



Combined Probussouthpacific Club of St. Helena Inc.

Incorporation No: A00048111V

Fellowship, Friendship and Fun

September

Newsletter

**Monday
15 September
2025**

(entry from 9:30am)

**Please do not attend if
unwell**

**General Meeting
10:00am**

**Guest Speaker
Vicki Brown OAM**

Venue and Meetings

**RSL Greensborough
111 Main Street,
Greensborough**
on the 3rd Monday of each
month, 10:00am, unless
otherwise advised

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Club Website
<https://www.probussouthpacific.org/microsites/sthelenacombined>

Next Meeting
Monday 20 October
At 10:00am



President's Message

As the old saying goes "Spring has sprung", and what a lovely time of year, when we can look forward to warmer days. Who remembers that sweet little song we used to sing at school "when the daffodils dance in the sun and the rain then we know that the Springtime is coming again.....". We could all sing it at the next meeting???? Or maybe not.

A group of 20 (members and visitors) enjoyed seeing Annie at the Princess Theatre last month. We have so much wonderful talent in our country, including the gorgeous children who put their hearts and souls into their performance. A big thank you to Heather Wilson for making this possible.

This month Phil has organized a tour of the Eltham Cemetery and the old Court House which should be very interesting. This will be followed by lunch at the Eltham Hotel.

September also brings the end of the 2025 football season, culminating with the grand final on the 27th. For those who get together with friends and family to watch the pre-game entertainment and the final, I hope you have a wonderful day. For those who are lucky enough to be watching their own team play, please let me know how that feels. Like any others of you who follow Essendon, I'm hoping for bigger and better things next year (or the year after), we can't ever give up on our boys though.

I read recently that a study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it, keep that in mind gents. 😊

Kaye

Contributions for
October issue to
Pat Cartwright
by Wed 8 October

BIRTHDAYS

Trevor Cameron 0455 281 740



Trevor Cameron, John Cornish, David Cripps, Ian Daye, Shirley Gates, Cathy Horton, Neville Jenkin, Pat Merrey, Barbara Nitschke and Peter Tedge.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Fred Harrington OAM 0417 116 304 fred.harrington@techinfo.com.au

SEPTEMBER – Vicki Brown OAM

Vicki is a volunteer guide at the National Gallery Canberra and will tell us about her journey to become a guide, some information about the gallery, and her experiences as a guide.

OCTOBER - Julie Armstrong

Julie is from the organisation called **Hope in a Suitcase**. Hope in a Suitcase is a non-profit organisation run entirely by passionate and dedicated volunteers and through donations of new items from the community, and the generosity of groups and corporations. Since its beginning in 2018, the charity has grown to be able to provide suitcases for children going into foster care or out-of-home care, throughout NSW, Queensland, Victoria, and Tasmania.

Fred

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

Cheryl Carmichael

Please introduce yourself to Cheryl and make her feel very welcome.



WALKING GROUP

Garry Solum 0417 274 421 garrysforklift@hotmail.com

SEPTEMBER – Wednesday 17 at 10:00am – Wattle Glen to Hurstbridge Trail

We will meet in Wilson Road Reserve – Melway 11 G2

It is approximately 3.5 k easy walk along made paths. After refreshments at **The French Lettuce**, Unit 2/794 Heidelberg - Kinglake Rd, Hurstbridge, you can either catch a train back to Wattle Glen or walk back with me.

Hope to see you there.

Garry



STRATHALLAN GOLF

Don Gowers 0474 209 278

Any member interested in a relaxing nine holes of golf, followed by a social cup of tea/coffee, please join our regular group of Probus members **EVERY** Tuesday at the Strathallan Golf Club, 100 Main Drive Bundoora. Our normal tee off times are between 8:00 and 8:30. New players - please phone or e-mail.

Don

GARDENS

Jan Baker 0438 194 400 stujanb@bigpond.net.au

OCTOBER – Thursday 02 at 10:30am - Ivy Lea Garden

\$25

1 Wild Duck Way, Whittlesea

This is a private garden and morning tea is included.

Lunch afterwards at the Royal Mail Hotel Whittlesea or the Whittlesea Bowling Club - TBA.

Click on this link to access the booking form for **Ivy Lea Garden** or contact me.

<https://forms.gle/PuZ4768z7WHdXUA76>

15 September - Bookings due

15 September meeting - Deadline for cheque/cash payment, using a pink slip (cheque preferred or correct money)

25 Sep - EFT payment deadline, using Payment Code **IVY** [Surname, initial]

Jan

Annual Probus Golf Day

The 2025 PAV Probus Golf Day:

- Is Scheduled for **Friday 14th NOVEMBER 2025**
- At **Goonawarra Golf Course**, 2 Francis Blvd, Sunbury
- The Format is: 18 holes, 4 person Ambrose.
- Tee Time: 8.30am shot gun start. Team Registration: from 7.30am for Team Captain only.
- Entry Fee: \$85 per player (includes golf, egg & bacon roll breakfast, lunch and show bag).
- No refunds after 30 September 2025.
- Motorised carts: \$40 each. Only 14 carts are available for hire and will be allocated in the order of booking.
- Entries close on 30 September 2025 (or earlier if field capacity is reached).

If you are interested in this event please contact Chris Kelly without delay for more information. I will be working on a first come/first served basis.

If you wish to see more details please access the club website and look for the "Golf" link in the left-hand-side menu.

<https://www.probussouthpacific.org/microsites/sthelenacombined>

Chris Kelly 0417 571 588 chrisnshirl@bigpond.com

TRIPS and TOURS

Phil Ciravolo 0409 940 468 ciravolo@netspace.net.au

NOVEMBER – Thursday 20 - 10:00am to 2:30pm – Beleura House and Garden Tour

1 Tallis Drive, Mornington

\$58

This is a beautiful historic house with a lovely garden - simple morning tea / coffee and light lunch (sandwiches and a dessert) included. The \$58 does not include transport. We would need to car pool, and likely leaving from Greensborough around 8.30 am to get to Mornington by 10.00 am.

We park at the Mornington Golf Course and Beleura will transport us to the property in 2 mini-buses. Trip is only 3 minutes away. The limit is 36 members. I encourage you to check out the website for more details <https://beleura.org.au>

Click on this link to access the booking form for **Beleura House and Garden Tour**, or contact me: <https://forms.gle/G4zpmcfGHM9QzQot7>

20 October - Bookings due

20 October - Deadline for cheque/cash payment, using a pink slip (cheque preferred or correct money)

3 November - EFT payment deadline, using Payment Code **BELEURA** (Surname, Initial)

Phil



THEATRE

Heather Wilson

0409 137 043

mrsraw48@gmail.com

- **A Booking Form is required for EACH person attending.**
- **Theatre outings are primarily for Probus members, then friends (provided they are Seniors).**

Pre-Payment is required for all **Theatre** and should be paid into the **Trip Account**

See details on the Payments Page of the newsletter.

FEBRUARY – Wednesday 11 at 1:00pm – “Anastasia”

\$72

Regent Theatre, 191 Collins Street

Click on this link to access the booking form for **Anastasia** or contact me.

<https://forms.gle/A3UqGubFG9GZxhnQ6>

17 November meeting - Deadline for cheque/cash payment, using a pink slip (cheque preferred or correct money)

17 November - EFT payment deadline, using Payment Code **ANA** [Surname, initial]

Heather Wilson

DINE OUTS / ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER – Monday 03 at 2:30pm – CUP EVE AFTERNOON TEA

No charge

Westerfolds Park. Enter from Main Gate on Fitzsimons Lane, Templestowe. Follow the roadway through the parklands to the Red Stringy Bark picnic shelter (the usual shelter, between the large play area and the toilets) Melway 33F1

BYO drinks plus a “share plate” for a communal afternoon tea plus some gold coins for Cup Sweeps.

To have an idea of attendance, please click on this link to access the **Expression of Interest** form for **Cup Eve Afternoon Tea**

<https://forms.gle/STRpyPw4ceqot895A>

31 October - Expression of Interest due

Wendy Lewis 0407 680 036

wendy.lew@bigpond.com

or David Cripps 0418 387 779

crippsy8289@hotmail.com



NOVEMBER – Thursday 06 at 6:30pm – PIYADA THAI MACLEOD

\$43

72 Aberdeen Rd, Macleod

The \$43 is for 3 courses (there will be a corkage cost of \$3 for those taking their own wine, which would be paid on the night)

Click on this link to access the booking form for **Piyada Thai Macleod**,

<https://forms.gle/Dvi4RoBPcEpFWgmf6> or contact Alyson or Bruce

20 October - Bookings due

20 October - Deadline for cheque/cash payment, using a pink slip (cheque preferred or correct money)

20 October - EFT payment deadline, using Payment Code **PIYADA** (Surname, Initial)

Alyson & Bruce Lohrey 0456 773 487 bruce.lohrey40@bigpond.com

SAVE THESE DATES

DECEMBER – Thursday 11 at 12 noon to 4:00pm – CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Heidelberg Golf Club, 8 Main Road, Lower Plenty

Sue & Phil Ciravolo 0408 993 523 or 0409 940 468

ciravolo@netspace.net.au



JANUARY – Thursday 8 at 9:30am – SLICES AT DOREEN BRUNCH

1/80 Hazel Glen Drive, Doreen

Jan Baker 0438 194 400

stujanb@bigpond.net.au

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CARAVAN and CABINS GROUP

Chris Kelly, 0417 571 588, chrisnshirl@bigpond.com and David Wright 0438 740 353

OCTOBER – Tuesday 21 to Sunday 26

Moama Riverside Holiday Park

Corner Cobb Hwy & Shaw Street, MOAMA, NSW 2731

Phone: **03 5482 3241**

Web: www.moamariverside.com.au



The park has a fire pit that we intend to utilise. Plans are being discussed on that front. The people at the park have offered to provide the meat for a BBQ for one of our communal BBQ dinners – probably Thursday evening. More on that next month.

Seats have been reserved (and paid for) for two river cruises. One cruise provides lunch at Morrisons winery (21 members) and the other cruise is a 60 minutes cruise on the Murray (24 members). We have booked dinners at two pubs and golf at a 9-hole course in Moama.

At the moment we have 49 members heading to Moama and an empty waiting list.

MARCH 2026 – Tuesday 17 to Sunday 22

BIG4 Ingenia Holidays Queenscliff Beacon

78 Bellarine Highway Queenscliff, Victoria

Phone: **03 5258 1133**

If you wish to join the group, please ring the park and mention **Group Booking No 56390** and make an appropriate booking. Please then advise **Chris Kelly** of your booking.

At the moment we have 46 members heading to Queenscliff and an empty waiting list.

Regards

Chris Kelly & David Wright

Convenors – Caravan and Cabin Group

0417 571 588

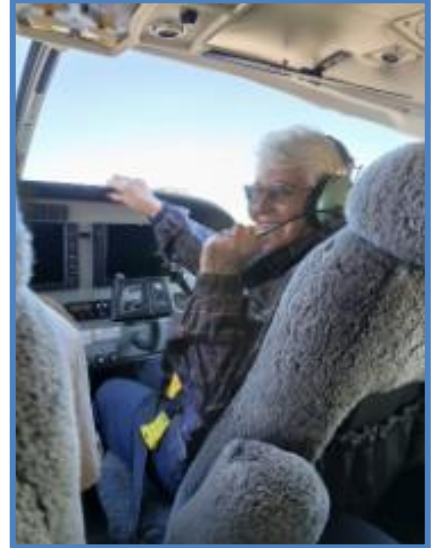
**FROM HIGH IN THE SKIES OVER LAKE EYRE,
FROM OUR TRAVELLING REPORTERS,
Robert and Heather Wilson**

Photos taken on the morning of Wednesday 10 September 2025



Some may remember Heather as a bus driver on the Broken Hill trip.

Now she has her pilots licence.



We left Marree in the south and flew north towards Cooper Creek inflow. This is the main source of water and flows south where it stops and builds back up to the north. Current levels estimated at 2 - 3 metres but when full can be as deep as 6-7 metres

Travelling south to our starting point - Not a lot of colour variation to distinguish between water and land.



The further south we flew, higher evaporation levels gave a more salt visible water scape. Birds were scarce. Evaporation levels can be up to 2 metres.



Cheers,
Robert

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YOUR COMMITTEE FOR 2025/26

President	Kaye Jenkin	0425 100 045	njenkin@bigpond.net.au
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	Ralph Green	0411 139 245	rebgfound@gmail.com
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Theatre	Heather Wilson	0409 137 043	mrsraw48@gmail.com
Walks	Garry Solum	0417 274 421	garrysforklift@hotmail.com

Dine Outs and Activities Please refer to the newsletter for the organisers each month

Membership Attendances: It is important that members ensure their names are marked off the attendance list at the door when entering each month. If you do not have your name marked off the attendance list, you will not be covered by insurance so please keep this in mind. Attendance at not less than six meetings per club year is required to retain your membership, subject to leave of absence in cases of sickness or on other reasonable grounds. Members not attending meetings and failing to submit an apology for three meetings in the club year, 1st April to 31st March, will be deemed to have relinquished their membership, which will be terminated and the member notified accordingly.

Apologies: If you are unable to attend a meeting please submit an apology to
Lorraine Jelley 0419 547 941
ljelley@hotmail.com

Welfare: Please advise **Jan Spiden** if you are ill or know of another member who may not be well so the club can keep in contact and offer support. The Road to Recovery may be mentioned at a Probus meeting, but medical condition details are not made public without prior approval of the member.

MY BOOKINGS FOR UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Activity Date	Activity	Bookings Due	Booked
Thu 02 Oct	Garden: Ivy Lea Garden	15 September	
Mon 03 Nov	Cup Eve Afternoon Tea	31 October	
Thu 06 Nov	Piyada Thai Macleod Dinner	20 October	
Thu 20 Nov	Trip: Beleura House & Garden	20 October	
Wed 11 Feb	Theatre: <i>Anastasia</i>	before 17 Nov	

PAYMENTS FOR UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Activity Date	Activity	Deadlines for payment		EFT Payment Activity Code	Cost
		Meeting	EFT		
Thu 02 Oct	Garden: Ivy Lea Garden	15 Sep	25 Sep	IVY	\$25
Thu 06 Nov	Piyada Thai Macleod	20 Oct	20 Oct	PIYADA	\$43
Thu 20 Nov	Trip: Beleura House & Garden	20 Oct	03 Nov	BELEURA	\$58
Wed 11 Feb	Theatre: <i>Anastasia</i>	17 Nov	17 Nov	ANA	\$72

Pre-Payment for Activities (trips, tours, dine-outs, theatre, activities) should be paid into the **Trip Account**:

Account Name: Combined Probus Club St Helena Inc **Trip Account**

BSB: 033053

Account Number: 386630

Reference (mandatory): Activity Code Surname Initial (or initials if two with same surname)

Payments of Annual Subscriptions (1 April to 31 Mar), Pro-Rata Annual Subscriptions and Club name badge and Replacement Club name badges should be made into the **General Account**:

Account Name: Combined Probus Club St Helena Inc **General Account**

BSB: 033053

Account Number: 386622

Email notification: Email address of current Treasurer **mrraw49@gmail.com**

Reference (mandatory): SUBS Surname Initial (or initials if two with same surname)
(or for example: BADGE Surname Initial)

Note: Annual Subscription is \$35

All other payments are into the Trip Account.

FUTURE OUTINGS and ACTIVITIES

Weekly: Strathallan Golf every Tuesday

***** ANY CHANGES TO ACTIVITIES WILL BE ADVISED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE *****

Wearing your name badge is required at club meetings and suggested for social functions

SEPTEMBER 2025			JANUARY 2026		
Mon	15	Probus Meeting	Thu	08	Dineout: Slices at Doreen Brunch
Wed	17	Walk:	Mon	19	Probus Meeting
Thu	18	Trip: Eltham Cemetery & Eltham Courthouse & lunch Eltham Hotel or Dineout: Eltham Hotel Lunch	Mon	26	Australia Day Function
OCTOBER 2025			FEBRUARY 2026		
Thu	02	Garden: Ivy Lea Garden	Wed	11	Theatre: <i>Anastasia</i>
Wed	15	Walk:	Mon	16	Probus Meeting
Mon	20	Probus Meeting	Wed	18	Walk:
Tue-Sun	21-26	Caravan and Cabins: Moama Riverside Holiday Park, Moama			
NOVEMBER 2025			MARCH 2026		
Mon	03	Cup Eve Afternoon Tea	Wed	11	Walk: note change of date
Thu	06	Dineout: Piyada Thai Macleod Dinner	Mon	16	Probus Meeting
Mon	17	Probus Meeting	Tue-Sun	17-22	Caravan and Cabins: Big 4 Ingenia Holidays Queenscliff Beacon
Wed	19	Walk:			
Thu	20	Trip: Beleura House & Garden			
DECEMBER 2025			APRIL 2026		
Thu	11	Dineout: Christmas Luncheon			
Mon	15	Probus Meeting			
Wed	17	Walk: NO WALK			

BOOKING AN ACTIVITY AND PAYMENTS FOR ACTIVITIES

• STEP 1 – BOOK

Note: this STEP 1 is required before undertaking STEP 2!!!!

Each activity has its own Booking Form. Click on the link in the newsletter. **A separate booking is to be submitted for each person OR** book direct with the organiser.

• STEP 2 – PAY

EFT payments are made to the Trip Account; one payment per activity, quoting the advertised EFT Payment Activity Code and showing Surname and Initial (or initials, if for 2 people) **OR** pay at a Probus Meeting by cheque or correct cash and submitting two Pink Slips, filled out in full.