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		
Treasurer	Lindsay Borgas	0418 177 428	Arts & Crafts Group	Thurs, 5th November
Bulletin Editor & Website	Doug Westcott	0412 015 126	Mini Golf	Thurs, 12th November
			Discussion Group	Mon, 16th November
Outings & Activities	Ree Dowling & Catherine Pratt	0410 478 304 0417 058 804	Millionaire Hot Seat	Thurs, 19th November
Wellbeing	Ree Dowling	0410 478 304	Christmas Lunch	Wed, 2nd December
Guest Speakers	Dot Thomson	0459 535 987		
Member Services	Rachel McAlavey	0423 663 979		
Publicity	Mike Bampfield	0413 007 528		
This Monthly Meeting – Wednesday 4th November			***Next Bulletin Deadline – Friday, 20th November***	

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello Everyone

I am certainly enjoying this beautiful Spring weather; I hope you are as well.

Speaking of Spring, it is that time of year when people dress up in their finery and hats. In honour of the racing season, we are encouraging you all to wear a hat at our next meeting. We'll have judges and prizes, so bring a hat and join the fun.

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Probus 50th Anniversary in Australia BBQ celebration a great success. It was certainly a great day.

A big thank you to the Vermont South Club for letting us use their club rooms; it was a lovely setting for our celebration.

Just a quick reminder: if you can't attend the meeting to add your name to an activity list but would like to attend an activity during the month, please contact the person running it. The name and contact number are in the bulletin.

I hope those of you who like a flutter on the Cup have a win.

Best Wishes
Sandra Knight OAM
President

AFTER MEETING LUNCH

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

We would love to have you all join us.

COMMITTEE VACANCIES FOR 2027-28

We need volunteers to fill at least three Committee roles that will be vacant in April next year. These are the Secretary, Vice President, and Membership Officer. Brief details of these roles are below.

Please seriously consider helping us out; the other Committee members will support you, and if you volunteer early, you can work alongside the current incumbent to become familiar with the role before you take it over.

Please see the Secretary for a nomination form or speak to any Committee member for more information.

Secretary

Without a Secretary, the Club cannot function. In the worst-case scenario, if we cannot find a new Secretary, the Club may need to fold.

The Secretary's main role is to support the President and ensure the Management Committee functions smoothly. The Secretary ensures meetings are organised effectively and minuted accurately. The Secretary must keep records up to date and serve as the Club's key point of contact.

Vice President

The Vice President's main role is to assist the President by providing leadership and direction to the Management Committee and ensuring the Club embodies the true spirit of Probus: fun, friendship, and fellowship. They should work closely with the President to become familiar with the role and responsibilities of the Presidency. In most cases, they would become President of the Club in the following year.

Membership Officer

The Membership Officer maintains up-to-date membership records, manages membership applications, and supports membership retention and growth. The Officer should:

1. Maintain an up-to-date Register of Members.
2. Advise PSPL of any changes to the Club's Member Listing, i.e. new members, resignations, etc.
3. Maintain the record of members and visitors at each meeting and advise the Secretary of those present.

BIRTHDAYS – November

Best wishes to the following members:



Jaya Shah 9th
Woty Fanoy 12th
Lois Cheevers 13th
Eric Sutherland 24th
Rolf Arnoldi 29th

ROSTERS – *Please arrive for duty by 9:00 am*

MEETING VOLUNTEERS ROSTER

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

November	Col Sando	Bob Grierson

Welcome and Directing to the Sign-in Desk

November	Liz Henwood	Norma Gouge

Attendance Recording/Collection of Name Tags

November	Ivan Glynn	Tony Neve

Mentor to Visitors

November	Phil Colbert	Jenny Walker

Morning Tea Team

November	Barbara Biggs	Mary Burton	Glen Knight (Hot Water)

Buddy for Shelia

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.

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.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Gilly George 0408 801 624

Hi, I can't attend the November meeting, so please send any apologies this month to Glen Knight, who will be acting Secretary in November.

Thanks again to those who attended and helped at the 50th Anniversary of Probus in Australia BBQ. We all had an enjoyable time. **Teamwork makes the Dream Work!!!!!!**

Don't forget to wear your hats this month; Sandra will award prizes for some great creations.



See you at the Christmas event on 2nd December; I hope you can attend our final event of the year. If not, I hope you have a wonderful Christmas, and I'll see you at the next general meeting in February 2027.

We will send a Christmas Bulletin to everyone in late November.

Thanks

Gilly

GUEST SPEAKERS – Dot Thomson 0459 535 987



The ups and downs in the cabin. This month, Belinda Berry, a driver of our iconic Melbourne trams, will share some of her experiences from the driver's seat.

CLUB MEMBERS – KEEPING ACTIVE



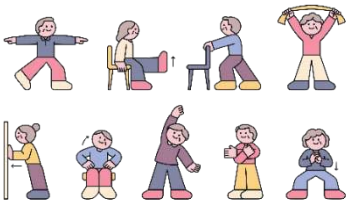
Come and enjoy our 'Roll Back the Clock' Program.
Fridays, 11:30 am-12:30 pm.

Note: There will be no session on Friday 20th or 27th of November.

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

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

The first session is free, so why not try it out and see how you go?



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, instructive visual presentation on all aspects of health and positive living, followed by activities to improve flexibility, strength, and general movement.

There are always fun activities involved.

Enjoy a free cuppa and a chat afterwards.

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, read, or pass on to friends. As we don't have the facility to store these, you must take home any items you bring that aren't taken by the end of the meeting.

DISCUSSION GROUP – Mike Bampfield 0413 007 528



Monday, 16th November 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.

The last meeting welcomed 3 new members, and the entire group contributed to the fun topic "something we don't know about you". The meeting always concludes with afternoon tea.

New members will be made most welcome.

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 (except December and January), from 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.

FOOD & DRINK

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.

All are welcome to join this friendly group.

Great catch-up time.

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.

Three-course lunch.

Cash bar available.

Lucky door and table prizes.

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

Outings

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). **Payment by 4th November.**

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

MILLIONAIRE HOT SEAT AUDIENCE – Ree Dowling 0410 478 304



Thursday, 19th November.
Time: 1:30 pm - 5 pm.
Venue: The Studio, 104-168 Hawthorn Road, Forest Hill.

Cost: Free (20 seats have been reserved)

Wheelchair space available. Audience Team will assist anyone with mobility issues.

Parking: Provided.

Dinner: For those interested, meet afterwards at 'Café Oggi'.
1 Lakeside Drive, Burwood East. Parking on site

Join the fun as Rebecca Gibney challenges contestants to win in the Hot Seat.
[What answer would you choose?]

Tours

PHILLIP ISLAND TRIP – Sandra Knight 0409 551 029

Keep the dates 23 to 25 March 2027.

More Details Soon.

OUTINGS/ACTIVITIES REQUIRING PREPAYMENT AND PAYMENT DUE DATES

Outing/Activity	Date of Event	Amount	Latest Payment Date
Mini-Golf	Thurs 12th Nov	$11.60	4th November
Christmas Lunch	Wed, 2nd Dec	$50.00	4th November

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



If you haven't already, please put your name on the list and pay the $50 for the Christmas Lunch at the November meeting. The last day to book/pay is Wednesday 4th November.



RON HENDERSON – Our First Club President

Ron Henderson, our Club's first President and a long-serving member since 1988, was honoured at the recent 50th Anniversary Celebration at the Vermont South Club, where he shared the anniversary cake-cutting with President Sandra Knight and the City of Whitehorse Mayor, Cr Kirsten Langford.

The Committee felt it was an appropriate time to share Ron's history with Club Members, old and new.

Ron was born on 18 January 1928 in Warrnambool. His parents were farmers, and he was their only child. He attended Warrnambool Primary and High Schools and obtained what was then the Year 11 Leaving Certificate.

Ron worked for a few years at the Warrnambool Commonwealth Bank, then moved to the Bank's Head Office in Melbourne, where his banking career spanned over 40 years. Ron amusingly recalls a time as a young bank employee in Warrnambool when he was asked to collect a bulk coin delivery and rode his bike to the railway station. The bank manager was far from happy to see Ron balancing a massive, expensive load of coins on his handlebars as he rode up the main street.

As a 20-year-old moving to Melbourne, Ron resourcefully managed to find accommodation and quickly fitted into the local Hartwell and Camberwell community by pursuing what would become his lifelong interests in cricket, tennis, and football.

Whilst holidaying with mates in Lorne, Ron spotted a young nurse who was also on holiday. The nurse, Jan, was to become Ron's future wife for the next 60 years, living in their current Blackburn home where they had 4 children.

In their later married years, Ron and Jan travelled extensively overseas and within Australia, especially during Ron's 3-month Long Service Leave in Europe, where they visited their son who worked there. Jan sadly passed away 5 years ago after enjoying a long and wonderful married life with Ron and their family.

After retiring from the bank, Ron's extensive administrative experience and leadership skills led to his appointment as the first President of the new Probus Club of Blackburn South in 1988. The Club began as a men's-only club and later became a combined club when women were invited to join in 2013.

We are indebted to Ron for his past service as our Club's first President and for his contributions to its activities over the years.







50th ANNIVERSARY OF PROBUS IN AUSTRALIA

On Thursday 8th October 2026, the Probus Club of Blackburn South celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Probus Clubs throughout Australia. We celebrated at the Vermont South Club, where we served a BBQ lunch and accompanying dishes to approximately 50 attendees. The function also had a barista on-site, made available through sponsorship by the Bendigo Community Bank of Blackburn South. The barista stayed busy serving speciality coffees throughout the function. The City of Whitehorse Mayor, Cr Kirsten Langford, attended the celebrations along with members from the Forest Hill Probus Club. A highlight of the celebration was the Mayor, Mrs Sandra Knight (President), and Mr Ron Henderson cutting the anniversary cake. Ron was our Club's inaugural President and has been a member for the past 37 years.



The Mayor Giving Her Speech



Preparing the Pre-Lunch Cheese Platters and Nibbles for Each Table



A Wonderful Array of Tasty Food, with Salads Prepared by Volunteers



Mike and Glen – Our BBQ Chefs



City of Whitehorse Mayor Cr Kirsten Langford & Club President Sandra

Marysville Trip 30 September









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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