

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



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Committee Members 2024 - 2025

President:	Bill Spencer 0439 115 512	V/President:	Jan Marshall 5975 2845
Secretary:	Debbie Fleiner 0408 592 905	Treasurer:	Les Kemp 0418 328 643
Outing:	Liz McDonald 0407 034 053 & Gwen Woods	Speakers:	Rhonda Vincent 0413 867 702
Membership:	Catherine Johnson 0413 928 312	House:	Gwen Woods 9787 3062
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President's Report – 10th February 2025



At our January meeting Secretary Deb Fleiner tabled a letter from Probus South Pacific Limited congratulating us on the Club's 40th Anniversary.

I quote "This is a great milestone for your club and is a true testament to the Probus values of Fun, Friendship, and Fellowship."

With a bit of maneuvering, we managed to get all the members in attendance (helped by the fact that there were only 30 odd present) into a corner of the church where sunlight and reflections were not a problem, and marked the historic occasion with the photograph below.



Mentioning the sunlight leads me on to an apology for the quality of my presentation at the meeting. I had wanted to let the pictures tell the story but as soon as I saw the sunlight streaming onto the screen, I knew I was in trouble! Sorry!

I have told the committee that I will stand for re-election as President if there are no other nominations. I recognize that I am less active in the role as a result of living in Drouin (a good hour's drive away) and although I visit for general meetings and committee meetings, not having a continual presence in the area makes fully participating in the life of the club difficult.

If, during the coming year, we can persuade some of our newer members to join the committee then I hope one of them will step up for the President role in the following year. If this does not happen my second year will only be a temporary reprieve from the demise of the club.

We have been lucky in having a core of dedicated members, and a most competent, professional Secretary. Thank-you Debbie, for all you do for the club and for supporting and guiding me in my role.

Bill Spencer – President

Guest Speakers Report – Rhonda Vincent

There will no 10-minute speaker this month as two new members are being inducted. February's main speaker is Carol Allen who speak about Aged Care in China.

WELFARE – SHIRLEY INGRAM

General Public 16-22 Playne Street, Frankston.

EAT.BOWL PLAY ENJOY.

I am proposing that Mount Eliza Probus members meet here for Lunch. I need to know who would be interested. It will probably happen on a Thursday as the owner works this day.

Don't hesitate to find me, especially during our tea break. It's good to talk.

Future Outings & Dine Outs



Cruise & Spitroast with Tidemaster Charters & Cruises

Thursday 13th March at 11.30 am. \$75pp.

We have a wonderful day out arranged for club members.

Thursday 13th of March, cruise and spit roast onboard.
Departing 11:30 - returning 15:00. Please arrive at 11:15.

Meeting point at the Jetty in Tooradin.

(turn right immediately after the bridge at Tooradin)

A lovely way to spend a day out.

Car pool with friends. See you at the next general meeting.

Any queries 0407 034 053 – **Liz McDonald**.

Monies to be paid by the next General Meeting in February.

If paying online, please include your name, number of people and purpose.

E.g.: Fleinerx2spitroast.

Cash to be exact amount in an envelope with name and purpose written on the front.

<https://www.tidemaster.com.au/fishing-trips#:~:text=LUNCH%20TIME%20CRUISE,%2D%20Wheelchair%20Access>

The next **Committee Meeting** is on **Monday 24th February 2025**.

The next **General Meeting** is on **Monday 17th March 2025**.

PROBUS PIGs Meeting January 2025 – Graeme Buckley

At our Probus Investment Group meeting in January, we reviewed our 5 shares which we each added to this year's portfolio. We also nominated our best guess as to where the All-Ordinaries Index will finish at the end of 2025 and set the 5 shares for the Master Portfolio.

For our meeting in February, members will describe the reasons they chose the 5 shares in their portfolio. We will also discuss alternative investments such as property, bonds and high interest-bearing deposits. All members are welcome to attend.

FEBRUARY birthdays



Peter Long	3rd
Lorraine Perks	3rd
Jan Whatley	7th

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

Would any Member who is unable to attend a General Meeting please send their apologies to the Membership Officer – Catherine Johnson on my phone – 0413 928 312 or email: catherinemajo17@gmail.com

Thank you

Catherine Johnson

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



Saturday morning, on the 18th of January, it was sunny enough to sit out in the tent structure, and (because of some phoning around by good old Chris Hallam), Len Christie, Bob Graham, Bob Watson, John Kent, Alan Glover, John Fleiner and myself.

I hadn't met Alan before, and what a lovely guy he is. Much of the talk initially was about his wonderful old vintage Mercedes limousine, which along with his golden retriever, "Murphy," is obviously his pride and joy. Alan also spent some time talking glowingly about his three carers. It's nice to hear deserving people being appreciated. There should be more of it.

At the other end of the table there was a lot of discussion about the various Australian embassies around the world, notably the one in Bangkok. John Kent, of course, was in charge of the design and construction of many of these buildings. Sitting at the other end of the table I was sorry that I missed out on a lot of this stuff.

Len, true to his normal pot-stirring style, didn't let the length of the table hinder him, but wandered around dropping little good-natured hand-grenades into the various discussions as he went, so the group wasn't really divided and had fun together.

The next Men's Coffee Club Occasion will be on the first Saturday after the General Meeting
The 15th February and start at 10:00 at 1001 Nights, Mount Eliza.

Come and join the fun.

PROBUS BOOK CLUB REPORT JANUARY '25

The Book Club members met for the first 2025 meeting on Monday, the 3rd, to discuss the List of books, provided by Mornington Library, for the coming year. They enjoyed a lunch at the Dava Hotel in Mount Martha.

Catherine Johnson



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,
please contact Treasurer Les Kemp: Tel: 0418 328 643
Email: 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
Peninsula Transport Assist		0397 088 341	Medical & Shopping
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).