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Fellowship, Friendship and Fun

October

Newsletter

Monday
20 October 2025

(entry from **9:30am**)

Please do not attend if unwell

General Meeting
10:00am

Guest Speaker
Julie Armstrong

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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P.O. Box 131, Briar Hill, 3088

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

Next Meeting
Monday 17 November
At 10:00am



President's Message

October is an important month on our Club's calendar. Even more important this year because we celebrate our **20th Birthday**. Not only is this a good excuse to have cake for morning tea, but more importantly, it's also a time to reflect on members who are no longer with us but who played an important part

in the Fun, Friendship and Fellowship which has defined our great club over the years. It's thanks to the foundation members that we have such a wonderful club and can look back fondly on a plethora of activities, trips and dine-outs over the last 20 years. At this month's meeting, it will be my privilege to recognise 20 foundation members who are still members of the club today, and acknowledge the contributions they have made.

Thanks to Phil for organising the interesting tour of the **Eltham Cemetery, Court House and lunch at the Eltham hotel** in September. Unfortunately, after all his hard work to bring this together, Phil didn't get to enjoy it himself. There is, however, the possibility of another group visit if there are enough people interested.

Earlier this month, a group of 23 of us enjoyed a trip to **Ivy Lea Garden** in Whittlesea followed by lunch at the **Whittlesea Bowling Club**. A big thanks to Jan Baker for her organisation of this outing, and a special mention about the scones – best I've ever had, and I will happily admit to being in a position to judge, having sampled a lot of scones in my time. I say this with an apology to Chris – Chris yours are definitely a very close second.

Also this month, the much anticipated **caravan/cabin trip to Moama**. Over 40 of us are looking forward to this trip. Thanks to the organising by Chris and David, together with the camaraderie of the happy campers, these trips are always a fun experience. Neville and I are really looking forward to this. (Don't think I'll be getting any of Chris' scones though).

Kaye



Contributions for
November issue to
Pat Cartwright
by Wed 5 November

BIRTHDAYS

Trevor Cameron 0455 281 740



Irene Harrington OAM, Lorna Sandford and Bev Sexton
and **20 years for the Combined Probus Club of St Helena Inc.** from the Foundation Meeting held on 25th October 2005



20 FOUNDATION MEMBERS have reached 20 YEARS MEMBERSHIP - Joined 2005

Lois	Beevis	Ron	Gates	Wendy	Macdonald
Laurie	Butcher	Shirley	Gates	Irene	Marks
Pat	Cartwright	Don	Gowers	Dot	Nickson
John	Cornish	Marg	Gowers	Arthur	Sandford
Wendy	Cornish	Irene	Lane	Lorna	Sandford
Jack	Davies	Alyson	Lohrey	Bev	Stevens
		Bruce	Lohrey	John	Stevens

3 Members have reached 15 years membership Joined 2010		7 Members have reached 10 years membership Joined 2015				4 Members have reached 5 years membership Joined 2020	
Nancy	LaMotte	Ralph	Green	Joy	Mitchener	Garry	Solum
Heather	Wilson	Cathy	Horton	Kelvin	Mitchener	Jenny	Solum
Robert	Wilson	Sue	McDonald	Denise	Moyle	Julie	Vomero
		Ron	McDonald				

Fellowship, Friendship and Fun

Trains and boats and trams and planes
have taken us to see
the wonders of our country -
A treat for you and me.

We have explored the great expanse
of deserts, lakes and trees;
Of history and of culture -
Lasting memories to see.

Along the way we've shared our meals,
We've laughed 'til day is done,
Then continued on well into the night,
In pursuit of
Fellowship, Friendship and Fun.

Pat

TWENTY YEARS OF OPPORTUNITIES

Overseas trips (6)

Extended trips in Australia (18)

Weekend trip (1)

Day trips (and some at night) - Museums, Exhibitions, Historical houses, Religious, Medical facilities, cruises, Melbourne and surrounds landmarks, Behind-the Scenes tours, bus trips, Communications, Farms, Aviation and Science, Railways, Gardens and, of course, many Guided Walks.

PLUS Caravan trips, Social and sporting activities.....and more

Where to next????

OUT AND ABOUT

Eltham Cemetery

On a sunny, albeit windy day in September, 20 of us enjoyed a guided tour of the beautiful and tranquil 12 acres of the Eltham Cemetery. It's amazing how interesting a cemetery can be when you have got someone as knowledgeable as Jim Connor sharing his wealth of information.

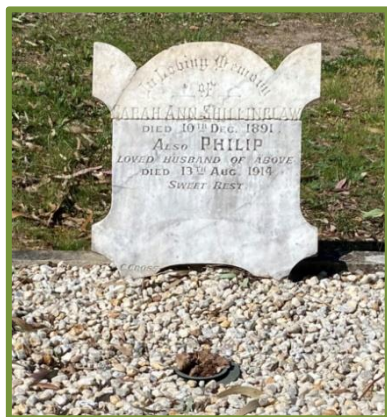
During our leisurely stroll, Jim showed us several resting places of people who played a part in the history of Eltham, along with a lot of interesting background stories. His enlightened commentary provided a wonderful perspective to the visit. Some of the memorable names on the grave sites include Sweeney, Shillinglaw, Knox and Lawlor. The wall of artwork is truly wonderful, depicting both the historical and also more recent scenes telling the Eltham story.

After this we were off to the oldest public building in Eltham, being the Eltham Courthouse which was built in 1850 and has recently been authentically restored, retaining many original features. Here Jim told us about the interesting life of this building and its goings on over the years, including a reenactment of a typical case.

Your President was chosen to stand in the dock and was **accused of organising clandestine meetings of unsavoury people and inciting insurrection**. For the record her peers found her guilty, despite her weak defence that all she was doing was trying to start a Probus Club.

Of course, it wouldn't be a Probus outing without food playing an important part. To that end, we wandered off to the Eltham hotel and enjoyed each other's company over lunch. Several people who couldn't make it to the tours joined us for lunch.

Kaye



*Sarah Ann Shillinglaw
Died 10th Dec 1891
Also Philip
Loved husband of above
Died 13th Aug 1914
Sweet Rest*

*Thomas Sweeney
(Sweeneys Lane,
Sweeneys Cottage,
Sweeneys Flats*



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Eltham Courthouse



Ivy Lea Garden



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GUEST SPEAKERS

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

OCTOBER - Julie Armstrong

Julie is from the organisation called **Hope in a Suitcase** which is a non-profit organisation run entirely by passionate and dedicated volunteers. Through donations of new items from the community, and the generosity of groups and corporations the group can provide suitcases for children going into foster care or out-of-home care.

Any donations of **brand-new** items from members, to place in children's suitcases, would be appreciated. If any member would like to bring an item to assist this group items always needed include:

- Pyjamas 1 year to 16 years of age boys and girls.
- Drink bottles all ages.
- Crayons/coloured pencils/textas
- Windcheaters or hoodies ages 1 year to 10 years boys and girls

A full list of items that can be donated are shown on their website: www.hiasc.org.au

NOVEMBER – Marilyn Martin

Marilyn will discuss the reasons for writing a life story and how to prepare it with an emphasis on encouraging members to write their life stories, some tips, and resources available.

Fred

To Members

As we commence the last quarter of 2025, I would like to ask members to start thinking about nominating for the 2026 committee. We have a few committee members who will finish their terms and replacements for them will be needed. Equally we will need a new Vice President to replace myself as I progress into the role of President. In accordance with the practice of the club the Vice President should be one of our female members.

More detail of positions will be provided as we get closer to the March 2026 AGM.

Fred Harrington OAM
Vice President

WALKING GROUP

Garry Solum 0417 274 421

garrysforklift@hotmail.com

Was OCTOBER – Wednesday 15 at 10:00am

You never know who you will meet on Garry's walks - Nangak Tambouree Wildlife Sanctuary's important residents:



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

Annual Probus Golf Day – Goonawarra – 14th November

Our club will be represented at the 2025 PAV Probus Golf Day by: Chris Kelly(captain), David Wright, Don Gowers and Ian Murton.

All members are welcome to come and support this fine group. The shot gun start is at 8:30 am.

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

Remembrance Day Memorial Service

The Greensborough RSL has extended an invitation to our members to attend the Remembrance Day Memorial Service at 10.30 a.m. on 11th November at the Greensborough War Memorial Park, 204 Henry Street, Greensborough.

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

LAST CHANCE TO BOOK AND PAY!!!

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 to Trip Account, 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

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

No charge



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 to Trip Account, using Payment Code **PIYADA** (Surname, Initial)

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

DECEMBER – Thursday 11 at 12 noon to 4:00pm – CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON \$60

Heidelberg Golf Club, 8 Main Road, Lower Plenty

You are invited to join us at the Heidelberg Golf Club for our end of year celebrations. Please join us for a fun day – *bring your dancing shoes or singing voices!* The \$60 is inclusive of a traditional 2-course Christmas lunch, together with entertainment.

****Please note: The Heidelberg Golf Club is cashless so drinks must be purchased with a credit or debit card on the day.**

Click on this link to access the booking form for **Christmas Lunch 2025**

<https://forms.gle/6H3uwsZochjPWZcB7>

27 November - Bookings due

17 November - Deadline for cheque/cash payment (at general meeting)

27 November - Deadline for EFT payment to Trip Account Payment Code: **XMAS** [Surname,initial]

If you have any enquiries, please contact Sue or Phil

Sue & Phil Ciravolo

0408 993 523 or 0409 940 468

ciravolo@netspace.net.au



APRIL 2026 – Thursday 23 at 12 noon – LUNCH AT HIGHLANDS HOTEL CRAIGIEBURN

Cnr Aitken & Grand Blvd, Craigieburn Ph. 8358 7000

\$27.90 – International Buffet – Payable at the venue on the day

You are invited to come to Craigieburn for a pleasant buffet lunch. Please click on the following link to register your wish to have a great smorgasbord lunch.....

<https://forms.gle/ohKNiYPJ1Qixe81C8>

The Highlands Hotel is 33 km from the RSL. Further travel advice will be provided individually to all attendees via email.

Chris Kelly 0417 571 588 chrisnshirl@bigpond.com

SAVE THIS DATE

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



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



Members heading to Moama should have received an itinerary from Chris Kelly. If you have not received that email please contact Chris. It should be a good trip, with lots of activities.

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

YOUR COMMITTEE FOR 2025/26

President	Kaye Jenkin	0425 100 045	njenkin@bigpond.net.au
Vice President	Fred Harrington OAM	0417 116 304	fred.harrington@techinfo.com.au
and Guest Speakers			
Secretary	Pat Agius	0428 551 502	patriciaagiusvicau@gmail.com
Committee Secretary	Jill Wallis	0411 473 296	jandjwallis@netspace.net.au
Treasurer	Robert Wilson	0408 344 479	mrraw49@gmail.com
Trips and Tours	Phil Ciravolo	0409 940 468	ciravolo@netspace.net.au
Membership	Neville Jenkin	0475 700 071	njenkin@bigpond.net.au
Newsletter	Pat Cartwright	0411 083 467	pat.cartwright@optusnet.com.au
Welfare	Jan Spiden	0417 368 463	tjspiden@gmail.com

Appointed Officers

Assistant Treasurer	John Wallis	0408 889 158	jandjwallis@netspace.net.au
Historians	David Wright	0438 740 353	davidawright47@icloud.com
	Ralph Green	0411 139 245	rebgfound@gmail.com
Meet and Greet	Lorraine Jelley	0419 547 941	ljelley@hotmail.com
Technical Officers	Peter Jelley	0408 806 720	jelley2268@gmail.com
	Ralph Green	0411 139 245	rebgfound@gmail.com
	Chris Kelly	0417 571 588	chrisnshirl@bigpond.com
Website Manager	Chris Kelly	0417 571 588	chrisnshirl@bigpond.com

Sub Committees and Organisers

Caravan and Cabins	Chris Kelly	0417 571 588	chrisnshirl@bigpond.com
	David Wright	0438 740 353	davidawright47@icloud.com
Gardens	Jan Baker	0438 194 400	stujanb@bigpond.net.au
Meet and Greet Assistants	Maz Van Voorst	0407 527 300	albert.v@bigpond.com
	Lyn Lighton	0413 725 577	llighton@optusnet.com.au
Strathallan Golf	Don Gowers	0474 209 278	dgowers01@yahoo.com.au
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.

MY BOOKINGS FOR UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Activity Date	Activity	Bookings Due	Booked
Mon 03 Nov	Cup Eve Afternoon Tea	31 October	
Thu 06 Nov	Dine Out: Piyada Thai Macleod Dinner	20 October	
Thu 11 Dec	Dine Out: Christmas Luncheon	27 November	
Thu 20 Nov	Trip: Beleura House & Garden	20 October	
Wed 11 Feb	Theatre: <i>Anastasia</i>	before 17 Nov	
Thu 23 Apr 26	Dine Out: Highlands Hotel at Craigiburn Lunch	ASAP	

PAYMENTS FOR UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Activity Date	Activity	Deadlines for payment		EFT Payment Activity Code	Cost
		Meeting	EFT		
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
Thu 11 Dec	Dine Out: Christmas Luncheon	17 Nov	27 Nov	XMAS	\$60
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

OCTOBER 2025			FEBRUARY 2026		
Mon	20	Probus Meeting	Mon	09	Probus Meeting – change of date
Tue-	21-	Caravan and Cabins: Moama	Wed	11	Theatre: <i>Anastasia</i>
Sun	26	Riverside Holiday Park, Moama	Wed	18	Walk:
NOVEMBER 2025			MARCH 2026		
Mon	03	Cup Eve Afternoon Tea	Mon	16	Probus Meeting
Thu	06	Dineout: Piyada Thai Macleod Dinner	Wed	18	Walk: NO WALK
Mon	17	Probus Meeting	Tue-	17-	Caravan and Cabins: Big 4
Wed	19	Walk:	Sun	22	Ingenia Holidays Queenscliff Beacon
Thu	20	Trip: Beleura House & Garden			
DECEMBER 2025			APRIL 2026		
Thu	11	Dineout: Christmas Luncheon	Wed	15	Walk:
Mon	15	Probus Meeting	Mon	20	Probus Meeting
Wed	17	Walk: NO WALK	Thu	23	Dine Out: Highlands Hotel lunch
JANUARY 2026			MAY 2026		
Thu	08	Dineout: Slices at Doreen Brunch	Mon	18	Probus Meeting
Mon	19	Probus Meeting	Wed	20	Walk:
Mon	26	Australia Day Function			

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.

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.