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President's Report

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift, because it's the Present". This month, we acknowledge that Christmas is rapidly approaching. We know this - because the Christmas Pageant has arrived in Adelaide!!

What are our feelings, plans and thoughts about this season? Whilst the religious and sacred aspects are paramount, culturally, for many people, for others, Christmas largely represents family, friends and celebrations. However, we also recognize that Christmas is not an easy time for every person.

My particular memories of Christmas Day events include;

The *exploding* Lions Christmas pudding, which *exploded*, *flew* out of its heating saucepan, lid shearing off across the kitchen, spattering pudding from one end of the kitchen to another, before finally embedding in the opposite wall. I *was literally* one inch away for being beheaded! Instead of helping, our teenage son filmed it for You Tube!!

Brian and I spending the entire Christmas day sitting on our home passage floor, with Brian lying in agony, unable to move, due to sciatica. Try getting an on-call, home visit from a GP, on Christmas Day!

Brian and I desperately trying to build two, very large, study desks (with bookshelves), at 3am on Christmas morning, using just flat pack instructions - numbered and written in Chinese only! We began at 8pm.

In Japan on Christmas Day, the big treat is Kentucky Fried Chicken. In China, engraved apples are the gift to give whilst in South Korea, Grandpa Santa is all the rage. Whatever a nation's religion, it seems that Christmas is an occasion.

With our Mitcham Hills Probus Club, we will especially mark our Christmas by gathering for lunch. We will share ongoing fun, friendship and fellowship as we continue to forge strong bonds between our members, in readiness for 2026.

I wish everyone a safe, peaceful and comforting 2025 Christmas season.

November flower: Chrysanthemum



November gemstone: Topaz



Roslyn Ferris
President



***** PLEASE NOTE: As there is no General Meeting in December,**

****THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING is
MONDAY 19th JANUARY, 2026****

We normally meet on the fourth Monday in the month, however that date is 26th January which is a Public Holiday, therefore we will next meet on the 19th January, 2026.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**TO ALL MEMBERS CELEBRATING
YOUR BIRTHDAY
NOVEMBER 2025**



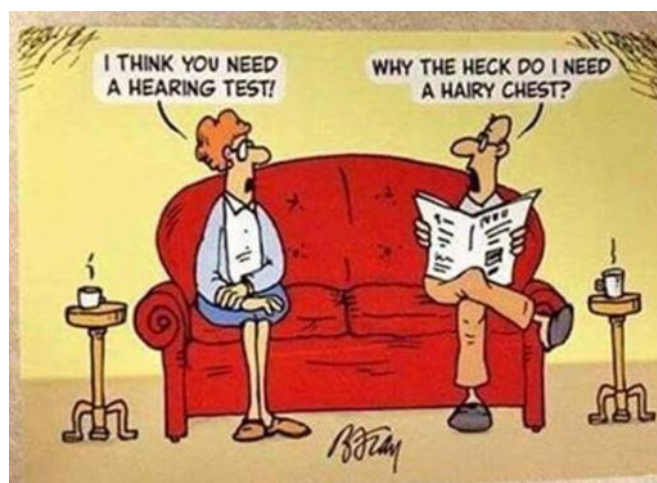
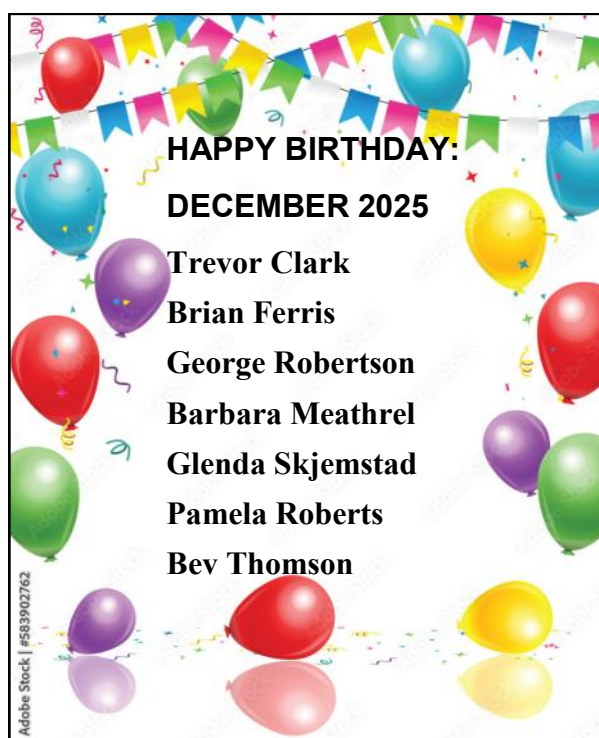
PROFILES 2025

TODAY

24 November... ..Di Brown, Africa

PROBUS GUEST SPEAKERS 2025

Nov 24..... Don Hopgood: USA
 Presidents since 1900



**Sometimes I get
 road rage
 walking behind
 people at the
 grocery store.**



(With
 thanks to
 Helen
 Henbest)

PEACH SLICE/DESSERT

1 packet Green's Golden Butter Cake Mix

1 cup desiccated coconut

125g butter melted

Mix together and press into a greased lamington tray



Bake 10 mins in moderate oven,

then

Top with 1 tin sliced peaches cut small and drained

1 tub of 400 mls sour cream

Sprinkle with cinnamon

Bake further 20 minutes

(Can be topped with apple, pineapple etc)

Have as a biscuit slice or with cream for dessert

(WITH THANKS TO CHRIS HODGES)



OUTINGS—GERRY NEW

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

MONDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2026

NATIONAL TRUST

OLD TREASURY AND TUNNELS TOUR

TIME: 10.30 am

COST: \$18 (concession)

MAX: 20

Meet in the foyer of Adina Apartments Building

2 Flinders Street

LUNCH: To be advised next meeting.

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

OUTINGS—GERRY NEW

Payment for Christmas Lunch

due now

Payment of \$35/member can be made directly to the Club's account held at the Bendigo Bank by Electronic Transfer (EFT).

EFT is the preferred Method. *Please note your name on the payment.*

Details are: **Account Name: Mitcham Hills Combined Probus Club**

Account Number: 195739685 BSB 633-000

Payments can also be made at any branch of the Bendigo Bank to the account number as above.

Also acceptable – correct cash in a named envelope at the meeting today 24.11.25. Brian Blackburn assistant Treasurer will have spare envelopes if required.

Thank you Liz Brown, Treasurer

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.

Gerry New, Outings Officer

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

The Probus Club of Marion IT Conversation (Computer) Group is in recess now until our next group session (February 2026).

I wish to thank all Probus Clubs members and friends who have supported the group sessions and I do hope you have learnt something as I do from every session. The more who attend these sessions make the IT Group more successful and for Emily from the Community Programs and events office – Libraries / City of Marion Council and our own Probus Member Lou Leeuwrik who I thank for all their assistance and I do hope they also enjoy our sessions.

I wish all a Merry Christmas and a safe and Prosperous 2026, and I do hope to see you all at our next session in February.

IT Conversations: Dates to mark into your Diaries:

February 6th, 2026 – Emily, with no Topic at this stage just a session to revise our computer skills.

March 6th

April 10th – Emily

May 1st

June 5th – Emily

July 3rd

August 7th – Emily



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

See you on the first Friday of every month from February 2026.

Regards Bob Brammy

Probus Club of Marion

IT Conversation coordinator contact: brammy.bob@gmail.com or 0417126200

CONGRATULATIONS To Lyn GRAY who competed in the Australian Masters Games, Canberra, 18-26 October 2025, in Walking Netball 65+.

Her team played 10 games over 8 days and came third (Bronze medal).

Games were 10 mins a quarter = 40 min games.



- What did Frosty's girlfriend give him when she was mad at him? The cold shoulder.
- How did the reindeer learn to play piano? He was elf-taught.
- What do you call an old snowman? Water.
- Why shouldn't you lend money to elves? They're always short.
- What is every parent's favourite Christmas song? Silent Night!
- What did the wise men say after they offered up their gifts of gold and frankincense? Wait, there's myrrh.

OUR NEXT Probus Meeting is MONDAY 19th JANUARY 2026!

(the 26th Jan is a Public Holiday)

At the Club Marion, 262 Sturt Road, Marion

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