



WHAT'S IT LIKE TO BE A MEMBER OF PROBUS CHRISTMAS A TIME FOR REFLECTION



Being a member of Probus is a bit like discovering a secret society - only instead of secret handshakes, we greet each other with coffee, conversation, and the occasional enthusiastic hug. You join thinking you'll attend a meeting or two... and before you know it, your calendar looks like you've been hired as a full-time social butterfly. Outings, lunches, guest speakers, walks, day trips, overnight adventures - Probus members often find themselves needing a rest day just to recover from all the "relaxing" they've been doing.

At its heart, Probus is all about fun and friendship. It's a place where you meet people who somehow manage to feel like old friends from the moment you shake hands. Conversations start easily, laughter flows quickly, and it doesn't take long before someone says, "Hang on - you know *them* too? What a small world!"

That's the magic of Probus: no matter where you sit, you're always among friends. And the activities? There's something for everyone. Scenic walks for those who enjoy nature, trips and tours for the curious, lunches for the food-lovers, card days for the competitive, and talks for the forever-young lifelong learners. Even the bus trips have their charm - especially the moment everyone settles in, snacks at the ready, and one member inevitably declares themselves the unofficial tour photographer.

Of course, not everything runs strictly to plan. Someone will always misplace their hat, another will insist the bakery we passed three towns back had the best vanilla slice in Australia, and at least one person will try to convince the group that the map is wrong. But these little moments are exactly what make the memories - and the laughter - so infectious.

What truly makes Probus special is the community spirit. Members look out for one another, lend a hand when needed, share stories, share rides, share recipes, and most importantly, share time. In a world that often rushes by, Probus is a reminder that life is richer when enjoyed together.

Being part of Probus means having a place to belong, people to laugh with, and friends to count on. It's fun, it's friendship, and it's full of moments that brighten the week—and stay with you long after the outing ends.

This is my reflection. What is yours.?

Ernie Brigham. East Malvern Combined Probus Club Inc.





THE BEACON



PROBUS

EAST MALVERN COMBINED PROBUS CLUB INC.
Meets at
Uniting Centre,
54 Serrell Street.
Malvern East
1st Wednesday
of the month
9.15am for
9.45am start.
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This meeting
December 3rd
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Next Meeting
February 4th

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Season greetings to all members and their families, 2025 has been a very eventful year with many happy and celebratory events. Our big family also suffered the loss of two dear members and wish their families a Happy Christmas. The good times come from hard work by our committee so we wish them and their families the best of the season. Let's celebrate with good spirit and look forward to a great 2026.

Yours in Probus, Aileen Tesoriero

PICNIC IN THE PARK DECEMBER 12



On Friday 12 December, we will be hosting a relaxed and social "Picnic in the Park" afternoon. The gathering will take place at Phoenix Park, just opposite the café, so it's easy to find and a lovely spot to spend a few hours outdoors. This will be a simple, casual BYO get-together—please bring along your own food, drinks, table, and chairs, and settle in for a comfortable afternoon. Pack a favourite snack, a sandwich, or even something to share if you'd like. The aim of the day is to enjoy good company, fresh air, and friendly conversation. It will be a wonderful opportunity to catch up with fellow members, meet new friends, and relax before the Christmas rush begins. We hope to see many of you there to make it a cheerful and memorable afternoon. If you are new to our Probus Club this is an excellent way to meet other members. Maybe you may put on a bit of **Christmas Colour**

MEETING TIME 2PM

BIRTHDAYS & WELCOME 2025

**MEMBERS BIRTHDAY
WISH FROM ALL OF US
AT PROBUS**



Our Probus Club's walking group is on every Monday rain, hail or shine.

The walkers meet at 8:30am.

You can do the full walk starting from East Malvern RSL Car Park or the half walk starting from Brixton Rise Glen Iris.

Still walks over Christmas



COFFEE & CAKE
Friday 30th January 2026 Meet at 2:30pm
Degani's Waverley Rd East Malvern
Terminus. Order and pay as you arrive



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Booking now open for the trip to **Bright** in March 2026.

Date 16th to 20th. When booking there is a requirement that \$100 deposit is paid. Please note this trip is now open for friends, we have 14 places available and we need to fill the coach.

Cost a Double is \$1590.00

Single is \$1045.00

Note: Bob will have the Square at the Christmas Lunch for you to pay your Deposit

LUNCH IN JANUARY 2026

THE GLASSHOUSE Dawn is treating us to a fabulous summer lunch at the Caulfield Glasshouse at Caulfield Racecourse on Wednesday 14 January - and you're invited! We'll be settling in from 12 noon, ready for good food, a few laughs, and an easy afternoon together. It's a **pay-as-you-go** outing, so just bring your appetite and your best lunch-time stories. Plenty of parking is available, and if you'd rather leave the car at home, the **train will drop you right nearby**. If you're around in mid-January with nothing much on, come and join us.

A BIRDS EYE VIEW OF WHAT WE DID IN 2025

Ingrid



& Dawn



Seaford Lunch

Lume Van Gogh

Lazy Moes Lunch

NGV Winter Masterpieces

Chris Grafen Bus Trip

Flight Deck

Comedy Theatre

Arcobar Lunch By 2

Trivia

Werribee Zoo

Glasshouse Hotel Lunch

Dinner and Dance

Visit Menzies Of Malvern

Elenika Restaurant

Laneway Self Tour

Mystery Coach Trip

Tech Afternoon

2nd Chris Grafen Bus Trip

Archibald

Boundary Hotel Lunch

Tesselaar

AVEO

Botanic Gardens

Naked Racer Lunch

Over 50'S and And on The Ball

Lunch at L'Olivo

Christmas Lunch RSL

Picnic in the park

Lunch at Caulfield Glasshouse by 2