



**WONTHAGGI & DISTRICT COMBINED
PROBUS CLUB INC.**
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NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Members,
November is here. We all wonder where the year has gone. We look forward to our Birthday meeting on Tuesday November 18. On the 11th November some members will be going to the Caravan and Cabin trip to Traralgon. A big thankyou to Rick and Nolene for organising these times away for several years. We appreciate all the effort required for their smooth running. Also, on the 11th Ray and I will lay a wreath on behalf of Probud at the Remembrance Cenotaph service. Thank you to Lesley Beakley for creating the wreath and to Lois Townsend and others who will supply the flowers. Ray has also organised something new for our club, a Trivia Event. It is coming up on the evening of Thursday 20th Nov. On the tables at our birthday meeting, there will be Nomination Forms for the many roles for 2026-27 that make up our Probud Club. Please feel free to request any information from current Committee members or persons currently holding the role. We welcome members, old and new, to nominate for positions. May each of us continue to enjoy good fellowship and fun in all that our Probud group offers. Check out this Newsletter so you don't miss an activity that you may enjoy.
Kind Regards
Joan Gordon

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS: Contact: ROBIN HOWSON: 0409 505 545

We wish many happy returns to all the following members for the month of November: 1st Robin Howson, 3rd Danny Vorich, 5th Michele Davis, 13th Graeme Beakley, 15th Gerard Hackett, 23rd Rosemary Harding, 24th Brendan Golding, 25th Lorraine Dwyer, **25th Judy Watson turning 90 and 28th Eira Thompson also 90.**

TUESDAY LUNCHEON: Contact: DI IRELAND: 0408 333 061

Final Tuesday Luncheon for the year is: Tuesday 2nd December at the Coffee Collective, Shop 1, 50-52 McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi.

SUNDAY DINE OUT: Contact: JOE BORG: 0407 505 109 or SUSIE BORG: 0429 725 771

November Dine Out: Sunday 16th November: Invy Espy, Esplanade Hotel, Abeckett Street, Inverloch. Please let Joe or Susie know if you are intending to come or no longer coming to the November Dine Out. Please also note this is the very last one Joe and Susie are running, as they selling their house and will be very busy packing etc. Thanks so much for all your efforts in making the Sunday Dine Out the success it has been. Lois Townsend will do January, February and March until new coordinators volunteer and nominate at the March Annual General Meeting.

WALKING GROUPS: Every Monday: Meet at 9.30 am near to the entrance of BIG W, Wonthaggi.

Long Walks: Lynn Birt: 0405 450 535 Short Walks: Brian Hart: 0402 601 114 Please ensure that you wear suitable footwear and sun smart clothing on warm days and carry a water bottle. Short distance walks: around 4-6km, longer distance walks 7- 10km.

GAMES GROUP: Contact: Terry Van Ewyk 0474 429 523 while LYN THAYER is out of action.

Meeting every Friday. Commencing at 10.00am in the Pit & Pony Bar, Wonthaggi Workmens Club. A variety of games are played e.g. 5 Crowns, 500, Rummikub, Phase 10 and Scrabble.

SEQUENCE GROUP: Contact: NOELENE HOUGHTON: 0400 790 789

Meeting on the First and Third Wednesdays of the month. Next meetings: 19th November and 3rd December commencing at 10am in the Pit & Pony Bar, Wonthaggi Workmens Club.

MAHJONG GROUP: Contact: NOELENE HOUGHTON: 0400 790 789

Meeting on the Second and Fourth Wednesday of the month. Next meetings: Wednesday 12th November and Wednesday 26th November commencing at 10.00am in the Pit & Pony Bar, Wonthaggi Workmens Club.

ART GROUP: Contact: MONICA SMITH: 0439 817 505

Meeting on the Fourth Wednesday of the month. Next Meeting is on 26th November at 1:30pm in Monica's Studio, 1 Queen Street, Wonthaggi.

SINGING GROUP: Contact: PAULINE HESSION: 0419 337 235

Next Practice is Monday 17th November at 2pm and Monday 8th December at 2pm.

Please note: New members are most welcome, and Pauline stresses it is a singing group not a choir and they certainly entertain us at our Birthday meeting and Christmas lunch.

TRADING TABLE:

The Trading Table will not be manned, but an honour box will be on the table, and everything will be \$2, unless marked otherwise. Your excess fruit, vegetables, any cuttings and plants would be most welcome. Preserves, sweets and baked goods are also welcome, but under current food regulations must be labelled with a list of ingredients and the date made and priced accordingly.

If your donated items don't sell at the meeting, please take them home or they will be disposed of.

Your funds raised from the trading table are used to purchase Lucky Draw prizes.

GUEST SPEAKER: Contact: Judy Pitcon: 0400 073 665

No Guest Speakers for the months of November and December as it's the Birthday and Christmas Meetings.

WELFARE: Contact: Caroline Rondinella: 0408 700 643

Caroline would like to hear from any members who know of any of our members who unwell or in hospital.

February/March	Activities		
Next Committee Meeting	Tuesday 2 nd December at 2pm	Next General Meeting	Tuesday 18 th November 9.45am
Walking Groups	EACH Monday <u>See Above</u>	Tuesday Luncheon	Tuesday 2 nd December Coffee Collective at 12
Sunday Dine Out	Sunday 16 th Nov at the Invy Espy, Inverloch	No Dine Out in December.	
Tuesday Live Show	Tuesday 11 ^h November	Andrew Portelli	Doors open 11.30am
Games Group	Every Friday	Variety of games	5 Crowns, 500 etc
Sequence Group	Wednesday 5 th Nov	Wednesday 19 th Nov	Wednesday 3 rd Dec
Mahjong Group	Wednesday 12 th Nov	Wednesday 26 th Nov	
Singing Group	Next Practice	Mon 17 th Nov at 2pm	Mon 8 th Dec at 2pm
Art Group	Wednesday 26 th Nov	Monica's Studio 1.30pm	1 Queen Street, Wonthaggi

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We acknowledge and thank our host the Wonthaggi Workmens Club (W.W.C) for their ongoing support and encourage Probus Club members who are not members of the W.W.C to join the W.W.C as members and enjoy discounted meals, drinks, and other activities on offer.
The W.W.C needs and deserves your support.

Dress Code: As guests of our host The Wonthaggi Workmens Club we are bound by their Dress Code which is a Smart Casual Dress Code. Probus Club Members should dress appropriately to meet the dress code when attending Probus Club General meetings and Probus Club functions. Dirty work clothes, worn jeans, tracksuit pants, thongs and work boots etc. should not be worn.

DAY TOURS: Contact: ROBYN BURGESS: 0417 362 617 and LORRAINE DWYER: 0408 294 811

Robyn and Lorraine will organise something for early in 2026. **Under our new policy for Day Tours, if you cancel after the closing date a refund will only be given in certain circumstances.**

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT: Contact: JAN SMART: 0407 554 271 & NEIL SMART: 0407 766 601

The next Live Entertainment program at the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club is on **Tuesday 11th November featuring Andrew Portelli – A Tribute to Elvis**. Had a very lovely Live Show on Tuesday 14th October featuring Bobby James. We even had some of us up dancing. Couldn't fault the food presented by the Workmens Club, it was delicious. **Please note:** A reminder to the people who book straight at the Workmens Club to please state you are with the **Wonthaggi & District Combined Probus Club** as there is another Wonthaggi Probus

Our hosts the W.W.C offer a Group Discount for this program and cost for a two-course lunch and show is now **\$22.00**, which is great value and deserves your support. Contact Jan or Neil if you want to come for October.

FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE WONTHAGGI HOMELESS

We are still collecting food items for people in need in Wonthaggi in 2025. Please note that your donation of unopened Non-Perishable (dry or canned) food items would be appreciated. Also, toiletry items e.g. deodorant and toothpaste. The non-perishable food donations collected currently go to a foodbank being run by the local Wonthaggi CWA.

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE: When attending General meetings, Dine Outs, and **ALL** other Probus activities, please ensure that you wear your Name Badge. This assists the new members and the established members getting to know each other in the Probus spirit of friendship and fun. Please remember when at the General Meeting to **turn off or put your phone on silent**.

NEWSLETTER: Contact: Robin Howson: 0409 505 545

Your contributions and photos are most welcome and should be emailed to our email address: probuswonthaggi@gmail.com no later than the first Wednesday of the month

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: Our November Birthday Meeting on Tuesday 18th November is at the Wonthaggi Workmens Club at 9:45am as usual. Morning Tea is back to \$3 due to dwindling finances. Any person wanting tea and coffee at the commencement of the meeting still has to pay \$3.

ALSO, Our Christmas Lunch Meeting is Tuesday 16th December. The Two Course lunch is \$40.00 per person. Soft drinks included. Payment is now **OVERDUE**. If you still intend coming please pay Faye ASAP or pay it into our Probus bank account putting your name in the reference box.



Trish Bradley, who was Inducted at The October Meeting



**Pat, Narelle, Kerrie, Celia, Neil, John and Brian
Some of the members with October Birthdays**



Judy with Meagan and Nick, the Guest Speakers from Wonthaggi Police.