

COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF BLACKBURN SOUTH INC.

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The Club meets at 10.00am 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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Diary Dates

Next Meeting	Wednesday 5 th November
Keeping Active	Friday 7 th November
Showbiz Cinemas	Wednesday 12 th November
Discussion Group	Monday 17 th November
Mini Golf	Wednesday 19 November
Xmas Lunch	Wednesday 3 rd December
Castlemaine Trip	13 th -15 th November
Bright Chalet	13 th -17 th April 2026
Coffee Club	Friday 3.30pm weekly
Bulletin deadline	Friday 21 st November



President's Message:

Hello Everyone

Well, another busy month for us all, a trip to Barham which was filled with a heap of interesting places to visit and new things to learn about. Along with all the regular outings.

It is drawing towards the end of our year, don't forget to sign up for our Christmas lunch, which is the last event on our calendar for the year, and always a lovely event.

Also give a thought about vacant positions on the committee, if you are interested in the administrator of our club please chat with one of the committee to see if one of the roles would suit you.

I hope to see you all next month.

Sandra Knight

President

After meeting lunch

Will be held at Cafe Oggi

1 Lakeside Drive, Burwood East

At 12.30.



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi all, welcome to our last formal meeting for the year.

We have enjoyed a great year together and I hope you think that the club is progressing well and you are happy with all the outings. I would personally like to thank Ree and Cath for arranging all the different activities we have had this year, Tram museum, MCG tour, Pentridge Prison visit, films, theatres, dinners and much more, please take the time to thank these ladies for all they do for the club. The trip Sandra arranged last week was great and we saw and did many activities on our Murray Magic tour. I hope you will think about joining us next year as we discover some more wonderful places. Thank you, Sandra. Well done.

Please say hello to our visitors today and welcome them to our club

We currently have 72 members.

See you, hopefully at our Christmas Party. We still have lots happening in November which I am sure Ree will fill you in on. Please remember to wear your Probus badges on outings with your emergency details on the back of these.

Gilly

MEETING ROSTER__ NOVEMBER 2025

BEFORE MEETING – SET UP/ AFTER MEETING - PACK UP & LOCK UP		
November	Jurgen Ahrens	Nelson Knight
WELCOME & DIRECTING TO SIGN IN		
November	Hazel Hoellmueller	Bruna Rosaia
ATTENDANCE RECORDING/COLLECTION OF NAME TAGS		
November	Bob Grierson	Alan Hunter
MENTOR TO VISITORS		
November	Terry Roche	Ree Dowling
MORNING TEA TEAM		
November	Rolf Arnoldi	Phil Colbert
Buddy for Sheilah	November	Jenny Fackrell

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

**(If you don't have one,
please collect one
from Gilly.)**

**Please arrive at
9:00am to set up for
your task**

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

TREASURER - Harish Shah 0430 380 806

Bank Account BSB 633-108 Account No 151023272

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

We accept Visa and Mastercard. Card payments.

Fees Apply. Credit Cards 1.4%. and Debit Cards. 0.7%

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Best wishes to the following members

Jaya Shah 9th Woty Fanoy 12th Lois Cheevers 13th
Eric Sutherland 24th Rolf Arnoldi 29th



WELLBEING: Ree Dowling 0410 478 304 **NOVEMBER – 2025**

Eric Sutherland: Update from Bev. Eric moved to Maroondah Hospital after two weeks at the Alfred Hospital with fractures to his neck, vertebrae and arm. His recovery is very slow. He may be transferred to Rehab next week (Actual Rehab not decided yet.) Because of the neck brace, Eric is restricted in movement and with eating. He is not able to use his phone but has said he would definitely appreciate visitors. Bev visits daily - afternoons. She is happy to advise anyone about visiting.

GUEST SPEAKERS - Dot Thomson 0459 535 987

November - Dave - Guitars for Veterans

DISCUSSION GROUP - Mike Bampfield 0413007528

Next Meeting – 2-4pm MONDAY, 17th November

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

Our October meeting saw a spirited conversation about continuing violence in the community and whether urgent reform of the bail laws is needed. Other matters included the ceasefire in the Israel/Palestine/Gaza conflict, nurse/teacher salaries vs often higher wages paid to construction workers, and whether working from home should be enshrined in law. The meeting's "Fun Topic" had us recalling items purchased over the years that have become regretted & unused relics. Bread makers, air fryers, George Foreman grills and large heavy water bottles headed the list and had us all laughing.

The meeting concluded with the usual afternoon tea and social chat.

New members are most welcome to contact Mike Bampfield



BOOK CLUB - Gilly George 0408 801 624

Book Club will not be held for the rest of this year, we will start again in February. I have been asked to change the date from the day before the meeting so I am looking at having it on the Tuesday following the meeting which will be on the 10th of February. More details to follow.



COFFEE AND A CHAT

Every Friday at 3.30pm at the Moon and Spoon, Forest Hill Chase, 2nd floor.

All are welcome to come along and join this friendly group.

Great catch-up time



OUTINGS

Outing: Melbourne Cup Day Gathering

Date: November 4th

Venue: Vermont South Bowling Club

30A Livingstone Road Vermont

Entry: \$5 non-Bowling attendees (Pay at the club)

Come and join in the spirit of the day. \$5 to be part of a sweep.

Plenty of activities to join in with. Try your own bowling skills.

Bring nibbles / food to share on your table.

Bar available



MORACK PUBLIC GOLF COURSE – MINI GOLF

Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Come & join in a game together Lots of fun & skill!!
Enjoy 18 holes of putting experience!!

Date : Wednesday, November 19th at 10.30 am

Address : Morack Rd & East Rd, Vermont South.

Parking : Plenty available & easy access

Cost \$11.50

Lunch to follow at Morack Club House (At own expense)

You don't have to play. Come and cheer us on & join us for lunch

Reminder to pay by November Meeting. We cannot book until payments are received.



SHOWBIZ CINEMAS

Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

FILM - THE TRAVELLERS:

Drama director by Australia's Bruce Beresford.

Poignant, Funny, Heartwarming

Actors: Bryan Brown, Susie Porter, Luke Bracy

Date: Wednesday, November 12th 2025

(Minimum not required)

Time: 10.30am (Cinema opens 10.00am)

Address: Pinewood Shopping Centre

41 Centreway, Mount Waverley

(Car Passes provided in car park)

Cost: \$22.00 Film followed by 'Basket Lunch' in the cinema.

(Pay on the day to **Catherine**. **(Exact money required.)**)

CINEMA - FILM FOR FEBRUARY 2026

The film shown as a promo & requested - 'The Choral' will be booked for early February.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATORY LUNCH

WEDNESDAY, December 3rd 12:00 - 3:00

Organizer: Ree Dowling ~ 0410 478 304

Venue: CHIRNSIDE PARK COUNTRY CLUB 68 KINGSWOOD Dr. CHIRNSIDE PARK	Menu: 3 course Christmas Roast lunch. Cash Bar available (Dietary needs - please see Ree asap) Cost: \$45
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Onsite parking & ease of access

Please place your name on list at the Monthly Meeting.

Need a lift: add to the list or see Ree

Pay by **November 19th** (50+ members required)

TRIPS

CASTLEMAINE TRIP

Sandra Knight 0409 551 029

13th – 15th November

Self-Drive Castlemaine trip including Stream Train ride is fully booked,



BRIGHT CHALET Sandra Knight 0409 551 029

Date 13th – 17th April (5 days) Cost \$795.00

Bus trip will pick up and return Forest Hill area

This will be a very picturesque time to visit Bright and the accommodation at the itinerary looks fabulous.

There will be a board along the bench to put your name down as an expression of interest. Itineraries will also be available on the bench.



KING ISLAND TRIP - Sandra Knight 0409 551 029

4 Days 3 nights

Date to be announced

This trip would be run by Trade Travel.

Please put your name down if you are interested in coming along.

Hopefully by the meeting I will have more information for you all.

REVIEW:

Outing: Pentridge Prison Coburg - Car sharing - Oct.23

We had a very informative guided historical tour with many unexpected & interesting stories relayed. Thank you to those who gave a lift to other members.

CLUB MEMBERS - KEEPING ACTIVE

Come and enjoy our 'Roll Back the Clock" Program

(October 31st cancelled)

Time: 11.30 – 12.30 Fridays Weekly from 7th November

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

Helen – our qualified and very experienced leader organizes 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.





Left Side: L to R: Ree Dowling, Gilly George, Kath Thompson, Sandra Knight with "Iska", Liz Henwood, Sheila Blanchfield.

Right Side: L to R: Jenny Birt, Glen Knight, Lorraine Hally, John Hally, Cath Pratt, Ken George.

Murray Magic Tour – 12 to 18 October 2025.

Twelve members of our Probus Club went aboard the Magic Murray Tour Bus and spent a jammed packed time on sightseeing places of interest like the Flywheelers museum, a look at the working Arbuthnot wood sawmill, a look through the Great Australian Squeeze plant, a fabulous Mallee light show, a trip down the Murray river on paddle steamer "Pevensey" at Echuca, a look at the Rochester Sports museum, a visit to the Great Stupa, a tour on the Bendigo tram, a look through the Bendigo war museum, a visit to the Chasney Estate olive farm, a visit to the Pioneer Settlement at Echuca then down to Lake Boga to their Catalina flying boat museum and underground bunker, a look through the Moulamien Heritage Museum and the opening of the Barham/Koondrook bridge to let the paddle steamer "Melbourne" go through, an event that is generally unusual and one where most of the township folk and school kids turned up to witness and the night of the fireworks display at the Barham showgrounds. These were just some of the attractions we visited, not to mention the great meals and hospitality we shared along the way. The motel we stayed at was hosted by the family of our tour guide and bus driver come man of all trades Ben. I think we would all agree that Ben and his family were a treat in themselves and went to great lengths to make our trip a wonderful event for us all.

Thank you to John Mullahy MP, State Member for Glen Waverley District, for assistance with printing of this publication. If you require assistance with State Government or community matters, please contact John's office.



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