



Waurnd Ponds Deakin Combined Probus Club Inc

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Meetings: Waurnd Ponds Hotel Bistro. Next Meeting: **Monday 2nd February at 10.30am**

Committee Officer Bearers 2024-25

President	Kevin Taylor	0417 272 880	Membership	Mary Quelch	0490 788 841
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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 to 2026 year of good fellowship friendship and fun.

Lloyd, Kristine, Brenda and I met with hotel management in December to discuss some concerns regarding our Monthly Probus Meetings. Below is a summary from the meeting:

Due to Government legislation, we cannot enter the hotel before 10am even if doors are open as it puts the hotels licence at risk.

Therefore, At 10.00 am Attendance Officers only, will be permitted to enter through the Main doors so they can set up the Registration tables.

At 10.05 am Members are able to enter through the main doors. Please do not enter through the Coffee Shop.

We encourage everyone to stay for lunch after our meeting. We understand that from time to time members have other commitments and this may not be possible.

The Hotel expects lunch attendance to be 60 percent each general meeting otherwise they may impose a room hiring fee.

Please order your meal between 10.05 and 10.30am on the form at your table. These will be collected and entered in the system so that at Morning Tea when we queue for payment all you will have to do is give your table number and name.

*Please respect the hotel staff and if you have a concern please speak to one of our executive members and not the hotel staff.
The Club's Executive will liaise with the hotel.*

Our March meeting is our A.G.M, so It's now the time for nominations for the 2026 Management Committee. All position are open.

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

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

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

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

For the Hygeia outing you are welcome to bring a friend, add their name to the list and pay Brenda.

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. If there is no empty seat available at your table then maybe you could pull up another chair or help them find one at another table.

Maureen, Carmel and their assistants have spent January planning and creating a wonderful atmosphere to celebrate 50 years of Probus.

At our General Meeting on Monday, if possible, please wear something that is blue, yellow, and gold to celebrate 50 years of Probus.

Please feel free to contact Maureen or Carmel if you can lend a hand in setting up the venue this Sunday night.

Wishing you all good fellowship friendship and fun.

Cheers, Kevin



The first Probus meeting in Australia was held on 3rd February 1976 in Sydney. Probus groups all over Australia will be celebrating this year.

We will start ours on Monday. Please wear Probus colours or Gold for 50 years.

We continue on Tuesday with a Geelong area Happy Hour. We have invited Probus groups from all over Geelong to join us. Lloyd is Probus ambassador for our area and together we are hosting the event.

Happy Hour & 'Aussie Picnic in the Park'

To be Held:

At Balliang Sanctuary Newtown, on
Tuesday 3rd February 2026, from
4 pm – 6 pm

Attendees are encouraged to wear Probus Colours – or Aussie - if you like.

Please a BYO chair, table or a Picnic Rug, whatever you would like to drink, a glass, and a Plate to Share, if you can!

The Waurn Ponds Deakin Club is looking forward to seeing you at the Balliang Sanctuary on Tuesday 3rd February 2026 to share Fun, Fellowship and Friendship with all of the other Probus Club Members from the Probus Clubs located in the City of Geelong!



Happy Birthday in January and February

January: Wally McClure 4, Loretta Winstanley 12, Joan Cunningham 17, Robyn Kelson 20

February: Marie Gorman 1, Wendy Baker 2, Helen Duns 6, Helen Nolan 6, Pam Hansen 9, Maddy Dean 10, Marion Daw 10, Val McClure 14, Brenda Nankervis 17 Teresa Walsh 22

Bronwen Starkey was inducted in December, please make her welcome.



Theatre & Movie Group: Robyn Williamson

Tuesday 24 February Time TBA Movie Fackham Hall at Readings Waurn Ponds and lunch at the Waurn Ponds Hotel.

Robyn will also be gathering expressions of interest for the following shows coming up later this year

Sunday 31st May: 'Beauty and the Beast' @1pm GPAC Play House. Cost \$59 (10 Or more) Time: 1pm

Saturday 15th August: 'The Lark' with Noni Hazlehurst GPAC Story House. Time: 2pm Cost: \$69 (10 Or more)

Wednesday 21st October: GPAC Story House Morning Melodies with Bernadette Robinson 'They Sang at Carnegie Hall' Cost: \$26 Time: 11am.



Wine Appreciation aka The Tuesday Tipplers

Gayle Doolan 0419 000 213

Tuesday 10 February 4 Ruthven St Newtown , 4.30 – 6.00pm



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

Group#2 Tina Mackay 0459 117 342

Thursday 12 February

Group 1 1.00 at Waurin Ponds Library

Group 2 1.00 Meet at Kristine's 16 Cranmere Ave Belmont. Group 2 decided to meet in a member's home instead of the library.



Day Trips: Jo Curran 0407 321 528

Cheryl Graham 0414 489 123

Saturday 7 March 2026 - 9.00 a.m. – Meet at the Waurin Ponds Hotel Car Park - Car pooling Trip to Ballarat for the Begonia Festival. There are two food courts or take a picnic. A Paddle Steamer trip on Lake Wendouree is also planned for the afternoon around Lake Wendouree at a cost of \$19 which is

to be paid as soon as possible into the Probus Account with name and activity in the description.



Out And About Group: Vicki Weiser 0416 153 967

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.



Coffee Group: Chris Geddes 0418 505 756

Thursday 19th February 10.00am Black Cup, 103 Garden St East Geelong

Coming Up: Thursday 19 March 10.00am Fork and Flower 392 ellarine Hwy Moolap



Getaway Group Jenny and Ray Pitcher 0407 543 716

**Getaway Group Kilmore trip 12 th May 4 nights (in
12,13,14 & 15 th)**

KILMORE CARAVAN PARK

- 1. 1 cabin with 3 b'rooms, Q, D & Single \$225 night**
- 2. 4 cabins with 2 b'rooms, 2 Queen beds \$205 night**
- 3. 4 cabins with Q bed \$150. Night**
- 4. 4 cabins with 2 b'rooms both double beds \$175 night**
- 5. 6 cabins, with a double bed in each \$140 night**
- 6. Caravan sites are \$50 night**

Coin operated BBQ in camp kitchen.

Tony is Manager, phone 5782 1508 Mention Jenny and our Probus club, they only require Credit card number to book, they charge full amount when you arrive.

Distance from Geelong to Kilmore is 135 km.

Kilmore is a lovely old town, chosen due to distance from Tourist attractions.

Proposed day trips to attractions are

- Kilmore to Kynton 39 mins**
- Kilmore to Mount Macedon 39 mins**
- Kilmore to Hanging Rock 30 mins**

Proposed Itinerary will be confirmed by Monday's meeting.

Heritage House & Gardens, lunch etc, Maybe find a winery!!

Heritage Town Kyneton Piper St Lunch, shopping etc, beautiful old street

Hanging Rock Beautiful Picnic area, free BBQ, wide sealed paths if not up to The Summit.

Dinners out to be confirmed.

Thank you, Jenny 0407 543 716



Dine Out Group: Gayle Doolan 0419 000 213 and Jackie

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In February we are combining with Out and About for the Hygea lunch cruise.

Coming Up: Wednesday 18 March 12.30pm Belmont Hotel High St Belmont



Walking Group Val McClure 0401 138 077

Friday 13th February 9.30am Meet at Rippleside Car Park, coffee at No. 42

Coming Up: 13 March 9.30am Barwon Edge Car Park and coffee at venue



Garden Group Mary Westcott 0412076299

Tuesday 17th February 10.00am Wombat Gully, 201 Townsend Rd Moolap.

Coming Up: 17 March 10.00am Drysdale Arid Landscapes, 106 Princess St Drysdale and coffee at Zoo 23 High St Drysdale.



Craft Group: Marion Daw 5241 1963

Everyone is welcome on Tuesday 24 February at 10.30 am at the Waurn Ponds Hotel



Cards and Games Group Sue Wood: 0419 030 216

Thursday 26 February 1.00pm at the Waurn Ponds Hotel, please join us for some fun and games.