

# COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF BLACKBURN SOUTHINC.

**Club Bulletin**

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The Club meets at 10.00 am on the first Wednesday of every month (except Dec and Jan.)  
at the City of Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill.



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## Committee Members

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Welfare	Ree Dowling	0410 478 304

## Diary Dates

<b>CHRISTMAS LUNCH</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER</b>
Ten-pin bowling	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
Discussion Group	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
Keeping Active	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2025
Cruden Park	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February
Jazz at the Lake	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2025
Apollo Bay Tour	24 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
Coffee Club	Friday 3 pm weekly
<b>Bulletin deadline</b>	<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>



## PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS ADDRESS - 2024

Welcome everyone to the Christmas Lunch of 2024 for and on behalf of the Club. Christmas Lunch has been our Club's Annual feature for the past 35 years.

I acknowledge the collective efforts put in by our Managing Committee Members and the member services volunteers, who, over the past months, have been quietly busy organising the Christmas Lunch and making it happen. My sincere thanks to all of you for making this event possible.

With that, I wish you all A Merry Christmas!  
Have a Safe and peaceful Holiday Period.

Next Monthly Meeting:

No monthly meeting in January 2025.

The next monthly meeting will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February 2025.

Harish Shah



## **BIRTHDAYS**

### **DECEMBER**

Christine Hunter 3<sup>rd</sup>    Ree Dowling 8<sup>th</sup>    Cushla Appleby 11<sup>th</sup>    Ian Rose 13<sup>th</sup>  
Col Sando 22<sup>nd</sup>    Dorothy Thomson 22<sup>nd</sup>    Sheilah Blanchfield 24<sup>th</sup>



### **JANUARY**

Catherine Pratt 9<sup>th</sup>    Ron Henderson 18<sup>th</sup>

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT: Gilly George 0408 801 624**

MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING: Our next Monthly Meeting will be held at the Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill, on Wednesday, 5th February 2025, commencing at 10.00 am.

## **TREASURER: Bob Grierson 0409 553 414**

Club Bank Account: BSB 633-108    Account No 151023272

**THERE ARE STILL SOME MEMBERS USING THE OLD COMMONWEALTH BANK a/c.**

**This account has been closed. Please MAKE SURE YOU USE Bendigo Bank - the details are above.**

Make sure that your name is registered with the deposit. Thank you.

## **WELFARE: Ree Dowling 0410 478 304**

Vin White: Vin has been quite unwell but is slowly recovering

Over the Xmas Break keep well everyone, and we look forward to catching up again in February 2025.

## **ROSTER: FEBRUARY, 2025.**

BEFORE MEETING:

WOULD ALL VOLUNTEERS PLEASE READ THEIR COPY OF 'MONTHLY MEETING VOLUNTEER PROCEDURES' & BRING THE COPY TO THE MEETING

## **BEFORE MEETING - SET UP / AFTER MEETING - PACK & LOCK UP**

February 2025    Nelson Knight    Ken George

## **WELCOME & DIRECTING TO SIGN IN**

February 2025    Jaya Shah    Beryl Pakes

## **ATTENDANCE RECORDING**

February 2025    John Hally    Eric Sutherland

## **MENTOR TO VISITORS**

February 2025    Sandra Knight    Kath Hawthorne

## **MORNING TEA TEAM**

February 2025    Glen Knight    Denis Hawthorne



**If unable to attend a Roster Duty please try to exchange with another member.**

**DISCUSSION GROUP: Mike Bampfield 0413 007 528**

Next Meeting – 2-4 pm Monday, 20 January 2025 (3rd Monday of each month)

Venue – Vermont South Bowls Club, 30A Livingston Rd, Vermont South.

Our November meeting saw 16 group members having a fun, lively afternoon discussing many topical issues, including the Trump election, Myer Christmas window protests, Lidia Thorpe MP's outburst at King Charles, and proposed restrictions on underage access to social media. The Fun Topic "Tell us something we don't know about you" saw some interesting and often amusing reveals. The topic will be carried over to the next meeting.

Afternoon tea and a social chat followed the meeting.

New members are most welcome - please contact Mike Bampfield.

Note: No December meeting – next meeting in January



**BOOK CLUB: Gilly George 0408 801 624**

Book Club will recommence in March, so you can read all those lovely books you get as a Christmas gift and tell us all about them at the March meeting.

Details of the date will be given at the February meeting.



**FRIDAY COFFEE: MOON & SPOON**

Every Friday afternoon, 3:15 pm, Level 2, Forest Hill Chase Shopping Centre

**OUTING – CRUDEN FARM: Catherine Pratt 0417 058 804**



Date: Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> 2025

This is a public recreation area left by Dame Elizabeth Murdoch to Victoria.

Address: Entry via Cranhaven Rd,  
60 Cranbourne- Frankston Rd, Langwarrin.

Self-drive & share a ride with another member.

Arrive approx 11.00 am. Travel time 45 min approx.

Entrance fee: \$10.00

Bring your own morning tea snack. Tea, coffee & water are available for purchase.

Toilets available. Pathways are flat with seats dotted throughout the area.

Allow an hour to enjoy a meander around these beautiful gardens, which display Dame Elisabeth's 80 years of horticultural endeavour.

**Lunch:** 12.30 meet at "Beretta's" Langwarrin Hotel.

220 Cranbourne – Frankston Rd., Langwarrin.

Open Menu & \$15 Extensive Senior Menu

## The Murdoch Story

In 1928, journalist & newspaper executive Keith Murdoch gave his 19-year-old bride, Elizabeth Greene, a small farm as a wedding present. Keith revitalised the modest weatherboard cottage into a weekend retreat.

Elizabeth was distressed by the ostentatious renovation of the home and, in the coming decades, set about “burying the house within the garden”. While this commenced in 1930, in 1944, a devastating fire tore through Cruden farm, destroying hundreds of plants and trees, but the house survived.

Beyond the formal gardens lies the ‘outer garden’ and the stunning lake Dame Elisabeth created in 1987.

Behind the lake are oaks planted by her children in the 1980s.

## **OUTING – JAZZ AT THE LAKE: Ree Dowling 0410 478 304**

Date: Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025 4-8 pm

Venue: Blackburn Lake Sanctuary  
103 Central Rd., Blackburn.

Whitehorse Event - Free

Come and join other music enthusiasts to enjoy live jazz amongst nature in this tranquil setting.

Attendees are encouraged to bring chairs and snacks, etc., and settle in for an afternoon of jazz hits.

(Please note, in the case of a total Fire Ban, the event will be relocated to Halliday Park Mitcham).



## **TEN PIN BOWLING: Sandra Knight 0409 551 029**

Date: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 2.30 pm Sharp

We are bowling again at Forest Hill Chase, Level 3.

It is important that we all check in together!

We usually play one game that costs approximately \$ 17, which includes appropriately cleaned shoes they provide.

If you have made a late decision to join us, let me know, and I will add you to the booking.

After the game, we could join other members at Moon and Spoon for coffee. Level 2



### **CLUB MEMBERS - KEEPING ACTIVE**

Come and enjoy our ‘Roll Back the Clock’ Program commencing again in January 2025.

Helen – our qualified and very experienced leader organises a suitable, interesting & fun program for retirees.

The hourly sessions are split into 2 sections.

An engaging and instructive visual presentation related to all aspects of health & positive living followed by activities to benefit flexibility, strength and general movement. There are always fun activities involved.

Enjoy a free cuppa and chat to follow.

Date: January 31, 2025

Time: 11.30 – 12.30 Weekly

Venue: Vermont South Bowling Club. 30a Livingston Rd. Vermont South

**5 DAY COACH TOUR TO APOLLO BAY: Mary Rasmussen 0427 057 638**

Date: March 24<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> 2025 staying at Skenes Creek

Cost: \$1,215.00 per person twin share- single supplement \$240.00 extra \$200.00. deposit has been paid with the balance \$1,015.00, plus \$240.00 single supplement if applicable, due to the Club's Bank a/c No BSB 633-108 Account No 151023272 before Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2025

**MINI GOLF: Sandra Knight 0409 551 029**



On 20th November 2024, a magnificent sunny day saw 11 Probus members tackle the Morack Mini Golf 18-hole course.

With putters in hand and the choice of a coloured golf ball each, those who went around achieved a variety of Scores, and yes there were 4 hole-in-ones on the day, so from amateurs at the beginning, there were some who became seasoned professionals who we will have to watch out for and give severe handicaps to next time we visit this wonderful course.

Coffee and lunch were available at the venue and all who took part settled down for coffee and a chat after the game.

Highly recommended.

**There is more on our web pages <https://probusblackburnsouth.org.au> – thanks to the Bendigo Bank Blackburn South for sponsoring our website.**

The password for the members-only pages is “XXXXXXXXXX”

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