: 1793 84045</b>
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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 Les Kemp: Tel: 0418 328 643  
Email: [lesbarb1945@gmail.com](mailto: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
Peter Butterworth	Butterworth Decorating	0414 670 528	Master Painter
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
Mark Garvey	New Vision Plumbing	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
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

Note: The Mr. Gas Man on the Recommended and Reliable Tradesman List will do a special deal if members mention they belong to the Mount Eliza Probus Group. 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).