

# 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



**Bulletin No. 489 - Date: 9th February 2026**

**Committee Members 2025 – 2026**

<b>President:</b>	Bill Spencer: 0439 115 512	<b>V/President:</b>	Teresa Weiss: 0488 085 755
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## President's Report – February 2026

I am sorry if this sounds like a broken record (remember them?) but I feel that I must stress our urgent need to recruit new members! We are now down to under fifty; I understand that some of us are getting old and infirm and others are dealing with family responsibilities, but we are now drawing on a very small pool for our committee members, and no matter how small we get, we still must have a committee.

We have tried various methods of recruiting and the most successful seems to be personal contact. Accordingly, we are putting together a flier and we will be asking all members to take some and distribute them to neighbours, friends etc.

Please invite friends/neighbours to attend a meeting or event as a guest, if they like what they see and the people they meet, we may have a new member!

In the meantime, I hope to see you all enjoying yourselves at the winery lunch at Mont Rouge on Wednesday 18th February.

**Bill Spencer - President**

## Message from Alex at Bendigo Bank, Mount Eliza

**One of our Own! – Margaret McArthur – Medal of the Order of Australia**



**What a wonderful accolade for a wonderful lady.**

**All the best from us at Bendigo Bank.**

### **SPEAKERS – Rhonda Vincent**

**9th February 2026**

The Speaker is Geoff Bransbury speaking about "From KAZAKHSTAN to LONDON by Motor Bike.

#### **TEN MINUTE SPEAKER:**

Our Ten-Minute Speaker is John Connan

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### **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 9th February.

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## 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.

**Catherine Johnson**

### Reminders

The **next Men's Coffee Club Occasion** is on **Saturday 14th February 2026.**

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

The **next Committee Meeting** is on **Tuesday 23rd February 2026.**

The **next General Meeting** is on **Monday 16th March 2026.**

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### FEBRUARY birthdays

Lorraine Perks	3rd
Jan Whatley	4th



## 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](mailto:catherinemajo17@gmail.com)

Thank you.

Catherine

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## WELFARE

Clarrie Woods' nurse is guiding him through a Diabetes routine at home. Lindsay is still undergoing treatment but is frail. Jane Long is improving. I had an appendix virus which needed antibiotics and I am slowly improving at home.

Shirley Ingram

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## **BOOK CLUB REPORT**

Our group met on Monday 2nd. February to attend to the administration side of business! Namely, allocating books for the year, plan where Meetings will be held and decide who will host the individual Meetings. Then we socialised and had lunch!

We have vacancies for 2 Readers to join us. If you like reading and making friends, please let me know with a view to joining us on the first Monday of each month.

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

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## **JANUARY MEN'S COFFEE GROUP REPORT – Bob Brunton**

It was a bright sunny morning, refreshingly cool after the scary heat wave that we had been through, but the cool breeze was a bit too sharp to sit outside, even in the sheltered tent area of 'A Thousand and One Nights', so I went inside to find John Kent, looking very urbane reading a paper. He looked up at me shaking his head saying something like, 'A crap paper, what's the world coming to?' I guess we have all been asking that question to ourselves a lot lately. I had no answer. Before me and my walking stick had sat down (we are still two separate entities,) Len Christie and Chris Hallam arrived and caught the gist of things. Phrases like 'he's drunk with power,' 'the man's an idiot,' 'who does he think he is?' were mumbled as we all got settled. But the subject didn't quite rise to the status of a proper discussion. I think there is an unspoken agreement amongst us to stay clear of political issues. Then Steve Griffiths arrived with a charming and very motherly carer who prompted some of us to reassure her that we would look after Steve, when the reality is it's Steve, with his calm and dignified presence, who looks after us.

Then Arthur Ranken arrived, making us up to a nice compact six, seated in the downstairs area, which had been previously been regarded as having bad acoustics. In the hub-bub of settling in I thought I heard someone mention this, but I guess no one else heard him?

It was Chris who kicked the discussions off to a great start with some really dazzling 'show and tell'. First was a really professional looking internet produced book about his father who had a very impressive War record. Chris had compiled all the incredible photo layouts and written all the necessary data for a pro-journalist to smooth out. The cover featured a beautiful pencil/ charcoal portrait of his Dad, who was a very handsome guy. (Of course, we all pointed out how Chris hadn't taken after him.) But seriously the book would stand out anywhere as a son's loving homage to his father. Then, as if the book was not enough, Chris put on the table what once had been a beaten-up old timber backgammon box that he had turned into an immaculate treasure trove of family watches and trinkets, all set precisely into a lush velvet lining.

This IS literally dazzling, a family heirloom beyond monetary value. Chris is a perfectionist, no wonder his engineering business was so successful.

A nasty streak in me. I happened to mention that I had a friend who had had an uncle who built a Frank Lloyd Wright house in America, and of course John lit up like a lamp and he and I started going off about FLW and all the wonderful work he had done and agreed that the famous 'Falling Waters', a house he had built cantilevered out over a waterfall, was our favourite. Quite reasonably some of the guys said that they had never heard of 'Falling Waters.' So then, I like to think in good spirit, John and I gave them a hard time ragging them about it. 'What, you haven't heard of the most famous piece of domestic architect in the World?' and stuff like that. Perhaps we-over did it, sorry guys. Anyway, next month John is going to bring some books about 'FLW' which we can all learn from. But I promise there will be other stuff too because if we have six guys averaging say 80 years old, we have a data bank of 480 years to draw from. Come and join us next time and see what may emerge.

Bob Brunton.



**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](mailto:lesbarb1945@gmail.com)**



The Committee and members are grateful for Bendigo Bank's generous donation

## 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
<b>Peninsula Transport Assist</b>		<b>0397 088 341</b>	<b>Medical &amp; Shopping</b>
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).

<b>General Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>Monday at 9.45am</b>	<b>Management Committee Meeting</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Monday 2.00 pm</b>
<b>2026</b>	<b>2026</b>
<b>March 16</b> <b>Annual General Meeting</b>	<b>March 23</b> <b>Joint meeting of outgoing and</b> <b>incoming Management Committee</b>
April 13	April 27
May 11	May 25
June 15	June 22
July 13	July 27
August 10	August 24
September 14	September 28
October 12	October 26
November 9	November 23
December 14	No Meeting
<b>2027</b>	<b>2027</b>
January 11	January 25
Nomination Forms Distributed	
February 8	February 22
March 15	March 22

1. Please note that when 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday are holidays, the General Meeting is on the following Monday e.g. Easter Monday.
2. Please note that when 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays are holidays, the Management Committee will normally meet on the following Tuesday.
3. Note that for 2026, public holidays fall on the second Monday in March 2026 (Labour Day) and in June (King’s Birthday). Hence these meetings are on the third Monday.