

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 – 9th December 2024

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of Brian Coughlan. Maxine, our thoughts are with you at this difficult time.



I understand that the Ladies choir concert at “The Pig and Whistle” was a great success. Those members who attended said the music was lovely and the lunch was great.

Preparations for the Christmas lunch are almost complete, and by the time you read this, it will be over for another year.

I will take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year.

The day after our Meeting Catherine and I will be leaving for Europe for a Christmas Markets cruise. By a strange coincidence Les and Barbara Kemp are doing the same cruise a week later, so we will have some interesting experiences to share on our return.

Preparations for the trip have taken a lot of my time, so I apologize for this hurried report.

Bill Spencer

Guest Speakers Report – Rhonda Vincent



December - We are having a quiz (with prizes) instead of a speaker.

January speakers are Les Kemp and Bill Spencer, with tales of their December River cruises (a week apart) covering the European Christmas Markets.

Cheers Rhonda

TOURS AND EVENTS

Our cruise to Adelaide was a delight, 8 days of food wine and theatre. Although our departure was delayed due to a deep clean of the ship and port, it did not take us long to settle into shipboard life.

Princess cruise line and the crew made us feel special. A fine selection of tempting treats at dinner followed by the theatre providing us with great entertainment for the evening. Even dancing for some and a wonderful selection of music to enjoy. We all enjoyed the four ports of call, our travel to and from the port made it easy for us all too.

Perhaps another one next year would be a treat to look forward to.

Liz McDonald



Photographs taken by Jan Marshall

Future Outings & Dine Outs

Spit Roast Lunch and Cruise
on Western Port Bay Tidemaster Cruises,
departing Tooradin at 11.30 am - Thursday 13 March - returning 3:00 pm.
Cost \$75.00 pp. Please add your name to the list.

Liz McDonald

Reminders

The **next Committee Meeting** is on **Monday 27th January 2025**.

The **next General Meeting** is on **Monday 13th January 2025**.

Peninsula Stuff

This is the time of year when the peninsula is invaded by holiday makers so I have decided not to list stuff to do. Just follow the crowds....

Bill Spencer

PROBUS PIGs Meeting November 2024 – Graeme Buckley

At our Probus Investment Group meeting in November, we discussed Healthcare stocks and touched on the effect that the election of Donald Trump will have on the American economy.

In December, we will delve further into the Trump Presidency and how it will particularly affect Australian markets. We will also discuss our proposed five shares to make up our portfolio for next year. All members are welcome to attend.

DECEMBER birthdays



Clarrie Woods	7th
William Spencer	10th
Joyce Pollock	12th
John Roberts	14th
Henry Hammond	18th
Les Kemp	18th
Pat Harvey	19th



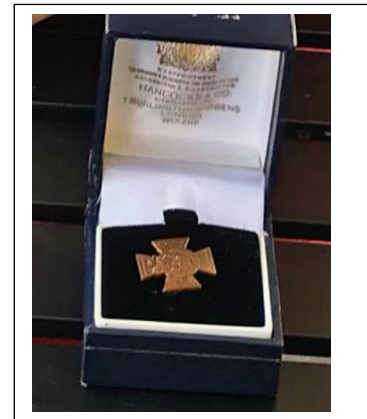
We have on hand a range of approximately 60 Books at all times. These are mainly Novels covering Contemporary Fiction, Crime Fiction, Historical Fiction, Romance fiction plus some Autobiographies, Biographies and true stories. These are turned over approximately every 3 months to keep the stock fresh. Any donations are gratefully received.

Bob & Kay Stephen

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

Last month's Men's Coffee Group session was the first that the weather allowed us to have out in the tent. The group comprised of John Roberts and three 'Bobs', Watson, Graham and myself.

John brought a very interesting bit of 'show and tell,' a miniature of a George Cross Medal (the civilian equivalent to the Victoria Cross) that had been sent to his mother in honour of John's stepfather, who had shown outstanding valour in the Antarctic during one of Ernest Shackleton's expeditions. John's account was very interesting, his stepfather was in charge of a supporting group whose job was to position supply caches along the return route for Shackleton's party. This entailed continually transversing a very dangerous glacier, when one of his men fell down a particularly deep crevasse John's stepdad took on the perilously dangerous task of going down the crevasse to rescue him. So that medal really meant something.



I can't remember why but I mentioned that we once lived in a property that backed onto Sir Laurence Hartnett's house, Glen Shian. Knowing that Bob Watson was an old artillery man, I mentioned that Sir Laurence had been very instrumental in getting the 25 Pounder field guns built in Australia in record time during WW2. Then Bob Graham piped in saying that it was his father-in-law, who headed up the big engineering firm, Vickers Ruwolt, at that time and had worked with Sir Laurence to pull off the production of these guns that were vital to our war effort.

I forgot to mention it at the time, that a branch of my mother's family in Cornwall, who had made a lot of money supplying the insulating tape for the trans-Atlantic cable, largely financed Shackleton's last expedition.

One of the many great things about getting together to have a yarn is in sometimes unearthing what a wonderfully entwined World that we have lived in.

The next Men's Coffee Club Occasion will be on the first Saturday after the General Meeting

The 14th December and start at 10:00

Come and join the fun.

VALE

BRIAN JOSEPH COUGHLAN

21/01/1941 - 20/11/2024

With heavy hearts we announce the passing of Brian.

He passed away peacefully last Wednesday, the 20th November 2024, in Peninsula Private Hospital. He will be sadly missed.

Brian and Maxine joined the Probus Club of Mount Eliza in April 2014, and Brian was secretary for a couple of years.

We know that Brian's interests were Rotary, golf, French conversation, crosswords, AFL, NRL, and being a Hospice Volunteer.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Maxine and her family at this time.

The Age – 26th November 2024

Dearly loved and loving husband of Maxine. Much loved father of Christopher and Matthew and father-in-law of Natalie and Wendy. Brother of Anthony (dec), Michael, Christine and Adrian. Active and fun-loving Pepe of Isla, Jack, Marius (Faroe Islands) and Myles.

Loved and remembered always.

Private family service.

No flowers by request.

Consider a donation for the homeless - thank you.

A Memorial Service to celebrate Brian's life will be held at Tobin Brothers, Chapel 604 Esplanade, Mount Martha on Friday 13th December 2024 commencing at 2 pm.

To view the live webcast please visit the Tobin Brothers website and, in the Funerals and Webcast tab please enter Brian Joseph Coughlan.

Vale

Joyce Stodden – wife of Ray Stodden, passed away on Sunday, the 17th November 2024.

Our sincere condolences go to Ray at this difficult time.

PROBUS BOOK CLUB REPORT DECEMBER '24

The book for discussion this month was "The Golden Age" by Joan London, set in a 1953 Perth Convalescent Home for children in various stages of recovery from polio. with the main protagonist, Frank Gold, a 13-year-old refugee from Hungary.

Described by our Readers as "easy to read," it evoked good discussion as they told of their memories of people who had been affected by polio. Overall rating was a 7/10.

Most enjoyable were Wendy's wonderful decorations and efforts into making our last Meeting of 2024 a delicious Christmas Lunch.

Thank you to all our members and looking forward to good books and gourmet lunches in 2025!

Catherine Johnson



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