

Probus Club of Blackburn South Inc.

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Committee Members			Diary Dates	
President & Tours	Sandra Knight OAM	0409 551 029	Keeping Active	Fridays 11:30 am
Vice President	Glen Knight	0430 808 236	Coffee and a Chat	Fridays 3:00 pm
Secretary	Gilly George	0408 801 624	Book Club	Tues, 7 th July
Treasurer	Lindsay Borgas	0418 177 428	Lilydale Theatre	Sat, 11 th July
Bulletin Editor & Website	Doug Westcott	0412 015 126	Christmas In July	Wed, 15 th July
			Discussion Group	Tues, 21 st July
Outings & Activities	Ree Dowling & Catherine Pratt	0410 478 304 0417 058 804	African Drumming Circle	Tues, 28 th July
Wellbeing	Ree Dowling	0410 478 304	Morning Melodies	Mon, 10 th August
Guest Speakers	Dot Thomson	0459 535 987	Miss Lucy Eatery & Café	Wed, 19 th August
Member Services	Rachel McAlavey	0423 663 979	Village Green Hotel	Wed, 26 th August
Publicity	Mike Bampffield	0413 007 528	Marysville Coach Trip	Wed, 30 th September
This Month's Meeting – Wednesday 1st July			Next Bulletin Deadline – Friday, 24th July	

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Everyone

I am writing this sitting in front of the heater, keeping warm, and I hope you have a nice warm space to sit in while reading this.

Our change of name and new constitution have now been approved by PSPL and Consumer Affairs Victoria, and we are officially the Probus Club of Blackburn South again. Thank you to everyone who worked on preparing these documents.

As most of you will know, Probus is celebrating its 50th Birthday this year. Our club is planning to have a BBQ to celebrate this occasion. We are looking to form a subcommittee to organise this event and are looking for a member(s) who would be interested in helping with this. If you are interested, please let Gilly or me know.

Sandra Knight OAM
President

AFTER MEETING LUNCH

Time: 12:30 pm
Venue: Blackburn Hotel
Address: 111 Whitehorse Rd, Blackburn.

We would love to have you all join us.

BIRTHDAYS – July

Best wishes to the following members:



Bruna Rosaia 5th

Keith Wickins 5th

Alan Hunter 8th

Beryl Pakes 13th

Palli Gajree 20th

Elaine Keast 20th

Doug Westcott 23rd

Rachel McAlavey 27th

Jan Roche 29th

ROSTERS – Please arrive for duty by 9:00 am

MEETING VOLUNTEERS ROSTER

Before the Meeting Set Up and After the Meeting Pack Up and Lock Up.

July	Anthony Neve	Gerry Burton
August	Alan Hunter	Jurgen Ahrens
September	Ivan Glynn	Mike Banpfield

Welcome and Directing to the Sign-in Desk

July	Lyn Neve	Norma Gouge
August	Elaine Keast	Sheilah Blanchfield
September	Geoff Parry	Denise Parry

Attendance Recording/Collection of Name Tags

July	Phil Smith	Terry Roche
August	Rolf Arnoldi	Dot Brown
September	Harish Shah	Palli Gajree

Mentor to Visitors

July	Joyce Wickens	Mary Burton
August	Phil Colbert	Val Nixon
September	Ken Pakes	Kath Thompson

Morning Tea Team

July	Chris Frederic	Barbara Biggs	Elaine Kendler
August	Edith Krizmancic		Kath Hawthorne
September	Jenny Birt		Jan Roche

Buddy for Shelia

July	Dot Thomson
August	Sibylle Ahrens
September	Marie Wajs

Before the meeting, could all volunteers please read their copy of the 'Monthly Meeting Volunteer Procedures' and bring it to the meeting. (If you don't have one, please collect one from Gilly.)

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

If you cannot attend Roster Duty, please try to exchange with another member.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Gilly George 0408 801 624

We have 4 new inductees this meeting, and I hope you can catch up and have a chat with these lovely ladies. Jenny, Pam, Margaret and Ruth. We welcome you to our club and hope you make new friends and enjoy all our club has to offer.

The Probus Association of Victoria invites you to its 50th Anniversary celebrations.

- Chirnside Park Country Club High Tea 30th July - \$40.00 – all welcome!!! Spaces are still available.
- Afternoon Tea Dance 23rd September - \$30.00 – all welcome. Come along and support this event at the Stonnington Sports Centre, 1 pm - 4 pm – form is on the bench to add your name.
- 2026 PAV 50th Anniversary Probus Golf Day, 12th November, Goonawarra Golf Course. All welcome. 18 holes, 4-person Ambrose. Please see Gilly if you are interested.

We will be holding our own 50th Anniversary event on Thursday, 8th October. We are having a BBQ for all club members. We are asking for any members who would like to be on a subcommittee to assist with this BBQ to please see either Sandra or Gilly. We are asking for your help to make this a very special event for our club and would appreciate any assistance you can provide.

Please don't forget to wear your name badges when on Probus Outings. I will be giving you replacement inserts for your badges over the next few months that feature our club's new name. If you have lost or misplaced your "going out badge", please see me for a new one. I will be taking the name badge boxes home after the next meeting to update all the badges. Please make sure you do not wear your badge home after the meeting.

Please let me know if you are unable to attend the next meeting on 1st July.

Thanks,
Gilly

GUEST SPEAKERS – Dot Thomson 0459 535 987

This month’s speaker will be the actor, Noel Browne.

Noel is an actor in amateur and professional theatre, including at The Round and Nova Musical Theatre.

WELLBEING – Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Rachel McAlavey: Rachel’s recent mobility has been assisted by using a knee scooter. She will still be recovering for quite some time.

Carol Gould: Carol was just about to join our club when she suffered extensive damage to her hip after a fall. Although she was initially moved to the Austin Hospital, she is now slowly recovering with in-home physio.

Ziggy Gassert: Ziggy is currently undergoing extensive physiotherapy for severe mobility problems.

TREASURER – Lindsay Borgas 0418 177 428

Where possible, please make deposits online from your bank account when paying for Club fees and outings.

- Make sure your name is detailed with the deposit and indicate what the payments are for.
- Club’s Bendigo Bank details: -
 - BSB 633108 Account No. 151023272
- For members unable to pay online, we accept Visa and MasterCard at our regular monthly meetings.
 - (Fees apply: 1.4% Credit Cards and 0.7% Debit Cards).

BE SAFE, BE AWARE, BUT NOT ALARMED

Recently, Ken George, a member of our Club, arranged and conducted an Emergency Evacuation Drill for the Club’s meeting room building. Assisting Ken were a number of other Probus members who had specific tasks to ensure all members and visitors were located and moved to the evacuation area promptly.

At the allotted time during our monthly meeting, a signal alert was sounded. All members and visitors successfully evacuated from the Horticultural Centre building and assembled in the evacuation area opposite the building, where each attendee was marked off the meeting attendance sheets. The evacuation was deemed a success as no one was left unaccounted for. A timely and necessary exercise for us all. Thanks to Ken and the other volunteers for a successful evacuation.



CLUB MEMBERS - KEEPING ACTIVE

Come and enjoy our ‘Roll Back the Clock’ Program.

Fridays, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm.

Venue: Vermont South Club, 30A Livingstone Road, Vermont South.

Cost: \$12.00 per individual for weekly sessions, or \$80 per block of 8 sessions.

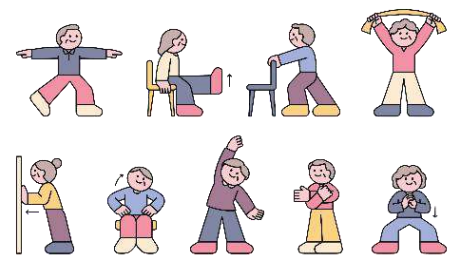
Helen, our qualified and very experienced leader, organises a suitable, interesting and fun program for retirees.

The hourly sessions are split into two sections:

An engaging and instructive visual presentation related to all aspects of health and 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.



BOOK EXCHANGE

You can leave books, CDs/DVDs, jigsaw puzzles and the like on the table in the meeting room foyer for others to take home and read or pass on to friends. As we do not have the facility to store these, any items you bring that are not taken by the end of the meeting must be taken home.

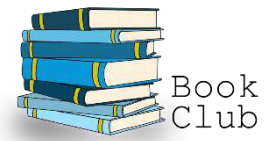
BOOK CLUB – Ree Dowling 0410 478 304 (During Gilly’s absence)

Tuesday, 7th July at 1:30 pm.

Venue: 9 Andrew Street, Forest Hill.

Please note that the July meeting will be held at 9 Andrew Street, Forest Hill.

Please bring along your latest book review, or review of any movie/theatre/play you have recently seen. All welcome, list on the bench. Cuppa served after the meeting.



DISCUSSION GROUP – Mike Bampfield 0413 007 528

Tuesday, 21st July at 2:00 pm.

Venue: Vermont South Club, 30A Livingston Road, Vermont South.

The last meeting focused on local rather than international events. The rise of One Nation, Neale Danaher’s passing and the administration of his and other charity donations, the increase in machete crime, and the deplorable state of our roads.

The fun topic, “if you could turn back time, who would you be rather than yourself”, kept us amused as some unusual, interesting, quirky, and unexpected answers were provided around the table.

The meeting concluded with afternoon tea and a chat.

New members are most welcome – contact Mike Bampfield.



FOOD & DRINK

COFFEE AND A CHAT – MOON & SPOON

Every Friday afternoon, at 3:00 pm, Level 2 Forest Hill Chase Shopping Centre.

All are welcome to join this friendly group.

Great catch-up time.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY – Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Wednesday, 15th July at 12:30 pm.

Venue: Young and Jackson’s Hotel, Cnr Swanston & Flinders Streets, Melbourne.

Travel: Take the train from Nunawading Station to Flinders Street (myki card required). Train departure time is 11:30 am.

Share a ride to a Nunawading Station or make your own arrangements.

Parking: at Nunawading Station – Turn left off Springvale Rd at Oval Way to the 4-hour carpark.

Access: Lift at Nunawading Station; lift and escalator at Flinders Street Station; and lift at the hotel.

Menu: Set menu.

Drinks: at own cost

Cost: \$55.00 – payment **absolutely** by the July meeting.

Enjoy our mid-year festive gathering at this iconic Melbourne Venue.



MORNING TEA AT MISS LUCY EATERY & CAFÉ – Cath Pratt 0417 058 804

Wednesday, 19th August at 10:30 am.

Venue: Miss Lucy Eatery & Café, 133 Central Road, Nunawading - Parking along Central Road.

Enjoy the rustic outlook of the Blackburn Lake Park while sharing a pleasant morning tea and a chat.

Afterwards, possibly take a stroll in the park. (The park entrance is opposite the café.)

DINE OUT – “FEAST” BUFFET LUNCH VILLAGE GREEN HOTEL – Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Wednesday, 26th August at 12 noon.

Venue: Village Green Hotel, Cnr Springvale and Ferntree Gully Roads, Mulgrave.

Parking and Access: Ample provision and suitable access for all.

Cost: \$27.00 set price – pay on arrival

Menu: Wide range of buffet selections – Entrées, Mains, and Sweets. (Any allergies should be advised to the serving staff when ordering.)

Drinks: at own cost.



LILYDALE THEATRE PLAY – ‘SLEUTH’ – Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Saturday, 11th July - 2 pm Matinee.

Venue: Lilydale Athenaeum Theatre, 39-41 Castella Street, Lilydale.

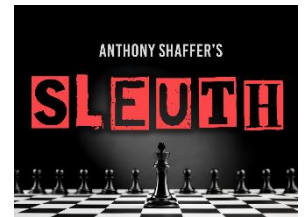
Parking: Street parking around the venue.

Cost: \$28.00 plus lunch (optional) at own cost.

Free sherry available in the theatre foyer from 1:30 pm.

Free coffee and tea available at the interval.

Free glass of sparkling wine after the show.



Lunch: 12 noon at ‘Gracious Grace Café’, which is attached to the theatre.

Synopsis: The ultimate game of cat and mouse is played out in a cozy English country house owned by celebrated mystery writer Andrew Wyke. He has invited Milo Tindle to his house. Milo, a young rival, shares not only Wyke's love of mystery writing but also his wife. Milo has come to lay claim to Andrew's wife, Marguerite. Revenge is devised, and murders are plotted as the two plan the ultimate whodunnit.

AFRICAN DRUMMING CIRCLE – Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Tuesday, 28th July at 10:30 am.

Venue: Vermont South Club, 30A Livingstone Road, Vermont South.

Parking: Plenty available.

Access: Suitable for all with a ramp.

Cost: \$15:00 (20+ participants required.)

An hour session followed by Morning Tea.

Drums: All supplied.

The Hopscotch Drum Circle Session is set up and guided by Dave Sellick.

“Drum Circle is about connection, laughter and rhythm.

Come and join in a fun, creative and engaging activity.

A wonderful activity for body, mind, and soul”, Dave.



MORNING MELODIES – Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Monday, 10th August 10:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Venue: Club Ringwood Bistro, 523-535 Maroondah Highway, Ringwood.

Cost: \$25.00; pay at the door upon entering - table is booked under our name.

Enjoy the ‘Hits of Motown’ show, starting with light refreshments on arrival at 10 00 am.

Entertainment commences at 10:30 am, followed by a 2-course set lunch.



ALL DAY COACH TRIP TO MARYSVILLE – Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Wednesday, 30th September.

Departing: Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Road. Forest Hill.

Time: 8:45 am for a 9:00 am (**sharp**) departure. Return approximately 5:15 pm.

Travellers: 24 members.

Cost: \$85.00 - Includes:

1. Coach All Day Tour
2. Morning Tea at 'Cherry Tree Café', Healesville
3. Entrance to Bruno's Art & Sculpture Garden.

Payment: By September Probus Meeting.

Lunch: The Duck Inn: Meal and drinks at own cost.

Itinerary:

Travel from Forest Hill through the wine district to the 'Cherry Tree Café', Healesville, for morning tea.

Enjoy the scenic winding Black Spur drive as it cuts through the lush forest landscape of the Yarra Ranges, linking the Yarra Valley with the mountainous areas around Marysville.

Browse the original & unique artworks of Sculptor & Painter Bruno Torfs, which have inspired visitors, both local and global, in his garden of wonder. (Many of his creations were devastatingly lost in the Black Friday Fires but have been recreated over the years.)

Lunch at the Duck Inn (So named after the hundreds of newborn ducklings and their mothers that waddle around the area each spring.)

Wander along an easy walkway to the inspiring view of Victoria's highest waterfall - Stevenson Falls. Plummeting 84 meters, the falls have been a favourite since the 1860s.

Complete the day at Keppel Lookout before the homebound trip.

TOURS

MURRAY MAGIC RIVERINA TOUR – Sandra Knight 0409 551 029

Please note this tour has been cancelled. Stay tuned for more tours next year.

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am (except December and January) at the City of Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill 3131.

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