

PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

It is with some pleasure that I can say there are 10 to 12 persons who are interested in possibly joining our Probus Club.

Some measure of this interest may stem from the results of a survey done at a table of members at our April meeting at the Willis Room earlier this year. There were six members polled, and they indicated the following as reasons for their interest and satisfaction.

1. Table seating, Monthly quiz, discussion with other members, variety of Activities, Monday morning coffee a great start to the week.
2. Members diverse backgrounds, friendship and fun, diverse activities, interest to grow the club and a willingness to share the load of club operation.
3. There are stars in the membership – educated members who put in a lot of effort, high level of amiability and no ill winds, (bad vibes or argument), a variety of outings, high quality speakers generate interest and enjoyment.
4. Enjoy the friendship and company, quality of outings, and club maintains a reasonable and steady maintenance of member numbers.
5. A plethora of activities arranged, high level of activities and social interaction and development, capacity to start and participate in new activities, club membership adds to quality of life
6. The sixth member polled endorsed suggestions above but indicated a pleasure in doing things with others and the level of ad hoc activities which occurred.

A feature of the large number of interested potential members is that they are coming to meetings and activities because you, their friends told them how good things are for you. I suggest that you copy and print this summary off and hand it out when you have friends ask about Probus.

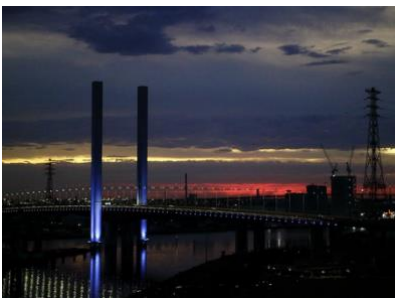
Have a great week and be cheerful as Spring is just around the corner. The wattle trees are in bloom so warm weather will come.

Cheers

Gerry



**Detective Leading Senior Constable Neal Thompson
and Senior Constable Vadim De Waart**





Birthdays for September

Michael Ransom - 1 September
Dale Perkins - 6 September
Edward Chew - 9 September
Sue Mathews - 9 September
Jill McIntosh - 24 September

Have a great time

THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER –

SEPTEMBER 9 Shane Varcoe - Marijuana as a Medicine

Courtesy: <https://worldresiliencyday.com.au/team/shane-varcoe/>

Shane Varcoe has been the Executive Director for the Dalgarno Institute (Coalition Of Alcohol & Drug Educators) since 2009. The Institute is long standing Alcohol & Other Drugs (AOD), community based, not-for-profit, public interest coalition, that achieved ECOSOC (Economic & Social consultant) consultative status with the United Nations in 2022.



He has authored a number of papers along with peer reviewed and published papers The Most Effective Drug Pusher Ever – Permission and Social Determinants and Substance Use, A précised edition published in The Journal of Global Drug Policy & Practice. Latest contributions to the sector literature include, Drug Policy: Building or Demolishing Community Resiliency? and Stigma, Drug Use – and the Proactive Contagions to Reduce Both.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS – Trevor Bravo

October – Dr Alex Maisey – Lyrebirds

Courtesy: <https://www.australiangeographic.com.au/topics/science-environment/2025/03/lyrebirds-reveal-hidden-farming-talents/>

In wet forests of southeastern Australia, superb lyrebirds engage in extraordinary behaviour – tilling the soil to create habitats for their prey to flourish.



The superb lyrebird scratches through the leaf litter and topsoil while foraging, using its powerful claws to search for invertebrates such as worms, centipedes, spiders, crustaceans and insects.

This loosens the soil, allowing more air and water to infiltrate, and speeding up the decomposition of organic material. Our new study shows this creates an ideal habitat for the

invertebrates on which it feeds – ensuring they grow large and ensuring the lyrebirds' future buffet.

So, lyrebirds essentially “farm” their food resource by cultivating the forest floor. This behaviour is rarely seen in the non-human world. It extends across millions of hectares, potentially delivering far-reaching benefits to forest ecosystems.

November – Paul Perrottet.

Courtesy: <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/7788/speakers/ca1fab94-1120-45ac-868f-0ebf3ae36af4>

A look into Australia's largest annual sporting event and the amazing facility of Melbourne Park.

Paul is a retired aviation executive with over 40 years of experience with airlines and in airport development. Since retiring from full-time work, Paul has been an AO courtesy car driver for 16 years. He has witnessed an amazing transformation of Melbourne Park and Rod Laver Arena and will explain why the AO continues to be the players' favourite tournament.



NEXT SUNDAY LUNCH

September 28

and will be at **Club Ringwood,**
cnr Maroondah Highway and Oban Road Ringwood.

Let Meryl know you are coming on her Mobile. 0407 042 572



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'.

LUNCH AFTER MEETING



The Coach Ringwood has been booked for 12.30, although not in the same room this visit. Look out for other members.
All welcome.

MEMBER UPDATE.

Most members are going along 'ok', despite a covid case, a couple of falls, colds and respite care but now most are back on their feet again.

Take care everyone. Do your daily exercises.



PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP — Michael Ransom

Our next photo outing will be on **Friday, September 26**. We were going to take a cruise along the Yarra, but plans have changed. We will now visit Sydney Road in Brunswick. Glenn Ewing will be leading this outing and will provide details of when and where to meet on the day.



Please let Michael know on 0417 514 349 if you are attending.

BIRD WATCHING GROUP



The next early morning outing will be in October, so prepare yourself for the early start. I am sure it will be a chilly morning.

Contact Michael Ransom if you are interested in joining this walk. 0417 514 349

PROPOSED OUTINGS

Thursday 18 September, Tour of H Division Pentridge Prison, Coburg

\$32 Concession Entry Fee.

Make payments to Bendigo Bank Acc and provide a reference with Surname.

Bendigo Bank BSB: 633000 Acc No: 162 650 147

Expressions of interest sought for booking numbers.

Contact Ray King 0416014646



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

Payment to Bendigo Bank Acc Reference by Surname

Bendigo Bank BSB: 633000 Acc No: 162 650 147

Anne Osmon - 0408 733 066

Wednesday 12 November – Johnston Collection, East Melbourne -pending

Anne Osmon - 0408 733 066 Pending



Tuesday 9 December - Christmas Lunch, Canterbury International Hotel, Forest Hill Hotel. \$57 pp.

Anne Osmon - 0408 733 066

Do you have any outing suggestions? The organising committee are always looking for new ideas.

Please contact Ray King - 0416 014 646.

As Coordinators do a great job setting up the outings it is incumbent on members to notify the coordinator ASAP if they find they are unable to attend if they have put their name down.

If you are only unsure of being able to attend do not put your name on the list.

SUCCESSION PLANNING

Although positions officially come into being at the March AGM, we must start thinking about what positions you might be able to assist with, afterall, Christmas is not far away and we are all super busy around that time.

One or two people (or maybe more) are required **now** to 'learn the ropes' on the Outings Committee. If you would like to join this very friendly group, please contact Ray King 0416 014 646.



ALERT

CAR THIEVES ACTIVE IN WHITEHORSE

Probus members have recently seen the hand of car thieves in action.



They had done the correct thing – garage door was locked, internal access door was locked as were other external house doors, yet the thieves let themselves in.

Keys were not left in sight but they were located while the residents were sound asleep.

So, the thieves let themselves into the garage, opened the door and drove away and not a sound was heard.

Please, take care and keep doors and windows locked, car keys out of sight and garage remotes not left in the car.

REPORTS

SPEAKER – Janet Wermeister – The Roaring 20's

Janet's talk was extremely well received, was clear and very informative. The talk was about the Roaring 20's and not the great depression years.

In 1925, photos showed Flinders Street railway station which was as large as London, Paris or New York at that time. It showed horse drawn carts loaded with beer kegs, cable trams in Flinders Street but electric trams in Swanston Street. A photo of Bourke Street outside Myers showed horse drawn cabs and cable trams.

In 1925 the MacRobertson chocolate factory opened in Fitzroy and had 2650 employees. They made columbine caramels, milk kisses and cherry rides.

Power was made by the State Electricity Commission in the Latrobe Valley and was very cheap power. Sir John Monash was the CEO at the time.

Radio broadcasts began with 3AR, 3LO and later 3UZ. Car registrations peaked with 82,500 registrations. Ford opened in Geelong in 1925, Chevrolet in Melbourne in 1926. Hosiery was 5/11d per pair and there were mills in Brunswick and Coburg. A lady on average bought 12 pairs a year. Hairdressing was booming.



Capitol Theatre.
Photo: Chris Summers

Buildings – Temple Court at 422 Collins Street and the then tallest building the T & G building. Cinemas in 1921- eight were built in Melbourne. Cinemas, the Westgarth in Northcote, the Victory in St Kilda seated 3000, the Capitol in Swanston Street could seat 2000. This cinema was designed by Walter and Marion Burley Griffin and is now owned and was restored by RMIT students. The Palais in St Kilda burned

down in 1926 and rebuilt in 1927, seating 3000. The State Theatre now the Forum, built in 1929 seating 3370. The Regent in 1929 with 3250 seats and cost 500,000 pounds each. The Athenaeum in 1924 with 880 seats and had the first sound movie was The Jazz Singer starring Al Johnson.



Dance halls were also big in the 20's, a real boom. Leggots in Prahran and Palais de Danse in St Kilda, designed by Burley Griffin. St Moritz skating rink began as a dance hall and could 'handle' 5000 people. The Trocadero was very popular with returning servicemen who 'wanted to have some fun', dancing the night away doing the fox trot and charlston.



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Moritz_Ice_Rink

COFFEE GROUP — Chris Summers

The usual group slowly arrived about 10.30 at Gourmet Girl in Laburnum for the social coffee morning, where we solved the problems of the world, argued about footy decisions and who would win the flag.

Please join us every Monday for great coffee and friendship.



PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP — Michael Ransom

A group of our members ventured to the Queen Victoria Market in late August to take photos in and around the market. It was a Friday, and there were lots of people around, people looking for the week-end's fruit and veg, and also lots of people from overseas looking for Aussie souvenirs. As with all our photo outings, we also enjoyed lunch together afterwards.

TEN PIN BOWLING — Ray King



On a cool, but sunny, August day a group of keen and slightly wary would-be bowlers assembled at Healthways Recreation Centre to have a crack at tenpin bowling and to enjoy being around their fellow Probus members. Many of those assembled had not bowled for decades but that did not deter them from joining in.

With three lanes and three bowlers per lane, we got through the game in about fifty minutes with a lot of encouragement, laughs and chatter. Our assigned attendant "Mark 2" was a great person who gave

handy tips to those who requested them. We were also happy to welcome a potential member, Linda, who looked to have had a great time. The quiet cosy atmosphere at the bowling lanes was most conducive to our purpose of socialising around a healthy activity.

When the activity concluded, the players assembled for photos and the consensus amongst them seemed to be that we should do this activity more than once a year. Two players had prior engagements at this point, so the remaining seven proceeded to the Blackburn Hotel. We scored

a table for seven in a quiet spot and had a great time eating and chatting. All in all, a great finish to a good activity





HEIDE MUSEUM — Glenn Ewing

On a sunny Thursday members visited the Heide Art Gallery in Bulleen to see the landmark exhibition featuring Surrealist photography by American born artist Man Ray and eminent Australian photographer Max Dupain. With more than 120 vintage prints spanning a range of subject matter, it

certainly held our attention and also highlighted their experimentation with modernist approaches and innovative photographic techniques. Fascinating and well worth visiting.

Afterwards we enjoyed a delicious lunch and a few of us visited the Heide Cottage which was home to John and Sunday Reed for thirty five years.



Photo: Glenn Ewing



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SUNDAY LUNCH — Paula Bray

Sunday lunch at “The Old England” Hotel was attended by 17 of our club members.

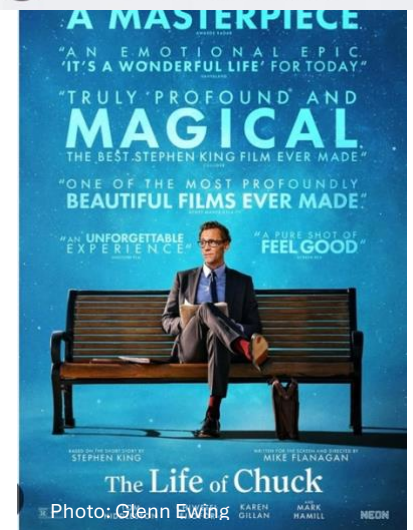
A diverse selection of delicious meals on offer were outstanding, beautifully presented and full of flavour.

Our members thoroughly enjoyed the day in a warm and inviting atmosphere. We will definitely be returning to this venue of great food and ambiance.



FILM — Glenn Ewing

For our movie outing in August at the Balwyn cinema we all did our own thing and saw The Stolen Painting, Mr Burton and the Life of Chuck and it was a general thumbs up for the other two films. We all enjoyed meeting up over the road for lunch and had a good discussion about our chosen films. Something different but I think it worked out well.



FOOTY COMPETITION — Patrick Danaher



TALKING SHARES – September Meeting



Our Tuesday 2/9/25 meeting was perhaps one of the most ambitious in terms of agenda items and we almost completed the listed items; several towards the end of the meeting were skipped over lightly as we ran out of time.

We have a number of items that are discussed at every meeting. Key economic happenings internationally and in Australia that impact on the share market were absorbing discussions. Updates on 'shares of interest' and new suggestions produced a great deal of comment.

New items on share trading goals and investing strategies was very high on interest as each member contributed their position on each of these; a valuable learning experience.

Positions have changed again for the \$100k phantom portfolio in a month that favoured members who committed significant 'funds' to small caps and gold miners. Great to have three different members who have shared the lead through the year, and similarly second and third place; only two more months to go. So September places: 1.Daryl, 2. Keiren, 3. Dale.
An enjoyable lunch followed the meeting !

Coordinator :- Daryl

COMMUNITY PAGE



An Allison Update

Last Sunday the State Wind Band Championships were held in Bendigo.

The band she is in won A Grade.



A Sunday Afternoon Concert
SMSO
South Melbourne Symphony Orchestra

Sunday 14th September 2025 2.30pm
St Stephen's Anglican Church 360 Church St Richmond 3121

Conductor: Lynette Bridgland
Soloist: Jason Xanthoudakis, clarinet

Rossini Overture to William Tell
Weber Clarinet Concerto no 2 in Eb op 74
Dvorak Symphony no 8 in G op 88

2025 Concert Dates
Sunday 30th November

South Melbourne Symphony Orchestra
<https://smso.org.au>
AOC2603X
ABN 89 670 182414

Adults \$25
Concession \$15
Children 12 & under Free
<https://www.trybooking.com/DMVZ>

The South Melbourne Symphony Orchestra gratefully acknowledges sponsorship of the City of Port Phillip



Wendy Billings sent me the following -

I have received an invitation from the Islamic Museum of Australia in Thornbury to a Women's Morning Tea on Tuesday 16 September between 10 - 12pm.

The cost is \$45/head. This also includes access to the entire Museum exhibitions.

A couple of years ago I organised two tours of this Museum and everyone, without exception, thought it was a very worthwhile and informative outing.

Thank you Wendy.