

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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President's Report – January 2026

Well, here we are in 2026! It's that time of year when traditionally we make New Year's Resolutions, and often by the end of the month have broken some, if not all of them. Looking back, I hope you all enjoyed our Christmas Lunch at Kirks as much as I did.



Looking forward, I hope you are all planning to enjoy our winery visit to Mont Rouge, and if you're not into wine, they do Chocolate as well.

On a personal note, my Grand-daughter gave birth to a baby boy on December 27th, so I now have 4 Great-Grand-Children, two girls and two boys!

My plea to you all for 2026 is to get involved more with the club. Join In! Come forward with suggestions for activities. Come on outings, if the suggested ones are not what you enjoy, then suggest others. The committee will always listen.

As the time approaches to elect a new committee, question us about what the various roles entail, explore where you could contribute, discuss the idea of shared roles.

Together, let's make 2026 a great year!

Bill Spencer - President

SPEAKERS – Rhonda Vincent

12th January 2026 - FERGUS NUTT, well known in the Real Estate agency of Warlimont & Nutt, is our guest speaker and gives a very interesting presentation of '**HISTORY OF THE AREA.**' Following on from some interesting facts that Arthur Ranken recently shared with us, we will learn quite a lot more of a special part of the Peninsula.

TEN MINUTE SPEAKER: Surprise!

TEN PIN BOWLING NEWS – Les Kemp

Hi Fellow Bowlers

Our first event for 2026 will be on Monday 16th February at 11:00 at General Public Frankston.

At our inaugural meeting we decided to avoid the hordes of kids during school holidays - "I'm taking the mickey".

Hence the normal date will be on the Monday immediately following the regular General Meeting - excluding school holidays.

Come along for a good laugh and good friends.

Les Kemp will collect names at our Meeting on 12th January.

ACTIVITIES, TOURS & DINING

Wednesday, 18th February @ 12 noon

Lunch at Mont Rouge Winery & Chocolaterie,

232 Red Hill Road, Red Hill.

\$35-\$40 p/p Transport: Car pooling.

Please check the List at Monday's Meeting to confirm your attendance.

***The "Murray Princess" Cruise has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

Catherine Johnson

Reminders

The **next Men's Coffee Club Occasion** is on **Saturday 17th January 2026**.

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

The **next General Meeting** is on **Monday 9th February 2026**.

The **next Ten Pin Bowling Meeting** is on **Monday 16th February 2026**.

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

We need more Members - bring a friend to our Meeting - they will enjoy it!

*All apologies should be sent to me on 0413 928 312 or catherinemajo17@gmail.com

Thank you.

Catherine

HOUSE AND HOSPITALITY – BEV MOLONEY

At our next morning tea there will be a list for members to volunteer help with washing up and to bring something for morning tea.

BOOK CLUB REPORT – JANUARY 2026

Our next Meeting will be on Monday 2nd February.

If you are interested in joining our group, please contact me on: 0413 928 312

Wishing our Convenor, Lindsay, a speedy return to good health
and to all Readers - a wonderful 2026!

Catherine Johnson

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

DECEMBER REPORT

It was a slightly chilly morning, not quite tent weather so we opted to go inside. 'A Thousand and One Nights' was filling up so we went straight to the upper level and slid some small tables together to form one longish one. Chris Hallam, Len Christie, Max Molony, John Roberts, Clarrie Woods, Arthur Ranken and myself.

Unfortunately, I had placed myself towards one end of the table so I didn't hear much in detail from the other end. Sure, there was the inevitable mention of motor cars with Max showing us a picture of what he reckoned was the best-looking car ever, the 1968 Jaguar MK 2. I can't remember having seen one before and most of us agreed that it was an extremely elegant machine. As well as the perennial cars I heard snippets from the other end of the table, via Len, of something to do with an airplane but I couldn't quite pick up the gist of it. Len had had that mischievous look in his eyes but I judged that there was no threat to National Security so I let it pass. (We had been talking a bit about TV series.)

It hadn't been all joking matters, we spoke a little about poor Clarrie's tough and frustrating medical journey of late, and agreed that the unfathomable maze of medical formalities nowadays can often inflict more pain, and take a greater toll, than the ailment itself.

However, some of us noticed that there was relatively less angst in our conversation as there occasionally is. Perhaps it was because it was quite close to the lovely Christmas Lunch at 'Kirks Hotel' earlier that week that there was a softer gentler tone at the gathering. Not that anything spiteful and nasty ever occurs, but families and loved ones were referred to, and appreciations were expressed a little more openly. I think I am right in saying that the 'season's spirit' was at work, and I'm certain that all of us that were there were hoping that the feeling of kind togetherness would carry on for all of us, coffee drinkers or not, through Christmas and through into the New Year and beyond.



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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
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).