



Waurnd Ponds Deakin Combined Probus Club Inc

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Meetings: Waurnd Ponds Hotel Bistro. Next Meeting: **Monday 1st December at 10.30am**

Committee Officer Bearers 2024-25

President	Kevin Taylor	0417 272 880	Membership	Mary Quelch	0490 788 841
Vice Pres	Kristine Barker	0409 213 461	Calendar	Liz Fisher	0428 567 479
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Club Banking Details

Account: Waurnd Ponds Deakin Combined Probus

BSB: 633 000 Account No. 154 554 075

Remember to put your name and the activity in the description.

From The President's Desk



Welcome Everyone,

The festive season is upon us with lots of sun, food, fellowship, family gatherings and of course lots of fun. However, let's not forget that the Christmas season can be a very difficult time for some people.

Thank you to everyone who helped create a wonderful atmosphere decorating the room with flowers etc for our Melbourne Cup Day celebrations last month. It was certainly a very happy occasion.

It's now the time of the year for nominations for the 2026 Management Committee.

Our Current vacancies are:

- *Junior Vice President*
- *Co-Ordinator Assistants*
Secretary, Treasurer, Membership, Morning Coffee and Chat, Program Officer, Gardening ,
Geelong Theatre and Movie group, Calander, etc

Committee Assistants support our Committee members and allow them to have holidays etc and Assistants experience the satisfaction of helping to run our club. We need assistants for all positions.

If you're interested, please speak to our secretary for a nomination form.

Thanks to all our Co-Ordinators for planning wonderful activities for our members to attend during December and January.

Thanks also to other members of our group who have specific roles in the club. I am sure we appreciate the many hours that they all put in behind the scenes helping our Club to run smoothly so that we can have Fun Fellowship and Fun.

Please don't forget to sign up on the activity sheets if any of the new December and January activities are of interest to you.

If you sign up for an activity and then are unable to attend, please give the Co-ordinator as much notice as possible, so that they can advise the venue of the change of numbers.

*Recently we have had embarrassed Co-ordinators as they had not been advised that members were not coming or did not advise that they were attending.
This is not acceptable as it effects our reputation with venues.*

Also, If the activity you need to cancel involves pre-payment, then there is no refund. However, the more notice you can give the co-ordinator the greater chance you have of someone on the waiting list willing to buy the ticket from you

Remember whenever you have a great idea about anything that can help our Club, please share it with the Committee via the Suggestion Box at the monthly meetings.

As we are a big Club, please remember to wear your name badge (If you need a new badge or magnet, please see Mary or Brenda.) Please also continue to introduce yourself to anyone you may not have met at Probus so that no-one feels left out.

We all know what it is like when first joining a group if you don't know anyone. So, let' us all make a real effort to include everyone and make sure they feel comfortable when sitting at the table.

*Please dress in festive colours for our Probus Christmas meeting.
Maureen and Carmel always spend a lot of time planning and then create a wonderful festive atmosphere with the help of some willing members. I am sure that this Christmas meeting will be a lot of fun too. Please feel free to contact Maureen or Carmel if you can lend a hand in setting up the venue on Sunday night.*

Pauline and I are looking forward to sharing our family Christmas home with you- our Probus family .

Wishing you all good fellowship friendship and fun.

Merry Christmas and all the best for 2026

*Cheers,
Kevin*



Happy Birthday in December

Peter Gorfine 5, Rosemary Featherstone 7, Jackie Devidal 8, Fran Norley 8, Pam Hodgson 9, Dawn Cunningham 11, Wilma McCorkell 12, Leonie Peake 15, Jo Curran 17, Lloyd Collyer 19, Noelene Edwards 20, Sue Wills 22

Last month the Krishna from the not for profit Community Care Chemist, spoke about healthy living, nutrition and wellness plus she will update us on the new pharmacy services that the Government have introduced. She followed up some of our questions with a list of conditions that a pharmacist can help us with without a visit to a doctor.

Thank you so much again for having me as a guest speaker last week! It was a pleasure to share information around our organisation with the club, and I welcome any additional queries.

I have a consolidated list of prescribing that our pharmacists can currently do. This will expand over the coming couple of years, and not all relevant to our current club members, however at the moment it is:

- *UTI treatment for women aged 18 to 65*
- *Represcribing of the oral contraceptive pill - this may come in handy for family members who can't get a GP appointment in a timely manner*
- *Treatment for mild plaque psoriasis*
- *Shingles immunisation as well as treatment with antivirals if someone is suffering from shingles*
- *Travel health vaccination prescribing, along with other tailored travel health advice and medication management tips for specific destinations.*

I hope this is helpful, but do reach out if I can assist further! Have a great week.

Kind regards,

Krishna Nathwani

Chief Operations Officer

Bronwen Starkey will be inducted this month, please make her welcome.

Fashions On The Field

Thanks to everyone who entered into the spirit of our Fashions On The Field day. Everyone looked magnificent. The judges had a difficult tie deciding the eventual winners, Jackie, Peter, Margaret and Carmel.



Christmas Celebrations

- Our Christmas Meeting is on Monday 1st December. We will be having a 2-course lunch after our meeting and KK gift exchange.

Christmas Display

The Taylor (Kevin and Pauline) family invite you, their Probus family, to their home, in Highton on Wednesday 10th December to view their Christmas display gathered over many years and from around the world. They will welcome members in groups of up to 8 people in hourly time slots. Please sign up in a time slot on the Sign Up sheet.

We have booked a table for the day close by at Café Savy on the corner of Mt Pleasant and North Valley Roads for each group to have a coffee and catch up after their visit. On 11th December Kevin and Pauline invite you to bring along your grandchildren to experience their display. Please sign up for the morning or afternoon session.

Christmas Happy Hour

Our traditional Happy Hour will be on Friday 12th December 4-6 pm at Balyang Sanctuary Newtown. Everyone welcome, BYO everything inc a chair.

Group Reports



Theatre & Movie Group: Robyn Williamson

Stay tuned for next year's shows coming in February.



Wine Appreciation aka The Tuesday Tipplers

Gayle Doolan 0419 000 213

Tuesday 20th January 2026

4 Ruthven St Newtown , 4.30 – 6.00pm

The group is limited to 12.

Cost is \$15, pay on the night.



Book Group: Book Group#1 Sue Grigg 0408 442 102

Group#2 Tina Mackay 0459 117 342

Thursday 11th December

Group 1 lunch and discussion at Tric Alldis'

Group 2 Lunch and discussion at Sue Smith's.



Day Trips: Jo Curran 0407 321 528

Cheryl Graham 0414 489 123



Warrnambool Trip



Out And About Group: Vicki Weiser 0416 153 967

Advance Notice:

A Dine Out and Out and About Combined Activity

Wed 18th February A Bay Cruise on The Hygeia \$42.50 including a 2 Course meal (Roast and sweets and tea/coffee). Meet at 11.30 near Fisherman's Pier. Payment due by February meeting paying into the Club Bank Account (but please sign up at this meeting as we need to have 40 people) and need an indication of whether we will need to invite others to make up numbers.



Getaway Group Jenny and Ray Pitcher 0407 543 716

A great time was had by all in Beechworth. Thsankd Jenny and Ray for organising so many great activities.



Coffee Group: Chris Geddes 0418 505 756

Thursday 18th December at 10.00am at The Sands Torquay



Dine Out Group: Gayle Doolan 0419 000 213 and Jackie Devidal

Coming Up: Sunday 18th January 2025, Breakfast at 360Q Queenscliff at 9.00am



Walking Group Val McClure 0401 138 077

Friday 12th December 9.30am Meet at Eastern Beach Car Park, near the Ferris Wheel, coffee at Wharf Shed.



Garden Group Mary Westcott 0412076299



Craft Group: Marion Daw 5241 1963

Everyone is welcome to join in February next year



Cards and Games Group Sue Wood: 0419 030 216

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