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General Meeting 9.01.26



It was lovely to see members flocking in the door on Jan. 9 for our first Probus meeting for 2026. With visitors, there were 110 attendees, a wonderful number considering the extreme heat of the week, and all with happy smiles and New Year greetings. A great start to the year. (And almost all wearing names badges ... a joy to my heart!)

Kay's welcome included some important reminders – that we need to bring water in the very hot weather, that nominations are needed by the February meeting for our AGM elections in March, where we need a

new Vice-President for the coming year, and that the date of the March meeting has been changed to March 6 (clubrooms are unavailable on our scheduled March 13 because of state election requirements). PLEASE ALL NOTE!!

In Jan's absence, Myra outlined the coming events program (see the Trybooking sheet attached) and coming speakers. The usual request for Probe material, always one week after General Meeting, and Member News is vitally important. David Harris brought us up to date on the men's group and their self-selected name - Silent Minority – to some laughter from the females in the audience ... see his column in Activities. Some recommendations of Talking Books and the value podcasts can have for us, then it was over to Member Moments and a



fascinating account by Cathryn Wellner of her recently-published book *The Reluctant Farmer*. A gifted storyteller, Cathryn brought to life her experiences as a very new chum farmer in British Columbia. Books available from her if you're interested.

Coffee break was even more convivial than usual, before we settled to listen to our guest speaker, John

Tuckwell, with his interesting account of Farina, both the township with its ups and downs as the major railway came in 1882 and the early days of the Government Gums Waterhole developed into a flourishing centre. Farina, 650km north of Adelaide, once boasted a population of 300, with store, school, post office, two pubs and an underground bakery. Later

movement of the railway centre to Maree led to eventual desertion and by 1980 only ruins. But not the end of the story. John's account of the important role that the Farina Restoration Group and its team of dedicated volunteers is playing in bringing the past to life again was engrossing. Old buildings lovingly reconstructed, the



return of a locomotive, establishment of walking trails, the old underground bakery restored, and a new one with professional baking of bread for the eight weeks each year the town lives again. A true labour of love, and John himself, with his diverse background of accountant, business manager, and many volunteer roles in other countries, was certainly the man to give us insight into this interesting project.

Many of us continued talking about Farina over the usual optional excellent lunch at the Surf Lifesaving Club.



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President's Message

I loved seeing how many of you attended the first meeting of the year, especially considering the very hot weather. I hope that your New Year's resolutions are working well for you!



Our guest speaker, John

Tuckwell, gave us a fascinating insight into the intricacies and person power that go into an undertaking such as the preservation of the Farina ruins. His photographs and descriptions made an extremely interesting presentation.

Cathryn Wellner gave us a humorous insight into her book, *The Reluctant Farmer*, in our Members Moments segment. We have some truly vibrant, interesting and talented members!

The speaker at the February meeting is Lynette Zeitz, who will be talking about Urrbrae House.

Don't forget to send the name and contact for any tradespeople you may have used and were happy with, to Valerie for inclusion in *Probe*.

Finally, we are still looking for nominations for our 2026 Vice President. If you think you could fill this role (or know someone else who might), please let Carol Mayger know before the February meeting.

Stay well. Kay

HAPPY HOUR



No Happy Hour in December, but the January gathering at Glenelg Surf Lifesaving Club on Friday 30 will welcome members for the usual friendly drink, with the option of staying on for dinner. It's always the LAST Friday in the month, so think about joining us in 2026, but please book on Trybooking and join us on Friday, January 30 and February 27. Easy parking under the building. Just look for our table - you'll be very welcome.

Nominations for AGM, March 6, 2026

Greetings to all Glenelg Bay Probus Club members

In accordance with our Constitution, it is now the time to be thinking about nominations for the Committee. In particular we are seeking a Vice President.

Other office bearers and committee members have agreed to renominate.

Members are asked to give consideration for nominations on who might be a suitable and willing member of our vibrant club to fill this rewarding position.

Nomination Forms are available from the Secretary, Carol Mayger, email: carolmayger19@gmail.com A role description is also available on request; email the Secretary.

Nominations must be lodged with the Secretary before the February Meeting on Friday 13th February 2026.

For further information please speak with a committee member who will help with your enquiry.

Carol Mayger
Secretary, Glenelg Bay Probus Club
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CALENDAR EVENTS

Most events will need to be booked in via Trybooking (see page 7 or web site for tour details and booking)

Wed., January 28: 10 am Coffee at Swedish Tarts

Friday, January 30 : 5 pm Happy Hour at GSLC and optional dinner after at GLSC

Wednesday, February 4: 10 am Walking group

Monday, February 9 : 1.00 pm Committee meeting

Wed., February 11: 10 am Coffee at Swedish Tarts

Thursday, February 12: 11am 'Silent Minority' - Men's coffee group Glenelg Football Club

Friday, February 13: 9.30 am General meeting: guest speaker Lynette Zeitz. Optional lunch at GSLC

Thursday, February 19: 10.30am Kandahar House tour. Optional lunch at The Highway

Friday, February 27 : 5 pm Happy Hour at GSLC and optional dinner after at GLSC

Friday, March 6 (NB date change): 9.30 am General meeting with AGM: guest performer - professional cellist Catherine Finniss. Optional lunch at GSLC

HOW TO HELP YOUR COMMITTEE.

1. Please wear your badge to meetings.
2. Please book for meetings or text Margaret Miatke to book you in, unless you have an arrangement with Kathy Kingston or Annette Pelling for booking.
3. Please text an apology to Annette Pelling on 0414851029 if you can't attend a meeting.
4. Please let Marie Seeley or a committee member know if you hear of a club member being unwell or having surgery and you think they would like a get well card.

We need to look after each other.
Annette Pelling

The Probus Club of Marion – IT Conversation Group January Report



OUR NEXT Group session will be on Friday February 6th, Meeting at Club Marion Sturt Road Marion, upstairs or lift in the west room. Starting at 10.30AM and finish by 12.30PM.

All Probus members and Friends are welcome also other Probus Clubs are welcome, coffee is available to purchase.

At our February session Emily from the Community Programs and events office – Libraries / City of Marion council will be our guest to revise ALL our computer queries and problems. Plus, Emily will give assistance time permitting to individuals if needed.

Dates to mark into your Diaries:

March 6th - Lou Leeuwrik with a topic to be advised

April 10th– Emily

May 1st

June 5th – Emily

July 3rd

August 7th – Emily

Hoping to see you at the session.

Regards Bob Brammy

Contact: 0417126200

WALKING GROUP:



Two beach walks are scheduled for February. Hopefully the weather will be perfect at around 25-27 degrees and with a little breeze. All regular, irregular and new walkers will be welcome. For members who have recently joined - the group does not speed walk but rather walk at your own pace. If you need to sit and rejoin the group on the return leg, that is definitely acceptable.



Wednesday 4 February Glenelg Kiosk, Cnr Broadway and South Esplanade

Wednesday 18 February West Beach Boat Ramp Barcoo Road.

Walks commence at 10 am and I look forward to seeing you.

Lenore Jones Coordinator 0419 825 532

Coffee Mornings

Put the dates in your calendar - second and fourth Wednesday mornings each month a small group of friendly members gather for a one hour coffee and catch-up at Swedish Tarts (Nile Street, Glenelg - opposite Coles). It's a great break in your shopping time and always pleasant, so join us in our reserved table down the back - newcomers very welcome. Nine gathered on Jan. 15 - next dates are Feb. 11 and 25 - hope to see you there. Further information from Marie (0409 673 000) or Marilyn (0413 222 983)



Silent Minority

The men's group now has an active list of around 15 people and has settled on the name 'The Silent Minority'. Five intrepid souls braved the heat for the third gathering. With access to the cool and quiet of the Glenelg Footy Club we tried to be better customers by starting the meeting with a drink (or coffee) and ending with lunch. The world presented us with plenty to talk about, rounded out by some interesting personal stories. We had a great time. Most being memory challenged, we have settled on an easily-remembered date for holding future meetings – the Thursday before the Friday meeting of Probus. So the next will be at 11.00am, Thursday, February 12, at the Glenelg Footy Club. Further information: David Harris (0410 597 769)



BARBIES and BOCCE

Hi All

The first Barbies and Bocce for 2026 on January 25th had an Aussie Theme for Australia Day with hats with corks, singlets, shorts and thongs. And lamingtons! We'd love to see new people

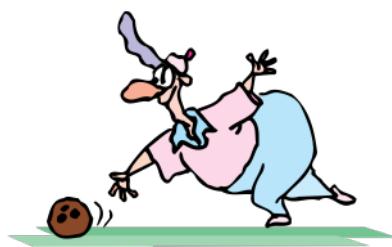
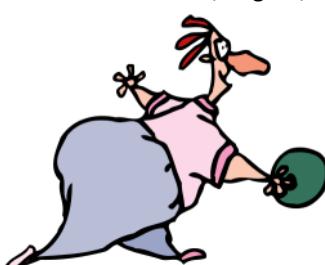
join us for this friendly get-together each month (last Sunday) at Sandison Reserve, Third Ave, Glenelg East, 12-2.00ish

Bring along your sausages, a drink and glass, we'll supply bread, onions, sauces, plates and serviettes.

Next event is February 22 - hope to see

you there.

Cheers, Annette 0414 851 029



Happy birthday to our February birthdays:

Denis Arbon (1st)
Carole Carroll (20th)
Graeme Kerley (7th)
Peter May (20th)
Jan Richardson (8th)
Shirley Roberts (21st)
Marie Seeley (5th)
Myra Starick (7th)
Trish Waite (13th)

and to any others we may have missed



Travel, anyone?

Hotels are great; but!

Imagine, you are tired after your flight, you check in to your high-class hotel, your room has spectacular views, there is room service available but you decide to dine at one of the hotel's fine dining restaurants. You return to your luxury room to watch the spectacular sunset city view from the balcony, the bar is stocked, the bathroom has all the amenities you want including a spa bath in which you relax before climbing into bed and there is a slight a very slight rocking as you fall peacefully to sleep.



You wake up well rested and open the curtains to see what the day will bring. The sun is up, but wait where has that city view I had last night gone? It's almost as though the whole hotel has moved whilst I was asleep and I now have a view of a tropical island. Am I in the Caribbean or is it Tahiti or Hawaii? I'm not sure. I look at the hotel info to decide what to do today, and I'm amazed at all the options available, swimming pools and a day spa, a casino, an ice-skating rink, a theatre with professional shows (different every day), a water park with slides, an aqua show, go carts, dodgems, cooking classes, mini golf, surfing, rock climbing and they will even look after your kids so you can enjoy yourself - that's just in the hotel.



I then notice additional options to visit beach clubs or see some local culture or go on a sailing yacht for lunch. After trying my selection of these options and another fantastic meal I retire to bed. I wake up the next morning and keenly open the curtains to see if anything happened overnight. To my amazement we are in some sort of fjord surrounded by Magnificent Peaks topped with a coating of snow. Are we in Alaska or maybe Norway or perhaps Milford Sound? Today's hotel info has changed: we have options to go whale watching, a train ride into the mountains, dog sledding, heli-skiing or on a flight to see glaciers, which I opt for after the train into the mountains. After an evening meal in the elegant dining room, I take in a show, gamble a bit (too long) get peckish so visit the free pizzeria for a snack and hot chocolate before retiring to bed. I wonder where in the world I will be tomorrow.

This time it's a port, looks Mediterranean to me but it could be Spanish or Italy or even Portugal or maybe the Canary Island or Madeira. Options today include visits to the Vatican, Pompeii, Capri, so I guess its Italy. The Pope was not available, so we go on a tour of Capri, Sorrento and Pompeii, making it a long and tiring day. By now you are probably thinking that my dream of a mobile hotel is just that a pipedream. Good news! There are a small number of companies that have made progress on developing this concept and provisionally are calling it "CRUISING" and it takes place on SHIPS.



So what's the big BUT? Currently (except in very few cases) these cruises are offered only for limited period. This means that once you return home, you suddenly suffer the MAJOR SHOCK of finding all the staff service: the shop for food, prepare it, serve it, clean and wash up after meals, make your bed, change the sheets, do your laundry, clean the windows, clean the bathroom, Hoover the carpet, sweep the balcony and most importantly make the coffee in the morning are MISSING. What did the Doctor recommend as the cure for this MAJOR SHOCK? A prescription, with multiple repeats, of CRUISES taken in small doses initially but with increasing doses as tolerance for this SHOCK decreases with age.

To explore this further, and increase our Shock Tolerance, Kath and I will be taking number of these trial experiences in several worldwide locations over the next few months and hope to report further on our return.

Andrew Sims

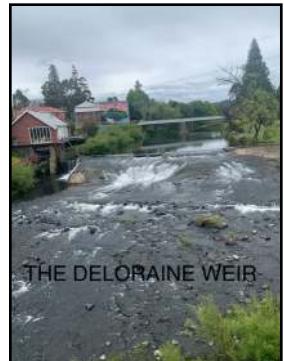
Touring Tasmania 2025

If there is one destination you need to put on your "To Do" list, it is Tasmania. From the moment of arriving you feel like you have travelled overseas to another country - well, you did cross the Tasman!

Too many towns and experiences so I will just mention our top picks.

Stanley - home of The Nut. A volcanic plug 143m high overlooking a historic fishing town on NW coast. Of course we had the obligatory scones with fresh cream and homemade raspberry jam in a quaint coffee shop for morning tea. We enjoyed a fresh lobster that night and at dusk watched the little penguins march up the rocks and wander around the campsite.

Beaconsfield - A lovely rural township with the now defunct mine at its centre. The museum shows just what the two miners, Todd Russell and Bradt Webb, endured being trapped underground in confined and truly toe-curling claustrophobic conditions for two weeks. The town also boasts Ripple Brewery, Gold Brewpub and of course a bakery - 20 year anniversary this Anzac Day.



Bicheno - a visit to this seaside town is not complete without sampling the famous Jacks Shack lobster roll savoured with a cheeky Pino Gris whilst sitting on the balcony. A trip to see the Blowhole and massive Rocking Rock is a must do.

Coles Bay - absolutely a scenic pleasure On the doorstep of Freycinet National park and overlooked by The Hazards. A cruise around to WineGlass with a tasty box lunch while anchored and finished off with a visit to the Ice-creamery.

Deloraine - is on the Meander River which runs through the town with the focal point being the weir. There are a wide range of wildlife and the odd platypus. Amazing bakery!!! The British Hotel built in 1859, home of The Little Green Men Brewery - and the biggest Schnitty I've ever seen.



While driving we continually found ourselves saying "How green is the countryside" ... "How blue is the ocean" ... "How white are the beaches" ... and "How bloody cold is it!"

Jen Cunningham



FILM LOVERS ALERT

Probus movie-lovers monthly event:

A message from film group coordinator, Anna Bianchi

In the wake of the much-revered

Writers' Week's demise, thankfully (so far) we still have the Mercury Cinema

with its long list of movies giving air to stifled, silenced 'other' voices, as well as loving voices. These are voices that need to be heard to get greater insight, to make informed decisions, and to free people from adversity.



... And to be able to see the good in people. Take the Mercury's *Songs Inside* at 10.30am on Friday 23rd January for example. In this documentary we witness the healing powers of music inside the Women's Prison in Adelaide. Yes, Adelaide. The documentary culminates in a concert within the prison that includes the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra. This session is followed by a Q&A.

To change the pace and for something warm and fuzzy, I'm suggesting an earlier Friday for the Mercury in February - the 6th. The film starts at 10.30, with Retire Australia's yummy morning tea at 10. I wonder if this will include porridge... seeing as *The Golden Spurtle* is about a Scottish World Competition in porridge making! May I suggest you read the review in The Guardian:

<https://share.google/AXVen9GK3lQMtmAMq>

Here's looking at you!

Anna Bianchi 0438 390 337

Further information: Mercury Cinema web page

<https://themercury.org.au/>

or from Anna Bianchi 0438 390 337

(Ed: At \$10 a film, this is remarkable value !)



ADELAIDE MUSIC CLUB

Mon 2nd Feb 2026

Following on from the its success in
the 2025 Fringe the **AMC presents...**



A celebration of fantastic Aussie chart toppers.

Featuring the fabulous singers, instrumentalists and dancers of the *Groove Brothers and Soul Sister Ensemble*

The Grand Ballroom

443 Tapley's Hill Rd, Fulham Gardens

Dinner and Show 6pm for 7.45pm

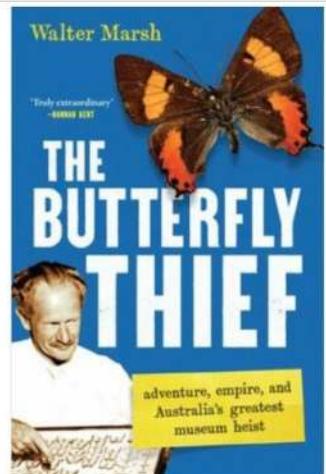
Members \$35 pp - Non-Members \$55 pp

Website bookings: <https://adelaidemusicclub.com.au/bookings/>

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THE FRIENDS of CARRICK HILL



Meet Walter Marsh – Author of *The Butterfly Thief*:

Adventure, Empire, and Australia's Greatest Museum Heist

Wednesday 18 February 2026 at 10am, The Pavilion, Carrick Hill.

In *The Butterfly Thief*, Adelaide Journalist/ Author, Walter Marsh follows the trail of Colin Wyatt, a mysterious 20th-century collector. It is the fascinating story of the most audacious serial heist in the history of Australia's museums - and how the British gentleman adventurer pulled it off and got away with it - in a scientific true crime caper stretching around the globe.

Cost: \$35 (Includes Morning Tea & Complimentary Raffle Ticket)

Bookings: Trybooking –FOCH Meet Author Walter Marsh.

A FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR CARRICK HILL



Oh my God Neil Diamond sounds like me
Price Starts from: \$35.00
Organized By: Adelaide Music Club
Location: Grand Ball Room
March 2, 2026 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

INSIDE
EVERY
OLDER
PERSON
IS A
YOUNGER
PERSON
WONDERING
WHAT THE
HELL
HAPPENED.

– Coco Harvey Armstrong

Note to Self:

Do not sit on the floor
without a plan on how to
get back up.

AN INVITATION

Dear Probus members

We are pleased to invite your members to Lunch on the Lawns in 2026!

Her Excellency and Mr Bunten invite the public to come to the Government House gardens, bring a picnic lunch, spread out a rug or unfold a camping chair and enjoy the surroundings, while listening to a community band or orchestra.

The free events will be held on the first or second Friday of the month, from 12 noon to 2pm.

Just come through the main gates and choose your picnic spot.

Dates for 2026 are: 9 January 2026, 6 February 2026, 6 March 2026, 10 April 2026, 1 May 2026.

On the same dates, free garden tours of the Government House grounds, hosted by the Friends of the Botanic Gardens, will run from 10.45am to 11.45am. Registrations are required for these guided tours through a booking process at www.governor.sa.gov.au.

Lunch on the Lawns is part of Her Excellency's and Mr Bunten's aim to make Government House a place where more South Australians feel welcome and are able to visit.

Please feel free to share this information with all your members and broader communities.

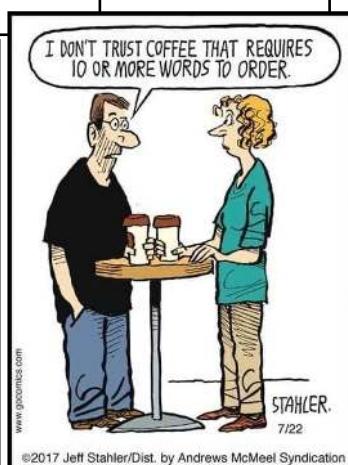
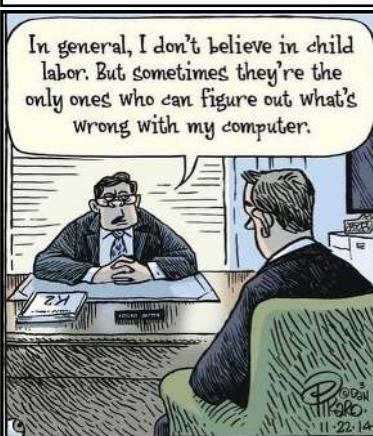
For more information, call 8203 9800 or visit www.governor.sa.gov.au

Beaumont House

631 Glynnburn Road, Beaumont, a State Heritage listed House & Garden, will be open Sunday, 1 February 2-4.30 pm and first Sunday of every month.

Tour and refreshments \$15 concession

Enquiries: Chris 0468 866 492



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MEMBER NEWS

Aime Bowers has just booked a sentimental autumn bus journey to Bright, Victoria as it includes a visit to Wodonga and the heritage listed Migration Centre of Bonegilla, where she spent her first night in Australia on the 30/06/1948. She writes: *The warmth of the locals welcoming us migrants more than cancelled out the chilly autumn weather and has warmed me ever since. Thank you Ozzie Ozzie Ozzie!*



Molden-Hauer on Macquarie Island - beautiful but COLD (7 degree temperatures)



Frank White suggests that our club members make a table for the Rotary Club Quiz Night (see advertisement below) on 27th February at Club Holdfast.

Myra Starick with family, Gus, Paul and Edie, enjoyed the Ashes cricket test match

Rosemary and Peter



Rotary Club of Somerton Park

FRIDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2026

**7.00pm – 10.30pm – Cost \$20 pp
CLUB HOLDFAST**

583 Anzac Hwy, GLENELG NTH

Get your friends and family together for a table of 8 and join the competition for a great evening of mental stimulation and humour. Additional events include a table wine number competition, heads and tails, guess the jelly bean number jar and a huge raffle. So please bring some cash including gold coins. Credit card facilities will be available.

All proceeds from this event will go to support the Australian Rotary Health Scholarship Program which is assisting an indigenous student studying medicine at Flinders University.

QUIZ NIGHT



COST \$20 PER PERSON

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1517794>

Please bring nibbles for the evening and the bar will be open for drinks. Tables are made up of 8 seats, so make up a table if you can, but please book individually if required or contact

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