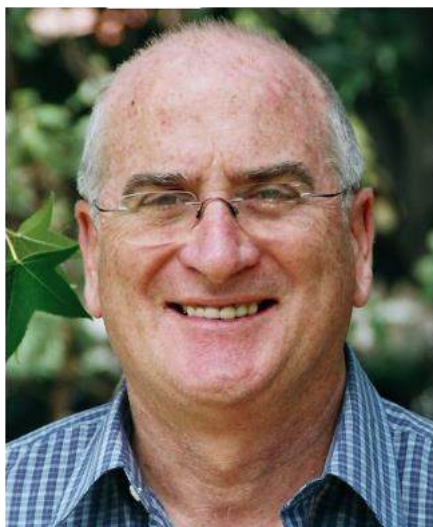




PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

Good day to all,

Here is the near end of Spring and no doubt all of us shall soon be into heavy Christmas preparations or plans for holidays over the Christmas/New year period.

Plans are afoot for our December 9th Club Christmas Luncheon, and we hope that every one can attend and participate in our early festivity. Feel free to invite friends who might be thinking of looking at Probus as it should be a jolly experience.

Thanks to all our Management Committee members who administer the club and those who devise and implement our outings and activities and thanks to our Activity Coordinators as well who take the front lead on these events. This team make the role of President so easy as all I have to do is steer the organisation and they do all the planning and executing of activities. Don't be afraid to step up and nominate for a role where you might have a lot to offer to other members especially those who have filled these roles for some years.

Over the next few weeks, we should perhaps look at planning some ad hoc social activities for those of us who may not be heading to the beach or holiday houses or trips overseas and may wish for some social events between Christmas and New Year. We could look to meeting for BBQs or additional coffee mornings or movies. We can talk through some of these possibilities and others may have additional suggestions for things to do. Give it some thought!

See you all at next Tuesday's meeting and have a great weekend.

Cheers
Gerry



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In Flanders Fields

BY JOHN MCCRAE

Courtesy: <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/47380/in-flanders-fields>

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

I think the following is beautiful –
(found on facebook)

Still Here in Flanders

**Remember me yet though a hundred years gone
Still here in Flanders while the world has moved on
Nobody left who had spoken my name
Still here in Flanders, still just the same**

**Still just nineteen as I was when I left
Still cursing war and the violence and theft
Theft of the lives of young men such as I
Still here in Flanders and still don't know why**

**They buried me here for 'twas here that I fell
Amongst all the mud and the bullet and shell
No going home for us heroes of war
Still here in Flanders on this foriegn shore**

**Rows of white crosses remember our lives
No more our mothers or lovers or wives
Strangers now come to see where we lay
Still here in Flanders to this very day**

**Poppies now grow where the battle once raged
Each one recalling a life never aged
Remember me yet though a hundred years gone
Still here in Flanders while the world has moved on**

Chris Ross 2018





Birthdays for November

Janine Lord - 5 November
Mark Henderson - 8 November
Peter Hall - 15 November
Margaret Bergin - 17 November
Wendy Stanfield - 21 November
Ruth Sampson - 26 November

Have a great time

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 require assistance to get to the Probus Meetings, please contact Gerry on 0418 130 499.

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

THANK YOU DARYL

Daryl has supplied us with a delicious morning tea month after month. He is retiring from this 'occupation' and we will have a new 'cook in the kitchen' going forward.

Thanks to Richard and Sue Lawrence for stepping up, but they will need assistance as they travel overseas quite a bit.



MEMBER UPDATE.

Most members are going along 'ok', which is good to hear.

Reach out if you need any help.

I am glad some of us are fit !!

Take care everyone.



INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

At our October Meeting, another 5 people were inducted into our Club. Welcome Margaret and Bernard Bergin, Marg Gillman, Elizabeth and Edward Cohen.



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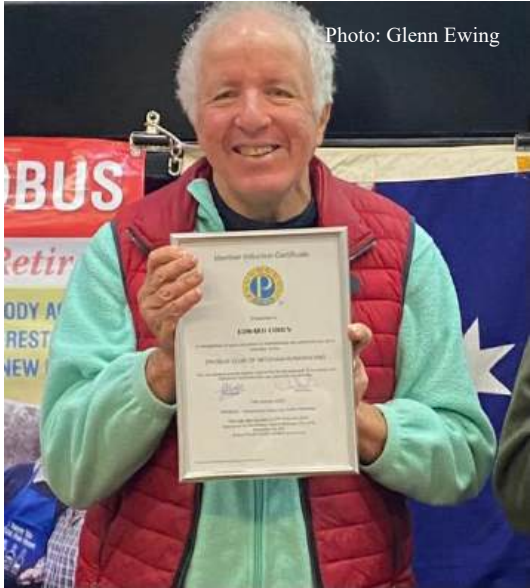


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NOVEMBER SUNDAY LUNCH –

THE DONCASTER

November 23 Sunday Lunch.

Lunch will be at the Doncaster Hotel at 12.30 pm.

855 Doncaster Road, Doncaster.

Let Meryl know you are coming if you have not already done so.

Ph: 0407 042 572

It was built in 1854 and named The Doncaster Arms Hotel.

In 1867, the bush road out front was cleared and horse races were held along Doncaster Road. The start was at Blackburn Road and the finish was at the hotel, a race of one mile.

In the 1850s, mail was carried to Warrandyte by horseback. As the mailman passed by the hotel, he dropped a bag of mail for all of Doncaster at the hotel. It was not a post office at all, but nonetheless letters were left there. In 1860, the hotel was called the Post Office Hotel as hotels were often used as an official place for such functions as inquests or elections.

In the 1890s, there were horse races in the hundred acre paddock alongside the hotel. A racing club was formed and a race day was held in November each year. This included a race for market gardeners and fruit growers, bread and milk cart horses, hacks and also a selling race. The main race each day was the Doncaster Handicap. The distance was one mile and the prize money, one or two pounds.

Coaches and cabs left the Royal Mail Hotel at the corner of Swanston and Bourke Street on the day of the race and returned after the last race. Admission was one shilling to the flat and one and six to the saddling paddock, ladies free.

In 1899, the last race day was held in Doncaster.

GOLF DAY – 14 November at Gunawarra in Sunbury.

- Gerry Cross

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We do have a team in this Probus Golf Day and they are Michael and Marie Ransom, Jeanette Bravo and Ken Spargo. Michael tells me that the club teams in some previous years have won this golf day three times and so Mitcham Nunawading have their name 3 times on the perpetual trophy. Previous team members were the Ransom's, Bob Maclean and Patrick Danaher and another I cannot remember, but thank you to the mystery member. Our Club also ran the event twice in earlier years.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH CELEBRATION

Christmas is approaching fast.

Our Christmas Dinner is booked for

Tuesday 9th December

The Canterbury International Hotel

Corner Canterbury Rd and Springvale Rd Forest Hill.

The Christmas Dinner is a fun gathering commencing at 12.30pm and includes our usual monthly meeting and quiz.



If you have not already paid, we would be pleased to receive your payment of \$57 per person to the Probus bank account as soon as possible.

Probus Account: **Bendigo Bank BSB: 633000 Acc No: 162 650 147**

Do you have any outing suggestions?

The organising committee are always looking for new ideas.

Please contact Ray King 0416 014 646.

SUCCESSION PLANNING – A MUST



Some members are happy to continue in their roles and others are retiring from their positions.

We need new people to step up and fill these spaces. No job is difficult and help will be given to the new people.

Positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer are a must as we cannot continue as a Club without those positions being filled. Assistants are also required.

Please speak to Gerry and put your hand up.

The AGM is in March 2026 – just a little bit after Chrissy celebrations.

Please see Nomination Form on next page



Nomination Form for the election of Office Bearers

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

Nominated Position (tick)

- | | |
|---|---|
| ☐ President | ☐ Risk Management |
| ☐ Vice President | ☐ Membership |
| ☐ Secretary | ☐ Newsletter |
| ☐ Treasurer | ☐ Publicity |
| ☐ Activity/Outings | ☐ Guest Speaker |
| ☐ Welfare Officer | ☐ 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 mnprobuss@outlook.com

REPORTS

SPECIAL PROBUS MONTH BBQ RUFFY LAKE PARK

Despite the coolish weather 14 members eventually found their way to the correct BBQ area at Ruffy Lake Park and had a great lunch, even though one member, who should have known better, was found to be convening at the wrong location. He finally joined the jovial group. We had a delicious lot of lunches and many shared their tasty goodies. We should do more of these outdoor gatherings as it was great.

Great to see David back on deck and he has not lost his onion cooking skills, especially when we relit the BBQ. I am sure the two dogs enjoyed a 'snag' or two.



Photo: Chris Summers



Photo: Chris Summers

Ruby and Bella enjoyed a snag too.



Photo: Chris

SPEAKER — Alex Maisey —

Lyrebirds: nature's ecosystem engineers

Courtesy: <https://www.latrobe.edu.au/news/articles/2020/release/lyrebirds-natures-ecosystem-engineers>

Lead researcher and PhD candidate Alex Maisey found wild superb lyrebirds displace on average 155 tonnes of soil and leaf litter per hectare in a single year while foraging for food, making an important contribution to forest ecology.

Mr Maisey tracked the activity of wild superb lyrebirds over two years in the Central Highlands of Victoria, across three locations – Sherbrooke Forest, Yarra Ranges National Park and Britannia Creek catchment. “In just one year, we calculated that each lyrebird in Sherbrooke Forest moved a load equivalent to that carried by 11 standard dump trucks,” Mr Maisey said.

Mr Maisey said their extensive raking and displacement of litter and soil occurred year-round. “The superb lyrebird truly is Australia’s most hard-working ecosystem engineer,” Mr Maisey said. “While seeking invertebrate prey, they use their sharp claws to expose bare earth, and mix and bury litter.

“Just like the well-known beaver in North America, that uses logs and mud to dam a stream and create a deep pond, this Australian songbird is changing the environment in ways that can benefit other organisms.”

The scientists discovered that by moving large amounts of material, lyrebirds change litter decomposition and the structure of soil on the forest floor, creating opportunities for other species, with important implications for groundcover plants, fire behaviour and post-fire ecosystem recovery.

“We believe wildfire is the only comparable natural disturbance process shaping ecosystem structure at this scale,” Mr Maisey said.

BirdLife Australia estimates that about 40 per cent of the lyrebird’s habitat was destroyed in the 2019-20 Australian megafires, throwing the conservation status of the species into question.

“In the face of climate change and the growing risk of severe bushfires, understanding the role that species such as the superb lyrebird play in ecosystems is more important than ever,” Mr Maisey said. “As champions of biodiversity, conservation of this species should be a key priority in the management of wet forests in south-eastern Australia.



“Without lyrebirds, Australia’s forests would be vastly different places, with impacts extending well beyond the absence of their glorious song or their mimicked sounds of camera clicks.”

Chris Summers



PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP — Michael Ransom

Some of our photographers about to catch the train back to Mitcham from the Victorian Railways museum at Newport.



Photo: Michael Ransom



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A great 'selfie'



Photo: Glenn Ewing



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SUNDAY LUNCH - Warran Glen Nursery — Gerry Cross

The Warren Glen Nursery lunch went well despite the rainy Sunday.

FILM — The Travellers — Glenn Ewing

Our October outing for the movie group (all ten of us) was to see the Travellers directed by Bruce Beresford and starring (amongst others) Bryan Brown. Daryl had already seen it so he opted for The Roses, an anatomy of a marriage breakdown, which he reported was one not to rush to.

Everyone generally enjoyed the Travellers which is about a theatre maker returning home to Australia from Europe to farewell his dying mother. It doesn't quite have the zest of other Beresford movies but still it was worth seeing.

Afterwards we had our usual film review and lunch over the road.



BIRD WATCHING GROUP – Michael Ransom

Six members of our Probus Club joined many other people for the spring bird walk along the Blackburn Creeklands on a beautiful sunny Saturday morning in late October. Altogether, we saw twenty four different species of birds in this beautiful part of Blackburn. Thanks to the City of Whitehorse and the Blackburn Creeklands Committee for organising the day.



TALKING SHARES - NOVEMBER

Due to a clash of dates with Melbourne Cup and difficulty arriving at an alternative day that satisfied everyone, plus illness, attendance was limited at this meeting.



However, we managed to cover agenda items not covered at the previous meeting as well as the extensive agenda for this month. World and Australian economic major happenings received much attention, and we had a huge amount of material to feed into the discussion. Evaluation of previous shares of interest was a valuable item - this ongoing analysis remains very worthwhile.

Our \$100k challenge has come to an end; pleasing to see different members take the lead during the year and place getter positions. There has been a great deal of enthusiasm around this competition, moreover it has been a really good way of learning about shares. Final places and amounts: - Daryl \$198,748, Keiren \$143,510 and Dale \$136,272. Whether this competition is repeated next year will be an agenda item on next month's meeting.
Daryl Rogers - Coordinator

OUTINGS - Ray King

The night at The Round in Nunawading was very successful and great feedback was received. The night was well attended.

OUTINGS – CONFIRMED FOR 2026

FEBRUARY – Guided walk through Box Hill Cemetery

Lunch 11.30 own expense

JULY – Christmas in July – Box Hill Golf Club.

The Heathmont Sing Australia Choir will again entertain us.

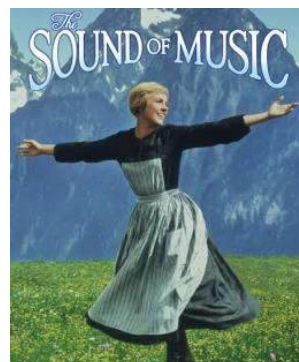


MARCH - Sound of Music

Sunday 29 March – The Round.

\$52 pp.

Members need to pay Treasurer by
Monday 2 February.



OUTINGS – **PROPOSED** FOR 2026

JANUARY – Como House Tour

Thursday 29 January
Entry to grounds free.

Entry to the house \$15, Concession \$10.
Lunch at own expense.



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

Monday 3 May
Cost TBA



TEN PIN BOWLING

Thursday 14 May
Mont Albert

TOUR OF SPORTS MUSEUM MCG

Thursday 21 May
Cost TBA



JUNE – MIDWEEK MATINEE – BERNADETTE ROBINSON

They Played at Carnegie Hall

Wednesday 10 June
The Round, Nunawading
\$22 pp



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.



COMMUNITY PAGE

Symphonic Band Classics

Sunday 23rd November 2:30pm

at Holy Trinity Kew



Christmas Carols at Holy Trinity

Saturday morning on the 6th December

at Holy Trinity Kew



BOROONDARA SYMPHONIC BAND
CONDUCTOR – GIULIANO DI IENNO

SYMPHONIC BAND CLASSICS

An afternoon of favourite band classics

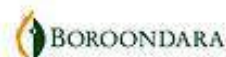
with music from Holst, Vaughan-Williams, Grainger and Alfred Reed and more!

FREE ADMISSION

Sunday 23 November 2025 | 2.30pm

Holy Trinity Anglican Church Cnr. High St & Pakington St. Kew
Further information phone 0419 525 072

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Stonnington Symphony presents *Motion & Reflection*



2.30pm on Sunday 16 November at Malvern Town Hall
2.30pm on Sunday 23 November at Castlemaine Town Hall

TICKETS:

<https://events.humanitix.com/motion-and-reflection-malvern-town-hall>