

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 – November 2025

This month I need to start with a “mea culpa”. We received a complaint from our landlord (the Church) about one of the heaters being left on after our meeting. It must have been my fault – I switched all the heaters on when I arrived, it being cold that morning, and believed that I had switched all of them off following the meeting. However, I evidently left one switched on.

We have 25 members interested in doing a repeat of last year’s lunch at Mont Rouge, so Catherine and I paid them a visit and talked with management about a suitable date. With many members having crowded diaries between now and Christmas, and with the winery being very busy over the school summer holidays, we decided on Wednesday February 18th. Cost will be \$40 per member – “pay on the day” for a wine tasting and a light lunch. Transport will be by car-pooling. Please contact a committee member if this is a problem.



In appreciation of the annual donation, we are now receiving from Bendigo Community Bank, we are now including an “ad” for the bank in the Bulletin, and it is thanks to this donation that we can subsidize the Christmas lunch by \$5.00.

Thank you, Bendigo Community Bank!

And speaking of Christmas lunch, if you haven’t paid yet. Do it now! Or at Monday’s meeting at the latest.

Bill Spencer - President

SPEAKERS – Rhonda Vincent

In **November** our 10-minute speaker is Jo Gunnerson of Mt Eliza speaking of her ‘Christmas Cakes for Cancer Research.’ (Jo is going to bring along a tasting sample for morning tea). There will be order forms available for the cakes and the delicious shortbreads that she bakes.

The main speaker is our own Arthur Ranken who is speaking on ‘The Life & successes of Sir Lawrence Hartlett’ (Founder of the Holden Car).

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!!

Message from Arthur Ranken

As I am preparing my talk on the life and successes of Sir Laurence Hartnett for our Probus meeting next Monday I have realised one thing. It is that because all this has been arranged since our last Probus meeting, members have not been advised about the talk. This talk is a follow on from the talk I gave a few months ago on the car Industry that could have come to Frankston.

Sir Laurence was the father of the Holden Car and the founding Commodore of the Canadian Bay (Yacht) Club amongst many other things.

TEN PIN BOWLING NEWS – Les Kemp

Hi fellow bowlers.

15th October - 9 of us bowled today. Bob's team won but by only 5 points. We had fun and no one takes it too seriously - as euchre players used to say - "we are not playing for sheep stations."

We originally set the Wednesday after the General Meeting at 11am for our regular day. We wanted to have a date easy to remember and a time when there were not too many people around to make fun "of we oldies." The day has not suited some of our regulars so we have decided to try a new date.

From **November**, Bowling will be on the Monday of the week following the General Meeting. Same time - 11am at General Public Frankston. **November's date is 17th.**

Please let me know if the new day suits.

Cheers

Les Kemp

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.

3. "MURRAY PRINCESS" 3-night Cruise

WHEN: Friday 22nd-Wed. 27th May, 2026.

WHERE: Return flight Melbourne - Adelaide - Cruise Murray River (to Mannum).

COST: \$3,798p/p; \$1,200 single supplement.

TRANSPORT: Own Transport to Melbourne airport.

Please take a copy of details from sign-in board, if interested in this trip

Reminders

The **next Men's Coffee Club Occasion** is on **Saturday 15th November 2025**.
The **next Ten Pin Bowling Meeting** is on **Monday 17th November 2025**.
The **next Committee Meeting** is on **Monday 24th November 2025**.
The **next General Meeting** is on **Monday 8th December 2025**.

PROBUS PIGs Meeting – Graeme Buckley

At our Probus Investment Group meeting in October, members looked at the role of Managed Funds in our personal portfolios. John Kent, Bob Graham and I led the discussion involving Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) and Listed Investment Companies (LICs). At our next meeting in November, each member of the group will look at a share that they own and discuss why they own it.

WELFARE

Lindsay Gordon is having new injections. He's is very tired and is still at home. Alan Glover is out of the Peninsula Private Hospital and feeling much better after cracking his ribs. I've spoken to Gwen Woods. Clarrie having more treatment. Les and Barb Kemp are taking them for a few days away so that is nice for Clarrie.

Shirley Ingram

NOVEMBER birthdays



Maxine Coughlan	4th
Robert Stephen	6th
Janice Drummond	7th
Carmel Speakman	27th

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: catherinememojo17@gmail.com

Thank you

Catherine Johnson

BOOK CLUB REPORT

The book for October, “the Dictionary of Lost Words” by Pip Williams, centers around the creation of the first Oxford English Dictionary, was inspired by actual events in the late 1800s, and running parallel with WW1 and the Suffrage Movement. The fictitious story follows Esme, a young girl in a male dominated world raised by her widower father, a lexicograph involved in collecting words for the very first Oxford English Dictionary. As the child grows through to adulthood, we see Esme discovering the joy of language, recognizing that some women’s words had been neglected by the male lexicographers and consequently she starts a collection of female-related words that eventually lead to her book, “The Dictionary of Lost Words.”

A delightful read, and deemed “The best this year” by the majority of our group! Scoring over 9/10.

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

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

OCTOBER REPORT

Determined to set a good example this time I arrived at 'A Thousand and One Nights' a few minutes early, but it seemed that everyone else did too. I coincided with Steve Griffiths and his carer. Max Molony and Len Christie were already chatting away at an upper-level table. (John Roberts was to arrive later).

They were discussing the scary inconvenience of taking seriously ill, or thinking that you are taking seriously ill, when you are a long way away from medical aid when on holidays. It was agreed that it is particularly irksome when the perceived oncoming heart attack manifests itself early in the holiday then goes away for a day or so and then comes back to strike terror again. There were a chorus of sympathetic moans and groans from the rest of us, and gallstones and gallbladders seemed to take the rap for most of these phantom heart scares. Then someone, who I won't name for obvious reasons, jovially stated that often these worrying situations were made worse by wives not accepting the validity of 'Man Pain.' We all responded manfully with comments like, 'Nah they just don't get it do they?' and 'Yeah, our pain is much sharper and indicative than theirs' all in tones of desperate tongue-in-cheekiness, and accompanied by fearful little furtive glances from one to another, and even Len played this one cool.

Then, I think to clear the air a bit, I changed the subject to 'endowed gifts', saying how much I regret not having the slightest of natural musical talent. The others seemed willing to kick that can along the road a bit. Someone, I think it may have been Max, said that he had had three wishes that he hadn't yet been granted. One to be an expert ballroom dancer. Two to be a master saxophonist and three to be an airplane pilot. We all concurred with those desires, although I'm still battling to get an image out of my head of Max, dressed in formal white tie like Fred Astaire, playing a Sax like Benny Goodman, while waltzing one of those sleek little ultra-light aircraft over that central intersection in Mt Eliza Village. (Mm, perhaps one shouldn't meddle with other people's dreams.) And so we went on, and it was about this time that John Roberts arrived, having been rightfully delayed by a visit from his son who had cycled all the way down from the city. We were all in solid agreement that 'families come first'.

We been getting some good conversational pay dirt from the 'endowed gifts' approach but we were about discover some real gold. I had tabled the fact that I wished that I had been born with at least a tiny bit of ball-handling skills, because I had none, and was a liability to any team that I was in. The response to this was humorous and rapid. I noticed that Steve was trying to get a word in so I paused the conversation for a bit and asked Steve if he had any ball-handling skills, he answered with one word. 'League'. Then added two more, 'Rugby League.' We were all entranced, and over the next few minutes he told us that at the age of eighteen he was assured that he could make a career of this sport. He was playing at the 'President's Cup' level which is the second highest level of the sport. I think he said that he was the youngest player playing at that level in those times. So, there we were, us dreamy wannabes, sitting with a bona fide ex-sporting star in our midst. We are looking forward to hearing more about this from Steve, so why don't you join us?

(John Roberts came out with some very interesting stuff during our rambling, but my flittering memory has let me down and I haven't been able to contact John since, but I'll try to cover it next time.)



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**



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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	Electrician

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).