

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	Probus 50 th BBQ	Thurs, 8 th October
Treasurer	Lindsay Borgas	0418 177 428	Monash Concert Band	Sat, 10 th October
Bulletin Editor & Website	Doug Westcott	0412 015 126	Book Club	Tues, 13 th October
			Discussion Group	Mon, 19 th October
Outings & Activities	Ree Dowling & Catherine Pratt	0410 478 304 0417 058 804	Card Games Group	Tues, 27 th October
			Men's & Ladies Lunch	Wed, 28 th October
Wellbeing	Ree Dowling	0410 478 304		
Guest Speakers	Dot Thomson	0459 535 987	Arts & Crafts Group	Thurs, 5 th November
Member Services	Rachel McAlavey	0423 663 979	Mini Golf	Thurs, 12 th November
Publicity	Mike Bampffield	0413 007 528	Christmas Lunch	Wed, 2 nd December
This Month's Meeting – Wednesday 7 th October			Next Bulletin Deadline – Friday, 23 rd October	

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello everyone.

I hope you are all enjoying this lovely Spring weather, I am certainly lapping up the warmth of the sun - so lovely.

As most of you would be aware, the club is holding a BBQ in honour of Probus's 50th Anniversary in Australia. We would love you all to join us for this celebration.

The BBQ will be held at the Vermont South Club on September 8th, starting at 11:30 am. It is only \$5.00 per person to attend. We have been successful in receiving sponsorship from the Bendigo Community Bank Blackburn South to fund a cake and a coffee cart, making this event even more special. I know many of you missed the regular BBQ held after some of our monthly meetings; the committee felt this was the perfect opportunity to have a BBQ. The Whitehorse Mayor will be attending and cutting the cake for us. We will also hold a raffle (TICKETS 3 FOR \$5). The bar will be open, with drinks available at Vermont South Club prices: \$6.00 for wine and beer; other drinks are also available at reasonable prices. I hope to see many of you there.

I would like to take this opportunity to say that we have moved the Friday afternoon Coffee and a Chat venue to The Chase Hotel, just upstairs on Level 3 at Forest Hill Chase. This came about after an unfortunate incident a couple of weeks ago. I will speak more about it at the meeting on 7th October. Those who attended last Friday embraced the change of venue, and I have booked the same area in the Bistro until 15th December. The Committee did not take this decision lightly, as we know many of you enjoyed the Moon & Spoon, but we felt it was necessary for members' safety.

Keep enjoying the Spring weather and see you on the 7th.

Sandra Knight OAM
President

AFTER MEETING LUNCH

Time: 12:30 pm.
Venue: Poppies on Canterbury
102A Canterbury Road, Blackburn South.

We would love to have you all join us.

BIRTHDAYS – September

Best wishes to the following members:



Kathleen Thompson 3rd
Denis Burt 13th
Jenny Fackrell 17th
Vic McNamara 24th
John Gouge 31st

Margaret Williams 11th
Shirley McGorlick 13th
Marie Wajs 18th
Jenny Sellers 25th

Jurgen Ahrens 12th
Pam Barnhill 14th
Nelsa Counsell 21st
Sandra Knight 29th

ROSTERS – Please arrive for duty by 9:00 am

MEETING VOLUNTEERS ROSTER

Before-Meeting Setup and After-Meeting Pack-up and Lock-up.

October	Peter Taylor	Phil Colbert
November	Gerry Burton	Bob Grierson

Welcome and Directing to the Sign-in Desk

October	Lorelle Borgas	Lorraine Hally
November	Liz Henwood	Norma Gouge

Attendance Recording/Collection of Name Tags

October	Woty Fanoy	Jan Wajs
November	Ivan Glynn	Tony Neve

Mentor to Visitors

October	John Hally	Jill Hiam
November	Phil Smith	Jenny Walker

Morning Tea Team

October	Bruna Rosaia	Kath Thompson	Glen Knight (Hot Water)
November	Barbara Biggs	Mary Burton	Glen Knight (Hot Water)

Buddy for Shelia

October	Christine Hunter
November	Chris Frederic

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

Hi all,

Please note that we are looking to fill the following Management Committee positions for next year. If you can assist with this, could you please see Sandra or myself for further information.

- Secretary
- Members Coordinator
- Vice President
- Outings Coordinator

If you can help in any way, please let us know. The Management Committee needs your assistance with these roles and would appreciate any assistance you can offer. Your support will be greatly valued.

We also send our best wishes to all those who cannot attend the next meeting or activities due to illness. If you need any assistance, please contact any of the committee members. We hope your health improves and you can join us soon.

Thanks Gilly

GUEST SPEAKERS – Dot Thomson 0459 535 987

This month, instead of a speaker, we will have a quiz led by our own quiz master, Ken George.

Highly valued prizes 🥳 will be awarded to winners.

TREASURER – Lindsay Borgas 0418 177 428

We prefer that, where possible, you transfer funds online from your bank account directly to the Club's bank account when paying Club fees and for outings.

- Make sure your name is included 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.

At the last General Meeting, we asked for help from someone who can assist the Treasurer in updating the Financial Recording system we currently use. The Treasurer is grateful that a member has kindly offered to assist.

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.

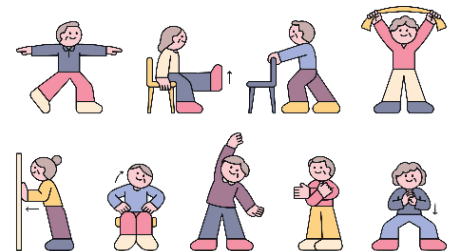
Helen, our qualified and very experienced leader, organises a suitable, interesting and fun program for retirees.

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, you must take home any items you bring that are not taken by the end of the meeting.

BOOK CLUB – Sandra Knight 0409 551 029

Tuesday, 13th October at 1:30 pm.

Venue: This month, the Book Club will be held at Sandra's home, 45 Lorraine Drive, Burwood East.

Please bring along your latest book or movie review.

We'll serve a cuppa after the meeting.



DISCUSSION GROUP – Mike Bampffield 0413 007 528

Monday, 19th October 2:00-4:00 pm.

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

Each meeting covers a range of topics drawn from recent news events. Group members are welcome to join in discussions or simply sit back and enjoy differing views on offer. It is always interesting to hear a diverse range of opinions on current events, and all views are respected.

A "fun topic" ends each session, having us all laughing and ready for a relaxing afternoon tea.

New members will be most welcome.



Note: Meetings are now on the 3rd MONDAY of each month commencing in October.

CARD GAMES – Sandra Knight 0409 551 029

Tuesday, 27th October 10:30 am–12:30 pm.

Venue: Ramsay Gardens Apartments, 5 Stanley Street, Vermont South (near the corner of Stanley Street and Burwood Highway).

Please go up the steps to the apartments and through the front door, then turn right; Sandra or Liz will be there to show you the room.

Come along and try your hand at a fun game of cards, 5 Crowns. No experience needed; it is easy to learn.

We can enjoy morning tea while having a friendly game.



ARTS & CRAFTS GROUP – Rachael McAlavey 0423 663 979

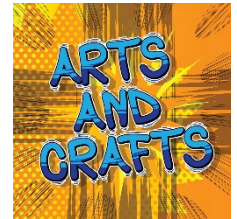
Thursday, 5th November.

Time: 10:30 am-12:30 pm.

Venue: 9 Lawrence Street, Blackburn South.

The Arts and Crafts Group meets on the first Thursday of the month, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.

This is a self-help group where members support one another. Please bring any projects you're currently working on, or ideas for new projects.



COFFEE AND A CHAT – THE CHASE HOTEL

Every Friday afternoon, at 3:00 pm, at The Chase Hotel, Level 3, Forest Hill Chase Shopping Centre. **Note: New venue.**

All are welcome to join this friendly group.

Great catch-up time.



PROBUS 50TH ANNIVERSARY IN AUSTRALIA BBQ – Sandra Knight 0409 551 029

Thursday, 8th October.

Time: 11:30 am-2:30 pm.

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

Cost: \$5.00 per head (plus drinks at bar prices).

- BBQ
- Nibbles (cheese, fruit, dips, etc)
- Slices, Celebration Cake
- Barista-made coffee/tea between 1:00-2:00 pm
- Other drinks at bar prices.

Payment by 7th October.

We would like to thank the **Community Bank Blackburn South** for their generous grant of \$1,100 toward the cost of this function, the **Vermont South Club** for providing their wonderful bowling club rooms to hold the celebration and the volunteers for providing some of the platters of food, cooking the BBQ, setting up the room, and cleaning up afterwards.



MEN'S & LADIES LUNCH – Ree Dowling 0410 478 304

Wednesday, 28th October at 12:30 pm.

Venue: Sofia Restaurant, 299 Burwood Highway, Burwood East.

Parking: At the rear, easy access.

Order and pay for your own meal.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH – Sandra Knight 0409 551 029

Wednesday, 2nd December.

Time: 12:00-3:00 pm.

Venue: Chirnside Park Country Club, 68 Kingswood Drive, Chirnside Park.

Car-pooling spaces are available for people who need a lift to/from the venue – put your details on the list.

Cost: \$50. Payment by 4th November.

**PROBUS BLACKBURN SOUTH
CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

**2nd DECEMBER
12PM – 3PM**

CHIRNSIDE PARK COUNTRY CLUB

68 KINGSWOOD DRIVE, CHIRNSIDE PARK

3 COURSE CHRISTMAS DINNER

LUCKY DOOR PRIZES AND TABLE PRIZES

**PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE LIST AND PAY
THE TREASURER OR BANK DIRECT CREDIT**

All are welcome to attend

\$50 PER TICKET

WE NEED TO HAVE A MINIMUM OF 50



OUTINGS/ACTIVITIES REQUIRING PREPAYMENT AND PAYMENT DUE DATES

Outing/Activity	Date of Event	Amount	Latest Payment Date
Probus 50 th Anniversary BBQ	Thurs, 8 th Oct	\$5.00	7 th October
Monash Concert Band	Sat, 10 th Oct	\$20.00	7 th October
Christmas Lunch	Wed, 2 nd Dec	\$50.00	4 th November

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



MONASH CONCERT BAND - HEROES & VILLAINS CABARET – Jenny Fackrell 0412 770 246

Saturday, 10th October.

Time: 7:00 pm.

Venue: Brandon Park Community Centre, 649 Ferntree Gully Road, Glen Waverley.

Cost: \$20 per head (conc) for a table booking of 10.

Payment to Jenny Fackrell by 7th October.

BYO nibbles and drinks to share with your table group.

This concert highlights classic themes and scores including James Bond, Mission Impossible, Star Wars, The Incredibles, How to Train Your Dragon, and many, many more. Featuring special guest Stephen Coutts.

Our member **Jenny Fackrell** is one of the band's flautists.



MINI GOLF – Sandra Knight 0409 551 029

Thursday 12th November.

Time: 10:15 am. (Tee-off time at 10:30 am)

Venue: Morack Golf Club, Cnr Morack & East Roads, Vermont South.

Cost: \$11.60 (concession). Pay on the day.

Lunch: Morack Golf Club House. Order and pay for your own meal.



PHOTOS:



Our table of Blackburn South Probus members at the Probus 50th year celebrations, a high tea at the Chirnside Country Club on 30 July 2026, organised by the Probus Association of Victoria.



New Venue for Coffee and a Chat
Fridays at The Chase Hotel.



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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We would also like to acknowledge the **Community Bank Blackburn South** for the support provided to our Club, and in particular, the grant provided to assist with the costs of the 50th Anniversary of Probus in Australia Celebratory BBQ for our members and guests on 8th October.

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



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