

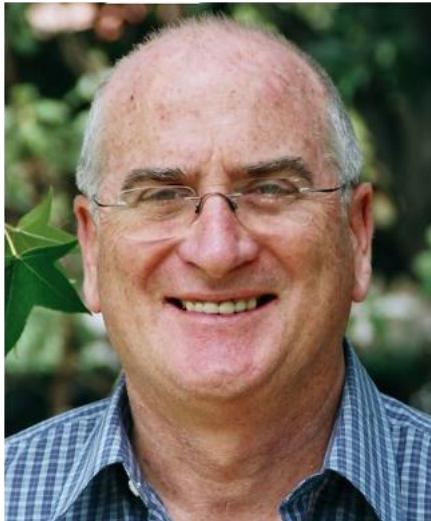


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(Reg.A006265M) Club 58132



PROBUS CLUB OF MITCHAM NUNAWADING



PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

Welcome to you all,

As we enter 2026, we have the chance to maintain our friendships and enhance our life experiences with the participation in the schedule of visits and lively speakers that our committee have lined up for the New Year.

I hope that everyone has had a great Christmas and caught up with family and friends.

The Monday coffee group has been a great success and The Food Republic has been very well attended and the management has looked after us well and made sure that we had good tables to cater for the 20+ members who have been coming.

There is no January Sunday lunch planned at this stage as we thought there may be members away on camps or at holiday homes. So, I suggest we have a Sunday BBQ and on a quick discussion it was suggested we return to Ruffy Lake as the facilities there are so good and most people can find the location. Let's decide on the day when we meet on Tuesday. Maybe an Australia Day BBQ would be an idea.

Look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday at the Willis Room.

Regards
Gerry



Birthdays for January

Heather Davey - sorry Heather, I do not have a date.

Ray King - 4 January

Have a great time

Next Probus Meeting

We look forward to catching up again on January 13 in the Willis room at 10am.

Our Guest Speaker is Kieran Smith, the President of Boronia Probus Club and his topic is on various aspects of ART IN Australia.

Kieran is a frequent visitor to our Club and a member of our Talking Shares Group.

OUTINGS – CONFIRMED FOR 2026

FEBRUARY – Guided walk through Box Hill Cemetery - Glenn

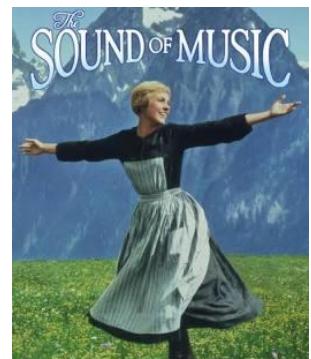
Lunch 11.30 own expense

MARCH - Sound of Music – Ray King

Sunday 29 March – The Round.

\$52 pp.

Members need to pay Treasurer by Monday 2 February.



JUNE – MIDWEEK MATINEE –

BERNADETTE ROBINSON – They

Played at Carnegie Hall.

Wednesday 10 June

The Round, Nunawading



JULY – Christmas in July – Box Hill Golf Club.

The Heathmont Sing Australia Choir will again entertain us. Tba.

OCTOBER – The Australian Barbara Streisand Show

Wednesday 14 October.

The Round, Nunawading.

OUTINGS – **PROPOSED** FOR 2026

MARCH - Melbourne Exhibition Buildings

Cost TBA

Thursday March 19.



APRIL – MINI GOLF/LUNCH

Thursday 23 April

Morack Golf Course

Cost TBA



MAY – TOUR OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE AND LA TROBE COTTAGE – Anne Osman

Monday 3 May

Cost TBA



TEN PIN BOWLING – Ray King

Thursday 14 May

Mont Albert



TOUR OF SPORTS MUSEUM MCG - Glenn

Thursday 21 May

Cost TBA



JULY – TEN PIN BOWLING

Wednesday 22 July



SEPTEMBER – TEN PIN BOWLING

Tuesday 29 September

DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Tuesday 8 December

Possibly The Canterbury International Hotel.



Likely –

At least once – Performance at The Round, Nunawading

Late September - Nova Theatre Company, The Round, Nunawading.

October – 50th anniversary of Probus in Australia - Combined lunch or BBQ.

Possible –

Spring - Tesselaar Tulip Festival, Silvan.

Spring – Yarra River Cruise

Tour of Capitol Theatre and/or Forum Theatre

Visit Koorie Heritage Trust, Federation Square

Visit Museum of Chinese Australian History

Visit Old Melbourne Gaol

Visit Villa Alba, Kew

Ferry to Williamstown and lunch

SOME MEMBERS NEED ASSISTANCE TO GET TO OUR MEETINGS



CAN YOU HELP? Some members need help with transport to and from the meeting and/or to lunch in Ringwood after each meeting.

If you can help these members, please speak to Gerry to organise your 'buddy'.

AFTER MEETING LUNCH

Following the meeting the lunch will be at
The Coach Hotel, Ringwood,
385 Maroondah Highway, Ringwood.
12.15
All welcome.

Please remember to send your
apology to
Patricia Fincham
before the next meeting.
Phone: 0447 228 354
Email:
gpfincham@outlook.com

MEMBERS

Please bring your Probus
name tag.
We have several new and
prospective members
and it is much more friendly
if they can see your name.

MONDAY COFFEE SESSIONS

Gourmet Girl, Laburnum shops.
Come along and join this happy
group at 10.30 or
come earlier if you cannot wait
that long for your coffee.

Every Monday.

MEMBER WELFARE UPDATE

Maybe Chrissy celebrations started a bit too early, but Trevor Bravo had a pretty good tumble at a service station. Bashed his face on the concrete, chipped a front tooth and put his tooth through his lip. Good one Trevor.



NOTICE. If you book for an outing or lunch, please notify the co-ordinator as early as possible if you are not able to attend. Bookings have to be made to hold our booking at a venue and on many occasions we have to pay for non-attendees.

AGM AT MARCH MEETING – we need new members

SUMMARY OF ROLES IN CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The role of the Management Committee is to manage the club in accordance with the Club's constitution, by-laws and or standing resolutions. The key to a successful club is effective leadership and regular activities and the Committee initiates these activities.

Committee members are elected at the Club AGM

President

The main role of the President is to provide leadership and direction to the Management committee to ensure their club embodies the true spirit of Probus - fun friendship and fellowship. Chairs meetings and is aware of administrative needs and looks to encourage members in activities.

Vice president

Main role is to assist the President in the above roles and assists Committee members with heavy commitments. Assumes Presidential roles in absence of President.

Secretary

The main role is to support the President to ensure the club functions smoothly . The secretary is responsible for ensuring meetings are effectively organised and minuted. The Secretary is required to maintain up-to-date records and be the key contact point for the club Public Officer. Each club is required by its constitution to have a Secretary. In Victoria incorporated Clubs under law require the Secretary to be designated the Public officer.

Treasurer

The main role of the Treasurer is to ensure that clear and accurate financial records are maintained and that all funds are accounted for. The role does not require accountancy qualification and the number of entries in MN Probus are low and done on Excel. The number of payments is approximately 2-3 per month

Newsletter Officer

Preparation and distribution of a monthly newsletter and currently this is done on the Probus South Pacific format. Provides details of past and future guest speakers, a calendar of outings and activities as well as co-ordinators contact numbers.

Publicity Officer

The role is to raise community awareness of Probus by preparation and distribution of records of events to local newspapers and radio stations. This is a proactive role but there are regular contacts with media and activity coordinators provide base information and photographs.

Outings, Activities and Tours Officer

In MN Probus this role is fulfilled by a sub committee of four. The role requires planning organisational skills, patience and imagination. IT IS EXCITING AND REWARDING.

There are contacts with other Probus groups to provide ideas of interesting or informative activities.

Welfare Officer

The role of the Welfare officer is to keep 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.

Membership Officer

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

General Committee Members.

There are at least two positions in this category and there may also be assistant treasurer, Secretary, Newsletter officer or Publicity officer, etc. so that there are transitions easily made as persons step down from a role.

I invite members to think about these roles and to let members of the management committee know of their interest in helping foster fun, friendship and fellowship in the MN Probus club.



Nomination Form for the election of Office Bearers

Probus Club Name ...Probus Club of Mitcham Nunawading Inc # A0062625M.

Nominated Position (tick)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> President | <input type="checkbox"/> Risk Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vice President | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Activity/Outings | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest Speaker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Welfare Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Committee Member |

Comments:

Nominee:

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

Signature of Nominee..... Date

Proposer:

Proposed by (print name).....

Signature.....

Seconded by (print name)

Signature.....

Completed forms to be received by Secretary before the AGM.

PO Box 15, Nunawading 3131 OR mnprobus@outlook.com

REPORTS

CHRISTMAS LUNCH – Canterbury International Hotel – Chris Summers

Many members enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch. Turkey and veggies were slightly varied including a tiny corn, a tiny carrot, broccolini and asparagus, plus cranberry gravy. Dessert was traditional plum pud, ice-cream, strawberries and custard. The bar 'ran dry' at 3.30pm.

We welcomed six guests to our celebrations.

And from Gerry –

This event at the Canterbury International Hotel, Forest Hill, was a great success with a very convivial atmosphere.

The quiz posed some dramas for some and yet others revelled in the challenge. I had a Senior's moment and forgot to get the Scratchies to present to the winning table of intellects. They have promised to hold me to the IOU that I committed to and they are here on my desk as I write.

Numbers commented that the Canterbury was a very pleasant venue and we could do well to celebrate there again next year.

Photo: Chris Summers

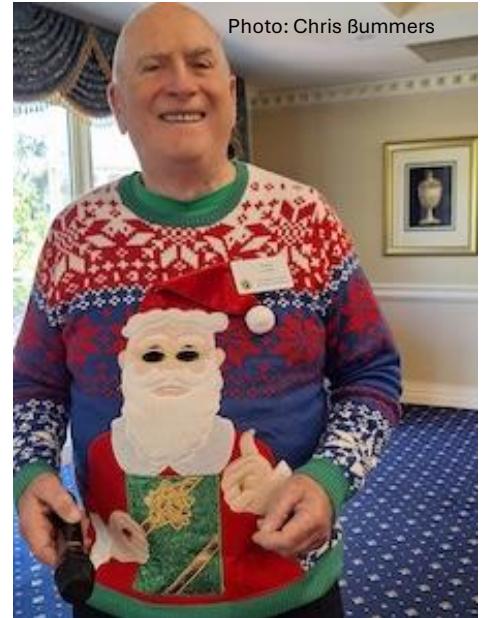


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Great to see Ada join us but I think she found the activity a little tiring – or maybe too much wine. Love you Ada.

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A perfect Santa.



Welcome to all our visiting guests.



TALKING SHARES - January 6th meeting – Daryl Rogers



Our first meeting of the year was a successful one on a variety of levels; agenda items covered, good level of participation, inclusion of member's items and the discussions about incidental topics of high interest. Due to our usual time limit finishing by 12 o'clock a number of items had to be rescheduled for the next meeting.

Whilst welcoming Marg a new member and with three of our regulars away for different reasons it was decided to hold over on the start date for the \$100 k challenge. Nevertheless there was some interesting conversation about setting up, organisation and selection of shares for portfolios.

FILM – Glenn Ewing



For our December movie outing five members ventured to the Balwyn cinema to see , a comedy about ambition, family and the chaos of trying to balance both. It is about a bright young politician who is on a meteoric rise and has to face a minefield of political pressures, public expectations and deeply complicated family dynamics.

Even though it featured an all-star cast and an academy award winning director it was a mixed response from our group and we soon moved on to other

more interesting topics at our always enjoyable lunch over the road at our usual cafe.



GORMET GIRL LOOK-LIKE – THE FOOD REPUBLIC – Chris S

On a magnificent sunny Monday morning with an expected top temperature of 33'c, 18 members rolled up to the new temporary venue in Blackburn Road – The Food Republic.

My booked table of 10 was soon exceeded but we all managed to find a table although in two groups. Thank you to The Food Republic for looking after us so well.

Monday 5 January and 12 January are also at The Food Republic while Gourmet Girl is closed. Then back to normal.



A special welcome to Ian Wood who managed to join us on public transport, despite the heat.



COMMUNITY PAGE



Saturday 28 March
At St Stephens Church Richmond

Sunday 21 June
At St Kilda Town Hall. 80th anniversary

Saturday 12 September
At St Stephens Church

Sunday 29 November
At Glen Eira Town Hall X

An excellent community orchestra.