

# 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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**Date: 14th October 2024**

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## President's Report – 14th October 2024

Please forgive me if the tone of this report is less serious than it should be. I am writing it on the viewing deck of the Lan Diep as we cruise down the Mekong River. The temperature is in the thirties but the humidity makes it feel much hotter.

Before leaving Australia, I made several unsuccessful attempts to contact Graham Lyne, the President of Mt. Eliza Central Probusteliza. I will continue my efforts on my return.

I would like to compliment Arthur Ranken and Carolyn Kent for the great job that they did organizing the visit to the Motor Museum and the following lunch at the Pig and Whistle. Everyone I spoke to said they had a great time.

At this point in each year, we need to start the process of lining up the office bearers for next year. I cannot stress too strongly that without a functioning committee we cannot continue to operate, so if you are prepared to help, or would like to know more about the commitment and workload involved, please talk to one of the current committee members. We will be happy to explain and encourage.



**Bill Spencer**

## Guest Speakers Report – Rhonda Vincent



**OCTOBER** - The guest speaker is **Jenny Scott** who will entertain us with stories of ‘**LIFE UPON the WICKED STAGE.**’ Jenny has had a life from a very early age, if knowing stage life as her parents were very involved in theatre.

Our **OCTOBER Ten Minute speaker** is **LINDSAY GORDON.**

**NOVEMBER** – The guest speakers are **Peter Moran** and **Rowan Miller.** Both are Pilots with ‘**ANGEL FLIGHT.**’ Angel Flight is an organization that assists passengers travelling to or from medical facilities anywhere in Australia. Free of charge and launched in 2003. They make many very compassionate and long-distance trips to rural & remote areas.

Our **NOVEMBER Ten Minute Speaker** is **CAROL SPEAKMAN**

**Cheers Rhonda**

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### Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> September – Visit to Charlie’s Auto Museum and Lunch at the Pig and Whistle Restaurant.



About 18 of our members attended our visit to Charlie’s Auto Museum at Arthur’s Seat and it was enjoyed by all. The owner, Charlie Schwerkolt has built the museum up from about 4 cars in 1988 when he opened up, to holding around 100 vintage and classic vehicles now. Plus, he has a massive display of car models and vehicle memorabilia. Walking around his display brought back many memories of members’ first cars and associated stories. There was one display of a very large number of vintage engine spark plugs on a display board - that put a bit of a ‘spark’ in the conversations (very poor joke!).

From the Museum we moved down the road to the “Pig and Whistle” restaurant where we all participated in a very enjoyable and delicious lunch over about 2 hours.

The meals were so good and large that some called for “doggy bags” to take what they could not eat home and not waste any of the lovely tasty cooking. It was a big pity that John and Di Horscroft could not attend and we send our supporting wishes to them. All in all, it was a very entertaining and relaxing day for all those who were able to attend.

## Arthur Ranken



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**Saturday, 5th October**

**The Peninsula Music Society – The Acacia Quartet, with Violins, Viola & Cello  
Music by Haydn & Schumann  
Plus, a creative adaption of Waltzing Matilda**

What a splendid way to spend a wet and chilly afternoon in Mornington.



Thank you, Gwen, for this organizing this event, especially buying the 10 tickets in advance which meant a reduction in the price of each ticket. We must do this again!

## **Future Outings & Dine Outs**

Jan Marshall has made a booking for **11:30, Thursday, 24th October** at Café Thirteen83 in Watts Road, Mornington for members to join for Morning Tea and/or Lunch.

**Jan Marshall**

**Tel: 03 5975 2845**

***PROBUS CLUB OF MOUNT ELIZA  
CHRISTMAS LUNCH  
1. THURSDAY 5th DECEMBER 2024  
AT THE  
RANELAGH CLUB  
Canapes on arrival, Main and Desert \$65.00***

***Save the Date!!!***

***Carolyn Kent***

## **Reminders**

The **next Committee Meeting** is on **Monday 28th October 2024**.

The **next General Meeting** is on **Monday 11th November 2024**.

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## Stuff happening on the Mornington Peninsula

As we move into spring, I thought I would highlight some of the community markets in the area.

**Hill and Ridge Community Market** - This is Red Hill market under new management. **First Saturday of each month until May**, a great place to find local produce, food, craft and art.

**Mornington Racecourse Craft Market – Sunday October 13th** – Over 300 stalls, a festive atmosphere, delicious food.

**Mt Eliza Farmers Market – Fourth Sunday of each month** on Mt Eliza Village Green. A variety of produce including Blue Ray Cheese, Coolibah Herbs, and Flinders Sourdough, and if you overindulge a dose of Gorgeous George Probiotics will help.

**Rosebud Primary school “Heart of the Community” market.** – **Second Saturday of the month.** Over 120 stalls on the old carnival site on Rosebud foreshore.

**Emu Plains Market - Saturday, October 19th** - Emu Plains Reserve, Coolart Rd, Balnarring – Busting back to life after a chilly winter and will once again showcase the peninsula’s finest creators/makers.

## Welfare



I have sent a card to Joyce Pollock who is now residing in a care facility in Frankston.

Anyone one who would be interested in visiting Joyce should speak to me at the next members meeting or telephone/or message me on 0428 782 534.

**Shirley Ingram**

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## OCTOBER birthdays



JOHN CHAMBERS	2ND
ARTHUR RANKEN	8TH
ANN ROBSON	9TH
GWENDA WOODS	21ST



The next Men's Coffee Club Occasion will be on the first Saturday after the General meeting  
– **the 19th October and start at 10:00.**

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

It was a nasty cold, wet and windy Saturday morning for this month's Men's Coffee Group, and a couple of the regulars were away on holidays, so it was understandable that only four of us turned up, Lindsay Gordon, John Kent, Clarrie Woods and myself. Clarrie had been a builder, and evidently a very accomplished one. It didn't take too much encouragement for his eyes to light up with that old passion for building things. He had built all sorts of buildings, but it seems that his specialty had been scientific laboratories, having spent some thirty years at the Clayton campus of the evolving Monash University. He was obviously a problem-solver, he touched briefly on the complexities of ducting highly toxic gases out of lab fume-cupboards when there were sometimes eight floors full of innocent young students sitting above them! Clarrie was great company; we hope he keeps coming.

John Kent reflected a bit on his early years working in Papua-New-Guinea, mentioning the tensions caused by the so-called '*Rascals*' of the time, and of other tests of the human spirit that come with living in such a culturally different environment. Lindsay, in his usual quiet sort of way, mentioned that at one stage when working for the SEC he was in charge of providing all the power and light requirements for all the coal-fired power stations in the Latrobe Valley. This seemed a bit weird to me, I guess I thought a power station would somehow magically light itself, but that of course is not the case. These are hugely complicated things, like big ships or small towns, and of course there would be dozens of reasons to supply its workers and technicians with light and power. It would have been a hugely complex job, but Lindsay just shrugged it off.

Perhaps it may have been the mention of coal power stations that set me off on a bit of a rant about the stark reality of Climate Change, but realising that this was not a very convivial subject to focus on I was able to rein myself in pretty quickly, not that the guys were in any sharp disagreement.

Later, as we wound up the session - John reminded us all that the real value of our free and easy discussions were the unexpected little details that came out of our random recollections.

So come on Guys join us, there is plenty of room at the table on the first Saturday morning after our monthly meetings at '*A Thousand And One Nights*' at 10 o'clock.

– **Bob Brunton**



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**



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**If there are any problems,  
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**Recommended and Reliable Tradesman**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Company Name</b>	<b>Phone No.</b>	<b>Category</b>
Mick		0499 216 723	Handyman
Greg Hunter		0488 203 014	Handyman
Don McDonald	Progress St. Mornington	0575 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 670 428	Master Painter
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
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	Mr Gas Man P/L	5977 0006	Gas/Electric Heating
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Jesse	A.B.Arbor	0423 066 017	Trees & Stumps
Matt	ByTeon	0403 850 653	Computer Services

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