



SEACLIFF PROBUS CLUB



President's Report: August 2025

Your committee decided that our Newsletter for August would be a Dedication to the passing of our dear member Patricia Anne Grantham.

Pat, as we all knew her, passed away on the 7/9/25 aged 70, after losing her nearly 2-year battle with brain cancer.

A member of our club from its early beginnings, Pat made many friends and contributed, without hesitation and at every opportunity, to the management and challenges of establishing our club as one of the best and serving on the committee as Secretary, a position ideally suited to her administrative skills gained from her illustrious career in health care.

Pat continued to attend meetings and events, for which we all admired her courage and strength in dealing with the effects of her treatment, even in a wheelchair, when we acknowledged her contribution by awarding her Honorary Membership. Throughout her ordeal, she has had the loving support of her children Jonathon, Beth and Thomas, to help care for her along with her husband Hugh.

Much of Pat's life was spent in Country Victoria, Ballarat, and later Mildura, so little wonder Pat penned these words last year:

"The firepit is the place to be, as darkness fills the sky, keeping toes warm, as dinner cooks in camp ovens, on hot coals sit by."

Several members attended the funeral service at Centennial Park on the 18/9 and afterwards, together we raised a glass in memory of Pat, our dear friend, not to be forgotten.

Respecting the wishes of her family, on behalf of all our members, your club has donated \$500 in Pat's name to SAHMRI (South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute)

Greg

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Seacliff Probus in memory of our dear friend Pat Grantham we will miss your calm presence, intelligence, hard work, friendship and humour



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Guest Speaker August

25th Sept - Henry Olunga, First and youngest
Zimbabwean former
International Cricketer who protested against "the
death of democracy"
in Zimbabwe. He was also a Singer on 'The Voice'.



August

Dene Goldsack 1/08
John Breakey 10/08
Margaret Tamlin 15/08
John Rumpff 16/08
Anne Kelly 19/08
Pam Waters 24/08
Annelies Bunnik 29/08
Sue Feeney 30/08

September

Peter Ritson 11/09
Pamela Peacock 14/09
Lesley Dansie 15/09
David Llewelyn 15/09
Lorraine Ellen 30/09



Seacliff Probus August Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker, Councillor John Smedley from the Holdfast Bay City Council, discussed several poignant issues affecting our local area. Councillor Smedley began by advertising various council positions and inviting anyone interested to consider joining their committee.

He then addressed the current concern regarding algal bloom. Outside of Covid, this is the most concerning impact on our businesses. The Council has established Common Objectives such as National Response & Market Confidence; Community, Wellbeing & Resilience; as this issue is affecting thousands of businesses. He explained that this algal bloom is primarily a result of two factors: the 2023 Murray River floods, which washed nitrogen based-fertilized soil into the water courses, and the consistently warm winter water temperatures (2.5 degrees warmer). Unfortunately, no solid solution to alleviate this problem has been identified yet.

John spoke about the State Planning Commission initiated Accommodation Diversity Code Amendment referring to Co-located housing and Co-living housing in existing suburbs.

- **Co-located** housing is a new class of housing that refers to a group of two or more homes that share gardens and some amenities. It always includes an existing established home that forms part of the co-located housing development and encourages 'adaptive re-use' to modify the existing housing and incorporate it into the co-located housing design.
- To enhance housing diversity a new form of '**Co-living**' accommodation for residences is being introduced, that rely on shared kitchen and/or bathroom facilities.
- Allowing increased building height up to 4-6 storeys for large retirement facilities and supported accommodation developments to respond to the significant demand

John urged members to speak with their local councillor before the March 2026 elections to share your views on this matter. Existing residents are already facing problems such as increased traffic and parking issues. These developments seem to wrongly enable apartment-style living in areas that cannot accommodate extra density, leading to a higher population in suburbs where service facilities are already struggling to manage.

Mt Lofty Botanic Gardens and Winery Tour Group Photo



Upcoming Activities 2025

9th October - Lot 100. Pay for lunch and bus (Bus \$40, lunch \$55).

Wine/beer/gin flights are at your own expense. A more comfortable bus has been booked.

- Friday 17 October BBQ at Glenthorne National Park. The Committee is to cover the cost of sausages, patties, and bread for the BBQ. We'll also be offering a complimentary glass of bubbles to kick off the festivities. Dessert will be provided for anyone staying for lunch at October 23rd General Meeting

- 4 November - Melbourne Cup lunch. Marion Hotel

- 13 November - Members heading to the Libby Kosmala air rifle range at Wingfield. The cost for 60-70 rounds will be \$12. Following the air rifle range, we'll enjoy lunch at Tiros Restaurant, part of Regency Park TAFE \$38pp. 8 people on range at any one time. Tentatively booked for 30.





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Nomination Form for election of Office Bearers for Seacliff Probus Club

Election of Office Bearers

Tick ☒ preferred option

☐ individual nomination - minimum 12 months

☐ shared nomination - minimum 6 months

Committee positions vacant :

President - Secretary - Treasurer - Guest Speaker Coord - Newsletter Coord

Position.....

Name of Nominee (print name).....

Signature of Nominee.....

Proposed by (print name).....

Signature of Proposer.....

Seconded (print name).....

Signature of Secunder.....

Completed forms to be returned to the Secretary by 27 November 2025. Members may still apply for a position right up to the AGM in February.

1. Hand form to the Secretary at a meeting, or outing.
2. Email your form to secretary@seacliffprobusclub.com.au
3. Post to Seacliff Probus Club, PO Box 37, Brighton Post Office, SA 5048

Up and Coming Events

Mens BBQ



Every month the Friday before the General meeting 12 to 2pm. At the Kingston Park Coastal Reserve next to the Caravan Park. If the weather is inclement meet at the Seacliff hotel. Contact Phil Johansen for more details. 0403 605 994

Caravan Group

Looking forward to more adventures
The caravan/cabin group are planning a trip to
Normanville
Jetty Caravan Park between 10th to 15th October
2025. If you are interested
in joining us either full time or part thereof contact
Pam Walters 0403186500.



Coffee Morning

The first Thursday of the month Seacliff Hotel.



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