



# PROBUS NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter of the Probuss Club of Wheelers Hill

September 2025 Volume 40 Folio 6

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to you all,

It is with regret that I announce the passing of **Marie Morris** from the Probuss Club of Wheelers Hill. As a group, we all join to send our deep condolences to her husband, **Alan**, and their family.

Although I did not have the pleasure of knowing Marie very well myself, **Peter Russell** has written a fine piece for the Newsletter. He, along with Graeme Little from Probuss, knew her well.

I have been informed, however, that Marie was indeed a wonderful woman; a teacher (a very popular one) for many years, and I was told by Alan that two of her year 5 students arrived to pay their respects to her (some 40 years later). This indeed shows just how highly thought of Marie was.

Two other items to receive a special mention.

The following long term Probuss members and previous office bearers will be presented with service badges at our forthcoming General Meeting. **Peter Russell** has notched up an impressive 30 years at the Club and **Ian Wood** 10 years.

**The General Meeting for October will NOT be held at Wheelers Hill Library**, due to the library being closed for renovations. Thanks to **Doreen** for looking into finding a suitable 'room'. The meeting will be held instead at **Mt Waverley Youth Community Centre**. The details on this ONE OFF Venue will be emailed to you and will also be published in the Newsletter.

Noel and I have handed out quite a few of the new Flyers at the Woolworths centre near the library. Noel enjoyed chatting with all the ladies and I spoke with several men.

There is another **Wine and Cheese** night coming up at Paula's home next week. (Any nibbles can be taken, doesn't have to be cheese.)

Spring has sprung, there is pretty blossom on the trees and the odd warm sunny day to prepare us for what is ahead. In typical Melbourne fashion we are up and down with the temperature, but happily, warmer days will be more frequent from now on.

Please take care, stay healthy and see you all I hope on **Friday September 12<sup>th</sup>** at the General Meeting, and please consider joining us at the Wheelers Hill Hotel afterwards for lunch.

Kindest regards,  
Rose Randell  
President



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3<sup>rd</sup> – George Simpson; 7<sup>th</sup> – Jan Hills;  
11<sup>th</sup> – Colin Goodrem (80);  
18<sup>th</sup> – Peter Russell; 26<sup>th</sup> – Alan Morris;  
Alva Purkiss.

### Probuss Club of Wheelers Hill Inc.

Reg. No. A15656M

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<https://www.probusouthpacific.org/microsites/wheelershill/Home>

## DUTY MONITORS for SEPTEMBER

|                |                           |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| Door:          | Creagh Bown<br>David West |
| Tables set up: | Committee Members         |
| Tea Table:     | Lorraine Mussett          |
| Coffee Table:  | Sheila Mallia             |

Should a member be unable to attend on the above date, kindly inform **Noel Heather** on 0407 668 941.

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## NEXT MEETING

**FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 10:00AM**

The next meeting will be held in the **Meeting Room** at the **Wheelers Hill Library** on the corner of **Ferntree Gully** and **Jells Roads**. The library can be accessed from Ferntree Gully Road or from Jells Road (via Gallery Place). The meeting room is to the left of the door into the library space. You will see the Club sign and be greeted at the door.

Don't forget your **Name badge** and a **\$2 coin** for morning tea. Library staff request that we not seek entry to the venue prior to 9:30am.



**Emergency Contacts Forms** are available at the meeting if you wish to take one to fill in.

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We appreciate the support of the **City of Monash**, which meets the costs of our two meeting venues, and **Carina Garland MP**, whose office prints our newsletter.

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## AUGUST MEETING

**President Rose** welcomed 34 members and extended a warm welcome to 6 visitors – **Lidia, Lien, Gloria, Zita, Helen** and **Jessie**.

Newly minted advertising flyers were made available, and members were encouraged to distribute them in their local communities to promote the club.

Motions moved by life member, **Tony Hills**, to adopt the new Constitution and Standing Resolutions were passed unanimously. **President Rose** thanked **Tony, Craig Smedley** and **Ian Wood** for their work on reviewing the new documents before presenting

them to the Committee of Management for approval before dissemination to members.

## BIRTHDAYS



**Vice President Val** (left) presented birthday chocolates to **David, Roy, President Rose, Barry, Laurie** and **Sheila**.



*A few of the members who met for lunch at the Wheelers Hill Hotel following the meeting.*  
**Dorren H, Anne, Sheila, Noel, Rose, Colin** and **Joan**.



**Godfrey** and **Paula** were also at the lunch.

This is a lovely photo of **Paula**, our Wine and Cheese Queen, and **Godfrey**, our Membership Officer, who takes many photos for the newsletter but is often behind the camera instead of in front of it.



## SPEAKER

**DR BARBARA MINCHINGTON**

### *The Women of Little Lon*

**Dr Barbara Minchington**, our August speaker, spoke on the history of Little Lon (Little Lonsdale Street in the CBD) an area which was subject to an archaeological dig in the early 2000's. A slum and red-light district, the area was well established by 1854.

Barbara highlighted the lives of the women of Little Lon, especially Madame Brussels, in the context of a society that gave women few options and little financial security. Through her research, Barbara was able to show that despite the many difficulties faced by women, some were able to become successful entrepreneurs and property owners over time.



**Barbara** introducing the history of Little Lon and its women.



**Anne Dunstone** thanking speaker, **Dr Barbara Minchington**.

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

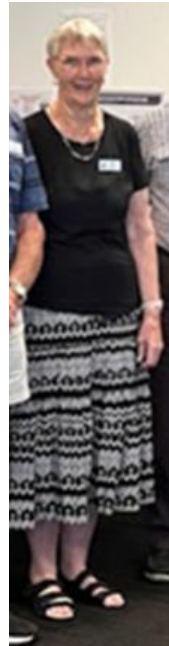
September – Darren Arnott, Prisoner of War Camp, Rowville

October – Tony Danino, Electric Vehicles Present and Future

Colin Goodrem  
IPP – Speakers



## VALE MARIE MORRIS



It is with sincere regret that we record the passing of our respected member, **Marie Winifred Morris**.

Born in Horsham, Marie was a true country girl. She spent her working career as a teacher, initially in the country before moving into the suburbs, where she worked in Doveton for almost 20 years.

Marie's greatest source of pride was always her family. Married to her soulmate, Alan, for 55 years, her 3 children and 7 grandchildren were her world.

Marie was a strong support for her husband Alan during his term of office as our President in 2016- 2017 (our 30th year).

With the change to a Combined Club, Marie joined as a full member on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Marie's presence was impossible to ignore. A regular participant in many of the club's activities, she was a warm and vibrant person and leaves her legacy of resilience and humour.

*Vale Marie.*

Peter Russell

*Thinking  
of you*

## WELFARE

This month we send our best wishes to members **Alan Guest, Morris Le Page** and **Graeme Findlay**. I have sent a condolence card to **Alan Morris** and his family on behalf of the club.

If you, or another member is unwell, please let me or a member of the Committee know.

If necessary, we can arrange transport for member who might have difficulty accessing club activities.

Anne Dunstone (0408365542)  
Welfare Officer



We currently have **58** members.

We expect some visitors at the next meeting, so please make them feel welcome. Please help us to find new members to ensure the future of our club by following up friends and acquaintances. Tell them about Probus.

**Updated contact details** – Please advise me of any current, and future (as they occur), changes to your contact details.

**Lost badges** – If any member has lost their badge, please contact me and I will replace it at a cost of \$13.00.

**Medical Record Card** – For those members requiring one, I will have copies of the Medical Record Card at the next General Meeting.

Godfrey Gin  
Membership Officer

### EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Members are reminded that the Club offers the facility to carry your emergency contact information (2 contacts) in the hopefully unlikely event that you become ill or incapacitated during a Club meeting, activity, outing or trip.

We encourage you to take advantage of this facility for your own peace of mind.

**Emergency Contact Forms** can be collected from Secretary **Ian Wood**. Pick one up at a General Meeting. Forms are held by the Secretary and are accessible, if required, by members of the Committee of Management.

***I've just renamed my Wifi network 'Police Surveillance Van #02'.***

***That should keep the neighbours on their toes for a while.***

### WINE and CHEESE



A chatty group of members gathered for the Wine and Cheese on the late afternoon of **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August**. A good time was had by all, including **Joan, Colin, Paula, Dorren H, Anne, Val, Rose, Noel** and **Sheila**, along with a couple of visitors including **Margaret**. As usual, good company, conversation, laughter and Paula's legendary sausage rolls contributed to a successful event. Unfortunately, your photographer forgot to take photos, for which she roundly apologises.

### NGV – FRENCH IMPRESSIONSISTS and LUNCH

The Probus contingent of the recent Probus / Balmoral NGV outing on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August** included (below) **Sheila, Doreen, Paula, Tina, Elizabeth, Laurie, Colin** and **Joan**. It was delightful to have Tina's daughter, **Stephanie**, come along as well.





## CHAT GROUP

Ten members attended our Chat Group meeting on **4<sup>th</sup> August** and we were delighted to welcome **Carole** to her first meeting. There never seems to be a shortage of topics to discuss, so a big thank you to all participants for your involvement.

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025** at the Mulgrave Country Club commencing at 10.00am. If you wish to have an early coffee, make it 9.45am.

Peter Russell  
Convenor



*Ian, David and Carole.*



**Craig, Rose, Graeme, Peter and Noel.**  
(Thanks to **Godfrey** for the photos.)



***Laurie and Elizabeth** (behind) catching up with **Barry, Colin, and Joan** after the walk.*

## STROLLERS

Thirteen members gathered on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July**. **Joan, Colin, Morris, Jan and Len, Godfrey, Barry, Ian, Sheila** and I met at the lake, whilst **Aziz, Elizabeth and Laurie** caught up with us at the café afterwards. We were delighted that new attendee, **Jan**, joined us. We did miss some of our regulars, however.

All members are welcome to come and enjoy exercise and coffee after the walk at the Wheelers Hill Shopping Centre. For any new attendees, we start at the table next to the Lake behind the Wheelers Hill Library, at 10 am.

**Note the change of day for our next stroll – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September.** This is due to the AFL Grand Final public holiday on the Friday. Though the lake walk will be open, our café will not!

Barry Cronan  
For the Strollers



***Barry, Len, Jan, Ian, Godfrey, Barry, Joan, Colin and Sheila** (behind the camera).*



***Jan, Aziz, Morris, Barry, Godfrey, Barry, Colin, Joan, Ian and Len.** Did we miss welcoming a potential member (the lady on the phone)*

## COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Ten people stopped by the Probus table at Café Verdi, in the Brandon Park Shopping Centre, on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August**, for hot coffee and good company. **Janette** joined us a little later.

All are welcome to join us on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August** at 10:00am.



**Colin, Joan, Pam, Carol, Brenda, Anne, Carole and Sheila** (behind the camera).

## OUTINGS AND EXCURSIONS



### Badge reminder

A reminder to wear your name badge at all meetings, activities and outings.



### Payment for Outings

If you normally prefer to pay any monies due via deposits to the Club Account, then please continue to do so. The Bank Account details are listed on the front page of the Newsletter. Make sure to include your **name** and **activity** when you make the transfer.

For those members who prefer to pay cash at meetings, please note that there will be **pre-printed envelopes** available on the Registration table at each monthly General Meeting. We suggest you take 2-3 envelopes so you can complete these at home with the correct amount and also save any queries or delays at the table.

Doreen Allison  
Outings and Excursions Officer

*People are excited about the new iPhone,  
but few have caught up with  
the awesome technology of  
using your blinker when you drive.*

## \$100 Power Saving Bonus

The Victorian Government has announced a new \$100 Power Saving Bonus program for eligible concession card households to help ease cost-of-living pressures.

To be eligible, households will need to:  
Have a recent residential electricity bill  
Hold one of the following concession cards:

- Health Care Card
- Pensioner Concession Card
- Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card
- Veterans' Affairs Gold Card; and
- Only one payment per household is available.

Applications can be submitted on this website, over the phone, or through a participating community organisation.

<https://compare.energy.vic.gov.au/>

## Food for Thought

1. *What if my dog only brings back the ball because he thinks I like throwing it?*
2. *If poison is past its expiration date, is it more poisonous or less poisonous?*
3. *Which letter is silent in the word 'scent', the S or the C?*
4. *Every time you clean something you make something else dirty.*
5. *The word 'swims' upside down is still 'swims'.*
6. *Intentionally losing a game of rock, paper, scissors is just as hard as trying to win.*
7. *Is your future self watching you right now through memories?*
8. *If you replace W with T in What, Where and When, you get the answer to each of them.*
9. *How many animals need glasses and no-one knows it?*
10. *If you rip a hole in a net, there are actually fewer holes in it than before.*





The family, while preparing the family history, were embarrassed and confounded as to how to describe their Criminal Uncle, who was executed tied to the Electric Chair in Prison.

Since they wanted to show their family in a positive light, they finally came up with following :  
 "Uncle Don occupied the chair of applied electronics at a leading government institution. He was attached to his position by strong ties and his death came as a Shock."

I went shopping today at Woolworths and was behind a grandfather and his very badly-behaved grandson.

The poor man had his hands full with the child screaming for sweets, cookies – all sorts of things.

The granddad stayed calm and kept saying in a soothing voice:  
 "Easy, William, we won't be long... easy, boy."

Another tantrum followed and again, I heard him say:  
 "It's okay, William. Just a couple more minutes and we'll be out of here. Hang in there, boy."

At the checkout, the little rascal started throwing items out of the cart . Still, the granddad kept his cool:  
 "William, William, relax buddy, don't get upset. We'll be home in five minutes, stay cool, William."

I was genuinely impressed, so I followed them to the parking lot.

As he was loading groceries into the car, I said:  
 "It's none of my business, but you were incredible in there. I don't know how you kept your composure the whole time.

Little William is lucky to have such a patient granddad."

"Thanks," the man smiled. "But I'm William... This little b\*stard's name is Kevin."

## CHURCH NOTICE

Do not leave your mobiles, purses, wallets, handbags unattended- others may think it is an answer to their prayers.

*People are excited about the new iPhone, but few have caught up with the awesome technology of using your blinker when you drive.*

**Wife texts husband on a cold winter morning:**

**"Windows frozen, won't open."**

**Husband texts back: "Gently pour some lukewarm water over it and then gently tap edges with hammer."**

**Wife texts back 10 minutes later: "Computer really messed up now."**

## THANK YOU TO OUR CONTRIBUTORS

Thank you to all who contribute to the Newsletter, including Doreen Allison, Carole Carless, Barry Cronan, Anne Dunstone, Graeme Findlay, Carol Gaida, Tina Gem, Godfrey Gin, Colin and Joan Goodrem, Noel Heather, Marj Lampard, Robert Maslen, Rose Randell, Peter Russell, Paula Slamet, Craig Smedley, David West and Ian Wood.

Contributions to the Newsletter are most welcome.



## Club Service Roster for 2025 – 2026

| A                | B   | C  | D  | E  |
|------------------|---|--|--|--|
| <b>2025</b>      | <b>Entrance door monitors for the group attendance record, and collection for Tea/ Coffee 2 DOLLAR donation</b><br><br><b>PLEASE ARRIVE CLOSE TO 9:15/ 9:30</b> | <b>Arrange meeting tables &amp; seating and later replace into store....</b><br><br><b>PLEASE ARRIVE CLOSE TO 9:30/ 9:45</b> | <b>Tea table- set up and serve at break then Deliver empty cups and load dish washer</b><br><b>PLEASE ARRIVE CLOSE TO 9:30/ 9:45</b> | <b>Coffee table- set up and serve then Deliver empty cups and load dish washer</b><br><b>PLEASE ARRIVE CLOSE TO 9:30/ 9:45</b> |
| <b>September</b> | Creagh Bown and David West  | <b>Committee members</b>   | Lorraine Mussett   | Sheila Mallia  |
| <b>October</b>   | Laurie Fraser and Alva Purkiss  | <b>Committee members</b>   | Elizabeth Fraser   | Jan Hills  |
| <b>November</b>  | Alan Morris and Peter Russell   | <b>Committee members</b>   | Pauline Coe  | Jan Smart  |
| <b>December</b>  | <b>CHRISTMAS LUNCH</b>  |  |  |  |
| <b>2026</b>      |   |  |  |  |
| <b>January</b>   | Aziz Abazzaz and Carl Kelsen  | <b>Committee members</b>   | Dawn Neuweck   | Arlett Pat   |
| <b>February</b>  | Colin Goodrem and Barry Crittle   | <b>Committee members</b>   | Joan Goodrem   | Sheila Mallia  |
| <b>March</b>     | Morris LePage and Tony Hills  | <b>Committee members</b>   | Anne Dunstone  | Jan Hills  |
| <b>April</b>     | Tony Hough and Graeme Findlay   | Committee members  | Tina Gem   | Elizabeth Fraser   |
| <b>May</b>       | Godfrey Gin and Ivor Stephens   | Committee members  | Carol Gaida  | Carole Carless   |
| <b>June</b>      | Len Smart and Craig Smedley   | Committee members  | Jan Smart  | Raelene Smedley  |
| <b>July</b>      | Graeme Little and Peter Russell   | Committee Members  | Tina Gem   | Anne Dunstone  |
| <b>August</b>    | Barry Cronan and Godfrey Gin  | Committee members  | Doreen Hall  | Pam Browne   |

**Should a member be unable to attend at the above date, kindly inform Noel Heather on 0407 668 941.... Thank you.**

**Instructions for Set-Up and Morning Tea are posted on the wall in the kitchen.**


We are always grateful for the many members who arrive early for meetings to assist set-up.



# Probus Club of Wheelers Hill

## What's On 2025



|           |                  |              |   |   |
|-----------|------------------|--------------|---|---|
| September | Friday           | 5            | Committee Meeting   | 10:00am, Brandon Park Community Centre  |
|           | Friday           | 12           | General Meeting   |   |
|           | <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>18</b>    | <b>Wine and Cheese</b> (day change)   | <b>Details will be emailed.</b>   |
|           | Thursday         | 25           | Strollers (change of date, due to Grand Final holiday)  | 10:00am, Wheelers Hill Library lake, followed by coffee at Paul's Patisserie. |
|           | Monday           | 29           | Coffee and Conversation   | 10:00am, Café Verdi, Brandon Park S.C.  |
| October   | Friday           | 3            | Committee Meeting   | 10:00am, Brandon Park Community Centre  |
|           | Monday           | 6            | Chat Group  | 10:00am MCC Lounge area   |
|           | <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>9</b>     | <b>AIRPORT Outing</b>   | <b>Details from Doreen. Bookings essential.</b>                               |
|           | Friday           | 10           | General Meeting (change of venue)   | <b>Mount Waverley Youth Community Centre, 45 Miller Cres, Mt Waverley</b>     |
|           | <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>19</b>    | <b>Musical Afternoon</b><br> | <b>2:00pm – 4:00pm. Details will be emailed.</b>                              |
|           | <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>21</b>    | <b>PAV Friendship Day</b>   | <b>Details from Doreen.</b>   |
|           | Friday           | 24           | Strollers   | 10:00am, Wheelers Hill Library lake, followed by coffee at Paul's Patisserie. |
|           | Monday           | 27           | Coffee and Conversation   | 10:00am, Café Verdi, Brandon Park S.C.  |
|           | <b>Mon – Fri</b> | <b>27-31</b> | <b>5-Day CANBERRA Trip</b>  | <b>Details from Doreen. Bookings essential.</b>                               |
| November  | Monday           | 3            | Chat Group  | 10:00am MCC Lounge area   |
|           | Friday           | 7            | Committee Meeting   | 10:00am, Brandon Park Community Centre  |
|           | Friday           | 14           | General Meeting   | 10:00am, Wheelers Hill Library, Meeting Room                                  |
|           | <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>20</b>    | <b>Wine and Cheese</b>  | <b>Details will be emailed.</b>   |
|           | Monday           | 24           | Coffee and Conversation   | 10:00am, Café Verdi, Brandon Park S.C.  |
|           | Friday           | 28           | Strollers   | 10:00am, Wheelers Hill Library lake, followed by coffee at Paul's Patisserie. |

NOTE: For **essential bookings**, sign on at the outings table, or book directly with Doreen.