

### PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

Hello to all for the July Probuzz!

It seems that the year is flying away and it is. I hope that everyone of you is enjoying life as we pre-Baby Boomers and Baby Boomers should be as we have put in the efforts to make life good. We have had it so good all our lives as the past seventy years have seen the greatest changes to living standards and comforts more than any previous generation. When we think about electricity, plumbing, air travel, telephones from windup to mobiles and then the internet which has almost made telephones obsolete.

In our mother's day she cooked in the kitchen out the back and washed the clothes in a wood fired copper and then wrung the water out of the clothes by hand. You know Kate had to do this for a few weeks when we first got married and I was still playing rugby and the outfit had to be done and dried before the next weekend. We bought a washer very quickly.

Our June trips to Kenworth have been successful and the Sunday Lunch was a fun afternoon with good food and wine. Hope to see you all at our Christmas in July meeting at the Box Hill Golf Club on July 8th. The meeting starts at 10 o'clock and we have Sing Australia Heathmont choir to regale us with Christmas Carols and their repertoire of fine music prior to lunch at 12.30.

Have a great week and see you all at Box Hill.

Cheers,  
Gerry



### Birthdays for July

Patrick Danaher – 10 July  
Jeanette Bravo – 13 July  
Rosalie Hall – 20 July  
Eileen Danaher – 21 July  
Bill Thom – 22 July  
James Stuart – 26 July

Have a great time

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

<b>AUGUST 12</b>	Janet Werkmeister - Author - The Roaring Twenties
<b>SEPTEMBER 9</b>	Shane Varcoe - Marijuana as a Medicine
<b>OCTOBER 14</b>	Alex Maisey - The Lyrebird as an ECO Engineer
<b>NOVEMBER 11</b>	Paul Perrottet - Australian Tennis Open History and Highlights.
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>– no speaker.</b>

## UPCOMING OUTINGS

**TUESDAY 8 JULY.**

**Christmas in July –  
at Box Hill Golf Club.**

This is a prepaid event.

**Bookings have closed.**

There will be a short meeting, entertainment by a local choir and then our Chrissy Lunch.

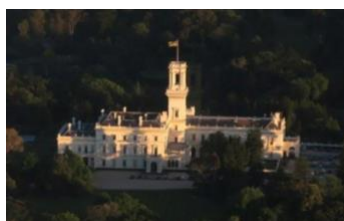


**1<sup>st</sup> week in August – proposed**

**Heidi Museum Heidelberg**

**Ten Pin Bowling** at Mont Albert Bowling Alley on August 20th and there is sure to be stiff competition for the winning team honours.

Let Ray King know if you are attending or need to be an apology. with lunch after at Blackburn Hotel. **Ray King – 0416 014 646**



**Monday 1 September - Government House Tour**  
**Glenn Ewing - 0408 733 066**



**Thursday 18 September, Tour of H Division Pentridge Prison, Coburg - **Proposed****

**Wednesday 22 October, The Round Theatre, Nunawading – Andrew Lloyd Webber**

**Anne Osmon - 0408 733 066**



**Wednesday 12 November – Johnston Collection, East Melbourne -pending**

**Anne Osmon - 0408 733 066**

**Tuesday 9 December - Christmas Lunch, Radisson Hotel, Forest Hill Hotel. \$57 pp.**

**Anne Osmon - 0408 733 066**



Photo: Chris Summers



## **MORNING TEA EATS**

As usual the selection for morning tea was great and very little is left over. Many returned for seconds. A hungry lot.

Thank you Daryl for your 'cooking ability'.

## **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'.



## NEXT SUNDAY LUNCH -

The next Sunday lunch is planned for the fourth Sunday in July and is at the Food Republic, Blackburn Road, Blackburn.



## NOT SO WELL MEMBERS

Good news Trevor is getting about with care, Michael Papworth is resting up at home and Ray is over Covid.



## FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT READ THE EASTSIDER NEWS

Chris

Thank you for your article on the Probus Club of Mitcham Nunawading which we will publish in the June edition of Eastsider News. **What a great program of activities you undertake.**

Joy . (Joy accepts articles for print.) See next page.

# Probus Club of Mitcham Nunawading Update

*Chris Summers*

THE Probus Club of Mitcham Nunawading has continued to grow its membership at a steady rate which is very pleasing.

Our monthly activities are always very popular and well attended. These have included Monday Morning Coffee at Gourmet Girl, Laburnum; Sunday lunch at varying venues; outings by the photography group as far as Ballarat or closer to home including the Botanic Gardens, Box Hill for market views and high-rise buildings, or Frankston for street art; a Film day at the Balwyn Cinema followed by lunch; Talking Shares with their phantom portfolio; Yarra Valley winery; Gulf Station at Yarra Glen and more.

Monthly speakers are always extremely interesting. The May speaker was Elida Brereton speaking on her

treks to Nepal and Afghanistan. When at last minute a speaker cannot attend due to illness, some of our members step up and give a most interesting talk. In April, member Glenn spoke of the famous and interesting people buried in the Box Hill Cemetery.

If you would like to consider joining this friendly group, please come along to a meeting which is held in the Willis Room, Whitehorse Council buildings, 379-399 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading at 10am.

Alternatively, please phone either our President, Gerry Cross on 0418 130 499 or our Secretary Dale Perkins on 0427 967 855. You can also email us on [mnprobus@outlook.com](mailto:mnprobus@outlook.com) or write to us at P.O. Box 15, Nunawading, 3131. Our website is <https://probussouthpacific.org/microsites/mitchamnunawading/Welcome>

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**It is most important to  
send your apology to  
Patricia Fincham  
before the next meeting.  
Phone: 0447 228 354  
Email:  
gpfincham@outlook.com**

## AFTER MEETING LUNCH

Following the meeting everyone is welcome to join together for lunch and 'chatter' at **The Coach, Ringwood.**  
**385 Maroondah Highway, Ringwood.**  
At 12.15  
Everyone is welcome.

## MEMBERS

**Please bring and wear your Probus name tag.  
We have several new and prospective members  
and in the spirit of friendship, if they can see your  
name it is far more welcoming.  
Even some 'old members' have trouble remembering  
people's names.**





## MONDAY COFFEE SESSIONS

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



Every Monday, rain, hail,  
snow or shine.



On this occasion, just plain cold outside, so we squished inside.



## PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP – Michael Ransom



Our next photo outing will be to Williamstown on Friday July 25. We will meet at 10am at Gem Pier, where the HMAS Castlemaine is moored.

Williamstown is a great place for photographers, along the foreshore, the streets full of period buildings, the Williamstown Botanic Gardens, and, of course, coffee shops and restaurants. Even if you don't want to take photos, you are welcome to join us and just enjoy the experience. Please let Michael Ransom know if you will be attending. Phone: 0417 514 349.

## REPORTS

### SPEAKER – Tammy Shepherd – Mercy Ships - Chris Summers

Wow!! What a wonderful speaker and everyone in attendance was rivetted with the information shared with us all. A pity the audience was so small for such an interesting speaker.

Tammy is a physiotherapist by profession and her husband is a doctor. Tammy uses her skills on the Mercy Ships and has done so for three 'adventures' and is going to the Democratic Republic of the Congo again very soon. She does three month stints, all at her own expense and this also often means no salary while away. She has been to Guinea, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Madagascar.



There are two ships, Global Mercy and Africa Mercy and was started by a husband and wife, Deyon and Don Stephens about 40 years ago. The ships are crewed by volunteers – including all 'housekeeping' crew, (cooks, cleaners) nurses, surgeons, dentists, physios, radiologists, dieticians and teachers to train locals to continue the work of the ships on land.

There are 50 nationalities represented – ***Bringing hope and healing to the world's forgotten poor for more than 40 years.***

Some wonderful and some frightening stats – 2.7m beneficiaries; 100,000 free surgical procedures in Guinea in 2019; visit 56 developing countries; 18m people die each year due to no surgery being available; 2 out of 3 lack access to surgical care; 93% of Africa has no medical access; 6 operating

theatres; malignant surgeries are not operated on although a tumor maybe removed and these patients would then have palliative care; ships are serviced in the Canary Islands. Senegal has 7 doctors per 100k people and one dentist for 100k people. Service on the ships is free but patients are interviewed so staff can give the best results. The ships have hospital water and power, but supplies of water are replenished from local sources as required. 50% of world population lives within 160kms of the port. Each orthopeadic surgery requires a carer for up to 3 months as the patient cannot return to the home village while ongoing physio etc is carried out. There are no births on the ship – if that did happen the baby would be Maltese as the ship is registered in Malta. A crew of 5-600 volunteers. Thank you Volunteers.

Mercy Ships Head Office is in Texas USA but they do have large offices in Switzerland and Nederlands, and Australia's office is in Caloundra NSW.

If you would like to support this wonderful program you can see more information or donate at:

**[www.mercyships.org.au](http://www.mercyships.org.au)** Before and after photos.

Photos: Chris Summers



Photo: Glenn Ewing



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## FILM – Salt Path - Glenn Ewing

On the 16th of June seven members headed to the Balwyn cinema for our monthly visit to the movies.

Most of us went to see The Salt Path. It is the profound true story of husband and wife, Traynor and Moth Winns, 630 mile trek along the



beautiful but rugged Southern English coastline. After being forcibly removed from their home, they made the desperate decision to walk in the hope that, in nature, they will find solace and a sense of acceptance. A bit slow but generally it was a thumbs up from everyone on this moving movie.



Libby took in The Materialists and Darryl, The Great Lilian Hall and both were happy with their choices and gave positive reviews when we met up over the road for lunch at our usual cafe.

## KENWORTH TRUCK OUTING – Richard Lawrence

In June, two separate groups of our members visited the Kenworth factory in Canterbury Road Bayswater.

Wow, we were warmly welcomed with our names presented on the front desk. Cameron our guide was brilliant and very informative. The factory produces about 15 to 20 DAF and Kenworth trucks each day depending on demand and it takes about 3 days for each truck from start with some metal beams to a finished truck driven from the premises. Trucks are uniquely assembled to specific customer order using a 'just in time' approach. This method means that as the chassis moves down the assembly line, boxes of components for the specific truck are delivered to the specific station. Staff work in two shifts over 50 minute cycles with a 10 minute break each hour plus a lunch hour. They all have breaks and meals at the same time and can choose to go to the canteen to eat or place a lunch order and have the meal delivered to the rest area. 15:30 was knock off time, the line stopped, and the workers rushed home, the afternoon shift starts at 16:00

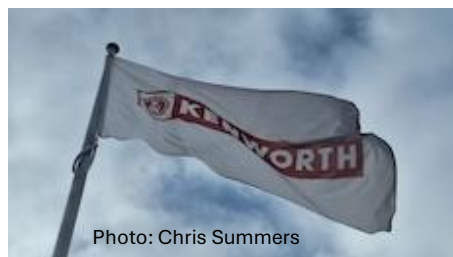


to midnight. There is also a massive administrative team that manages sales and places the orders for components from over 100 suppliers and coordinates the 'just in time' deliveries.

Very impressive was how the individual assembly lines merge to form a completed truck.

- The first is where the steel rails are assembled into an inverted chassis, the basis for the truck.
- Then on a moving line, all the underside components are assembled while the chassis is upside down - because it's easier that way. Then we saw the chassis rotate so it was up the correct way and then more components are assembled as it moves down the line - about 15 minutes at each station is all it takes for the workers to add the components and this includes the painting station. The most noticeable variations at this time are the number of axels the truck has, the type of suspension and the types of brakes fitted.
- An adjacent line has assembled the engine and gear box components with alternators and other bolt on stuff. There are about 3 different engine types available for different purposes depending on the order. This is where the first two lines meet up and the exact engine assembly lines up and is fitted to the exact chassis, very well coordinated.
- Separate lines use robots to assemble the body up to painting and interior seats, glass etc. Another line creates the dashboard with all of the instruments. There are three different
- main body types each with options, but the just in time system makes sure the exact components meet the exact body at the same time.
- The chassis is moved the adjacent final line, where components like tyres and hundreds of other bits including the body, bonnet, exhausts etc are added using the synchronised just in time system.
- Finally, the truck moves into an exhaust tent thing, where the engine is started and tested before being driven to the delivery bay for the dealer to collect it.

Overall, recommended for a visit the next time we can arrange it. Groups are limited to 6 people and we walk through the assembly areas and use steps to go to viewing platforms, a very different experience to my days in office work.



<https://www.kenworth.com.au/range/model-range/t909/>



# PHOTOGRAPHY – Michael Ransom

The photography group met in late June to review the photographs we had taken earlier in the year, at Richmond, Box Hill, Ballarat and the Royal Botanic Gardens. Thank you to David Morris for hosting us at his home.

We looked at many photos, and took the opportunity to edit a few of them to improve their appearance. It's amazing what you can do to enhance digital photos; much more flexibility than when we used film.

A few photos we took at our visit to the Royal Botanic Gardens in May.





## TALKING SHARES JULY 1 – Daryl Rogers



This meeting was held at the Blackburn Hotel and was very well attended; our travellers were back and a new member joined us, welcome Tony. The agenda was a very full one, perhaps ambitious, as we collectively covered a great deal of content. Discussion of key international happenings impacting on economies and share markets was very lively. Similarly, the agenda item on Australian key happenings brought into discussion a wide array of impacts on our economy and share markets; numerous statistics added further depth to the discussion.

Our regular agenda item of updating shares of interest and new suggestions is proving to be very popular. Another regular item sharing useful podcasts, articles and announcements by ASX companies proved again it's value not just at the meeting but follow up items for members to pursue in their own time.

A new leader has emerged on the \$100k portfolio challenge, congratulations to Dale, the third member to hold the lead; Daryl second and Keiren a VERY close third. Perhaps a "dark horse" might make a run with results at the next meeting!

More casual discussion, laughter, jokes shared over a very enjoyable lunch after the meeting.

August meeting: Tuesday 5th at 10.10 Blackburn Hotel

## SUNDAY LUNCH – Knox Club Wantirna – Gerry Cross

On a sunny and warm Sunday there were 20 members who settled in at the Knox Club for our regular Monthly Sunday organised by our hostess with the moistest, Meryl Ellway.

The food was excellent as usual and the steaks were done to order, the honey mustard pork cutlets were great and so were the garlic prawns and Sunday roast lamb. These great meals complemented the lively conversation and the fun vibe on our three tables. This monthly function is our most well attended function and well done Meryl.



## GOURMET GIRL – 30 June – Chris Summers

Sixteen members arrived for morning coffee at this great café in Laburnum. Thanks to Jess and Alli for the usual prompt service. Love the muffins!! Scones, jam and lashings of cream are always popular.



We solve all the world's problems, footy umpiring issues and there is always a notice being passed around for sign-ups for another event.

Please join at, it is a very relaxed, fun gathering.



## PAID FOOTY COMPETITION – Patrick Danaher

With 7 rounds to go it is still possible for plenty of changes in the top 4. It would take some large upsets of 5<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> to make a late charge to overcome the gap. However, anything is possible. Maybe Carlton can have a miracle and win some games.

RANK	NAME	TOTAL SCORE
1	Santa1946	100
2	Colliwobbles!	96
3	Wisteria 246	95
4	Dazzler	93
5	ESPNFAN8898088437	91
6	Raytom6	91
7	Deebs	91
8	Glenn Ewing	85
9	VDFC	70
10	Thomma#1	63

## COMMUNITY PAGE

My supply of Community Events will be very restricted for 6 weeks or so as Allison is on a massive 10,000km 4WD trek to the Kimberley, so she is having a rest from her musical activities. She is a member of a 4WD group but she is doing all the driving alone in her Mitsubishi Challenger. She will see very few kms of black road on this trip once she leaves Mildura.

Last bit packed, including her extra 60 lts of water and 60 lts of diesel and her one-night stop bed on the back seat - she even has fairy lights on her cargo barrier.



After Mildura, up the east side of the Flinders Ranges to Yunta, Lyndhurst, William Creek, Algebuckina Bridge (no longer used.) Oodnadatta, north to Eringa Waterhole, to Mt Dare to Old Andado Station now deserted but left in original condition for weary Simpson Desert travellers.

Allison is as game as Ned Kelly but is travelling with a great group of people.

