

COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF BLACKBURN SOUTH INC.

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at the City of Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill.



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Diary Dates

<u>Next Meeting</u>	Christmas Lunch 3 December
<u>Keeping Active</u>	Fridays 11.30 am
<u>Showbiz Cinemas</u>	February date TBA
<u>Lilydale Theatre</u>	Sunday 15 th February
<u>Discussion Group</u>	Monday 16 th February
<u>Melbourne Aquarium</u>	Wednesday 18 th February
<u>Men's & Ladies Lunch</u>	Wednesday 25 th February
<u>Bright Chalet</u>	13 th -17 th April
<u>Coffee Club</u>	Friday 3.30pm weekly
<u>Bulletin deadline</u>	Friday 23 rd January



President's Message:

Hello Everyone



Well it is coming up to the end of another year. The Probus Club has had a busy year, heaps of outings and activities to keep us all out and about and gives everyone a chance to get to know fellow club members.

Our final activity for the year will be the Christmas Lunch, I hope to see many of you there. It is always a fun way to celebrate Christmas and acts as our December meeting.

I know that some of our members will not be with us this year due to ill health, so I will take this opportunity to wish those members a very Happy Christmas, and a speedy recovery.

We hope to have you back enjoying club activities as soon as possible.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to the committee who have worked hard all year to ensure the club runs smoothly and have been a great support to me as President.

Also, a big thank you to all the members who have taken their turn on the roster each month. This is also great way of supporting the club.

Merry Christmas to you all

Sandra - President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi to all, as this is the last bulletin for the year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas. I hope you enjoy this holiday season and it brings you love, and many blessings. Hope to see you back in February.

Thank you again to everyone for your support this year, it was greatly appreciated.

A **BIG** Thank You to Sandra for all her excellent work this year on behalf of all members. You are certainly a wonderful leader for our club, and I am sure all members will join me in wishing you and Glen (and Ishka) all the best for the Christmas season and the coming new year.

Thank you also to Ree Dowling and Kath Thompson for organizing the Christmas luncheon. It is a great time to share with each other, and we all enjoy these social outings.

God's Blessings to each of you.

Thanks.

Gilly

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March	Christina Hunter	Dot Brown
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March	Mary Burton	Jenny Birt
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March	Dot Thompson	Terry Roche
Buddy for Sheilah	February	Val Nixon
	March	Jan Roche

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VALE

We wish to advise all members of the passing of Jacqueline Reilly on 13/11/25.

We send our condolences to her family and friends.

Jacqui worked as a colourist, colouring black and white photos which was all done by hand at the time. She loved her garden and home, taking great pride in having them both immaculately kept.

Jacqui and her husband Bill also loved to dance.

Jacqui joined our club in July 2013 being the 220th member. Although she was not a current member of the club. I am sure there are many members who have fond memories

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Best wishes to the following members

Christina Hunter 3rd, Ree Dowling 8th, Cushla Appleby 11th,
Ian Rose 13th, Col Sando 22nd, Dorothy Thompson 22nd,
Sheilah Blanchfield 24th.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS –

Catherine Pratt 9th, Mick Both 15th, Gillian Horlock 16th, Ron Henderson 18th.

WELLBEING: Ree Dowling 0410 478 304 December – 2025

Lois Cheevers: Lois is gradually recovering from a vertebrae fracture.

Eric Sutherland: Eric will remain in Maroondah Hospital until his neck brace is moved.

A positive is the plaster has been removed from his fractured arm.

Eric has appreciated those who have popped by as they break up the day.

Bruna Rosaia: Brunna is having a hospital procedure early December.

Lois, Eric & Brunna are disappointed not being able to share Christmas festivities with everyone. We wish them the best possible recovery.

Ian Rose: Ian was recently in hospital for a week after a fall but has made a very good recovery and will catch up with friends at the Christmas gathering.

BOOK CLUB - Gilly George 0408 801 624

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

Great catch-up time



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Ree Dowling ~ 0410 478 304

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

VENUE::CHIRNSIDE PARK COUNTRY CLUB,
68 KINGSWOOD Dr. CHIRNSIDE PARK

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL.



DISCUSSION GROUP – Mike Bampfield 0413007528

Next Meeting – 2-4pm, Monday, 16th February 2026

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

The Discussion Group has been well patronised this year with all members contributing a range of interesting views on local, national and world events.

Members also enjoyed a laugh with monthly fun topics and occasional quiz events.

No doubt 2026 will see new things to discuss and then relax afterwards with afternoon tea knowing we have solved some world problems.

Many thanks again to Ken George for allowing us to meet at the Vermont South Bowls Club which has easily accommodated our large group.

The November meeting was the last for the year, with the next meeting to be held 2-4pm, Monday, 16 February 2026 .

New members in 2026 are most welcome – please contact Mike Bampfield



OUTINGS FEBRUARY 2026

KEEP THE DATES:

Lilydale Theatre: Sunday 15th February Matinee 1.30 for 2pm (Or Lunch before at 12:00)

'The Game's Afoot or Holmes for the Holidays' (A Farce/Mystery)

A weekend of revelry is expected but Christmas Eve is thwarted by a Murder amongst the guests.

Melbourne Aquarium via Tram 75 (with aircon) from Vermont.

Wednesday 18th February 9.30

Best way to stay cool whilst observing the beautiful sea creatures. Lunch TBA

Men's & Ladies Lunch

Wednesday 25th February 12.00

Venue: 'Persian Flavours' Springvale Rd.

New Parking situation behind the restaurant.

PS Film 'The Choral'. Date TBA early February

Castlemaine trip 13 – 15 November 2025

Twenty-Two Probus Club members went to Castlemaine primarily to take a nostalgic trip on the “J” Class Steam engine No 549 that departed from the Castlemaine railway station then travelled to its destination at the Maldon railway station and return.

The Probus trippers made their way to Castlemaine by a car share arrangement which worked out well for all those who made the trip and stayed for two nights at the Castle Motel. The accommodation at the motel was close to the City Centre of Castlemaine where the group had their various breakfasts, lunches and dinners while in Castlemaine at venues that could accommodate us all.

Apart from the various food venues we went to, the Probus members were also treated to a tour of the historic Buda House and its beautiful gardens. If you are ever in Castlemaine a visit to the Buda House is highly recommended.

Our trip on the historic steam train was really an all-day affair that began after we had breakfast at the Blackbird café. The train departed just after 11.30 am and took about 45 minutes to arrive at Maldon station. The weather for the trip was absolutely perfect, a beautiful sunny day, no wind or rain at all. I’m quite sure that everyone enjoyed the trip on this fantastic old train, in particular the beautiful old carriages we were in were just fabulous. At Maldon we all went and had a look around this very historic town, which is really now catering to tourists, but I did notice on walking around that they do have quite a large fully operational local old style car garage that is in the Centre of Maldon’s main street. Some of our group walked from the Maldon station to Maldon town center – a good stretch of the legs for those who did so – they also walked back to the Maldon station to catch the return trip back to Castlemaine. On our return trip some of us enjoyed drinks and cheese platters all part of the service at a small cost. The service was very good on board and at the stations (both Castlemaine and Maldon) that service being solely provided by volunteers who staff the train as well as the chaps who actually drove the engine. It was my second time on this train tour and I highly recommend it to anyone.

Our final destination for those Probus members who wanted to do something further before returning home was a visit “Mica Grange” which is located in a place called Sutton Grange and not too far off the beaten track from Castlemaine. Mica is only open between the month of November and for a few weeks into December each year. It is privately run and contains quite a large area of land which is filled with various modern types of sculptures that are dotted over the landscape, and most are for sale. There is also a café/restaurant available and many of the group from Probus who visited Mica had refreshments there by way of tea or soft drinks or even the savory scones that were also on offer.

All in all the Castlemaine trip was really quite a fabulous two-day trip and congratulations to Sandra and Ree for organising it.



Dinner at The Five Flags Hotel

TRIPS

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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

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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.

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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

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REVIEW:

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

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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.

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Bulletin deadline	Friday 24 th October



President's Message:

Happy Probud Month to all of you, and to celebrate the event we are having cake for morning tea, and if you would like to wear the Probud colours of Blue and Yellow that would add to the celebration. This is also an opportunity to bring along a friend who may be interested in seeing how Probud runs. Don't forget to look at all the activities that are running this month. If you don't usually join in then now is the time - just put your name on any or all of the lists and come along and join in, it is always fun and a good way to get to know fellow club members.

We will also be holding a BBQ in early November at Strathdon House. I know many members have missed these opportunities to socialize. As you are aware we are unable to have a BBQ at our regular meeting place but there are BBQ's not too far away at Strathdon House, which we are planning to use.

Looking forward to seeing you all in your finest blue and yellow at the next meeting. Please note that the after-meeting lunch will be held at:

Asian Garden

9/348 Mountain Highway
Wantirna.

Cheers

Sandra Knight



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Just a note to let you know that the next Probus Meeting will be held on 1st October at 10.00am at the Horticultural Centre in Jolimont Rd, Forest Hill. Hope you will be able to attend our meeting. I would very much like to take this opportunity to thank Lindsay Borgas for undertaking the secretarial role whilst I was overseas. Lindsay did an excellent job, and I thank him very much for all his efforts and hard work.

We will be inducting a new member this month. Elaine Kendler is joining us, Elaine is known to some of the members as one of the organisers of the exercise classes which a number of our members attend on Friday mornings at the Vermont South Club. Please say hello to Elaine and welcome her to our club. Elaine is the 316th member to be inducted into the club since it was founded on 1/3/1989. (according to the records I have).

We welcome all visitors and hope that your visit with us is an interesting and enjoyable one for you.

Please advise me if you are unable to attend our next meeting and I can record you as an apology.

See you in October

Thanks

Gilly

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Shirley McGorlick 13th	Jenny Fackrell 17th	Nelsa Counsell 21st
Vic McNamara, 24th	Sandra Knight 29th	



GUEST SPEAKERS - Dot Thomson 0459 535 987

October - Mayor of Whitehorse – Andrew Davenport
November - Dave - Guitars for Veterans

DISCUSSION GROUP - Mike Bampffield 0413007528

Next Meeting – 2-4pm MONDAY 20th October 2025

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

Once again, the group enjoyed a friendly discussion about what's happening in the world locally. The topics included the upcoming Footy Finals and how the game has changed over the years, the Government's machete ban, city protests on weekends, the Charlie Kirk killing in the USA, and fish shaped soy sauce containers banned in S Aust. A prospective new club member Ashley Simmons was welcomed into the group and we enjoyed his contribution to the discussions. As always, the meeting concluded with a pleasant afternoon tea and social chat.



IMPORTANT REMINDER – due to the start of the summer bowls season, the Discussion group will be meeting on the **3rd Monday of the month, commencing 20 October.**

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.



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Parking: dedicated under Pentridge Shopping Centre. Escalator up to Ground floor.

Toilets are available here.

We will meet at the escalator and move to the Tour Point.

Map: will be provided at October meeting.

LUNCH: 'Brew Dog Brewery' part of the precinct.

Our Booking 'The Den' (Ramp available) At own cost

Please try to take a member with you. Not everyone is up to driving.

OUTINGS

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



SHOWBIZ CINEMAS

Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

FILM DOWNTON ABBEY The Grand Finale

Historical Drama created by Julian Fellows

When Mary finds herself in a public scandal and the family faces financial trouble, the household grapple with the threat of social disgrace.

Date: Tuesday, October 7th 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.)**)

FILM - BUT ALSO JOHN CLARKE - Documentary

An intimate tribute to the late, great satirist written and directed by his daughter Lorin Clarke. It uses recorded conversations to tell the story in John's own words.

Although born in New Zealand, John made his name as a comedian and political satirist in Australia after arriving in the 1970s.

Date: Thursday, October 9th 2025

(15 Minimum required)

Time: 10.30am (Cinema opens 10:00am)

Venue, cost etc. same as above

FILM - THE TRAVELLERS:

Drama director by Australia's Bruce Beresford.

Poignant, Funny, Heartwarming

Actors: Bryan Brown, Susie Porter, Luke Bracey

Date: Wednesday, November 12th 2025

(Minimum not required)

Time: 10.30am (Cinema opens 10.00am)

Venue, cost etc. same as above

COFFEE AND A CHAT

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Great catch-up time



LADIES AND MENS LUNCH – Kath Thomson – 0418 390 875

Wednesday 29th October at 11.45

Box Hill R.S.L 26. Nelson Rd, Box Hill.



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)

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DARTS **Ree Dowling 0410 478 304**

Friday 10th October

(Second Friday of the month). At 10.15am
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MELBOURNE CUP DAY

4th November 11.30 start.

Vermont South Bowling Club have invited our Club to join them for their Cup Day Event.
\$5.00 entry for non-bowling attendees to enjoy all the day's activities.

More details at October meeting.



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President's Message:

Hello everyone, goodness me another month has just flown by. I am having trouble mustering the committee at the moment, Gilly in England, Ree in Scotland, Lindsay just back from Cairns and now Dot is off on a holiday as well.

Not one of them has requested that I carry their bags, well never mind.

I guess someone has to stay home and keep the fires burning.

It has been another great month of activities for the Club with theatre, movies, and daytrips - all these activities are in the Bulletin so as you read check out what's happening and sign up for activities at the meetings, the lists are always on the side bench.

If you would like to come along but don't have transport put your name down and say you would like a lift.

We do our best to match people up with someone who can take you. So, come and join us, the activities are for everyone.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting

Cheers – Sandra

Our next after meeting lunch will be held at the Blackburn Hotel
Whitehorse Rd Blackburn



BIRTHDAYS SEPTEMBER

Best wishes to the following members,

Liz Henwood 3rd

Colin Farr 4th

Lorelle Borgas, 13th

Hazel Hoellmuller 26th

Mary Burton 28th



SECRETARY'S REPORT - Lindsay Borgas 0418177428. (Acting).

Our forthcoming General Meeting will be held on 3rd September at 10.00am.

We look forward to your attendance however, if you are aware you will not be able to attend, please advise by calling or texting me on my Mobile number above, in Gilly's absence.

We are fortunate to continue welcoming Visitors and prospective Members, and you are reminded to chat to them and make them feel welcome and comfortable.

Visitors regularly comment on the friendly welcome they receive...so please keep up the good work.

A group of Members recently took a tram trip for a conducted Tour of the MCG which was very interesting and enjoyable and there was a good turn-out for Coffee and a chat at The Round CAFÉ, Whitehorse Arts Centre, Nunawading.

Many thanks to our Members who continue to put a lot of effort into seeking out, suggesting and arranging Outings and Trips etc. These events don't just happen!

Finally, my appreciation for the professional work from Gilly as our Secretary.

When one is asked to fill in the Secretary role for a while, one is quickly made aware of the many 'tasks' Gilly manages. Fortunately, Gilly provides excellent guidelines on what needs to be done.

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WELFARE: Catherine Pratt 0417 058 804

Alan & Christina Hunter have both had covid.

Alan is feeling much better, but Christina is taking longer to recover.

Jenny Birt is recovering from a bad bout of the flu.

Mary Rasmussen has not been well but is now improving.

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The August meeting started with a “name lines from famous movies” quiz. Woty Fanoy scored an impressive win and received a box of chocolates as a prize. All participants were rewarded for their efforts with a Freddo Frog - so everyone went home happy .

A range of current topics were discussed including the Israel/Gaza conflict, pets on planes, a government proposal to give \$3300 to everyone in return for raising the GST to 15% on all goods and services, and whether Dan Andrews warranted a statue like other long serving Premiers.

The next meeting will discuss electric vehicles and home solar conversions, as well as the usual items in the news.

New members are always welcome to join the group and enjoy a lively discussion followed by a social chat over a cuppa and cake/biscuits.



OUTINGS.

PARLIAMENT HOUSE & OLD TREASURY BUILDING

CITY HISTORY TRIP – BY COACH Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Date: Thursday, September 25th 2025

Meet: 9:00 (Promptly) - Horticultural Centre

Depart by Coach: 9:15 - (Must leave on time)

Guided Tour Parliament House: 10:30-11:30 (Security Check on entry)

Lunch: 12:00 – 1.15 ‘Café Excel’ - 99 Spring St. (Own cost):

Guided Tour Old Treasury Building: 2:00 – 3:00 (Security Check on entry)

Depart by Coach: 3:30. Arrive back at Horticultural Centre 4:15.

Cost: \$42:00 - Pay by September Probus Meeting. (Correct money if cash – in envelope)

24 members are required for this trip at this cost

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Further information to come October Meeting:

Parking details TBA

Precinct and map TBA

Toilets are available – places TBA

LUNCH: Venue TBA

(If you haven't ever been to gaol yet, here's your chance!!!)

TRIPS

BARHAM TRIP : Sandra Knight 0409 551 029

This trip is all booked in and coming up soon.

It is time to pay the remaining money for the trip

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The museum is a gem as well. Surprise of the day was the actual 2025 Melbourne Cup Being on display for the day & we each had a turn holding it.

Guess it's cost!

Along with it 2 racing legends, one being Michele Payne's mount Prince of Penzance were brought to the Gate 3 area so we enjoyed the chance to pat & feed them carrots.

SHOWBIZ CINEMAS *Catherine Pratt 0417 058 804*

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Based on the 2018 Novel by Sigrid Nunez.

Writer & teacher Iris finds her comfortable, solitary New York life thrown into disarray after her closest friend and mentor bequeaths to her his beloved Great Dane, Apollo.

The regal yet intractable dog immediately creates practical problems for Iris.

A heartwarming and human story

LILYDALE THEATRE *Ree Dowling 0410 478 304*

'THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST' BY OSCAR WILDE A COMEDY

Date: Friday, September 26th

Time: 8:00pm [Free Sherry in the theatre foyer from 1.30]

[Free Coffee & Tea available at the interval] [Free Champayne after the show]

Address: 39 – 41 Castella Street, Lilydale

Cost: \$23.00 (Group Booking) [Probus account by September Meeting]

Parking: Around the theatre. Access ramps.

Pre-Theatre Lunch: 'Gracious Grace' café [Meet at 6:00]

Storyline: Two young gentlemen living in 1890's England use the same pseudonym ("Ernest") on the sly, which is fine until they each fall in love with women using that name, which leads to a comedy of mistaken identities.

A Trivial Comedy for Serious People. Oscar Wilde portrays clever observations of the social norms of Victorian England. The entire play is a satirical critique of those norms through the lens of Wilde's absurd characters.

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President's Message:

To start, I would like to thank the committee members who stood in for me while I was unwell.

A big thanks to our Vice President Lindsay who put his L plates on and chaired the meeting last month.

Also, I would like to acknowledge the great work done in the background for the Club Health check last month. I hope you enjoyed having your say about our club, it is important to do these Health Checks from time to time to ensure that our club is growing and remaining relevant.

It was great to see so many of you at the Christmas in July lunch today, I hope you all enjoyed yourselves.

Our next after Meeting lunch will be held at the Chase Hotel,
3rd floor, Forest Hill Chase.

See you all at your next Meeting

Sandra

President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING: Our next Monthly Meeting will be held at the Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill on Wednesday, 6th August 2025 commencing at 10.00 am.

TREASURER: Harish Shah 0430 380 806

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VALE

JOHN HENWOOD – 5/5/1945 -8/7/2025

It is with sadness that we advise the passing of one of our members, John Henwood, on Tuesday, 8th of July, aged 80 years.

John recently celebrated his 80th birthday with friends at the Box Hill RSL. John and his wife, Liz, joined our club in May 2025. He was a keen lawn bowler. Unfortunately, due to health reasons, John had to step away from the game he loved. John also enjoyed travelling, fishing, and reading.

Our heartfelt thoughts are with Liz, his son, and two grandchildren at this difficult time. As per the family's wishes, there will be no funeral service, and they will celebrate John's life privately. He will be missed by all who knew him.

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WELFARE: Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

It is always much more of a challenge to be out and about in winter. Appointments to maintain health can seem like the only outings. And we all have our share of those!

The kindness of members offering to carpool or drive others to and from our events doesn't go unnoticed. Any sharing helps us know each other better & be aware of each other's situation.

We can chat & laugh with each other more. Surely the best medicine!!!

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AUGUST – Eric Panther – Down Memory Lane

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Despite the recent cold weather, our July meeting was very well attended in the lovely warm meeting room of the Vermont South Bowls Club, where we had a relaxed time discussing a range of local issues.

There wasn't enough time to hold our "Famous Lines from Movies" Quiz, which will now be held at the start of our August meeting. Prizes will be awarded.

The meeting concluded with a social chat over a cuppa and a biscuit/cake.

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City History Trip by Coach: Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Parliament House & Old Treasury Building

Date: Thursday 25th September

Meet: 9.00 (Promptly) at the Horticultural Centre

Depart by Coach: 9.15 - (Must leave on time)

Guided Tour of Parliament House: 10.30 - 11.30 (Security Check on entry)

Lunch: 12:00 - 1.15 'Café Excel' - 99 Spring St. (Own cost: \$1 - 20)

Guided Tour of Old Treasury Building: 2.00 - 3.00 (Security Check on entry)

Depart by Coach: 3.30 (Arrive back at Horticultural Centre 4.15)

Cost: \$42.00 - Pay by September Probus Meeting (Correct money if cash - in envelope)

24 members are required for this trip at this cost

TRIPS

BARHAM TRIP: Sandra Knight 0409 551 029

This trip is all booked in and coming up soon.

It is time to pay the remaining money for the trip.

Single rooms \$1,500

Twin Share and Double rooms \$1,300 per person.

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS NON-REFUNDABLE.

CASTLEMAINE TRIP: Sandra Knight 0409 551 029

Self-Drive Castlemaine trip, including Stream Train ride, is fully booked. A deposit of \$110 per person will be due in September, with the remaining money due in October.



BRIGHT CHALET: Sandra Knight 0409 551 029

Dates: TBA (5 days)

Cost \$795.00

Bus trip will pick up and return to the Forest Hill area.

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

There will be a board along the bench at the meeting where you can 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

Dates to be announced (4 Days 3 nights)

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.

SHOWBIZ CINEMAS: Catherine Pratt 0417 058 804

Date: Thursday 21st August (15 Minimum required)

'Four Letters of Love' Drama (Based on the Best-Selling Novel by Niall Williams)

Time: 10.30 am (Meet at the cinema by 10.15)

Address: Pinewood Shopping Centre 41 Centreway, Mount Waverley

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

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

Parking: Designated Cinema Parking - opposite Coles

Parking vouchers will be available

'Four Letters of Love' is a heartfelt, lyrical and deeply moving novel about fate, love and mysterious ways lives intertwine.

Pierce Brosnan, Helena Bonham Carter and Gabriel Byrne, seasoned actors, lead in providing a heartfelt adaptation.

SHOWBIZ CINEMAS: Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Date: Thursday 18th September

'The Friend' Drama/Comedy

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Based on the 2018 Novel by Sigrid Nunez.

Actors: Naomi Watts & Bill Murray + a Great Dane called Bing

Writer & teacher Iris finds her comfortable, solitary New York life thrown into disarray after her closest friend and mentor bequeaths to her his beloved Great Dane, Apollo.

The regal yet intractable dog immediately creates practical problems for Iris.

A heartwarming and human story.

LILYDALE THEATRE: Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Date: Friday 26th September

'The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde' a comedy

Time: 8.00 pm [Free Sherry in the theatre foyer from 7.30]

[Free Coffee & Tea available at the interval] [Free Champayne after the show]

Address: 39 – 41 Castella Street, Lilydale

Cost: \$23.00 (Group Booking) [Probus account by September Meeting]

Parking: Around the theatre. Access ramps.

Pre-Theatre Dinner: 'Gracious Grace' café [Meet at 6:00]

Storyline: Two young gentlemen living in 1890's England use the same pseudonym ("Ernest") on the sly, which is fine until they each fall in love with women using that name, which leads to a comedy of mistaken identities.

A Trivial Comedy for Serious People. Oscar Wilde portrays clever observations of the social norms of Victorian England. The entire play is a satirical critique of those norms through the lens of Wilde's absurd characters.

DARTS: Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Dates: Friday, 12th September / 10th October

(Second Friday of the month).

Time: 10.15 am

Held at the Vermont South Club, Livingstone Rd, Vermont

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Probus Members enjoying Friday Coffee at Moon & Spoon.

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President's Message:



Hello, I am writing this on behalf of our lovely President Sandra who is unable, due to illness, to attend our next meeting. Sandra wanted me to say how sorry she was she could not attend. Unfortunately, the doctors have ordered her to take it easy for the next month. She did, however, want to wish everyone an enjoyable

meeting and hope you enjoy the little activities we have planned for you on the day. When referring to a meeting this includes the time before, during, the morning tea and after the meeting, when everyone is invited to join for lunch. Sandra looks forward to seeing you in August.

Thanks Gilly

After meeting Lunch Wheelers Hill Hotel
871 Ferntree Gully Rd, Wheelers Hill.



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.

BIRTHDAYS - JULY Best wishes to the following members

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Jan Roche 29 th		

**SECRETARY'S REPORT - Gilly George 0408 801 624**

Hi, our next meeting will be on 2nd July at 10.00am. Hope you can attend, if not could you please ring or email me to let me know please.

At the meeting we will be inducting 3 new members, so please welcome Jenny, Denise and Geoff to our Probus group.

Please say hello and introduce yourself to them so they can get to know everyone and see what a friendly bunch we are.

Thanks, Ree for an interesting day at the Tram Museum, we all enjoyed this trip very much and learnt a lot, we all reminisced about the trams we have used in the past, then lunch at OGGI's café.

A great day out!! thank you for organising this.

To the outings co-ordinators we thank you for organising these trips, lunches etc for us, we appreciate the hard work that goes into each one.

Thanks again

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Buddy for Sheilah: July ~ Jan Roche /August ~ Kath Hawthorn /September Dot Thomson

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WELLBEING: Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Sandra Knight - Sandra is having a tough time with chronic fatigue connected to long covid which is exasperated by asthma.

John Henwood – John is now home from hospital and requiring much support from Eastern Health

Ron Chidgey – Ron's daughter Emma has been seriously ill for a while. He said that new treatment over six weeks has been offered, and they are hopeful for a positive outcome.

BOOK CLUB - Gilly George 0408 801 624

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If you have recently seen a good movie, come along and talk about that as well, or just come for a cuppa if you would like some company.

All welcome, lets know if you are coming so I can get the teapot ready.



DISCUSSION GROUP - Mike Bampfield 0413 007 528

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

Next Meeting – 2-4pm TUESDAY, 15th July.

A surprise guest speaker, Glen Knight (the Club's Official Photographer) and husband of President Sandra, shared his expert knowledge of machetes, knives and other weaponry.

This was topical given the State Government's plan to ban machetes in September.

A lively discussion followed on a range of subjects including the Israel/Iran conflict, the riots in Los Angeles regarding the ousting of illegal residents, and proposed taxation to large superannuation balances.

The "fun topic"- old TV shows and movies - will be carried over until the July meeting – possibly with a quiz and a prize!

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GUEST SPEAKERS - Dot Thomson 0459 535 987

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Tour: Building 1: How it works Building 2: Technical operation

Date: Wednesday July 16th, 2025

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 Guided Tour

Address: 800 Blackburn Road Clayton (see map for entrance)

COST: \$20:00 (TO TREASURER BY JULY MEETING)

Attending: Number capped at 20.

Parking: Arrive via Blackburn Rd. As You arrive press the bell next to the boom gate & tell Security you have arrived for a tour of the facility. Car parks are situated to the left of the boom gate. Make your way to the NCSS building.

Access: At and between buildings.

Lunch: Mulgrave Country Club (At own cost) Cnr Wellington Rd & Jells Rd Wheelers Hil

OUTING: Lilydale Theatre Ree Dowling 0410 478 304



Matinee Play: 'The Diary of ANNE FRANK'

Date: Saturday July 12th

Time: 2:00pm [Free Sherry in the theatre foyer from 1.30]

Free Coffee & Tea available at the interval]

Address: 39 – 41 Castella Street, Lilydale

Cost: \$26.00

Parking: Around the theatre. Access ramps.

Pre-Theatre Lunch: 'Gracious Grace' café [Meet at 12.00]

[Attached to the Theatre. Own expense.]

Payment must be at the time of booking. [Good seats available at present.]

Please pay into the Probus Account & leave a voice mail on my phone (Ree 0410 478 304) that you've paid. Otherwise pay our treasurer.

Storyline: The poignant true story from WW11. Anne's diary was published long after the war by her father, the only family survivor.

It records in detail the 25 months 2 Jewish families spent in hiding from the Gestapo in an Amsterdam warehouse attic. The constant secrecy, the growing hunger and the friction of living in such cramped conditions could not dull Anne's vibrant personality or her passion for living.

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We can get special mats and wall protection!!!!!!!!!!

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Discussion meeting



Seeing Eye Dog



Asian Garden Chinese Restaurant



Members at Tram Museum

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President's Message:

Well, the cold weather has certainly set in since our last bulletin, I hope you are all keeping warm and avoiding all the nasty bugs.

The committee has not stopped organizing activities just because of the cooler weather and have arranged a variety of activities for us all.

I hope that you will be able to rug up warm and join us.

Today Glen and I joined in the "Roll Back the Clock exercise program, it was thoroughly worth it, an interesting talk about Diabetes, the causes and a reminder that simple changes to our daily routines and diet can help to reduce the risks of developing diseases. This was followed by some exercise to improve our joints and body.

Cheers Sandra

After meeting Lunch 12.15pm
Venue: Asian Garden Chinese Restaurant
9/348 Mountain Highway
Wantirna.



You can buy wine there or the owner said you can also go next door and buy a bottle if you don't like what they have. Hope you will join us.

BIRTHDAYS - JUNE

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Stephen Clifton 30 th		



SECRETARY'S REPORT - Gilly George 0408 801 624

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At the June meeting we will be inducting a new member Gillian Horlock, please welcome Gillian to our club and say hello at morning tea and get to know her. Thank you to Mary Burton for the lovely macaroons at the last meeting to celebrate Gerry's 90th Birthday, we all appreciated your kindness, Mary. Can those people on set up please remember to help put the tables away at the end of the meeting, this allows us to leave the centre on time.

TREASURER - Harish Shah 0430 380 806

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WELFARE: Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

What a wintry shock we've had recently. Flu & Covid vaccinations being prescribed by doctors.
Jaya Shah: Jaya is recovering quite well from her operation.
John Henwood: John is in hospital having several tests.

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**Members at
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**the
Discussion**

GUEST

SPEAKERS - Dot Thomson 0459 535 987

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July Surprise Event



MELBOURNE TRAM MUSEUM Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

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*Travel to: Riversdale Junction /Power Street Stop 29

*Tram Museum at: Wallen Rd, Hawthorn 10.00am

Most of the museum is accessible for all. View 20 restored trams.

Return to Tram 75 and journey towards Vermont

*Alight at: Camberwell Junction

*Take a short walk to our lunch venue Deco. 211 Camberwell Rd.

Broad menu including Veg & GF.

Return to Tram 75 to travel back to South Vermont

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Parking: Arrive via Blackburn Rd. As You arrive press the bell next to the boom gate & tell Security you have arrived for a tour of the facility. Car parks are situated to the left of the boom gate. Make your way to the NCSS building.

Access: There is easy access to both buildings.

Lunch: Mulgrave Country Club (At own cost Cnr Wellington Rd & Jells Rd Wheelers Hill.



OUTING: Lilydale Theatre Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Matinee Play: 'The Diary of ANNE FRANK'

Date: Saturday July 12th

Time: 2:00pm [Free Sherry in the theatre foyer from 1.30]

Free Coffee & Tea available at the interval]

Address: 39 – 41 Castella Street, Lilydale

Cost: \$26.00

Parking: Around the theatre. Access ramps.

Pre-Theatre Lunch: 'Gracious Grace' café [Meet at 12.00]

[Attached to the Theatre. Own expense.]

NB: In order to have reasonable seats we need to book asap. Payment must be at the time of booking. [Good seats available at present.]

Please pay in to the *Probus Account* & leave a voice mail on my phone (Ree 0410 478 304) that you've paid. Otherwise pay our treasurer at the JUNE *Probus* meeting

Storyline: The poignant true story from WW11. Anne's diary was published long after the war by her father, the only family survivor.

It records in detail the 25 months 2 Jewish families spent in hiding from the Gestapo in an Amsterdam warehouse attic. The constant secrecy, the growing hunger and the friction of living in such cramped conditions could not dull Anne's vibrant personality or her passion for living.

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FRIDAY 13TH JUNE (second Friday of the month).10.15am

Held at the Vermont South Club

Livingstone Rd, Vermont

Anyone interested in darts please pop your name on the sheet.

All levels accepted give it a try, have some fun and friendship.

We can get special mats and wall protection!!!!!!!!!!

Contact Ree: 0410 478 304



SELF-DRIVE / CARPOOL TRIP TO CASTLEMAINE - SANDRA KNIGHT 0409 551 029

Thank you to all of you that have put your name down to join in on the trip.

Motel accommodation has been put on hold and train booking will be made shortly, which means we will be able to cost the trip and let you know hopefully by the June meeting.

Please note the dates for this trip are November 13th to 15th and our steam train ride will be on the 14th.



Management Committee Meeting

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Tram Safari	Wednesday 14 th May
Discussion Group	Tuesday 20 th May
Show Biz Cinema	Wednesday 28 th May
Sunday Lunch	Sunday 25 th May
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President's Message: 2024-25

I hope that you have all enjoyed a break over Easter, whether it was catching up with family and friends, religious celebrations, or just a restful time.

Now you have rested up I hope that you will join in some or all the outings, lunches and functions that the committee has planned in the next few months.

The committee works hard to make the club meetings and activities varied and interesting for you all. However, it is a concern that in the last couple of months that some members have been less than cautious when interacting with some of the committee members.

Please remember that the committee are all volunteers and put in many hours of work behind the scenes in order to keep the club functioning.

We are very happy to address members concerns when raised in a respectful and cordial manner.

I hope that you will be able to join us for lunch after the meeting.

Cheers Sandra

AFTER MEETING LUNCH

Time: 12:15 p.m. onwards

Venue: Mitcham Hotel

556 Maroondah Hwy

Mitcham



BIRTHDAYS - MAY

Best wishes to the following members

Vin White 4th

John Henwood 5th

Graeme Brookes 6th

Lindsay Borgas 24th

Denis Hawthorn 26th

Mary Rasmussen 30th



SECRETARY'S REPORT - Gilly George 0408 801 624

Our next Monthly Meeting will be held at the Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill on Wednesday 7th May commencing at 10am.

Hello,

I hope you enjoyed the Easter break and lovely sunshine that we were very lucky to enjoy.

The meeting this month we will have a special ANZAC ode, followed by morning tea with ANZAC biscuits.

This month we will also Induct 3 new members to our club, so Liz, John and Phil we all welcome you and hope you enjoy your time with our Probus Club.

Please introduce yourself to these new members and have a chat to them at morning tea.

Looking forward to seeing you all again at our May meeting.

Please let me know if you will be an apology

TREASURER - Harish Shah 0430 380 806

Bank Account: BSB 633-108 Account No 151023272

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ROSTER: MAY - JUNE, 2025

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WELFARE: Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Easter is family gathering time.

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I hope the Bunny brought some treats & joy at Easter!!

BOOK CLUB - Gilly George 0408 801 624

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DISCUSSION GROUP - Mike Bampfield 0413 00 7528

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

Next Meeting – 2-4pm TUESDAY, 20th May (now the 3rd TUESDAY of each month)

We had a great roll up to the last meeting and enjoyed a lively discussion on a variety of subjects including the different presentation styles of the two-Party Leaders facing the coming Federal election, the USA tariff policy, and the new bail laws in Victoria.

We had some laughs hearing some of the amusing nicknames given to members during their school days. The meeting concluded after an afternoon tea and social chat.

New members are most welcome. Please contact Mike Bampfield.



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MELBOURNE TRAM MUSEUM Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Date: Wednesday, June 18th

*Meet at: South Vermont Tram stop – Tram 75 at 9.30am

*Travel to: Riversdale Junction /Power Street Stop 29

*Tram Museum at: Wallen Rd, Hawthorn 10.15am

Most of the museum is accessible for all. View 20 restored trams.

Return to Tram 75 and journey towards Vermont

*Alight at: Camberwell Junction

*Take a short walk to our lunch venue Deco. 211 Camberwell Rd.

Broad menu including Veg & GF.

Return to Tram 75 to travel back to South Vermont

Melbourne's trams are the iconic symbols of the city. Since the 1880s, the tramways shaped how people have lived, worked and played. The Melbourne Tram Museum celebrates trams, their history and their influence on the development of Melbourne.

DINEOUTS

DINING OUT – SUNDAY LUNCH Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

WANTIRNA HILL CLUB

Address: 715 Boronia Rd, Wantirna.

Date: Sunday, May 25th.

Time: 12.30

Access: Lift to the upstairs area.

Parking: Ample



KEEP THE DATE:

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The above members participated in a very interesting and enjoyable trip to Apollo Bay staying at Skenes Creek. The group were taken on a bus trip every day to various places including Twelve Apostles, Loch Ard Gorge, Triplet Falls and Erskine Falls.



Members attending April discussion Group



Members at the April Walk to Strathdon House,

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Walking Group	Thursday 3 rd April
Mornington Trip	Thursday 10 th April
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President's Message: 2024-25

Well! Happy New Probuss Year

I would like to thank you all for having faith in me to lead the club for the next year.

I hope that we can build on the long-standing success of our club, increase our membership and continue to expand the **club's** activities and outings. I would like to thank all outgoing members of the committee for their hard work and commitment to the club for many years.

A big thanks to Harish who has served the club as President and worked hard reinvigorating our club after the impact of COVID-19.

A big thank you to all those returning committee members and a heartfelt welcome to all new members joining us this year.

At our March meeting you will have noticed the new signage for all the current and proposed activities for the coming year. I encourage all members to participate in any activities that interest them. This is a great way to meet other members.

Cheers

Sandra

AFTER THE MEETING LUNCH

Time: 12:15 p.m. onwards

Venue: Blackburn Hotel
**111 Whitehorse Rd,
Blackburn.**



BIRTHDAYS APRIL

Best wishes to the following members

Sandra Both 15th Sibylle Ahrens 17th Gerry Burton 20th



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 2nd April commencing at 10am.

Thank you all those who attended the AGM, it was great to see so many of you able to attend.

Please advise me before the meeting if you will not be attending.

The committee are excited to be working with our new President Sandra, and we look forward to a great year as Sandra leads our club. Ree and Catherine have planned lots of great activities which we hope you will join in. Sandra is organising a bus tour for later in the year, so we have a varied and interesting program for all.

We are still trialling the Koffee Kult for our Friday Coffee Catch up, so let a member of the management committee know how you feel about the venue please, so we can decide which one works better.

Fees are now due at the April meeting. These are \$60 for the coming year.

If possible, can you please do a direct debit into the bank account listed at the top of the bulletin.

Please put your name and the word **fees** next to your payment so we can issue a receipt and we will know who the payment is from.

The treasurer is also available to take the fees at the next meeting, please have the correct money as this makes the job much easier for all.

TREASURER - Denis Hawthorne 0400 023 075

Club Bank Account: BSB 633-108 Account No 151023272

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Our New President Sandra Knight OAM

At the March 2025 AGM, our Club was delighted to appoint Sandra Knight OAM as its new President, as well as a new Committee.

Outgoing President Harish Shah and his hardworking team were acknowledged and thanked for their excellent work and leadership in growing and maintaining strong participation in the Club during their time in office.

In 2024, our new President Sandra was awarded an Order of Australia in recognition of her service to people who are blind or have low vision.

She has been President, Treasurer and Secretary of Blind Citizens Australia (Melbourne Branch), worked at Vision Australia, worked with and volunteered with Blind Sports and Recreation Victoria, and has received numerous awards for participation in local and international Blind Sports including tennis and tenpin bowling.

She has also organised walks and camps for Blind Sports & Recreation Victoria, is on various committees at the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital and is a committee member of Guide Dogs Victoria.

Sandra has been married to Glen for 48 years and has 5 Children and 11 grandchildren.

She enjoys walks with her beautiful Guide Dog Ishka and traveling to explore other cultures and their customs. Sandra relaxes with card making, media art journalling, jigsaw puzzles, cards and board games and sharing this time with her grandchildren.

We are indeed grateful and privileged to have Sandra as our new President this year together with our new Committee.

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MORNINGTON PENINSULA BY COACH

Ree Dowling 0410 478 304



Date: Thursday, April 10th 2025

Travel by 24-SEATER CROWN COACH.

Cost: \$50:00pp (Seatbelts must be worn)

Pay to Bendigo Bank prior to, or by cash at the **April** Monthly meeting.

Meet at: The Horticultural Centre Jolimont Rd.

Park at the Centre car park.

Arrive: 8:45 - 9:00 **Departure: 9:15** (No delays possible)

First Stop 10:15: **ARTHURS SEAT – The Eagle Cafe.**

Morning Tea & 1 way Gondola Ride - \$20:00 (Pay by or at **April** Monthly meeting)

11.15: On to the Cable Car **Gondolas** with views of Port Phillip Bay as you're gliding from the top to meet up with the Coach at the bottom. Access for all in a number of Gondolas

Second Stop 12:15: **GORDON STUDIO – GLASS BLOWERS RED HILL - Free**

Family owned. Three generations of glassblowers have exhibited their own interpretation of this ancient craft. Large sculptures to smaller pieces, that are all hand-made, are on show and for sale. Watch the glass blowing in progress.

Return to the coach at 1.15

Third Stop 1:30: **CAFE - 'TULUM STORE' - BALNARRING BEACH**

Lunch at your own expense. Time allocated to relax & chat or take a walk across to the Beach.

Return to the coach at 3.15: For 3.30 return to Melbourne.

Ramps or flat surfaces are available for all to participate. Walkers accepted.

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Lilydale Theatre **Ree Dowling** **0410 478 304**

Matinee Play: **'HAUNTED'** - A COMEDY

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DINEOUTS

LADIES AND MENS LUNCH – Kath Thompson - 0418 390 875

Wednesday 30th April at 12.30 pm

Box Hill Golf Club

Address - 202 Station Street Box Hill South

FRIDAY COFFEE

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We look forward to the continued catch up with members.

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WALKING & EXERCISE GROUPS

WALKING GROUP - Ken George 0409 615 618

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STRATHDON HOUSE AND GARDENS WALK.

Date: Thursday 3rd April 2025 Time: - 10am

Meeting place – Whitehorse Council Horticultural Centre Carpark.

Duration – 1.5 Hours – Approximately 30 mins walk to Strathdon House – 30 minutes to look around the house and garden area – 30 minutes return to the Jolimont Café for a cup of tea/coffee/cake.

Toilets available at Strathdon House and the Jolimont Café.

If you do not want to walk, you can meet at Strathdon House, just to look around the precinct.

Or you can meet us at 11.30am for a cuppa at the Jolimont Café.

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Men's & Ladies Lunch	Wednesday 30 th April
Lilydale Theatre	Sunday 4 th May
Coffee Club	Friday 3.15pm weekly
Bulletin deadline	Tuesday 18th March

President's Message: 2024-25



The 2023 AGM had no nomination for Vice-President. Due to that our Club did not have a designated President for 2024. That led me to submit nomination for President at the 2024 AGM, which was accepted. My grateful thanks to the outgoing Management Committee for their enthusiastic support. Here is my report:

1. Membership Register Update

The harsh shutdown during Covid pandemic had adversely impacted our Club's membership. The Membership Register listed 90 active members, but some were not traceable. The Committee set out to verify the membership and identified 65 current members. An accurate Membership Register is mandatory and is necessary for management of the Club.

2. Club Activities Enhancement

Club's Bulletin in February 2024 had only 4 activities listed. The Bulletin of February 2025 had listed 11 activities. Almost a 3-fold increase. My sincere thanks to the Activity Leaders for making it possible. Our Club has shown resilience by bouncing back from setback of the pandemic. It feels vibrant again because of our members' enthusiastic participation.

3. Changing times

Alvin Toffler in his famous book 'Future Shock' (1970) said that in future, Change Will be the only constant. The latest Hall Hire Agreement from our landlord, the Whitehorse Council, has banned storage of gas bottle and BBQ and has prohibited storage and consumption of alcohol on the premises.

That effectively ended our BBQ in the backyard.

I shall end with a request: Our Club needs new leaders in the pipeline. We all have our commitments but that cannot be used as an excuse. If you have the drive, then get on the Committee, do your bit.

Harish Shah

AFTER THE MEETING LUNCH

Life Member Ken Pakes has organised today's After Meeting Lunch. We have requested split bills. That will add \$1 to your bill.

Please Pay your bill at the cashier register. Thanks.

Time: 12:15 pm

Venue: : Warramunga Restaurant. (The Waverley RSL)

Address: 161 Coleman Pde Glen Waverley 3150.

Directions: Drive southwards on Springvale Road, Turn RIGHT into Colman Pde.

Turn LEFT at Kingsway. Turn RIGHT into Montclair Road.

Follow signs directing you to the Car Park.

BIRTHDAYS MARCH

Best wishes to the following members

Val Nixon 22nd, Bev Sutherland 29th



SECRETARY'S REPORT - Gilly George - 0408 801 624

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The Annual General Meeting of the Combined Probus Club of Blackburn South Inc. will be held on Wednesday 5th March 2025, at the Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill immediately following the March Monthly General Meeting. The business of the meeting shall be:-

Presentation of Reports

Acceptance of Financial report for year ended 31st January 2025

Presentation of Budget for financial year 01/02/2025 – 31/01/2026

Confirmation or otherwise Committee recommendation of annual subscription

Election of Office Bearers for the Ensuing Year

Any other business which lawfully may be brought forward

ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

All management committee positions become vacant at the end of the March Monthly General Meeting. Nominations for committee members for the ensuing year must be in writing, signed by the candidate and lodged with the secretary prior to the commencement of the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 5th March, 2025.

It was wonderful to start the new Probus year with so many members and visitors at our last meeting. The committee have planned a great year for all. We look forward to welcoming our new committee at the AGM.

I would sincerely like to thank Harish for his year as President and thank him for his dedication and support to the club. Thank you, Harish and Jaya, for your commitment and encouragement to all members of the club and we all say a **Big Thank You**.

I would also like to thank Catherine Pratt and Ree Dowling for organising a delightful outing to Cruden Farm, we all had a great time admiring the gardens of the Murdoch family, and we enjoyed a lovely lunch at the Langwarrin Hotel. Thank you to you both for arranging this outing for us. Looking forward to many more.

TREASURER: Bob Grierson 040 955 3414

Club Bank Account: BSB 633-108 Account No 151023272

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

BOOK CLUB - Gilly George 0408 801 624

Book Club will commence on Tuesday 4th March at 1.30 pm so all those lovely books you got as Christmas gifts you can read and tell us all about them.

All Welcome It will be a fun afternoon!! followed by afternoon tea. April meeting will be on Tuesday 1st April.



DISCUSSION GROUP - Mike Bampfield 0413 00 7528

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

NOTE NEW DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: 2-4pm TUESDAY 18th March

(now 3rd TUESDAY of each month)

Our relaxed and enjoyable monthly meetings cover a range of local and international issues as well as lighter subjects. A “fun topic” each month also gives us a chance for some laughs.

As we age, we all strive to eat well, socialise with others, and exercise our bodies. However, what we often overlook is the very important need to exercise our minds. The Discussion Group provides a relaxed environment each month for “mind exercise” by allowing members to raise/share any issues of interest, concern, importance etc, all in a friendly forum.

The meeting concludes with a “fun topic” and afternoon tea to wind down after 2 hours of an enjoyable “mind workout” without the sweat.

New members are always welcome. Please contact Mike Bampfield



ROSTER: March – May 2025 BEFORE

MEETING:

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April	Ken George	Joyce Wickins May
Mary Burton	Terry Roche	

INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT: March- Val Nixon / April- Lorraine Low-Shang / May- Jenny Birt

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

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

GUEST SPEAKERS - Beryl Pakes 9897 3454

April We have a representative from Traveller's Aide to speak.

May Fay Veitch from Mercy Ships

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

Date: March 24th – 28th 2025 staying at Skenes Creek

Would all members going on the above trip please remain after AGM for a short meeting so that transport arrangements can be finalized.

WELFARE:

Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Christina Hunt -: Christina is benefitting from the GLAD program to be more mobile.:

Assisting Sheilah: All members: Please say your name when you approach her or are sitting or chatting with her. She loves a chat!!!

Assisting: Meet her in the foyer. Walk half a pace in front of her. Sheilah will hold your arm.

When you take her to a seat ensure the seat is lined up for her. Advise her about steps & whether up or down

Ensure she is standing safely against a wall or sitting when you fetch a cuppa. Lead her to the toilet door if required and stay nearby. If she is going to lunch after the meeting, make arrangements for this and for her to be driven home after. If you have any questions, just ask

Sheilah.

OUTING - MORNINGTON PENINSULA BY COACH

Ree Dowling 0410 478 304



Date:= Thursday, April 10th 2025

Travel by: 24-SEATER CROWN COACH.

Cost: \$50:00pp (Seatbelts must be worn)

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Meet at: The Horticultural Centre Jolimont Rd.

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Cost: **\$20.:** Film followed by 'Basket Lunch' in the cinema

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(Must collect parking voucher from one of our members in the car park and display it on your dashboard. Voucher covers film & lunch time.) **Access to**

cinemas: Suitable for all **OUTING:**

Lilydale Theatre *Ree Dowling 0410 478 304*

Matinee Play: **'HAUNTED' - A COMEDY**

Date: **Sunday, May 4th, 2025**

Time: **2:00pm** [Free Sherry in the theatre foyer from 1.30]

[Free Coffee & Tea available at the interval]

Address: **39 – 41 Castella Street, Lilydale**

Cost: **\$26.00**

Parking: Around the theatre. Access ramps.

Pre-Theatre Lunch: 'Gracious Grace' café [Meet at 12.00]

[Attached to the Theatre. Own expense.]

NB In order to have reasonable seats we need to book asap. Payment must be at the time of booking.
[Good seats available at present.]

Please pay into the Probus Account & leave a voice mail on my phone (Ree 0410 478 304) that you've paid. Otherwise pay our treasurer at the **April** Probus meeting

Storyline: 'Aspiring Playwright Nigel Burke is a neurotic, agoraphobic and hasn't written a word for 3 months, to the chagrin of his wife, who is at the end of her tether. His agent is desperate for him to start writing again. A mysterious man who knows of Nigel's interest in Lord Byron, gives him a goblet used by the poet. Nigel drinks from it and there is a change in his confidence and manner.

Then Byron himself appears. Part ghost story, part thriller, part battle-of-the-sexes comedy.'

DINEOUTS

PERSIAN FLAVOURS: *Ree Dowling 0410 478 304*

Date: Wednesday March 19th 6:00pm

Address: 338 Springvale Rd., Forest Hill

Menu: A La Carte – Wide ranging & BYO

Access: Suitable for all

Parking: Some on Springvale Rd / Some on Glen Valley Rd.

LADIES AND MENS LUNCH – Kath Thomson - 9817 5546

Wednesday 30th April at 12.30 pm

Box Hill Golf Club

Address - 202 Station Street Box Hill South

FRIDAY COFFEE

Fridays at 3.15pm

Koffee Kult (Outside Target).

This will be a trial for the month. We look forward to the continued catch up

KEEP THE DATE: **GALA CHRISTMAS IN JULY EVENT**

Friday, 25th July 2025

12.00-300pm



CLUB MEMBERS - KEEPING

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Members enjoying trip to Cruden Farm



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STATE MEMBER FOR GLEN WAVERLEY DISTRICT

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I acknowledge the Wurundjeri and Bunurong Peoples as the traditional owners of the lands and waterways of the Glen Waverley District.

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President's Message:

Welcome to our Club's first meeting in the year 2025.

I wish you all a Happy New Year.

After the long holiday season, the Club is resuming its normal function.

The Club's AGM will be held on 5th of March, when your new Managing Committee will be elected, to start functioning from April 2025.

Various positions in the new Committee are vacant. Nomination is open for those positions.

The last day for submitting a Nomination is 5th February 2025.

If you are thinking about it, then stop procrastinating. Talk to our Club Secretary, Gilly George. Grab this chance to do your bit for the Club!

There will be no guest speaker at the February meeting. Instead, your Managing Committee has organised an acknowledgement and appreciation session.

Your Club Secretary will make further announcement at the meeting.

Harish Shah



AFTER MEETING LUNCH

Time: 12:15 p.m. onwards

Venue: Bistro, The Chase Hotel.

Level 3, Forest Hill Shopping Centre, Forest Hill

BIRTHDAYS – FEBRUARY

Ron Chidgey 3rd, Dot Browne 6th, Trish Clifton 6th, Jennifer Birt 12th,
Beryl Marston 14th, Harish Shah 14th, Joyce Wickins 15th, John Hally 19th,
Mike McGorlick 20th.

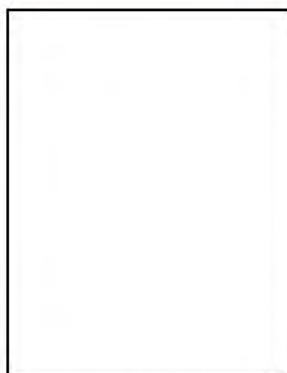




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THOMAS TERRENCE CHEEVERS
22/10/1935 TO 14/12/2024
A CLUB MEMBER SINCE SEPTEMBER 2015
BUT NOW RETIRED



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PETER DOWLING RASMUSSEN
14/3/1934 TO 27/12/2024
A CLUB MEMBER SINCE APRIL 2009
CLUB PRESIDENT 2015 TO 2016



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NITA BATE
PASSED AWAY ON 28/12/2024
ABOUT 3 WEEKS BEFORE HER 90TH BIRTHDAY
CLUB MEMBER SINCE AUGUST 2013
LATER RETIRED
MEMBERS' SERVICES

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Gilly George 0408 801 624

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Welcome back to the start of a new Probus year, hope you are all well and that you are looking forward to joining in the many activities the Management Committee have for you this year.

The Outings and Tours committee have been working very hard to come up with some new and interesting ideas for the coming year. If you have any questions about our Probus club please speak to Harish or myself.

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The February meeting is a change from the normal format, we will not be having a speaker but have some fun activities and an extended morning tea, with cake and scones and a few surprises on the day. Please note we only have the hall from 9am - 12 so we cannot run any extended activities past this time frame.

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FILM - ‘The Last Journey’ (Based on a personal story)

Sweeden’s entry for best international film for the 2025 Oscars.

Date: Thursday, February 27TH, 2025

Time: 10.30am (Meet at cinema 10.15)

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Details re venue, parking, cost etc. same as for above film,

Welfare: Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Hopefully members have enjoyed the celebrations of Christmas, New Year & Australia Day.

Mary Rasmussen:- Mary came out of hospital followed by time at Donvale rehab and was improving well.



OUTING – CRUDEN FARM

Catherine Pratt 0417 058 804

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

Self – Drive & Share a ride with another member

Date: Wednesday, February 19th, 2025

Address: Entry via Cranhaven Rd.

60 Cranbourne- Frankston Rd., Langwarrin.

Arrive 11.00 am approx. Travel time 45 min approx.

Entrance fee: \$10.00

Bring your own morning tea snack. Tea, coffee & water 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

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Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

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Access: Suitable for all

Parking: Some on Springvale Rd / Some on Glen Valley Rd.

KEEP THE DATE: Gala Christmas in July Event

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12:00 – 3:00pm

FRIDAY COFFEE

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Date: Commences January 31, 2025 (thereafter weekly)

Time: 11.30 – 12.30, Weekly

Venue: Vermont South Bowling Club. 30a Livingston Rd. Vermont South - ALL WELCOME

WALKING GROUP - Harish Shah Mob: 0430 380 806

WALK: Jells Park Walk, Wheelers Hill

Wednesday, 12th February 2025 Time: 10:00 AM

Distance: 4.16 Km Walk Duration: 1 h 30 m

Path: Combination of sealed and gravel paths.

Shared path: few bikes, strollers, runners and walkers.

Difficulty: Easy Walk. Path is level for most of the walk.

Facilities: Toilets, Shelter, Restaurant, 2 Water fountains, Picnic Tables.

BYO: Chairs, Lunch, water bottle, hat.

Start & Finish: Car Park at the Visitor's Centre.

Start Time: 10:00 AM Please arrive by 9:45 for briefing.

A popular gentle loop walk that includes open parkland, lake views, birdlife and lush wetlands.

From the visitor's centre walk down to the lake, turn left at the lake. We will walk the loop keeping the lake to our right side. There are beautiful views across the lake. On leaving the conservation area, continue north along the lake shore. Turn left back up the hill towards the visitor centre. Before reaching the visitor centre, take the first left and follow the path through beautiful parkland before passing behind the playground. Cross the road and follow the path around to the visitor centre.

LUNCH: After the walk, please join us for lunch.

WALK APPROACH AND PARKING:

From Forest Hill drive Southwards on Springvale Road. Turn Left into Waverley Road.

Keep going straight on Waverley Road to enter Jell's Park. Drive past the picnic ground car parks.

At the top, Turn Left towards the Visitor's Centre and drive past it.

PARKING: Car Park is reached after passing the Visitor's Centre. Park in marked bays.

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 "██████"

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