

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 September 2025

It is always sad when we lose a Club member, but when we lose a committee member we also need to find a replacement or struggle on without one. Liz McDonald did a great job organising outings etc, so now we are looking for a replacement. If you feel you could do this important job, please speak to a committee member.

Meanwhile, I have noticed that there are a number of events coming up in October/November which could interest our members.

Please email me if you are interested in any of these, and we'll set out "sign-up" sheets accordingly.

1. **Archibald Prize Finalists** at Geelong Art Gallery. August 30th to November 9th \$20 admission, get there by train, by Port Phillip Ferries from Docklands, or Sorrento ferry and car. Maybe car-pooling...
2. **Mornington Peninsula Heritage and Art Bus Tour** \$15 per tour covers bus plus light lunch. Five different tours as follows:

1. Departs: 10am Oct 2nd from Hastings Library - arrive 9.45am. Returns: 2pm to Hastings Library.
Explore the Flinders historical precinct, including the iconic Flinders Jetty. Enjoy a light lunch at the cosy Village Café, then discover contemporary Aboriginal art at Everywhen Gallery in Shoreham.
2. Departs: 10am Oct 9th from Mornington Library - arrive 9.45am. Returns: 2pm to Mornington Library.
Begin your journey with a short walk to Mornington Historical Society to explore fascinating local stories and heritage treasures. Enjoy lunch in Dromana before visiting Dromana Historical Society to uncover more of the region's rich history and community connections.
3. Departs: 10am Oct 16th from Mornington Library - arrive 9.45am. Returns: 2pm to Mornington Library.
Our day begins with a tour of Mornington Railway, where local rail history comes to life. Enjoy a delicious lunch at 2 Left Sisters. After lunch, visit the renowned Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery to explore inspiring contemporary art. The day concludes with a tour of Oak Hill Gallery, showcasing unique works in a stunning setting.
4. Departs: 10.25am Oct 23rd from Mornington Library - arrive 10.10am. Returns: 2.30pm to Mornington Library.
Our visit begins at McClelland Gallery + Sculpture Park, where we'll explore stunning artworks set among beautiful gardens. We'll enjoy lunch at Harry's Café before continuing to explore more of the gallery and sculpture park.
5. Departs: 10am Oct 30th from Hastings Library - arrive 9.45am. Returns: 2pm to Hastings Library.
Our day begins with a tour of Coolart Wetlands and Homestead, exploring its rich history and natural beauty. We'll then head to Red Hill Baker for a relaxed lunch before visiting Balnarring & District Historical Society at Balnarring Community Hall to uncover more local stories and heritage.

3. Skywhales Across Australia: Mornington Peninsula, Red Hill,
Saturday, 08 November 2025 05:00 AM to 07:30 AM



Free community event, presented by the National Gallery of Australia, hosted by MPRG & supported by the Friends of MPRG

Saturday 8 November, 5am–7.30am, Red Hill Recreation Reserve

Pack a picnic, grab a coffee or breakfast from a food van and feel the anticipation build as the balloons inflate and take flight before your eyes. A soundscape sets the mood, followed by a special introduction from the visionary artist Patricia Piccinini herself.

And at the Sept. meeting – don't forget to sign up and pay for the "Eagle" outing.

Treasurer's Report – Les Kemp

There is \$5685.77 currently in the Bank

Amount of \$495.00 for the Mornington Peninsula Magazine due on September 7th

Leaving available funds of \$5190.77

A further amount of \$495.00 will be payable to the magazine in October.

Vice-President's Report

Marc (my son) and his partner Gemma have been giving me a crash course on getting photos on to Instagram and Facebook.

Our Club now has its own Facebook email account: probusmounteliza@gmail.com which will come to the administrators. At this stage, Bill and I are authorised to act as administrators but I can add any number of people to this list. The reason for having our separate email is so that everyone's personal email will not be publicly displayed. I hope this will address any privacy concerns.

If you have any photos or articles which you would like to post, send it to the above email address and we will post it on to the Club's Facebook page. This gateway enables us to reject anything that is inappropriate.

I have learnt how to post photos on Instagram and WOW!!! We now have some beautiful photos for the world to see. I have "liked" them all and added some comments. Please feel free to also do so.

If you want to see the gorgeous photos I have already posted on Facebook, here's how you do it:

1. Go to Facebook and search for Mount Eliza Probus Inc. (not Mt.)
2. Scroll down to "ABOUT" click on it.
3. Click on instagram.com
4. E Voila!!!

Excuse the lousy French, but this achievement deserves some serious celebration 🥳🥳🥳🥳

We can now upload videos and photos at any time. I love the bright colours and the happy animated expressions. Mount Eliza Probus Inc is on fire!!!

Look for the article on **OUR CLUB** in the September issue of the Mornington Peninsula Magazine

Theresa Weiss – Vice President.

TEN PIN BOWLING NEWS

Wednesday 13 August

Numbers were down this month as people tried to escape the winter chills of Melbourne, Or recoup after their recent travels and activities.

About 8 members participated in bowling, followed by lunch.

Looking forward to the return and participation of our travellers on our next bowl on Wednesday 10th September.

August Speakers Report



Len Christie gave a humorous account
of his shy youthful interactions with girls.
Asking the question Which one received his “first kiss.”?

Bob Graham spoke of his life in Frankston from his pioneer family of butchers to Training as a fitter and turner and created a company to advance the change from imperial measurements to metric.
Bob has fought for the maintenance of the character of the Frankston foreshore and environs.

UP COMING SPEAKERS – Rhonda Vincent

In **September** our main speaker will be Arthur Rankin, on The Car Industry.

Di Horscroft will do “Would I Lie to You.”

The **Guest Speaker** for the **October** Meeting is George Petrou from Mount Albert who will make us aware of the wonderful work of a number of humanitarians.

BOOK CLUB

Lorraine Perks advised on the **July Book** which was “Room for a Stranger” by Melanie Cheng. The novel was set in Melbourne and told the story of the relationship between a lonely elderly woman and an Asian student who was her boarder.
The book covered many themes which included aging, prejudice, racism, isolation and fear. The group enjoyed the book and gave it 7 out of 10.

Catherine Johnson reported on the **August Book** “Lost Man” by Jane Harper which was the allocated book and proved popular with the majority of our members. It documents the story of a cattle farming family living in outback Australia, challenged by the isolation, family secrets and historical family abuse. The title posed an unanswered question as to who the “Lost Man” was and raised more questions about the characters in the storyline.
A total of 8 out of 10 gives an indication as to the overall enjoyment of this book.

Viennese Ensemble – 17th August 2025 – RHONDA VINCENT

We enjoyed a superb afternoon of joyful music in the Peninsula Community Theatre on Wilson's Road.

The energy and enthusiasm of the violist/conductor, Russell McGregor and his ensemble of string, wind and keyboard, plus a delightful young soprano Alessia Pintabona, was infectious and gave all those who attended a real tonic through the joy of their music. Russell has lived in Vienna for 34 years and performs throughout Europe.

We were treated to a glass of "bubbly" on arrival and after a difficult period of trying to find our tables in the "sellout" crowd we were treated to a platter of nibbles. At interval platters of cheese, fruit and crackers were delivered to each table. Tea and coffee were also available.



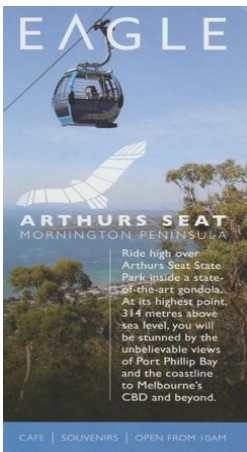
Chris, Bill, Max & Bev



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Bob Brunton	11th
Stephen Griffiths	13th
John Horscroft	23rd

FUTURE OUTINGS



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

Another date to add to the diary

Thursday 11th December will be our Christmas Party at Kirks at 12 pm

Reminders

This Month's **General Meeting** is on **Monday 8th September 2025**

The **next Ten Pin Bowling Meeting** is on **Wednesday 10th September 2025**

The **next Men's Coffee Club Occasion** is on **Saturday 13th September 2025.**

The **next Committee Meeting** is on **Monday 22nd September 2025.**

The **following General Meeting** is on **Monday 13th October 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: catherinemajo17@gmail.com

Thank you

Catherine Johnson

PROBUS PIGs Meeting – Report - Teresa Weiss

The topic for discussion at our August meeting was "What have been some of your best or worst financial decisions?"

Lindsay reported that he was very happy with a decision that he made which went against the "experts" opinion highlighting the fact that the experts don't always get it right.

Most of the group had their financial accounts managed by either a Fund Manager or a Financial Advisor and were very happy to leave it to the experts to make important financial decisions.

Others had invested in shares many years ago, reinvested the dividends and didn't interact on a regular basis.

Theresa's best financial decision was to leave teaching and venture into private enterprise. Her advice to any potential entrepreneurs was to avoid paying for goodwill, establish your own business to reflect who you are, and if possible, buy a freehold rather than pay rent. Both are tax deductible, but if the business doesn't work out, at least you have a property which has possibly increased in value which you can sell.

She also stressed how it was very important to have a supportive spouse, partner, mentor or friend who would help you navigate the challenging issues which you would inevitably face when running your own business.

Men's Coffee Club's occasion – Bob Brunton

The hitherto relatively bland ambience of the 'One Thousand And One Nights' coffee shop was certainly spiced up when our 'Men's Coffee Group' presided there on the morning of Saturday, 16th August .

There was a hearty turn-up, consisting of:

Chris Hallam, Len Christie, Brian Coughlan, John Kent, Graeme Buckley, Lindsay Gordon, Max Moloney and myself, Bob Brunton.

Conversation started with the admiration of John's flash possum-fur and merino jumper then wandered via Len to the perils and ethics of close parking and then swung, perhaps appropriately, to a few war stories, before morphing into sport, golf swings, cars, restaurants, food and health issues of varying tones, including of course impeding forgetfulness, and then.... umm?....Never mind, we all had our say and a good time, and we would welcome some more faces around the table.

PROBUS BOOK EXCHANGE



Good Day Probians

As always Book Table donations are gratefully received
no textbooks, cooking books or similar please.

I would like to mention two books I have read recently one via the
book table and the other I purchased after a presentation by a guest
speaker.

He's Not Coming Home by Gillian Nikiakis (Guest Speaker)

This is her lifelong search for her father who was captured by the Japanese
at Rabaul in 1942 interned and never seen again.

She was evacuated to Australia to Melbourne with her brother and mother.

As the story of her search unfolds she discovers more information on what may have
happened to him

an issue which has never been satisfactorily resolved.

The most poignant part is the letters between her parents before he disappeared,
her mother never remarried, no one could replace her Bill.

Unfollow by Megan Phelps Roper

This book turned up as a donation as the last meeting, having seen the Louis Theroux
Documentary

on the Westboro Baptist Church which spread hate and misinformation and upset so many
people

some years ago .

I was interested to read it.

It tells her story of growing up in the family, the granddaughter of the church founder.

I found it hard work to read in the first half (lot of Scripture quotes) but then lots of
interaction with people on Twitter and lots of meetings with people in the real world in the
second half.

When she finally leaves the church and walks away from her family for the outside world
her journey is full of courage and inspiration

Bob Stephen



Probus Club of Mount Eliza Bank Details
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Bendigo Bank Account - BSB 633000 Acc: 1793 84045
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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

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).