

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 4 th February
Keeping Active	Fridays 11.30 am
Book Club	Tuesday 10 th February
Showbiz Cinemas	Wednesday 11 th February
Lilydale Theatre	Sunday 15 th February
Discussion Group	Monday 16 th February
Melbourne Aquarium	Wednesday 18 th February
Men's & Ladies Lunch	Wednesday 25 th February
Bright Chalet	13 th -17 th April
Coffee Club	Friday 3.30pm weekly
Bulletin deadline	Friday 20 th February



Hello Everyone

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you have had a lovely Christmas break and are ready for a very busy 2026.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Probus and they have asked that all Probus Clubs join in the celebrations, so we will have a special event later in the year for this celebration.

At our February meeting we will celebrate Australia Day with an Aussie morning tea.

If you would like to wear our national colours green & gold to help set the scene, please feel free to do so.

As you are all aware our March meeting will be followed by the AGM.

There are still positions available on the committee, and we are looking for someone who could produce the Newsletter, and a person to become Vice President.

If you are interested in filling either of these positions please chat with me, Gilly or other members of the committee about what is involved. As you know the club cannot function without members who are happy to put their hands up for committee positions.

I am looking forward to catching up with you all at the meeting on the 4th of February

Lunch after the meeting will be held at the Blackburn Hotel,
111 Whitehorse Road, Blackburn and I encourage you to join us

Sandra - President



SECRETARY'S REPORT – Gillian George 0408 801 624

Hi, welcome back to all,

We look forward to welcoming you back to our club in 2026 and hope you will join us at our meetings, outings, and tours that have been planned. Catching up with friends and meeting new ones. We are a Friendly club.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 4th February at 10.00am at the Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, Jolimont Rd Forest Hill.

If you are an apology, could you let me know please. Otherwise, we will look forward to seeing you there.

Our March meeting is our AGM which will be held on 4th March. More details to follow.

Gilly

MEETING ROSTER

BEFORE MEETING – SET UP/ AFTER MEETING - PACK UP & LOCK UP		
February	Lindsay Borgas	Ken George
March	Rolf Arnoldi	Mike Bamfield
April	Jurgen Ahrens	Denis Hawthorne
WELCOME & DIRECTING TO SIGN IN		
February	Cath Pratt	Beryl Pakes
March	Cushla Appleby	Lorraine Hally
April	Bruna Rosaia	Denise Parry
ATTENDANCE RECORDING/COLLECTION OF NAME TAGS		
February	John Hally	Mary Rasmussen
March	Christina Hunter	Dot Brown
April	Jenny Fackrell	Kath Hawthorne
MENTOR TO VISITORS		
February	Ken Pakes	Lorelle Borgas
March	Col Sando	Jenny Birt
April	Phil Colbert	Mary Burton
MORNING TEA TEAM		
February	Ree Dowling	Dot Thomson
March	Rachel McAlavey	Terry Roche
April	Cath Pratt	Joyce Wickins
Buddy for Sheilah	February	Val Nixon
	March	Jan Roche
	April	Lois Cheevers

**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%

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Best wishes to the following members

Ron Chidgey 3rd, Dot Browne 6th, Trish Clifton 6th

Dot Farr 10th, Jennifer Birt 12th, Beryl Marston 14th,

Harish Shah 14th, Joyce Wickins 15th, Denise Parry 17th,

John Hally 19th, Mike McGorlick 20th



WELLBEING: Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Lois Cheevers: Lois has had a prolonged recovery time but is now happily able to drive.

Bruna Rosaia: Brunna has recovered slowly but is still limited with lifting.

Eric Sutherland: Although Eric has had the neck brace removed & was having physio, he recently had an operation which has set back his expected time to be discharged.

He is back in Maroondah hospital & visitors are most welcome during this recovery & further physio treatment.

Phil Colbert: Phil has endured an intensive & slow recovery gaining back his sight after the operation on his eye. Only this week has he been able to drive again.

Palli Gajree: Having been unwell for a while Palli was admitted to Knox hospital. However, the need for further tests meant a change to Epworth Box Hill where he is awaiting results.

Harish Shah: Harish was treated for a trauma to his head & an arm injury via a fall. He has rested & recovered over the holiday period. (A timely reminder for us all – stay away from ladders!!!)

BOOK CLUB - Gilly George 0408 801 624

Tuesday 10th February at 1.30pm

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Please bring a book you have read or are currently reading or a movie you have recently seen and discuss this and share your comments on the book/movie.

Feel free to join us just for company

FUN AFTERNOON

FOLLOWED BY A FRIENDLY CUPPA



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



DISCUSSION GROUP – Mike Bampffield 0413007528

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

Venue: Vermont South Bowls Club, 30A Livingston Rd, Vermont Sth.

The first meeting this year promises to be a spirited one with recent world, national and local events influencing the way we live now and in the future.

The Group offers a place to air your views candidly among friends, where we can hopefully learn from different perspectives on those issues.

Enjoy a pleasant afternoon tea afterwards.

New members will be made most welcome.



DINE OUTS

MEN'S & LADIES LUNCH *Kath Thompson 0418 390 875*

Wednesday 25th February at 12.30 pm

Venue: 'Persian Flavors'

Address: 338 Springvale Rd., Forest Hill

[A traditional Persian dining experience with rich aromatic flavors.]

Parking: Supermarket behind Persian Flavors has ample parking during the day.

Menu: A La Carte – Wide ranging & BYO

Access: Suitable for all

WHEELERS HILL HOTEL *Kath Thompson 0418 390 875*

Wednesday, March 25th at 6:00pm

Address: 671 – 881 Ferntree Gully Rd, Wheelers Hill

Menu: Broad (Allergies - advise staff on ordering)

Access: Suitable for all. Lift & ramps

Parking: Ample provisions

COME & JOIN IN A 'HAPPY HOUR' *Ree Dowling 0410 478 304*

Forest Hill Chase Bar 3rd Floor

Wednesday March 11th at 4.00pm

Share what's been happening for you & others over a quiet beverage!!

Stay for dinner if it suits.

OUTINGS:

SHOWBIZ CINEMAS *Ree Dowling 0410 478 304*

' THE CHORAL'

Date: Wednesday 11th February

Time: 10.30am (Meet at cinema 10.15)

Address: Pinewood Shopping Centre

41 Centreway, Mount Waverley

Film followed by 'Basket Lunch' in the cinema

COST: \$22.00 (Pay on the day. Exact money please.)

Parking: Designated Cinema Parking - opposite Coles

(Parking passes, to display in car, are available in the car park from one of our members)

Storyline:

1916. As war rages on the Western Front, the Choral Society in Ramsden, Yorkshire has lost most of its men to the army. The Choral's ambitious committee, determined to press ahead, decides to recruit local young males to swell their ranks. They must also engage a new choral master, and despite their suspicions that he has something to hide, their best bet seems to be Dr Henry Guthrie (Ralph Fiennes) –

driven, uncompromising and recently returned from a career in Germany. As conscription papers arrive the whole community discovers that the best response to the chaos that is laying waste to their lives is to make music together.

A small group are attending The Sound of Music at The Round Theatre on March 22nd at 1:30

SEA LIFE - Melbourne Aquarium Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Date: Wednesday, February 18th 2026

Transport: Tram 75 from Vermont directly to the Aquarium (Aircon)

Meet: 9.30 at the tram stop (All day parking near Coles)

Cost: \$32:00 (conc) Sign up at the February Meeting



Just the venue to feel cool while observing beautiful sea creatures.
2 hours allows for relaxed viewing, but we can stay as long as we wish.

Aquarium Access: Each floor has full access via lift or ramp

NB Tickets must be paid for by bank / tyro / cash at the February meeting as online bookings only and our booking will be made with signed up number following the meeting.

If you wish to attend but will not be at the meeting, please send text / voice mail to Ree before the February meeting date..

LUNCH: Aquarium Café. (At own cost)

Wide range of hot and cold food & allergies catered for.

Explore the 12 Interactive Zones

Animals - King & Gentoo Penguins, Sharks, Pinjarra the mega croc, Seahorse & Cuttlefish, Rainforest Creatures.

Exhibits – (New) Rocky Shores, Night on the Reef, Penguin Playground, Coral Atoll, Ocean Invaders, Interactive Wonder Room

JAZZ AT THE LAKE - WHITEHORSE EVENT Ree Dowling 04010 478 304

Venue Blackburn Lake Sanctuary 103 Central Rd, Blackburn.

Date: Sunday 1st March 3.30 – 7.30

Free This is a family friendly event that welcomes music lovers of all ages to experience the joy of live jazz.

Come and join other music enthusiasts to enjoy this free concert amongst nature in this tranquil setting.

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



LILYDALE THEATRE - Ree Dowling 04010 478 304

‘THE GAME’S AFOOT OR HOLMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS’ (A Farce/Mystery)

Date: Sunday, February 15th at 2,00 pm

[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: \$28.00 [Probus account February Meeting]

Parking: Around the theatre. Access ramps.

Pre-Theatre Lunch: ‘Gracious Grace’ café [Meet at 12:00]

Storyline:

It is December 1936 and Broadway star William Gillette admired the world over for his leading role as Sherlock Holmes has invited his fellow cast members to his Connecticut castle for a weekend of revelry on Christmas Eve. But when one of the guests is murdered, the festivities in this isolated house of smoke and mirrors quickly turn perilous.

TRIPS

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

BRIGHT CHALET 13th to 17th April **Sandra Knight 0409 551 029**

There are still vacancies for this trip, so if you would like to join us please check out the itinerary on the bench and put your names down.

Bus trip will pick up and return Forest Hill area

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

Deposits are now due \$200.00 per person and final payment is due by 20th March.

Cost Double/Twin Share \$795.00 Single \$995.00

Please put any dietary and room requirements on the form.

or speak to me, please do not contact the Chalet directly.

Itineraries will also be available on the bench



CLUB MEMBERS - KEEPING ACTIVE

Come and enjoy our 'Roll Back the Clock' Program

Time: 11.30 – 12.30 Fridays Weekly

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.



DARTS **Ree Dowling 04010 478 304**

Second FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Next Darts Day 13th February at 10.15 am

held at the Vermont South Bowling 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, friendship and a good laugh

Contact Ree 04010 478 304



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