



Combined Probussouthpacific Club of St. Helena Inc.

Incorporation No: A00048111V

Fellowship, Friendship and Fun

January

Newsletter

Monday
19 January 2026

RSL'S New conditions of entry - no entry by anyone until 9:30am



PRIORITY ENTRY FOR MEMBERS WHO SET UP

General Meeting
10:00am

Guest Speaker?
surprise

Venue and Meetings

RSL Greensborough
111 Main Street,
Greensborough

on the 3rd Monday of each month, 10:00am, unless otherwise advised

Postal Address

P.O. Box 131, Briar Hill, 3088

Email Address

Email 1008013sh@gmail.com

Club Website

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

Next Meeting

Monday **09 February**
At 10:00am

President's Message

Welcome to 2026. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and I wish you a happy and healthy New Year. I've left out the "wealthy" part, because I don't believe wealth can buy health or happiness, a cliché I know, but so true. I'm sure we are in for another fun year with our Probussouthpacific trips/activities, dine-outs, walks, theatre and interesting speakers – I'm certainly looking forward to what surprises are in store for us. Our year is off to a good start with breakfast at Slices and the Australia Day barbecue breakfast in January. In February we have Theatre (Anastasia), Barefoot Bowls and a trip to the Amazon Distribution Centre.

Having said that, there will be no happy surprises for any of us if we don't have a Vice President or a Treasurer for 2026-27, so please give serious consideration to putting your hand up to make this wonderful club sustainable. If you are interested but would like to know a little more about what is involved, please speak to me or another Committee member. Don't forget, there will be plenty of guidance and support for anyone taking on either of these positions. As I have mentioned before – no committee, no club.

Did I make any New Year's resolutions? You bet I did, and a very important one. I WILL NOT BE THE LAST PRESIDENT OF THE ST HELENA PROBUS CLUB, so please think about taking on one of these positions.

Kaye

Contributions for February issue to Pat Cartwright by **Sat 31 January**

CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

Reminder that the **FEBRUARY** meeting will now be held on **Monday 09 February** at Greensborough RSL.

BIRTHDAYS

Trevor Cameron 0455 281 740



To Colleen Cameron, Trish Green, Kaye Jenkin, Nancy LaMotte, Lyn Lighton, Betty Neville, Bruce Robson, Tom Spiden and Bev Stevens



GUEST SPEAKERS

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

JANUARY

There will be a slightly different approach for January. Our speaker is not really a guest speaker but will certainly keep us entertained and hold our attention for this session.

FEBRUARY – DAN LAWLEY

Dan is part of the team at Nurse Next Door Melbourne North, based in Greensborough. Dan's topic is *Navigating the New Support at Home Program*.

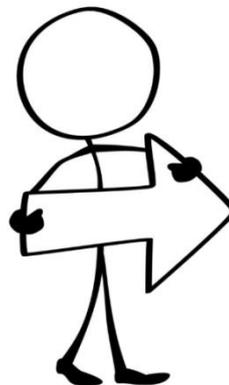
With the government's changes to in-home aged care on the horizon, many people have questions about what this means for them. Dan's presentation will help members navigate this new system with confidence.

Fred Harrington OAM
Vice President

2026 Committee

The club is still looking for potential candidates for the positions of **Vice President** and **Treasurer** for 2026. We are a big and active Probus club but will only remain so if all committee positions are filled. 'Taps on the shoulder' will continue, however, it would be a great outcome if a member, preferably female, came forward offering to nominate for the role of Vice President in particular.

(See following page for information on committee roles)



The Management Committee deals with administrative matters and ensures the Club embodies the true spirit of Probus – fun, friendship and fellowship. Management committee meetings are held monthly, usually on the second Monday of the month at Greensborough RSL Board Room.

President - provides leadership and direction by preparing for and chairing Management Committee meetings and General meetings and oversees the operations of the club.

Vice President and Guest Speakers Officer - assists and provides backup to the President. The ongoing role is to arrange for the monthly guest speakers.

Secretary – is responsible for ensuring general meetings are effectively organised and minuted and is required to maintain up-to-date records and be the key point of contact for the Club.

Treasurer - ensures that clear and accurate financial records are maintained and that all funds are accounted for.

Committee Secretary - is responsible for agendas and minutes for each Management Committee meeting and works in with the Secretary.

Membership Officer - is responsible for maintaining up-to-date membership records, management of membership applications and assisting with membership retention and growth.

Newsletter Officer – is responsible for the monthly newsletter.

Trips and Tours Officer - plans ongoing activities for members

Welfare Officer - keeps in touch with sick or bereaved members or those members feeling isolated or lonely or who may be in need of moral support or physical help.

OUT AND ABOUT

Thursday 11 December – CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

85 members attended the Heidelberg Golf Club to celebrate Christmas with our Probus family. We again had a delicious traditional roast lunch and desserts. Keith Campbell, together with Stuart and Dianne, entertained us with songs from bygone days which were appreciated by those brave enough to trip the light fantastic. Some members even provided a little vocal accompaniment to Keith. One member who shall remain anonymous (John C), was a standout!

It was a nice way to finish the year and if the evident smiles and conviviality are any indication of a good time being had, we think the day was a success.

Thank you to all who attended.

Sue & Phil Ciravolo



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Thursday 8 January – SLICES AT DOREEN BRUNCH

42 members attended breakfast at Slices Restaurant Doreen.

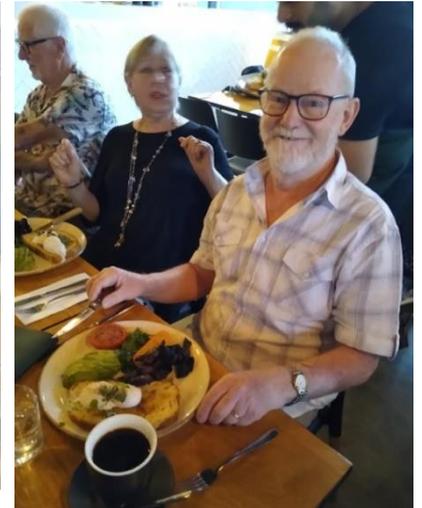
The food was delicious, very large servings and as usual lots of laughter, chatter and fun.

Members seem to like a get together early in the New Year and breakfast, before the summer heat sets in.

Thanks for attending.

Cheers,

Jan Baker



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TRIPS and TOURS

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

FEBRUARY – Wednesday 25 at 10:30am – AMAZON FULFILMENT CENTRE TOUR Free

103 Palm Springs Road, Ravenhall

NOTE: Limited to 25 members, so please book early.

Ever wondered what happens when you shop on Amazon? Why not join us to see how Amazon processes orders. At the Melbourne Fulfilment Centre, we will see how larger items are moved around the facility from storage to dispatch using technology and human expertise to fulfill customer orders.

Travel arrangements – own vehicle or carpooling (see booking form).

Cost: Entry to the Centre is free.

Lunch at own cost – at a venue to be determined.

Please click on this link to access the booking form for **Amazon Fulfilment Centre Tour**.

<https://forms.gle/6XMLNAKcBGrkFa2i8>

or alternatively contact me by email, text, telephone or at a meeting

13 February - Bookings due

Phil



GARDENS

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

APRIL – Friday 10 – RIDGEFIELD ESTATE TOUR & MORNING TEA

\$20

58 Boundary Road, Coldstream.

Details to follow

Jan



WALKING GROUP

Garry Solum 0417 274 421 garrysforklift@hotmail.com

Walkers please note there is no walk scheduled for January. We will resume February.

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

DINE OUTS / ACTIVITIES

JANUARY – Monday 26 at 9:00am – AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST BBQ

Westerfolds Park, enter from Main Gate on Fitzsimons Lane, Templestowe

Follow the roadway through the parklands to our decorated BBQ area in the **Red Stringy Bark picnic shelter** (the usual shelter, between the large play area and the toilets) Melway 33F1

Come along with your BYO BBQ breakfast or catering of your choice.

So we have an idea of numbers, please register on

<https://forms.gle/HPQNw6Wn9gmpufpD8>

20 January – Bookings due

Wendy Lewis 0407 680 036 wendy.lew@bigpond.com and **David Cripps**

FEBRUARY – Friday 20 at 5:00pm – BAREFOOT BOWLS & BBQ DINNER **\$25**

Heidelberg Golf Club, 8 Main Road Lower Plenty Melway 21 A9

Bowling and BBQ dinner included. Drinks are at bar prices.

Tea and coffee available.

Click on this link to access the booking form for **Barefoot Bowls**:

<https://forms.gle/NragPMWKK6k2yPN7>

09 February - Bookings due

09 February - **At Probus meeting** - Deadline for cheque/cash payment

09 February - EFT payment due EFT Payment Activity Reference Code: **BOWLS**



Fran and Colin Wilson 0410 698 225 [cfwilson11@bigpond.com](mailto:cwilson11@bigpond.com)

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

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”

Regent Theatre, 191 Collins Street

AUGUST – Wednesday 12 at 1:00pm – “Pretty Woman”

\$91

Regent Theatre, 191 Collins Street

10 June - Payment due



CARAVAN and CABINS GROUP

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

MARCH – 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.

Our dinners have been booked for **QBTC Ripview Bistro at the Bowls Club** (Wednesday) and **Lonsdale Links** (Friday).

Sights worthy of consideration: Museums, Fort Queenscliff, Port Lonsdale Lighthouse, Heritage Walks around the historic centre of town or at Queenscliff/Point Lonsdale Cemetery, Bellarine Railway, restaurant train, wineries, Bellarine Taste Trail, Fishing charters and wildlife-spotting boat trips, Blues Train.

OCTOBER - Tuesday 20 to Sunday 25

BIG4 Traralgon Park Lane Holiday Park

5353 Princes Hwy, Traralgon VIC 3844

Phone: **03 5174 6749**

We currently have 38 members heading to Traralgon.

If you wish to join us please ring the park, mention our club name and make a booking. Please ensure that you get the price published to members recently. Please then advise Chris Kelly of your booking.

If in doubt please talk to Chris.

Regards

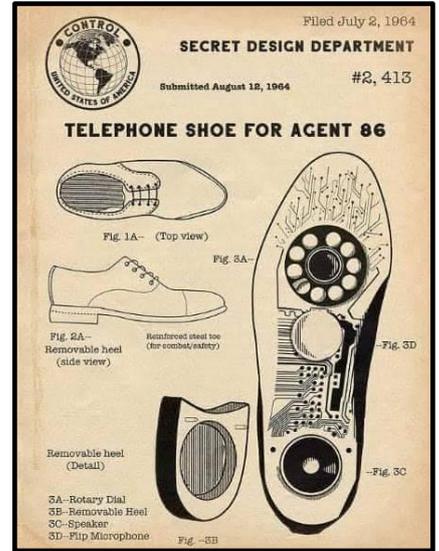
Chris Kelly & David Wright

Convenors – Caravan and Cabin Group

0417 571 588

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FUTURE OUTINGS and ACTIVITIES

Weekly: Strathallan Golf every Tuesday

Please wear your name badge at social functions so you can greet members by name

JANUARY 2026			MAY 2026		
Mon	19	Probus Meeting	Mon	18	Probus Meeting
Wed	21	Walk: NO WALK	Wed	20	Walk:
Mon	26	Australia Day Breakfast BBQ			
FEBRUARY 2026			JUNE 2026		
Mon	09	Probus Meeting – change of date	Mon	15	Probus Meeting
Wed	11	Theatre: <i>Anastasia</i>	Wed	17	Walk:
Wed	18	Walk:			
Fri	20	Barefoot Bowls & BBQ Dinner			
Wed	25	Amazon Distribution Centre & lunch			
MARCH 2026			JULY 2026		
Mon	16	Probus Meeting	Wed	15	Walk:
Wed	18	Walk: NO WALK	Mon	20	Probus Meeting
Tue-	17-	Caravan and Cabins: Big 4 Ingenia			
Sun	22	Holidays Queenscliff Beacon			
APRIL 2026			AUGUST 2026		
Fri	10	Garden: Ridgefield Estate	Wed	12	Theatre: <i>Pretty Woman</i>
Wed	15	Walk:	Mon	17	Probus Meeting
Mon	20	Probus Meeting	Wed	19	Walk:
Thu	23	Dine Out: Highlands Hotel Lunch			

AUGUST – Wednesday 12 at 1:00pm – “Pretty Woman”

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.