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President's Report

HAPPY PROBUS MONTH!

Once again, this month has seen a plethora of events and activities around South Australia, starting with "*The International Day of Older Persons*" (October 1st). This day was established by the United Nations, in 1990. It aims to draw attention to issues faced by older people and to recognize their contributions to society.

Who doesn't love a good op shop?? From October 1st -31st we have 'Buy Nothing New' Month (ie. except essentials such as food/petrol). We are being encouraged to think about our spending patterns and our environmental sustainability, by purchasing second hand items wherever possible.

October 17th – November 11th sees a fabulous *OzAsia* Adelaide festival, whilst on October 12th there was a "*Living Around Our Parks*" expo at Belair National Park.

How lucky are we? On top of all that, we still have the upcoming Adelaide *Christmas Pageant* (8th November), plus *Remembrance Day* (Tuesday 11th November.)

This month, as Mitcham Hills Probus Club members, and to mark 2025 Probus Month Australia wide, your committee decided to mix us around a little! We can enjoy the company of others, whom we may not know, by means of altered seating arrangements and reduced meeting format – just for this month.

We hope that everyone loves the balloons/ decorations, the varied cartoon table numbers, plus the conversation starter boxes on the tables.

Let's try to make the most of changes in our lives,
as we age ?disgracefully? - *but with a touch of Probus joy.*

October flower: Cosmos



October gemstone: Opal



Roslyn Ferris
President

***** PLEASE NOTE: *** THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING is**
MONDAY 24th NOVEMBER, 2025

CHRISTMAS PICNIC & CHRISTMAS LUNCH: see Page 4 for further details.

*Christmas Picnic is to be held on Monday 10th November and
the Christmas Lunch is to be held on Monday 8th December.*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TO ALL MEMBERS CELEBRATING
YOUR BIRTHDAY
OCTOBER 2025



PROFILES 2025

TODAY ..27 October*Des Foster, INDIA*
24 November... ..*Di Brown, Africa*

PROBUS GUEST SPEAKERS 2025

Oct 27.....*Getting to know you Day*

Nov 24.....*Don Hopgood: USA*

Presidents since 1900



*With thanks to Helen
Henbest for the
Murphys joke!*



"Murphy drops some buttered toast on the kitchen floor. It lands butter-side-up. He looks at what he has done in astonishment, for he knows it's a law of nature—That buttered toast always falls butter-down.

He rushes round to the presbytery to fetch the priest. He tells the priest that he thinks a miracle has happened round at his flat. He won't say what it is but wants Fr Flannagan to see it with his own eyes. He brings Fr Flannagan into the kitchen and asks him what he sees on the floor.

"Well," says the priest, "it's pretty obvious what we have here. Someone dropped some buttered toast, and then for some reason flipped it over so that the butter was on top."

"No, Father, I dropped it and it landed like that.."

"Well," Fr Flannagan says, "it's certainly a natural law of the universe that dropped toast never falls butter side up. But it's not for me to say it's a miracle. I'll report the matter to the bishop, and have him send people round, to interview you, take photos, etc."

An investigation of some rigour is conducted, not only by priests of the archdiocese, but by scientists sent from the Curia in Rome. The final ruling is a negative, however. It reads:

"It was certainly an extraordinary event that occurred in Murphy's room, quite outside the normal run of the phenomena. Yet we have to be very cautious before ruling any happening miraculous, ruling out all possible natural explanations. In this case we have declared no miracle. For it possibly resulted from Murphy having buttered the toast on the wrong side."

MITCHAM AND HILLS WELLNESS EDUCATION SESSIONS—2nd Tuesday of the month
Blackwood Uniting Church (at the Roundabout) 5pm for 5.30pm start.



11 November – Emergency ready workshops

EmergencyRedi workshops support communities to complete a REDiPlan – an all-hazards tool developed by the Red Cross that supports communities to consider what they need to put in place to be prepared for disasters in their local context.

Participants learn about the practical, psychological, and social steps they can take to prepare for emergencies and minimise the impacts of disasters and other crises on their lives.



**TBA
Red Cross**

OUTINGS—GERRY NEW

XMAS PICNIC MONDAY 10th NOVEMBER

Gold Escort Ground, Belair National Park

Come and join in the friendship, fellowship and yummy BBQ and have a quiet relaxing time with your fellow members.

Time: 12 noon

Please put your name on the list at the Outings Desk and nominate to bring a salad or dessert.

On the day you will need to bring the following:

- * Chair and table
- * Plate, cutlery, glass/cup
- * Drinks - water, soft drinks, tea/coffee, wine i(f required)
- * Hat and sunscreen

Supplied will be:

*Sausages, patties and onions cooked by our great chefs!

*Bread, sauce, serviettes etc.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH
MONDAY 8th DECEMBER
12.30 pm
The Maid of Auckland
926 South Road
EDWARDSTOWN

Please put your name on the list at the Outings Desk if you will be coming.

Des will have more information at the meeting.

MONDAY 12th JANUARY 2026

Kitchen Garden - Joan's Pantry

Hawthorndene

TIME: 10.30 am

COST: Buy own coffee/tea -
morning tea by volunteers

MAX: There is a maximum of 15 ONLY

PARKING: Available close by

LUNCH: To be advised next meeting

SAHMRI LUNCHEON FRIDAY 21st NOVEMBER

I have a few places available if you would like to come to this luncheon. Please see me at the meeting and have payment of \$20 per person in envelope with your name on it. Also it is the last day to pay for those who have not as yet paid.

Members interested in attending Outings please put your name on the Outings List at the meetings and make sure to put the date in your diary.

Please make sure if you put your name on the list that you will be able to come on the day.

Also please advise Outing Organiser 2 days prior to the event if you cannot attend.



The Suggestion Box is on the Outings Desk at all meetings and suggestions will be discussed at Committee Meetings for appropriate action.

Note-paper and biro is available on the desk.

Please note that suggestions can be about anything that may be of interest to our Probus Club.

REPORT ON OUTING

MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER, SA WATER DESALINATION PLANT AT LONSDALE

This tour is know as "The Well" and is an educational program which gives an insight into the story of water in our lives and the ways we manage this precious natural resource to deliver essential water services to more than 1.8 million South Australians.

Our guide Tracey, spoke about the many processes involved in the desalination of sea water to make it safe to drink.

The Adelaide Plant at Lonsdale is the state's largest desalination plant, which is able to produce 100 gegalitres a year, and it has been delivering drinking water since 2011.

Water produced at the Adelaide Desalination Plant is pumped 11 kilometres to storage tanks at the Happy Valley Water Treatment Plant where it is blended with treated water from Happy Valley Reservoir and can supply drinking water produced at the Adelaide Desalination Plant to people across Adelaide, from Aldinga in the south, through to Elizabeth in the north.

The tour was very educational and our group thoroughly enjoyed learning how our state is leading in the preservation of our most precious resource, WATER. After the tour we all enjoyed our lunch at the newly renovated Lonsdale Hotel.

GERALDINE NEW, OUTINGS OFFICER



A NOTE FROM THE PROBUS CLUB OF MARION **IT Conversations Group**

The next meeting for the Probus Club of Marion IT Conversation (Computer) Group will be on **Friday 7th November** – With **Emily** from the Community Programs and Events office- Libraries/ City of Marion, who will give our group a session on VPN (Virtual Private Network), Upgrading to Windows 11 and setting up a **Digital Legacy Plan**, plus time permitting information on Facebook profiles, please bring your questions for the Q and A session.

The session starts at 10.30AM in the upstairs room at Club Marion and will be finished by 12.30PM. Coffee is available to purchase at the bar.

Dates to mark into your Diaries for the IT Conversations Group:

No meeting sessions until.... **February 6th 2026**
– Emily, Topic to be confirmed

March 6th 2026

April 10th – Emily

May 1st

June 5th – Emily

July 3rd

August 7th - Emily

All Probus Club Marion, and other Probus club Members, Partners and Friends are welcome.

Bob Brammy

Probus Club of Marion

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**Be grateful that
no matter how
much chocolate
you eat, your
earrings will
still fit.**

**NO I CAN'T DO SNAPCHAT
OR TIKTOK BUT I CAN WRITE
IN CURSIVE, DO MATH
WITHOUT A CALCULATOR
AND TELL TIME ON A
CLOCK WITH HANDS.**



**I've come to the conclusion
that I'm a reasonably
intelligent person
who does
moderately
stupid things
on a semi
regular basis.**



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OUR NEXT Probus Meeting is...MONDAY..24th NOVEMBER, 2025
At the Club Marion, 262, Sturt Road, Marion

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