



## PROBUS CLUB OF BENTLEIGH

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#### Committee and Officers for 2025-2026

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**QUOTE OF THE MONTH:** "Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful." – Albert Schweitzer

**NEW MEMBER:** Today we welcome a new member Carol Pritchard.

**BIRTHDAYS:** **Harold Ristrom** who is an avid reader of our Newsletter turned **101** in June this year. Congratulations Harold from all at Bentleigh Probus. May our Newsletter continue to be a source of information and interest for you. **Sylvia Garrick** celebrated a birthday on 10<sup>th</sup> August.

**SICK LIST:** Jill Carr is still unwell. Uta Shiffter is recovering from her broken wrist. We all wish Jill and Uta well.

Please let our Welfare Officer, **Sylvia Garrick** (0400 820 871) know if anyone is unwell, injured or in hospital.

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#### SPEAKERS

<b>14<sup>th</sup> August</b>	David Spittler	Asylum Seekers
<b>11<sup>th</sup> September</b>	TBA	Brain Research
<b>9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	TBA	Garden World

If members have suggestions for future speakers, please discuss with **David Halford**.

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#### SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS:

**Coffee & Chat:** Our next get together will be on **Thursday 28th August** at about 10.30am in the back lounge of the Bentleigh RSL. Everyone is welcome to stay on for lunch.

**Walking Group:** (Alan Ambrose 0407 711 030)

<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Scotsman's Creek:</b> In Oakleigh. Meet at 10.00am in the Oakleigh Recreation Centre's car park off Park Rd. (Next to Gary & Warren Smith's)
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Valley Reserve:</b> In Waimarie Drive Mt Waverley. Meet in the car park at 10.00am. Entry to the reserve is next to the Scout Hall
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Caulfield Park:</b> Enter off Balaclava Rd opposite Holland Rd. Meet in car park near tennis courts at 10.00am.

**Book Club:** The next regular meeting will be on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** at 11.00am in the back lounge of the Bentleigh RSL. This month's book will be **"Edenglassie"** by **Melissa Lucashenko**. New readers are most welcome.

**Movie Group:** Please register your name with **Margaret Darvell** (0402 342 202). Margaret will advise the date, time and place for the next movie.

About 10 members took advantage of free promotional tickets to see the movie “Mr Burton” at the Elsternwick Cinema on the 23 July. It was a very entertaining movie about the rise to stardom of the actor Richard Burton.

### **Live Theatre**

On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 11 members saw an excellent comedy production “**Agatha Crispie**” by the Encore Theatre Company. **Sylvia Garrick** is organising another live production “The Revlon Girl” for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

### **TOURS & DAY TRIPS**

**True Crime Tour of Chinatown.** Twelve hardy members ventured out on a cold Melbourne morning in July to explore Chinatown. Our guide was very knowledgeable and entertaining as we heard stories of gambling establishments, opium dens and brothels. Many of the buildings in use in the 1860s still stand today. We were given a booklet of illustrations, many taken from police records and newspapers of the time. A highlight was a Lion Dance with drummers in Little Bourke Street. Afterwards some members gathered at the Empress of China for lunch. Thanks to **Jill Carr** for organising this wonderful day trip.



**Lion Dance in Little Bourke St, Chinatown**



**Lunch at the Empress of China**

**AVEO's Kingston Green Retirement Village** tour on the 16th July was very well attended by our members who enjoyed a look around the accommodation and gardens. The very friendly staff answered many questions over with a delicious morning tea of cakes and scones, jam and cream. **Alan Ambrose** arranged our visit, and he is hoping to organise a similar visit to another local retirement village this year.

**Tour of Canberra and Canberra Floriade by Bus** – Unfortunately we had to cancel our private Club tour to Canberra with Southern Star Tours due to insufficient numbers. However, those members who did wish to go were able to get a seat on a private tour to the Floriade operated by the same company. This Tour will leave on 17<sup>th</sup> September.

**Bus Trip to Werribee Mansion and Werribee Rose Garden Thursday 20th November -:** includes two course lunch at Werribee RSL. Cost \$90 per person if we get at least 20 members. For more details see information at the front desk at Monthly Meeting or speak with **Pauline Hanley**.

### **Tours and Trip for Next Year - 2026**

In last month's Newsletter, a Survey was attached asking for indications of possible tours and trips of interest to members for 2026. If you have not already done so, could you please mark an activity of interest on the Survey and either email to **Di Stahmer** ([distahmer@bigond.com](mailto:distahmer@bigond.com)) and **Bruce Hinton** ([bl.hinton@bigond.com](mailto:bl.hinton@bigond.com)), or hand it in at the front desk prior to a General Meeting.

## LUNCHES & DINE OUTS

**Mal Carter** did a great job in organising our “Christmas in July Lunch” at the Highett RSL. About 30 members attended and enjoyed a delicious 3 course lunch.



*Xmas in July Lunch at Highett RSL*



**Dine Out at the “Budapest Schnitzel and Eating House”.** Schnitzels, Goulash and Sauerkraut were enjoyed by 18 members on the 1<sup>st</sup> August. Thanks to **Helen Byron** for organising another enjoyable Dine Out

**Lunch – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August, Arco Bar** at 8 Arco Lane, Heatherton off Warrigal Road near Bunnings for 12.00 - 12.30pm, **\$22.50 pp.** Order from The Classics Lunch Menu. With main course ordered you will receive a complimentary glass of Scotchman’s Hill Wine, Bubbly, Pot of Baykers Brew Beer, or soft drink, tea or filtered coffee. If you would like to try a dessert there is plenty of choice. All desserts and special coffee are at your own expense. Please confirm if wish to attend by adding your name to the list at the front desk. Transfer the money into the Probus Bank Account (details below), or give the correct money **TODAY** in an envelope with your name to **Helen Byron** if you are planning to attend this lunch.

**Lunch – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September, Elstenwick Hotel** 12.00 – 12.30pm, 259 Brighton Road Elwood. Choose from the extensive menu on the Day and pay for what you order. All Drinks at Members Expense.

**Lunch – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October “Picnic in the Park”, Allnut Park to celebrate Probus Month.** Details next month

**Lunch – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October, Benthleigh Probus Anniversary Lunch, Venue to be announced.**

**Dine Out – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 6-30 pm, Venue to be announced.**

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## MANAGEMENT MATTERS

**Club Web Site:** <https://www.probusouthpacific.org/microsites/bentleighc/Welcome>. **Note:** All activities listed in this newsletter can be viewed on the Club's website. This site has a lot of very useful information including photographs from trips and lunches, "Active Retirees Magazine", "Victorian Probian Magazine".

**Editor's Note:** The Editor is always keen to receive feedback, comments, corrections etc. in relation to this Newsletter. Also, if members have any ideas and suggestions for new Section additions to this Newsletter, or news items of possible membership interest please send to [bl.hinton@bigpond.com](mailto:bl.hinton@bigpond.com) or phone 0417365815.

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**JUST FOR LAUGHS:** I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes. She gave me a hug.

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**NEXT MEETING** – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – 10.30am at the Bentleigh RSL