

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



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Committee Members 2025 – 2026

President:	Bill Spencer: 0439 115 512	V/President:	Teresa Weiss: 0488 085 755
Secretary:	Debbie Fleiner: 0408 592 905	Treasurer:	Les Kemp: 0418 328 643
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President's Report – December 2025

I am pleased to report that we have 46 members and guests signed up (and paid up) for our Christmas lunch at Kirks on Dec 11th. Please feel free to dress up for the occasion.

The committee has decided to continue the door prize and I hope that this will become a traditional feature of our Christmas lunches. In view of the fact that he won it last year I am going to invite Bob Graham to draw the winning ticket (the person selecting the prize-winning ticket is of course precluded from participating...Sorry Bob.)

On a more serious note, this is the time of year when all members should be thinking about what they can contribute to the running of the club. In order to function as a Probus club we require a committee consisting of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer as a bare minimum. Additionally, we usually have:

The Bulletin editor

Membership – keep tally of attendances, organize Badges etc.

Outings - suggest and plan these.

Welfare – check and report on the health of members unable to attend.

Speakers – Canvas opinion and select appropriate speakers.

House/hospitality – ensure morning tea, preparation and clearing up runs smoothly.

I will not be standing as President next year, this role needs to change regularly – new blood, new ideas are needed. After many years of excellent service Deb Fleiner can no longer continue as secretary.

If you feel you can contribute, please put yourself forward, if unsure come and talk to a committee member who can detail what the roles involve.

Bill Spencer - President

SPEAKERS – Rhonda Vincent

In **December** there will be no speaker as we will have some fun and Some Christmas Cheer. Be ready to join in for the surprise!!

TEN PIN BOWLING NEWS – Les Kemp

Hi fellow bowlers.

17th November - 7 members attended November's session - 6 apologies for various reasons. All had fun and a good laugh. No one takes it too seriously.

Congratulations John Kent - this month's champion.

The next session will be the Monday following January's General meeting - all welcome!!

Cheers

Les

PROBUS OUTINGS, TOURS & DINING

1. PROBUS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

WHEN: Thursday, 11th. December commencing 12noon.

WHERE: Kirk's Hotel, Esplanade, Mornington.

COST: \$45.00 2 courses + glass of wine; buy own drinks thereafter.

TRANSPORT: Own arrangements.

2. LUNCH AT MONT ROUGE WINERY & Chocolaterie

WHEN: Wednesday, 18th February, 2026, commencing 12noon.

WHERE: Mont Rouge Estate, 232 Red Hill Rd., Red Hill.

COST: \$35.00 - \$40.00 Garden Menu, tapas style, a glass of wine, (then buy your own!)

TRANSPORT: Own/Carpooling.

Reminders

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

The **next General Meeting** is on **Monday 12th January 2026.**

The **next Ten Pin Bowling Meeting** is on **Monday 19th January 2026.**

The **next Committee Meeting** is on **Tuesday 19th January 2026.**

PROBUS PIGs Meeting – Graeme Buckley

At our Probus Investment Group meeting in November, each member of the group looked at a share that they owned and discussed why they owned it. The meeting was chaired by Theresa Weiss in my absence.

In the December meeting, we will review our year-end portfolio performance and recommendations for our 2026 individual and group portfolios.

WELFARE

Lindsay Gordon has had a fall and spent a few days in hospital. He's home now. Graeme Buckley is doing well after an operation. He is planning to come to December's meeting. Another Probus member, Jillian Tacon, is recovering from a left-hand operation and she hopes to be at the next meeting.

Shirley Ingram

JANUARY birthdays



Barbara Kemp	1st
Bob Graham	7th
John Connan	10th
John Kent	19th
Theresa Weiss	26th
Wendy Griffiths	31st

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

BOOK CLUB REPORT

November's book, "Melting Moments," was the debut novel of Anna Goldsworthy and told essentially the life story of Ruby as she grows from teenager and ages into her 80s through three generations of women and demonstrated how femininity changed lives in that time. It follows her life in pre-feminist Adelaide as she marries and raises her family, ever doing her duty in her home and socially until a late-life romance presents at the end!

The book was enjoyed by most of our Readers (although some gave it scores of 3 & 4/10!) and discussion centered around Ruby's various relationships and how they were so very much influenced by the expectations of the times.

Comments summed up the book as "reflective," "relatable" and "an average read with little depth." Our total score was 6.5/10.

We all then settled down to our "gourmet" Christmas lunch with delicious foods on the elegantly set table!

**Catherine Johnson
(Stand-in Convenor)**

Report of our Men's Coffee Club's occasion – Bob Brunton

NOVEMBER REPORT

There was a good turn-up, a few of the tables on the upper level of 'A Thousand And One Nights' were shuffled together to fit, John Kent, Chris Hallam, Max Moloney, Steve Griffiths, Len Christie, John Roberts, and Clarrie Woods. The guys shuffled some chairs around to fit me in. I had promised myself not to be late again, and I don't think I was, but all the others were there when I arrived and already there was a happy clamour revving up. I chose that word 'revving' on purpose. I think, in general, two important factors charging boys of our generation's formative years. The War and Cars, and of those two I think that it would be Cars that have lasted the distance the best. Anything to do with Cars lights up like a spark in sun-dried bracken, and it had got a good hold by the time I sat down.

I'm not immune to it, I love the looks of the cars of our era. (I get sick with envy when John Kent talks about his beautifully restored Austin Healy) but I was no way near the level of the aficionados I was with so I was content to stay in a back seat and let the others steer down those wonderful leather and oil smelling roadways of the past. There was a little bit of friendly contention when Max named a certain model Jag as being the 'best looking car ever built.' I sat quietly in my backseat.

There were some other subjects briefly discussed, like the bad run of medical procedures Clarrie had had, and how Chris and I had both been impressed by learning through Annabel Crabb's TV program that Australia is the only country to use the preferential voting system to achieve a true democratic system. But then someone mentioned that he had always held a love for those old heavily chromed and tail-finned American cars, and the subject steered back along those old nostalgic roads again and there was nothing at all wrong with that.

Come and join us next time if it suits. We know it is a busy time but some of us will be there.



Probus Club of Mount Eliza Bank Details
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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**



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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
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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).