

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. 479 Date: 17th March 2025
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
Bulletin:	Christine Hallam 0437 970 261 Carolyn Kent 0419 271 783	Welfare:	Shirley Ingram 0428 782 534

President's Report – March 2025



The end of the Probusteliza year is a time to reflect on the past year and to prepare for the next. This year we are reminded that it was the 40th year for our particular Branch. Head Office marked this occasion by sending us a Certificate to mark the occasion which we now proudly display at Meetings.

We have been saddened by the passing of **Andy Troy** and **Brian Coughlan**, both long term members who made significant contributions over the years. We are happy to see **Sonia** and **Maxine** have now returned and offer them continued friendship.

We welcomed new members to the club; **Jill Tacon**, **Barry Cumming**, and **Jan** and **Peter Whatley**.



Thank you, **Theresa Weiss**, for offering to serve as Vice President, I am sure you will be a great asset.

I would also like to thank the members of the current committee:

Deb Fleiner – our super-efficient secretary

Jan Marshall for stepping in again as VP.

Rhonda Vincent for finding interesting speakers - (I thought the gentlemen from Angel Flights were terrific).

Gwenda Woods for managing the kitchen and to **Bev Moloney** and **Chris Hallam** for stepping in and helping out. Clarrie and Gwenda's health issues mean that Gwenda is standing down so we need a new kitchen manager please!

Liz McDonald for finding interesting excursions.

Our Treasurer, **Les Kemp**, plus **Lindsay Gordon** and **John Chambers** for introducing him to our archaic software.

Christine Hallam for Bulletin Editing and Production, and **Carolyn Kent** for helping out as needed, and for liaising with Ranelagh Club.

Catherine Johnson for keeping tabs on our attendance numbers and for managing the badges and keeping all the lists current.

Shirley Ingram for keeping us up to date with members' health issues.

My thanks also to those who, though not on the Committee, contribute their time and efforts.

Bob and **Kay Stephens** for looking after the book table.

Steve Griffiths for managing the AV system without which our speakers would struggle.

Max Moloney for helping with table set up.

Bob Brunton's suggestion of a "Men's Coffee Morning" has been very successful. A worthwhile addition to our regular schedule of activities - thank you Bob.

The PIGs (Probus Investment Group) continue to be solidly supported, thank you Graeme Buckley for your well-prepared reports.

The Gourmet Book Club goes from strength to strength.

The popularity of **Ad Hoc outings** to Charlie's Auto Museum, with lunch at Pig and Whistle, (thank you **Arthur Ranken!**) and the Tidemaster cruise and BBQ show a strong interest in leisure activities and I would love to see more members promoting their own special interests. **Don't be put off by the administrative details** – one or more of our committee members will help you out.

It is not proposed to hold a "Changeover Luncheon" this year as the committee looks like being largely unchanged.

Bill Spencer – President

Guest Speakers Report – Rhonda Vincent

No guest speaker at the Annual General Meeting

The **TEN-MINUTE SPEAKER** is Di Horscroft

Future Outings

Thursday, 27th March 2025

“High Tea” at Jan’s home to welcome new lady members and recent lady visitors.
Splendid afternoon, lovely food, under cover in our Court Yard. Numbers are limited
Please telephone 5975 2845 – Cost is \$10.00 per person.

Jan Marshall

Thursday, 15th May 2025

Lunch at Amazing Aromass, Main Street, Mornington at 12:30
Lovely Indian cuisine. Please add your name to the event board
Pay individually on the day.

Liz McDonald

Reminders

The **next Committee Meeting** is on **Monday 31st March 2025**.

The **next General Meeting** is on **Monday 14th April 2025**.

The **next Men’s Coffee Club Occasion** is on **Saturday 22nd March 2025**

PROBUS PIGs Meeting February 2025 – Graeme Buckley

At our Probus Investment Group meeting in February, members reviewed the 5 shares which they each added to this year's portfolio. We also discussed alternative investments, with particular emphasis on property.

For our meeting in March, we will complete reviewing our 5 selected shares in the portfolio. Members discuss alternative investments, such as bonds and high interest-bearing deposits. All members are welcome to attend.

MARCH birthdays



Rhonda Vincent	2nd
Sonia Troy	5th
Lindsay Gordon	12th
Jan Marshall	25th

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 – Chris Hallam



15th February -The Men's coffee morning was a wet and windy affair. Unphased, two brave members made their way to the 1001 nights coffee bar. Conversation ensued whilst savouring their coffees. John Kent and Chris Hallam enjoyed recounting past experiences, both verbally and with pictures. A good time was had by ALL, so come on you men of PROBUS, where were you?
See you next time!

MOUNT ELIZA PROBUS BOOK CLUB REPORT: MARCH 25

“Warlight” by Booker Prize winner Michael Ondaatje, was the book for discussion this month, led by Debbie and enjoyed by most readers.

The “captivating and well-crafted” tale is that of an adolescent boy and his sister, left in the care of a very strange man called “Moth” when their parents supposedly move to Singapore for a year. The writing style was enjoyed, but several of our Readers found the changing names and post-war London descriptions rather challenging.

Catherine Johnson



Probus Club of Mount Eliza Bank Details
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Bendigo Bank Account - BSB 633000 Acc: 1793 84045
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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,
please contact Treasurer Les Kemp: Tel: 0418 328 643
Email: lesbarb1945@gmail.com**

General Meeting 2nd Monday at 9.45am	Management Committee Meeting 4th Monday 2.00 pm
2025	2026
March 17 Annual General Meeting	March 24 Joint meeting of outgoing and incoming Management Committee
April 14	April 28
May 12	May 26
June 16	June 23
July 14	July 28
August 11	August 25
September 8	September 22
October 13	October 27
November 10	November 24
December 8	No Meeting
2026	2026
January 12 Nomination Forms Distributed	January 27 (Tues)
February 9	February 23
March 16	March 23

1. Please note that when 2nd Monday are holidays, the General Meeting is on the following Monday e.g. Easter Monday.
2. Please note that when 4th Mondays are holidays, the Management Committee will normally meet on the following Tuesday.
3. Note that for 2025, public holidays fall on the second Monday in March 2025 (Labour Day) and in June (King's Birthday). Hence these meetings are on the third Monday.

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).