



PROBUS CLUB OF BENTLEIGH

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH *"It always seems impossible until it's done."* -Nelson Mandela

NEW MEMBERS Today we welcome Karen Ellis, a former member and a new member Godfrey Truelove.

BIRTHDAYS Congratulations to the following members who celebrate a birthday in October. Phil Crabtree, Barbara Coulter, Ivy Kratzer, Rosemary Michaelides, Pauline Hanley.

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

SPEAKERS

9th October	TBA	Brain Research
13th November	James Wall	Gardenworld
11th December	Colin Cooper	Kokoda Track

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

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Coffee & Chat

Our next get together will be on **Thursday 23rd October** at about 10.30am in the back lounge of the Bentleigh RSL. Everyone is welcome to stay on for lunch.

Walking Group Venues (Alan Ambrose 0407 711 030)

Tuesday 21th October	Caulfield Park: Enter off Balaclava Rd opposite Holland Rd. Meet in car park near tennis courts at 10.00am.
Tuesday 18th November	Kingston Heath Reserve: Centre Dandenong Rd Cheltenham (opposite DFO) Meet in car park (near traffic lights) at 10.00am
Tuesday 16th December	Sandringham Foreshore, Sandringham Foreshore: Meet at 10.00am at the corner of Alicia and Hampton streets. (Opposite Sandringham football ground)

Book Club

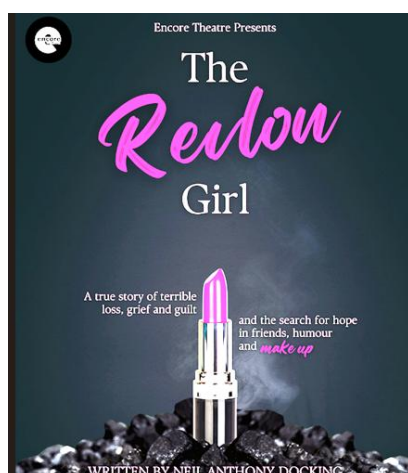
The next regular meeting will be on **Tuesday 28th October** (brought forward owing to Cup Day) at 11.00am in the back lounge of the Bentleigh RSL. This month's book will be **"Molly" by Rosemary Ham**. New readers are most welcome.

Movie Group

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

Live Theatre

Sylvia Garrick is organising attendance at another live production by the Encore Theatre Company **"The Revlon Girl"** for **Sunday 12th October**. **Cost: Single \$28, Group (10 or more) \$25 per person**. Please give Sylvia your name if you wish to attend.



Revlon Girl is a story of grief, hope, guilt and make-up in the aftermath of the 1966 Aberfan disaster.

An emotional story about the tragic aftermath of the coal mining disaster in Wales when 144 people, including 116 children, were killed when a mountain of coal waste crushed homes and a school in the small Welsh town.

This play is set eight months after the disaster and depicts four bereaved mothers who meet with a Revlon makeup artist in the local pub one evening to talk, cry and even laugh without feeling guilty – all the while navigating how to cope with heart-breaking loss.

TOURS & DAY TRIPS

Werribee Park Mansion and Rose Gardens

Pauline Hanley has organised this great day out to Werribee Park Mansion, which is one of the largest and most opulent properties in Victoria. With 60 rooms across several wings, the mansion is in a Renaissance Revival style, with a symmetrical two storey central block, dominant tower, and a ground level arcade on three sides of the block. The Victoria State Rose Garden is located in the grounds of Werribee Park and is internationally acclaimed. It is the winner of the World Federation of Rose Societies Award for Garden Excellence. Spreading over six acres it provides a heritage border from the Mansion.



Werribee Mansion



Victoria State Rose Garden

The day will include morning tea from the bus, a tour of the Mansion, a visit to the Rose Garden and a two-course lunch at the Werribee RSL. The Trip will depart the Bentleigh RSL at 8-30am and return there at 3-30pm.

Cost: \$90 per person for a minimum of 20 members. If we can get 30 members it will be \$75. If you wish to go, please give your name at the front desk **TODAY**.

Tour of Classic Residences Retirement Village - 3 Brewer Rd, Brighton East, Vic 3187, 11-30m, 25th November. The tour and free lunch will be provided if 20 Club members attend. Please give your name to Alan Ambrose if you are interested.

Tours and Trips for Next Year - 2026

A Survey was attached to the July Newsletter 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) and **Bruce Hinton** (bl.hinton@bigpond.com), or hand it in at the front desk prior to a General Meeting.

Trip Report – Canberra Sights and the Floriade Festival 17-22 September

In September, 10 members and two guests joined the all-inclusive Southern Star Tours 5-night public tour to Canberra for the Floriade Festival and other attractions. The tour also included 9 other people from parts of Melbourne, Geelong and Tasmania. We left a very cold Bentleigh at 7 am on the Wednesday stopping for morning tea at Seymour to visit the Vietnam War Veterans Memorial Ave of trees and displays then lunch at the Albury RSL. During the trip to Canberra, we were entertained by the driver Adrian and our hostess Carolyn with information on passing towns and locations. The “Dog on the Tucker Box” at Gundagai was a welcome afternoon stopping place. After arriving at our Hotel Mercure in Belconnen and settling into our excellent accommodation, we sat down to a buffet dinner in the Hotel, the first of several.

Our itinerary for the first day included a visit and lunch at the National Gallery, a ride to Mt. Ainsley overlooking Canberra and a guided tour around Government House Gardens Yarralumla where the Governor General spoke to our group. The following day included a tour of the National Portrait gallery and the High Court, a viewing of the National Arboretum, and a visit to the Australian War Memorial Museum. The day ended with the Last Post Ceremony during which Jenny Martin laid a wreath. With more perfect weather on the Saturday, we toured the Royal Australian Mint followed by free time walking around the Floriade Festival, the miniature village displays at Cockington Gardens and the Tulip Top Gardens. Our final day included free time at the National Museum and guided tours of Parliament House and the old Parliament House. A major highlight was the magnificent High Tea in Parliament House.

Everyone enjoyed the tour, the lunches, the dinners and meeting the non-Probos fellow tourists. The Editor knows at least two people who over indulged in both food and wine, and are subsequently paying the price!

Canberra Tour Highlights



National Portrait Gallery – Neale Daniher



The Three Musketeers guarding Government House



Jenny Martin laying a wreath at the War Memorial



Canberra Floriade Festival



Phil and Diana Crabtree at the Floriade Festival



Jenny Martin and Lyn Bunn at Cockington Gardens



Diana and Mal Carter at Tulip Top Gardens



The Last Supper

LUNCHES & DINE OUTS

Lunch - Saturday 11th October. *Picnic in the Park* This is to celebrate Probus Month. It will be held in the Picnic Shelter at Allnut Park Wheatley Road Bentleigh at 12 to 12-30pm. BYO Lunch, drinks and folding chairs. We have invited members from the Glen Eira, Moorleigh and Murrumbeena Probus Clubs to join us for the Picnic. If you are interested in attending please add your name to the list at the General Meeting front desk.

Lunch – Thursday 16th October, *Bentleigh Probus Anniversary Lunch* at the Buckingham International Motel, 1130 Nepean Highway, Highett, Victoria, 3190, **Cost: \$55 per person for a two course meal.** Drinks at own expense. If you are interested in attending add your name to the list at the General Meeting front desk and **Pay the \$55 TODAY.**

Lunch – Tuesday 4th November *Melbourne Cup Day*. The Brighton Central Combined Probus has invited us to join them for lunch at the Bentleigh RSL at 12 noon. The cost is \$60 a ticket for a 3 Course Meal and drink on arrival. There will be a Cup sweep and prizes for the Best hat, Best Outfit etc. We can book a table for 10 or book individually. Perhaps a group of our Members would like to attend. Those interested should contact Gaynor on 0417 397 212 to arrange a seat.

Dine Out – Friday 7th November, *Feast* 339-343 Hampton Street, Hampton at 6-30 for 7 pm at. Roast meal with a glass of house wine, \$39 per person. Dessert and coffee are extra. If you are interested in attending please add your name to the list at the General Meeting front desk

MANAGEMENT MATTERS

New Management Committee Members

Our AGM in March 2026 is an opportunity for members to nominate and join our Committee. This provides a chance for members to give back to the Club from which they have benefitted so much during their membership. Being on the Committee helps build confidence and allows you to share your ideas, knowledge and experience with fellow members and to help the Club run smoothly continuing to provide interesting and exciting activities for all Members. Contributing behind the scenes to the running of our Club is a very rewarding experience, and you will know how much you have helped fellow members enjoy Probus fun and friendship.

For those considering joining our Management Committee, the current members listed at the top of this Newsletter would be more than happy to provide guidance, advice and information on what being on the Committee involves.

It is important to get new personnel onto the Committee so that we can continue to develop new ideas for all our activities. Our President **Helen Byron** urges everyone to please consider joining at our AGM next year. Specifically, we need to have someone in the position of Vice President for next year.

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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 or phone 0417365817.

JUST FOR LAUGHS: What's the best way to make a small fortune on the stock market? Start off with a big fortune.

NEXT MEETING – Thursday 13th November 2025 – 10.30am at the Bentleigh RSL