

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 – APRIL 2026

Hello Everyone

I'm really looking forward to a very exciting year with our Probus Club.

It's really important to me that all members feel that they can be actively involved and that their contributions are always welcome.

To help the Committee organize activities, it's important that we know what you, the members want from our Club. Think about why you joined in the first place. Most people join a club to meet new people and make new friends. Has the club met with your expectations.

At our next meeting, Les and I will have a whiteboard to record your suggestions and ideas. If we know what the members want, we can then all set about planning activities which will best meet the needs of our group. If you're reluctant to share in a group situation, just write me a note or send me an email on theresa3930@gmail.com.

I'm excited to hear what you all have to say.

See you at the next meeting.

Teresa Weiss - President



SPEAKERS – Rhonda Vincent



13th April 2026: The speaker is Graeme Mehegan speaking on “The Stem Cell Foundation of Australia.” This will be a very interesting subject which many of us may not know a lot about. Les & Barbara Kemp have heard this presentation and recommended it to me.

The guest speaker for our **May 11th meeting** is FIONA BASILE who is an open water swimmer, an award-winning Photographer and writer and renowned presenter, having been involved with a regular group of swimmers at a nearby Bay beach. The recommendation came via our Maxine Coughlan.

TEN PIN BOWLING NEWS – Les Kemp

Hi Fellow Bowlers

**Our next event for 2026 will be on Monday 18th May at 11:00
at General Public Frankston.**

Come along for a good laugh and good friends.

Reminders

The next **Men’s Coffee Club Occasion** is on **Saturday 18th April 2026.**

The next **Committee Meeting** is on **Tuesday 27th April 2026**

The next **General Meeting** is on **Monday 11th May 2026.**

The next **Ten Pin Bowling Meeting** is on **Monday 18th May 2026.**

APRIL birthdays



Hugh Drummond	5th
Kay Stephen	9th
Len Christie	11th
Christine Hallam	12th
Carolyn Kent	13th
Jane Long	29th

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 catherinemojo17@gmail.com

Thank you.

Catherine

BOOK CLUB REPORT -APRIL 2026

The Marriage Portrait by Maggie Farrell is based on the marriage of Lucrezia, daughter of the Duke of Tuscany to Alfonso, Grand Duke of Ferrara in 1560. Lucrezia was only 13 when betrothed and died in mysterious circumstances at age 16 after less than 1 year of marriage. She was a difficult but artistic child restrained by living in the confines of the Palazzo and expectations of a good marriage.

Maggie O'Farrell has written a novel rich in Renaissance details and a reimagining of Lucrezia's fate.

Jan Whatley – Convenor

MARCH'S MEN'S COFFEE GROUP REPORT – Bob Brunton

Sunny, but still too chilly to sit outside, so the tight little group of four of us, Chris Hallam, Steve Griffiths, John Kent and myself. settled into the snug lower level of 'Thousand and One Nights.' John had brought his Frank Lloyd Wright books again because someone at the previous Probus meeting had indicated that he had some interest in FLW. John was all lopsided carrying the huge book which almost needs a Fork lift to move it about. I too, had brought a couple of books on War Planes I which knew John would be interested in, so by the time we laid all the books on our cosy little table for four there was hardly any room for our coffee mugs. It wasn't long before some of the books were opened and I was reminded of my previous month's terror of being the one to spill coffee on John's beautiful big whopper of a book. John didn't help me much when he confirmed that he would kill me if I did.

Conversation lessened while we were browsing through the books, to the point that someone suggested that perhaps we should change our name from 'The Men's Coffee Group' to 'The Traveling Book Club'.

But then Chris, who was looking through a book on FLW's interiors, livened up the mood by having the gall to dare criticize the 'Great Master', saying that none of the pictures of the interiors were at all inviting, that in no way would you want to enter those places to make yourself at home for fear of disrupting the tyrannical order of the space. Chris was quite right of course, but two architectural types like John and I couldn't let that degree of disrespect 'go through to the keeper', so we gave Chris a bit of a ragging anyway. I had the flashed thought that if Clarrie Woods was still with us, he would have been thinking of how he would have built those spaces. We talked about Clarrie for a while, and, although none of us actually said it in words, I'm sure that we all felt that in spirit he would always be there having coffee



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**If there are any problems,
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Nicho Salvatore	Conic Electrical	0409 422 198	Electrician
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Jeff Dawson	Fussy Window Cleaning	0403 850 653	Window Cleaning
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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).