

PROBUS CLUB OF MOUNT ELIZA INC

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

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Meetings commence at 9.45 am on the second Monday of the month.

If Public Holiday, then third Monday

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President's Report October 2025

Last week I was saddened to learn of the passing of Paul Harvey. I attended Paul's memorial service on Friday October 3rd along with other Probus members, Paul's family and friends and Rotary members. It was a lovely celebration of a full life. Our thoughts are with Pat and the rest of the family.



Theresa and I met with Fiona Parsons the manager of the Mount Eliza branch of Bendigo Bank to thank her for the Bank's generous donation.

It is October again and that means the Victorian Seniors Festival – Free travel for the eight days of the official festival and lots of activities, celebrations, entertainment etc. for the whole month.

Mornington Peninsula dates to consider include:

16th Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery –
11.30 to 12.15 Floor talk by the curator

18th Peninsula Cinemas Rosebud – 4 to 6.30 pm Short Multicultural Film Festival
with Complementary (sic) Popcorn (is it free?)

18th Mayday Cruise – 5 to 10pm Charity Event – Frock up to cruise along the coast
eating, drinking and enjoying music from The Baker Boys.

27th Healthy ageing research insight from Monash University's
Beyond 50 Study and Join the conversation over afternoon tea.

And last, but not least – on 24th, 25th and 26th is
“No Charge” green waste weekend!

Finally, consider visiting Geelong Art Gallery to view this year's Archibald Prize.

Catherine and I visited and thoroughly enjoyed it despite not agreeing with the judges!

Bill Spencer

PROBUS EVENTS

The Arthur's Seat Eagle Chair Lift outing will now be held on **Thursday 23rd October**,
meeting at the lower level, 1085 Arthur's Seat Road at 11am.

Cost is \$35 pp includes the return trip with Devonshire Tea at the top included.

Please pay online into the Probus account ensuring you have “eagle” or “chairlift”
along with your name in the reference field.

Or bring exact money in a sealed envelope to the meeting on Monday 13th October.

If you have already paid and the date is not suitable, then please contact our Treasurer,
Les Kemp with your bank account details to organise a refund.

REMINDERS

This Month's **General Meeting** is on **Monday 13th October 2025**

The **next Ten Pin Bowling Meeting** is on **Wednesday 15th October 2025**

The **next Men's Coffee Club Occasion** is on **Saturday 18th October 2025**.

The **next Committee Meeting** is on **Monday 27th October 2025**.

The **following General Meeting** is on **Monday 10th November 2025**.

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: catherinemojo17@gmail.com

Thank you

Catherine Johnson

SPEAKERS – Rhonda Vincent

At the September Meeting Arthur Ranken gave us a detailed insight into what could have been a Car Industry on land in Frankston.

Di Horscroft had almost all of us fooled with her reference to landing in Nairobi to see the Concord on the tarmac, in her version of “Would I Lie to You” It was TRUE!!!

October’s Guest Speaker is to be George Petrou from Mount Albert who will make us aware of the wonderful work of a number of humanitarians you may not have heard of.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Theresa Weiss

I was contacted by Joe from Kirk’s Hotel regarding our Christmas Lunch on
Thursday 11 December at 12 Noon.

He has offered us a two-course meal with a glass of wine for \$50.

You will be able to choose an entrée/main, entrée/desert, or main/desert.

Catherine and I visited “The Mt Eliza Club” on Old Mornington Road to assess it as a possible new venue to hold our meetings. Unfortunately, it wasn’t suitable for many reasons, so we will need to keep looking.

Look out for our advertisement in the Morning Peninsula Magazine coming out soon!! As shown above Bill had his photo taken with Fiona Parsons the Branch Manager of the Bendigo Bank. Bill thanked Fiona for her support. The Bank has already put it in their Newsletter, and I will be uploading it to our Facebook and Instagram page as soon as I learn how to do it.

Thank you to those who have sent me photos to add to our social media accounts. I promise I will add them as soon as possible.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Les Kemp

- There is \$5090.77 in the bank

- Amount of \$495.00 to be paid to the Mornington Peninsula Magazine for the advertisement in the October Edition.
 - Receipts for the Arthur's Seat outing totalling \$175.00
 - Leaving an available balance of \$4420.77
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PROBUS PIGs Report from September 2025 Meeting – Graeme Buckley

At our PROBUS Investment Group meeting in September, members discussed a range of shares that currently appear to be undervalued. Shares in the Healthcare sector such as CSL and Telix seem to offer value, while Defence stocks such as Dronesield may be worth looking at.

At our meeting in October, the group will look at Managed Funds. John Kent, Bob Graham and I will lead the discussion. All PROBUS members are welcome to attend.

BOOK CLUB REPORT – Catherine Johnson

“The Pull of the Stars” by Emma Donoghue was the allocated book for discussion and not all our Readers managed to finish the book due to dislike of various aspects contained therein.

The terrible angst of Ireland was highlighted with a storyline covering three days in a maternity ward during the Great Flu epidemic of the 1920s.

For some of our Readers, the medical details were too graphic and too protracted, but the characters were well drawn, although lack of quotation marks is never popular with our Readers. Government advice tendered at that time and that we receive today are so similar we were left wondering if anything ever changes!

Overall, our grading, between 5 and 10 averaged at 6/10.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Arthur Ranken	8 th
Ann Robson	9 th
Gwenda Woods	21 st

MEN'S COFFEECLUB'S UPDATE – Bob Brunton

Usually I try to get to 'A Thousand And One Nights' for our Coffee Group meetings a bit early to grab a table because sometimes the place can get pretty crowded, but this time, due to Susie's 'You can't wear that, it's covered with cat hair,' (we have two Rag-dolls) the ignoring my pleas that the guys wouldn't notice or care, she gave me a savage and lengthy brushing down, so this time I was a few minutes late.

When I entered the lower section, I found it was almost empty and breathed a sigh of relief that I was still first there. Then I heard a hum of conversation from the higher level to the right, climbing those few steps I found a whole table of people obviously all engrossed in something. They were our guys, Len Christie, John Kent, Chris Hallam, Steve Griffiths, John Fleiner and John Roberts. Not diverting from their subject, they all greeted me with smiles and nods and Len reached across and dragged in another chair for me.

The subject they were discussing hotly was the unfairness with which governments dole out disproportionate grants and subsidies to the wrong people. It was obvious that even before I had arrived the gathering had reached a critical mass and was producing its own energy, subjects quickly morphed into others. Soon we were theorising about the fugitive Dezi Freeman, then somehow, we were discussing whether or not English woodworkers were better than Australian. Hmm, considering those present that was a knotty one. (Sorry). I can't remember how but magically the subject changed to, odd people and odd jobs. John Kent told of how when he was upgrading the old Sydney Show Grounds, they had to emulate some existing heavy stone blockwork. These blocks were terribly heavy and awkward to handle. I've forgotten the exact circumstances, but John awarded the job to a Bikey Gang who took great pride in their job and executed it perfectly. (Hmm, our past Surveyor General hanging out with Bikeys huh?) I then piped in about when I was upgrading the Historical Precinct at Beechworth, we had to build some freestone walls with irregular shards of the lovely pink granite of the region. The work was supervised by an old Yorkshire stonemason who used troubled youths from the 'Green Army' to do the work. I remember him saying 'Start a sorry lad on ten feet of Freestone wall and he'll be a different lad at the other end.' Well, those kids did a great job on our walls. Forgive the pun, but Steve chipped in on this subject too, when we were all struggling on a technical term, and (Dry Walls) we hope he keeps coming.

The conversation rolled on so organically and freely that I'm sure I've forgotten much of it, but I remember at some stage we were reminiscing on our childhood fear of dentistry and then our deep remorse at the nowadays cost of it. Then later, near the end of the session, Chris swung to face John Roberts who had had a very successful dental practice in the UK for some sixteen years, and bluntly asked him why he had decided to become a dentist? His answer was simple, his father had been a dentist and so had his grandfather. (I wondered if they drove beautiful old cars too?)

Because of the nature of his practice John toured a lot around Europe, he reverted back to the subject that we had first started off with, government grants and subsidies. He said that he had met a guy in Switzerland totally lived off the subsidies of just two cows that he owned. I chickened out on asking whether that guy had any udder income.

Come and join us this month at 10am on the Saturday 18th October, I promise that I'll keep the Dad Jokes to myself.'

Bob Brunton

PROBUS BOOK EXCHANGE – Bob and Kay Stephen

There is a range of approximately 60 Books available on the table in the foyer on our General Meeting days. These are mainly Novels covering Contemporary Fiction, Crime Fiction, Historical Fiction, Romance Fiction along with Autobiographies, Biographies and true stories.

These are turned over approximately every three months to keep stock fresh. Any donations are gratefully received.



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

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
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).