

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 – August 2025



It was with great sadness that I learnt that Joyce Pollock had passed peacefully away on the morning of August 5th. Joyce would have been 103 years old in December. At this point I have no information regarding funeral or memorial services; perhaps by the time of our next meeting we may have more information.

Joyce joined our club in 2009. She was keen on sports, initially tennis and later golf.

She is survived by 4 children, 8 grand-children and 16 great-grand-children.

Joyce loved to attend club functions and I remember well her enjoyment of our Christmas lunch at Dromana Estate Winery.

As you all probably know, I was on holiday in Cairns for the last three weeks. In my absence the committee made a lot of progress in organizing promotional material. I shall leave it to those who did the hard work to tell you about it! Thanks Theresa and Christine.

Bill Spencer – President

Vice-President's Report

Just an update everyone. I with Shirley Ingram did attend a community leader gathering at CBs on Wednesday, the 30th July sponsored by the Bendigo Bank. I did speak with Alex from the bank who suggested that she could include some photos in their newsletter and also to use the local radio station to further publicize our club. The Bendigo Bank has just donated \$2000.00 to our club which is absolutely wonderful and it has been decided by the committee to cover the costs of our recruitment of new members strategy.

I, with Christine Hallam met with Anna from the Mornington Peninsula Magazine on Friday, 1st August. She had emailed me and she was offering discounted Ad Packages featuring Seniors in their September and October editions. Christine and I had a chat with Anna who was very helpful with her advice on our marketing campaign. The Probus Club of Mount Eliza needs to become much sharper as to modern technology. i.e. we should set up an Instagram account and a Face Book account. (My son is happy to do this for us for free.) The package offered, was a good one which Christine and I think is worth embracing.

I will keep you updated.

Theresa Weiss – Vice President.

Guest Speakers Report – Rhonda Vincent

For the **August** meeting, our main speaker will be Megan Simpson who will speak on 'Life in Fiji.' Megan is John Fleiner's daughter.

Len Christie will do "Would I Lie to You."

In **September** our main speaker – Arthur Rankin, The Car Industry.

Di Horscroft will do "Would I Lie to You."

TEN PIN BOWLING NEWS – Shirley Ingram

July's event was at GENERAL PUBLIC, 16 Playne Street, Frankston at 11.15am on Wednesday the 23rd July.

Two groups were bowling. Bob Graham won his group and I won my group. A very fun day was had by all. Then we had a quick celebration for lunch at The General Public.

We are happy to welcome all comers!

The next event is at GENERAL PUBLIC, 16 Playne Street, Frankston at 11.15am on Wednesday the 13th August.

(Most of us stay for lunch after bowling - at reasonable seniors' prices).

We are there to have fun.

If you would like to join us - add your name to the list at the next Meeting.



Future Outings – 17th August 2025 – RHONDA VINCENT

Dear Probus members, I'm hoping some of you will be able to join us on the afternoon of the 17th August – for an afternoon of delightful Viennese Classics rendered by The Russel McGregor Ensemble at the PENINSULA COMMUNITY THEATRE, WILSON'S RD., MORNINGTON at 14:30. Cost is \$50.00 for seniors.

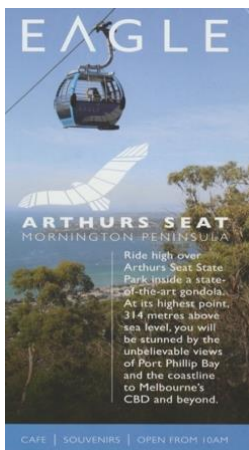
We will be sitting at round tables of 8 and there will be a glass of Rahona Valley wine and a Grazing Platter.

IMPORTANT: The bookings will only be confirmed by payment of \$50.00 to the Probus Club. It is essential, if doing a transfer of funds on line, to put in the reference, e.g. 'Viennese and name' so that Les, our treasurer, will know who has paid.

Tickets will be allocated in order of monies received. (I plan to book 3 tables of 8 - that is 24 people in total). If we are inundated with bookings, I may be able to get more tables.

Bring your dancing shoes - you may be able to get up and waltz to this amazing ensemble!!!

I look forward to an enthusiastic response.



17th September 2025 – Arthur's Seat Chair Lift

Members should pay the fee of \$35.00 before the event.
Make your way to 1085 Arthur's Seat Road, Dromana and arrive at approximately 10:30.

Park your vehicle and join the Chair Lift which will take you to the top. Then onto the café for morning tea.

Afterwards, you can spend time to look around and then take the return chair lift downwards.

Any help with carpooling would be appreciated.

Shirley Ingram

Reminders

The **next Ten Pin Bowling Meeting** is on **Wednesday 13th August 2025**.

The **next Committee Meeting** is on **Monday 25th August 2025**.

The **next General Meeting** is on **Monday 8th September 2025**.

The **next Men's Coffee Club Occasion** is on **Saturday 16th August 2025**.

PROBUS PIGs Meeting - August 2025 – Graeme Buckley

At our Probus Investment Group meeting in July, members discussed the various ways they accessed Superannuation Funds. While some members controlled their own self-managed super funds, others relied on investment managers.

At our meeting in August, Theresa Weiss will chair the meeting in Graeme Buckley's absence. All Probus members are welcome to attend.

AUGUST birthdays



Beverley	5th
Shirley Ingram	11th
Graeme Buckley	24th

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 – Bob Brunton

Saturday, 19th July at 1001 Nights.



Well, this month's Men's Coffee Group Meeting, or more specifically it's prelude, was certainly an action-packed, and up-lifting, one for me. Under the watchful eyes of my wife, Susie, I had graduated to using a walking-stick instead of my 'wheelie' when getting around outdoors. I thought that I was using the stick quite stylishly, but Susie wasn't convinced that I was using it safely, so she insisted on escorting me to the coffee shop, 'A Thousand and One Nights'. We arrived about 15 minutes early, It was rather cold with a blustery wind, so Susie opted to come inside and keep me company in the warmth for a while before going shopping.

I found it a bit slow and awkward getting out of the cab with my stick, this lengthened our exposure to the cold wind, so we both hurried across to the rear door of the venue arriving there at the same time, foiling each other's attempts to open the door, and causing me to drop my walking-stick which the clattered to the ground loudly. In those few seconds I had noticed through the glass panel of the door two guys talking earnestly at a table opposite. Both looked middle aged and one had a beard, for some reason I got a flashed impression that they were Middle Eastern. The bearded one, seeing our plight, sprung to his feet and opened the door for us, holding it open while we scrabbled our way in, both of us trying to hold the errant walking-stick at the same time. He waved aside our flustered attempts to thank him and promptly returned to his friend at their table.

I chose to save some seats in the corner nook in that lower rear area of the place as it seemed to be warmer there. Susie stayed with me for a while, warming up before she faced the elements to do her shopping. She would make her own way home.

A trio of our guys arrived together first, I was sitting right in the corner of the nook, my back against two walls, I stood up and gestured at the seats around me but someone suggested that we would be better off on the higher main level of the place because the acoustics were far better up there. I agreed, so they filed up the three steps to the upper level, while I started to move out of my corner, but somehow, I got my walking-stick entangled in one of the two chairs that were hemming me in along the wall. The harder I tried to get past, the more me and my stupid stick got entangled, resulting in the end chair tipping over, making a lot of noise. This noise caught the attention of the bearded guy who had previously helped us with the door, he and his mate came running to help, but they found it not to be easy, the damned walking-stick was still pinning the chairs together in some way. I was trying to contribute some help from my side, but to no visible affect. After a lot of frustrated grunting to each other in a language that I could not place, without even consulting me, they resorted to a much more direct approach. Both of them leaned over the table, and getting a firm grip on me, lifted me bodily up over the chairs and corner of the table, and placed me carefully onto my feet, steadying me for a few moments before letting go.

It seemed to be only a few seconds until I was presented with my walking-stick and the chairs were placed neatly back in place, after demonstrating to the staff that no damage had been done. My attempt to thank my two new friends was cut short by a sharp gesture of the bearded guy's hand, in fact they both looked rather offended that I should make a fuss over an action that obviously came naturally to them.

Still a bit shaky, I climbed the steps to the quieter upper level and, trying to look as debonaire as I could wielding my stick, I preceded along the aisle-way between tables to where the guys had sat down at a row of tables that I think they had pushed together, and sat down opposite Chris Hallam at the near end of the row. Further along the table were Len Christie, John Roberts, John Fleiner and Steve Griffiths. Chris and I were sitting at the end of the table and I think I mentioned something about my grandson's car and how I don't think he often opens the bonnet. Chris reflected on how that in our youthful days things made sense under a car's bonnet, spark plugs were easily accessible, the distributors, carburettors and batteries were in logical places, and one could basically see how a car worked.

There had been a lot of laughter and hand gesturing going on along the rest of the table, so Chris and I thought we had better join in. They had all ventured into that unbelievable world of Fishing Stories. Anglers of course have many angles, and I noticed that no actual lengths, numbers or weights were mentioned, perhaps a wise thing with Len there, casting his whiplash comments about. John Roberts seemed to crown the discussion by stating firmly that 'I have never caught as many fish anywhere as I have at that place!' I don't think he had mentioned where that 'place' was, but changed the subject by describing how skilfully his mate had run the boat up onto the sand when they had finished. (Presumably the boat was sinking through the weight of the fish? Any way, he could be sure that his dear old Volvo could handle the load.)

Conversations lost their momentum after the fishing stories, I think the word 'Trump' may have been mentioned and people started mentally looking at their watches, but all in all it was a great morning. Come and join us next time.

BobB.

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Len kindly drove me home, on the way I told him about my chair tangling incident. He concurred with me about the power of receiving acts of kindness from strangers. When a stranger is kind to you, he/she is kind to your whole world. Len said that he had had a kindness shown to him by a whole gang of strangers recently when they moved him forward along a long line because he only had a few items at an Aldi checkout!

I don't know who our 'kind strangers' in the coffee shop were, or whether they were Middle Eastern or not, it doesn't matter at all, but they've made Susie and My world a little more hopeful.

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



Vale - Joyce Pollock

*Joyce's daughter has
advised us that she
passed away on the 5th
August.*

*She would have been
103 in December.*

Recommended and Reliable Tradesman

Name	Company Name	Phone No.	Category
Bendigo Bank		9787 1224	Bank
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
Anthony	The Awning&Blind Co	0414 314114	Blinds/Curtains
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).