

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	Morning Melodies	Mon, 10 th August
Treasurer	Lindsay Borgas	0418 177 428	Book Club	Tues, 11 th August
Bulletin Editor & Website	Doug Westcott	0412 015 126	Miss Lucy Eatery & Café	Wed, 19 th August
			Village Green Hotel	Wed, 26 th August
Outings & Activities	Ree Dowling & Catherine Pratt	0410 478 304 0417 058 804	Showbiz Cinemas	Wed, 9 th September
	Ree Dowling	0410 478 304	Morning Melodies	Mon, 14 th September
Guest Speakers	Dot Thomson	0459 535 987	Wine Appreciation	Wed, 16 th September
Member Services	Rachel McAlavey	0423 663 979	Hello Dolly	Sun, 20 th September
Publicity	Mike Bampffield	0413 007 528	Marysville Coach Trip	Wed, 30 th September
This Month's Meeting – Wednesday 5 th August			Next Bulletin Deadline – Friday, 21 st August	

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello everyone.

We are truly in the thick of winter now, but keeping up with friends and having social catchups helps us to be out and about and enjoying even the chilliest of days.

Our Christmas in July lunch at Young & Jacksons was really enjoyable. Tables were stylishly and decoratively set; the food was delicious and, most importantly, it was a chance to meet and chat in this iconic venue - July being our half-year marker. Of course, Chloe remains the drawcard at this historic venue. Using a range of transport meant we could all arrive in ways that suited us.

There are new activities starting up, with Wine Tasting and Playing Cards adding opportunities for all members to be involved in some aspects offered to our club. We appreciate members who are prepared to organise and lead activities, and it is great to see the sign-up sheets filling up and thus positively showing our gratitude. If you would like to lead an event or an activity, we would love to hear from you.

I look forward to seeing you all, rugged up and warm, at our next meeting.

Sandra Knight OAM
President

AFTER MEETING LUNCH

Time: 12:30 pm
Venue: Knox Club
Address: 480 Boronia Rd, Wantirna.

We would love to have you all join us.

BIRTHDAYS – August

Best wishes to the following members:



Ken Pakes 4th

Terry Roche 25th

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.

August	Alan Hunter	Jurgen Ahrens
September	Ivan Glynn	Terry Roche
October	Peter Taylor	Vic McNamara

Welcome and Directing to the Sign-in Desk

August	Elaine Keast	Sheilah Blanchfield
September	Geoff Parry	Denise Parry
October	Liz Henwood	Lorraine Hally

Attendance Recording/Collection of Name Tags

August	Phil Smith	Dot Brown
September	Harish Shah	Palli Gajree
October	Glen Knight	Jan Wajs

Mentor to Visitors

August	Beryl Pakes	Val Nixon
September	Ken Pakes	Kath Thompson
October	John Hally	Jill Hiam

Morning Tea Team

August	Edith Krizmancic	Kath Hawthorne
September	Jenny Birt	Jan Roche
October	Pam Barnhill	Judith Castens

Buddy for Shelia

August	Sibylle Ahrens
September	Marie Wajs
October	Christine Hunter

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

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

- Afternoon Tea Dance 23rd September - \$30.00 – all welcome. Come along and support this event at the Stonnington Sports Centre, 1 pm - 4 pm – a form is on the bench to add your name. Lots of Live music and prizes.
- 2026 PAV 50th Anniversary Probud 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. I will have a form on the bench for you to pop your name if you are able to volunteer to help and for you to pop your name down if you wish to attend. We hope to see as many members attend as possible. The location of the event will depend on the numbers wanting to attend, so we are requesting you let us know now if you are planning to attend.

Please don't forget to wear your name badges when on Probud 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 5th August.

Gilly

GUEST SPEAKERS – Dot Thomson 0459 535 987

This month's speaker will be the inspirational speaker and author, Lawrie Smale.

Adventures across Australia and overseas have gifted him a treasure trove of life lessons.

WELLBEING – Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Jenny Walker: Jenny is having an operation for breast cancer this week, with a few weeks needed to recover.

Liz Henwood: Liz is being operated on for a foot cancer this week and will be out of action for many weeks.

We wish them both the best possible recovery and to anyone else having any kind of procedure.

TREASURER – Lindsay Borgas 0418 177 428

(Note: Lindsay and Lorelle are travelling and will be away for the August Meeting. Thanks to Harish Shah, who will process any card payments and to Glen Knight, who will collect cash at that meeting).

We prefer that, where possible, you 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 cash or Visa and MasterCard at our monthly meetings.
 - (Fees apply for cards: 1.4% for Credit Cards and 0.7% for Debit Cards).

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.

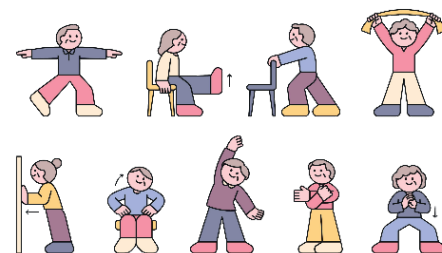
Helen, our qualified and very experienced leader, organises a suitable, interesting and fun program for retirees.

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, 11th August at 1:30 pm.

Venue: 9 Andrew Street, Forest Hill.

Please note that the August 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

August Meeting Cancelled. The next meeting will be in September.

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

In July, our group discussed the usual range of “serious” items, including whether the current generation finds life more difficult than we did years ago; whether graffiti is art or vandalism; Derryn Hinch’s legacy; the new work-from-home laws; immigration, etc.



The “FUN TOPIC” then had us sharing things the current younger generation does that are foreign to us, and things we do that they can’t understand. Texting vs talking on the phone, saving vs spending, keeping things longer rather than disposing randomly, social media influencing vs researching, local vs world travel, newspapers vs iPads, etc.

The meeting concluded with afternoon tea and social chatting.

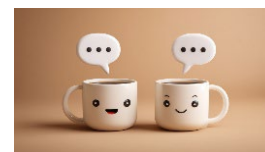


COFFEE AND A CHAT – MOON & SPOON

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.



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.

WINE APPRECIATION AFTERNOON – Gilly George 0408 801 624

Wednesday 16th September at 2:00 pm

Venue: Natural Science Wine & Liquor Bar, 9a Salisbury Avenue, Blackburn.

Cost: \$30 per person.

Payment by 12th September.



WINE APPRECIATION AFTERNOON

Wine Tasting and Nibbles \$30.00 PP



WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

2.00PM

AT
NATURAL SCIENCE WINE & LIQUOR
BAR

9a Salisbury Ave, Blackburn

Enjoy an afternoon tasting a number of wines
and nice cheeses with your Probus friends. Wines and the
discussion will be on the Heathcote District in Victoria.

OUTINGS/ACTIVITIES REQUIRING PREPAYMENT AND PAYMENT DUE DATES

Outing/Activity	Date of Event	Amount	Latest Payment Date
Hello Dolly	Sun, 20 Sept	\$47.00	5 th August
Marysville Coach Trip	Wed, 30 Sept	\$85.00	2 nd September
Wine Appreciation	Wed, 16 th Sept	\$30.00	12 th September

(Note: Bookings/payments after the Latest Payment Date shown above cannot be accepted.)



MORNING MELODIES – Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

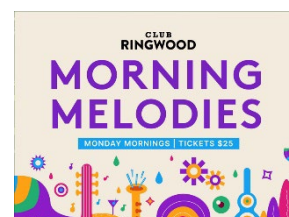
Monday, 10th August 10:00 am - 1:00 pm.

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.



Keep the date for the next Morning Melodies outing.

- 14th September 'Hot August Night'

MOVIE "Holy Days" – Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Wednesday 9th September.

Time: 10:30 am (Meet at Cinema 10:15 am)

Showbiz Cinemas, Pinewood Shopping Centre,

41 Centreway, Mount Waverley.

Film followed by 'Basket Lunch' in the cinema.

Cost: \$23.00 (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: Set against the rugged landscapes of 1970s New Zealand, it follows young Brian, who, after his mother's death, seeks comfort at a run-down convent. There, he forms an unlikely bond with 3 eccentric elderly nuns. When their beloved home comes under threat of closure, Brian persuades the sisters to embark on an extraordinary journey across the country to find a former nun turned lawyer who may be their last hope. Brimming with heart, humour and high-speed hijinks, 'Holy Days' is a warm celebration of resilience, faith and the families we find along the way.



HELLO DOLLY – Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Sunday, 20th September 1:30 pm.

Venue: "The Round", 379-399 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading.

Cost: \$47.00 - payment by the August Probus meeting.

Parking and Access: Suitable for all.

Presented by Nova Music Theatre Inc. Hello, Dolly! is a joyous, Tony Award-winning Broadway Musical bursting with charm, wit and unforgettable songs.



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 the September Probus meeting.

Lunch: The Duck Inn: Meal and drinks at your 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.

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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