

PROBUS CLUB OF MOUNT ELIZA INC

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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 – MAY 2026

Hi everyone, I hope you're all enjoying our glorious autumn weather.



Thank you all so much for your enthusiastic involvement at our last meeting by offering your suggestions on how we can improve our Club. The Committee were enthused by your ideas and we have started to organize a trip to the Dandenong Market for a tour. Maxine and Bill are working on this project and will provide you with further details at our next meeting. We are also organizing a display near Ritchies on a Thursday soon where we can answer questions from any interested potential new members. Les has printed some flyers which we will have on hand and we would love for our members to take some more of these flyers to distribute in the community. Thank you Les for organizing this all before you left for your trip.

I'd also would like to take up the suggestions Kay and Bob Stephens made that we publish stories about our members in the local paper. Everyone has a story and we love hearing about each other's life experiences. Will you volunteer? Or maybe you can nominate someone. This will give the public an insight into our members and convince them that we're a pretty interesting bunch of people that they need to meet!!!! It's all about keeping our club visible in the community. Thanks again everyone for your contributions and look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting. Cheers.

Teresa Wright - President

SPEAKERS – Rhonda Vincent

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.

June 8th meeting is Andrea McCall on Conspiracies.



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.

OUTINGS – BILL SPENCER

Two outings are in the pipeline at the moment. The first is an Outing to Dandenong Market with a guided tour. You should have received a flyer about this. If interested, please sign the sheet. With our Treasurer away, please pay online.

The second is a “Sail to Lunch” Ferry trip from Sorrento to Queenscliff including Lunch at Tarra. The restaurant in the newly refurbished Ferry Terminal at Queenscliff. The cost is \$49.00 If we car pool to the Sorrento Terminal. No maximum or minimum numbers. At this stage I need an indication of numbers only.

Reminders

The next **Men's Coffee Club Occasion** is on **Saturday 16th May 2026**.

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

The next **Committee Meeting** is on **Tuesday 25th May 2026**.

The next **General Meeting** is on **Monday 8th June 2026**.

MAY birthdays



Debbie Fleiner	23rd
Alan Glover	25th
John Fleiner	26th

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 – MAX MOLONEY

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

*All apologies should be sent to me on 0409 987 358 or email: maxmoloney@bigpond.com.

A reminder – **please remember to sign in with me when you arrive.**

Thank you.

Max

BOOK CLUB REPORT -MAY 2026

Exiles by Jane Harper

A new mother disappears from a festival leaving her baby alone in her pram, and after an investigation it is assumed, she has killed herself.

Her daughter from a previous marriage is certain this is not the case, and a year later at the same festival, the secrets and truths from a tight-knit group slowly emerge. “We see what we expect to see.”

Our group enjoyed the book, giving it 8.5.

Jan Whatley – Convenor

APRIL’S MEN’S COFFEE GROUP REPORT – Bob Brunton

It wasn't a bad morning weather-wise, but it was still a bit chilly to sit outside. I took another bit of 'show and tell,' pretty precious to me but not something I had to worry about having coffee splashed on. It was my son, Paris, who I remember from some 54 years ago, was slippery but totally washable, if you got a good grip on him. I don't drive so Paris always drives me down to 'The Thousand and One Nights' on 'Coffee Mornings', but this morning, after many previous attempts, I was able to talk him into coming in and having a coffee with us.

I'm sure it wasn't as bad as Paris had thought, John Kent, Len Christie, Max Moloney and Arthur Ranken, who were already seated down on the lower level, made him very welcome and we settled in immediately and got off to a rather off-beat, or should I say an 'out of rhythm' start.

Now all dads like showing off their sons, and I'm no different, but I also wanted to impress Paris with the calibre of the guys that come to our Coffee Group and of the quality of the discussions that came out of almost nowhere when a special interest nerve was struck. As we were sitting down, someone, I think it was John, was talking about a cruise they were going on to Bora Bora. Len questioned, 'To where?' 'Bora Bora, Tahiti,' someone answered, which triggered Len into miming a horribly out of time Hula Hula dance. Yes, we were off to a good start. I ragged Len for lowering the standard, but everyone was laughing, including Paris.

The issue of showing off our sons had played on my mind, and I had thought of asking Paris to tell the story of his fond memory of showing off his son, but like so many things nowadays, it slipped through my mind, so I'll tell it for you all now. Paris's son, Hugo, my only grandson, who is now in his 21st year and has been one of the brightest lights in my life, was when Hugo was a very articulate 4-year-old and Paris was proudly taking him to the Doctor for some minor issue. They had sat for quite a while in the waiting room with Hugo sitting quietly in a big comfy chair before the receptionist ushered them to the surgery. The Doctor opened the door and bent down to shake little Hugo's hand. As they shook hands the Doctor greeted him in a toddler-talk sort of way. Hugo answered as he looked into the surgery, 'Look, I like the place you have here. That other room is nice and comfy and this lady is nice, and your room here looks nice and neat and tidy. But can you tell me something?' The Doctor beamed, flashing a look at Paris and nodded. Frowning, Hugo continued, 'Why do you wear your trousers so high?' Paris said he heard the receptionist choking out in the passageway as they moved into the surgery, and swears that the Doctor kept nervously fiddling with his waistband throughout the consultation.....

Back to the meeting: - Fighting away the images of Len's Hula Dancing, we spoke briefly about questionable VC winners and War in general, until John wisely suggested we let it go, as the reality of War was a subject he never liked discussing. None of us disagreed. Paris is on the verge of buying an electric car, so the pros and cons of that was batted around for a while. Max restated his passion for big and unfashionable chromed monster Jags and Mercs of the 'Glory Days'. Paris confessed that he shared that love, and lamented that times had changed so much. Of course, fuel prices were discussed a bit, and it was noted that we really are at a vital time in World history. Because I had cajoled Paris into staying for coffee he was parked rather precariously. And as he usually picks me up, I felt obliged to leave a bit earlier than usual, hoping the others would stay on, but they all had lots of things to do I guess, so the meeting folded up a bit earlier than usual. On the way home Paris berated me for leaving early, saying that he would have been happy to have gone and shifted the car and come back because he was having such a good time with such a warm and friendly bunch, he liked Len's humorous jabs and the way that guys faces would light up when a pet subject arose, like Max's when cars were mentioned.

So, washability regardless Guys, think about bringing your sons, or best mates along for coffee with us, a sprinkling of outsiders would enrich the mix and perhaps even increase our Probus membership.

Hoping to see you on the first Saturday after our next Probus meeting.

BobB.



Probus Club of Mount Eliza Bank Details

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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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Email: lesbarb1945@gmail.com**



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Recommended and Reliable Tradesman

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Greg Hunter		0488 203 014	Handyman
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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
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Peninsula Transport Assist		0397 088 341	Medical & Shopping
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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).