

# 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 – March 2026

As I come to the end of my time as President it seems appropriate to reflect on some of the high and low points of the last year.

We were saddened by the deaths of present and past members; Joyce Pollock, Paul Harvey and Liz MacDonald, John Chambers and Clarrie Woods.

We were delighted by the success of Theresa Weiss in obtaining an annual grant from Bendigo Bank, which we are using to advertise the club in local publications in the hope of building up our membership numbers.

I have enjoyed working with the committee and will continue to do so in a smaller role.

I am pleased to nominate Theresa Weiss as President for the coming year. I am sure she will bring a breath of fresh air to the club, with a new approach and lots of enthusiasm. She will have my full support in her new role.

Finally, my continuing message to you all – Be active in the club! Get involved, Contribute!



**Bill Spencer- President**

## **VALE**

**John Chambers** – With heavy hearts we announce the recent passing of John. He was a Life Member of our Probus group. Over his many years of membership, he was our club President, Treasurer, and Secretary and he was passionate about Probus. He Joined in 2009. He will be missed by all. Rest in Peace.

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## **VALE**

Clarence Woods – It is with great sadness that we announce that Clarrie passed away on the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2026. Our thoughts and prayers are with Gwen and her family at this time. Clarrie was an active member of the Investment Group and of course, the Men's Coffee Club. He will be missed.

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## **SPEAKERS – Rhonda Vincent**

**16th March 2026 – No guest Speaker – Annual General Meeting**

**13th April:** The speaker is Graeme Mehegan speaking on “The Stem Cell Foundation of Australia.”

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## **TEN PIN BOWLING NEWS – Les Kemp**

Hi Fellow Bowlers

**Our next event for 2026 will be on Monday 23rd March at 11:00 at General Public Frankston.**

**Come along for a good laugh and good friends.**  
Les Kemp will collect names at our Meeting on 16th March.

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## Reminders

The next **Men's Coffee Club Occasion** is on **Saturday 21st March 2026**.  
The next **Ten Pin Bowling Meeting** is on **Monday 23rd March 2026**.  
The next **Committee Meeting** is on **Tuesday 23rd March 2026**.  
The next **General Meeting** is on **Monday 13th April 2026**.

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## MARCH birthdays



Lorraine Perks	3rd
Jan Whatley	4th

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## 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](mailto:catherinemojo17@gmail.com)

Thank you.

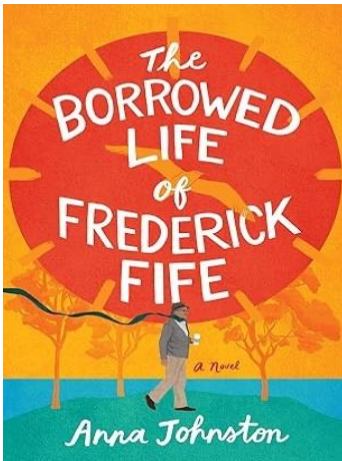
Catherine

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### **BOOK CLUB**

Oh, the joy!! We have nominated Jan Whatley to the Convenor of the group (with Mornington Library). As I have been the co-convenor, I have been holding the strings for some months and will be very ready to let someone else breathe new life into this lovely group!

#### **REPORT**



“Would you mind terribly, old boy, if I borrowed the rest of your life? I promise I’ll take care of it.”

This quote gives a glimpse into “The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife” - a delightful, warm, yet gentle story about a lonely 82-year-old man who finds friends, acceptance and family when he is mistaken for a nursing home resident. A ‘must read’ book by Anna Johnston.

Catherine Johnson  
Co Convenor

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### **FEBRUARY’S MEN’S COFFEE GROUP REPORT – Bob Brunton**

Another sunny Saturday morning in the village but still a bit too chilly to sit outside in the tent. I arrived at the same time as John Kent and as we were entering, we were sort of pushed in by a phalanx of the other guys arriving pretty much at the same time, John Fleiner, Max Moloney, Steve Griffiths and Len Christie who had brought an addition to our mix, a friend Ian Karlson. All of the upholstered benches of that lower level of ‘A Thousand and One Nights’ were vacant so with its own momentum and group intelligence, the ‘phalanx’ of us all sat itself down there.

Remembering my previous awful entanglement with my walking stick down here where the guys marooned me because of the bad acoustics, I tried to remind them of that, but I guess they didn't hear me.

True to his word John Kent had brought along two books on Frank Lloyd Wright and some data on the De Havilland Mosquito, including some samples of the actual timber laminates that the planes were made of. This was very interesting stuff, but by far the star of the 'show & tell' was the magnificent book on FLW, it was about the size of four bricks stacked together and probably weighed as much. I've drooled over many FLW books over the years but this one takes the cake. All that we could get from JK is that 'it cost a lot'. I think it was a present to John from his daughter; he certainly treasures it. I was terrified that it might get coffee spilt on it, and a little voice kept telling me that if that happened it was bound to be me that did it! I was relieved when it was put back into its massive box. As it happened the acoustics weren't too bad, and our seating configuration made it pretty easy to see things without too much passing around through the gauntlet of coffee mugs.

I think it was John Fleiner who brought up the subject of the training techniques at the 'Lord Somers Camp.'

**(Research:** Lord Arthur Herbert Tennyson Somers was Governor of Victoria in 1929, in 1931. He set up a camp for teenage boys which still exists in these befuddled times. It runs to a distinctive challenging program that fosters personal growth, service and teamwork while promoting values of inclusion and selflessness.)

It seems that for the first half of the camp the teenagers are given hell by the facilitators, yelled at, shown no respect and given almost impossible tasks to do so as to be shocked right out of their comfort zones. Then, for the rest of the camp the treatment is reversed, they are shown respect and nurtured kindly into ways of teamwork and caring for each other. It seems that this system works, and it prompted eager discussion amongst us all, like whether some sort of national service should be brought back? The old chestnut of reintroducing a type of National Service was brought up. Those of us who had done 'Nasho' all agreed that it had been positive experience for us. Opinions varied in tone but not in purpose. Sadly, it was getting late so we couldn't give the subject an adequate hearing, but perhaps next month?

So why don't you join us and help straighten out this increasingly insane World? Or, if we don't feel up to it, we can just trade Dad Jokes, that may be a surer path to some sort of sanity?

### **Lord Robert Edward Tennyson Brunton.**

This holds no disrespect for Lord Somers, who was a really great guy, it's just that about 10 years ago my son bought me a 'Lordship' as a birthday present, paying around fifty quid to some shonky firm that purported to have an estate in Scotland that they had divided up into one meter-square holdings and if you bought one, due to some archaic bye laws, you would be entitled to call yourself a 'Lord'. This has been the first opportunity for me to use it. I just couldn't resist. The Tennyson bit was put in out of pure egotism, as fit for a guy whose son would think his dad would like a 'Lordship'.

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,  
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Recommended and Reliable Tradesman

Name	Company Name	Phone No.	Category
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
Andrew Jennings	Treecare	0407 356 127	Arborist
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).