

# 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. 477**

**Date: January 2025**

**Committee Members 2024 - 2025**

<b>President:</b>	Bill Spencer 0439 115 512	<b>V/President:</b>	Jan Marshall 5975 2845
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## President's Report – 13th January 2025

I hope you all enjoyed our (now traditional) Christmas Quiz, kindly organized by Jane Long. Thank-you Jane!



I hope you all had a lovely time over the holiday period, celebrating with family, lots of lovely food and drink.

Have you all made your New Year's Resolutions? Are any of them surviving unbroken?

Where and when did the custom originate? Historians tell us it was Babylon about 3000 years ago.

There are certainly a lot of traditions associated with New Year. In Scotland and the N.E. of England there is "First-Footing," where the first person to cross your threshold on Jan 1<sup>st</sup> should be a tall, dark man carrying a lump of coal, salt, shortbread and a drink.

My Mother always insisted that the house must be spotless for New Year, so NYE was a cleaning day!

Today, on-line, are lists of the most popular resolutions, the funniest, the most fun, the most likely to be broken, the punniest, etc.

My favourite comes from the Punniest list; "To replace all my shoelaces with Velcro – well why Knot?"

Wishing all our members a happy and healthy 2025!

**Bill Spencer**

### **Guest Speakers Report – Rhonda Vincent**



**January speakers** are Les Kemp and Bill Spencer, who will speak of their pre-Christmas river cruises to the CHRISTMAS MARKETS.

Because there are 2 speakers there will be no 10-minute Speaker.

**Cheers Rhonda**

### **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 at 3:00 pm.  
Cost - \$75.00 pp.

Carpooling is a travel option. As I am away, please add your name to the list I've left with Carolyn Kent and pay Les Kemp, our Treasurer.

**Liz McDonald**

## Reminders

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

The next **General Meeting** is on **Monday 10th February 2025**.

### **PROBUS PIGs Meeting December 2024 – Graeme Buckley**

At our Probus Investment Group meeting in December, the effect of the Trump Presidency on our share market was discussed as well as our proposed five shares to make up our portfolio for 2025.

For our first meeting in January 2025, members will review their five shares which they added to their portfolio. We will also ask participants to nominate their best guess as to where the All Ordinaries Index will finish at the end of 2025. All members are welcome to attend.

### **JANUARY birthdays**



Barbara Kemp	1st
Bob Graham	7th
John Connan	10th
John Kent	19th
Theresa Weiss	26th
Wendy Griffiths	31st

## 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

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

Unfortunately, Bob wasn't able to attend December's Men's Coffee Group session and won't be at Monday's General meeting which clashes with an important medical appointment.

However, he would like to think that the coffee gathering will still happen on the following Saturday morning at the usual time and place and he will make his best effort to be there.

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

The 18th January and start at 10:00

Come and join the fun.

## PROBUS BOOK CLUB REPORT JANUARY '25

Members of the Book Club will resume Meetings on Monday, February 3rd. and, meanwhile, we wish our Convenor, Lindsay Gordon, a speedy return to good health and look forward to seeing him at that meeting.

**Catherine Johnson**



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<b>Bendigo Bank Account - BSB 633000 Acc: 1793 84045</b>
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### **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)**

### 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	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
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

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).