



The Probus Club of Grovedale Marshall Inc.

Club Number N9004163

Newsletter

August 2025

Apologies



If you are unable to attend a meeting, please phone or send a message to Wendy Poyner on 0488 435 702 or email her at mwpoyner@hotmail.com

Management Committee Meeting

Wednesday 3rd
September 2025
Waurn Ponds Hotel
Café,
1154 Princes Hwy,
Waurn Ponds
10.00am



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Members Monthly Meeting

Thursday 11th
September 2025
Grovedale
Community Hub
Heyers Road 9.30 for
10am start.



From the President's Desk



It's often said that the best stories are shared not in the meeting room, but around the lunch table afterwards. This month proved no exception. The dining room was abuzz with laughter and some interesting comments were over-heard when one or two ladies (who shall remain nameless) were wondering whether to put their cat up a tree so that they had an excuse to call the CFA or to ask for a certain person's phone number!!!

Moments like these remind us of the warmth and camaraderie that make our gatherings more than just formal meetings. They're an opportunity to share light-hearted moments, nurture friendships, and, occasionally, hatch the kind of schemes that are best left between friends (and safely away from any actual trees or unsuspecting cats!).

Until next time. Cheers.

Terry.

Annual Fees information for members and prospective members

Membership fees are again unchanged and were ratified at the March 2025 Annual General Meeting and are \$45 per annum for existing members and \$75 for new members to join (this includes the cost of your badge and the annual membership fee). A schedule of reduced fees applies for new members joining during the year.

Annual fees are payable **before the end of April** each year. They can be paid using direct payment (EFT) to: Grovedale Marshall Probus account. Bendigo Bank. BSB 633 108 Account Number 1560 52813. Please make sure you put your name and the reason for the payment in the reference field so that the Treasurer can correctly identify the payee and the reason for the payment.

Lunches



21st August at 10am will be a High Tea at Brioche Café, 175 W Fyans St, Newtown.

28th August Ten Pin Bowling at 10.00am at Belmont followed by lunch at 12pm at The Belmont Hotel, High Street, Belmont.

18th September lunch at 12pm at Mt Duneed Estate, 65 Pettavel Road, Waurin Ponds.

25th September lunch at 12pm at Leopold Sportsman's Club, 135 Kensington Road, Leopold.



Thursday 28th August Ten Pin Bowling at 10.00am at Belmont followed by lunch at 12pm at The Belmont Hotel, High Street, Belmont.

Members can come to both or just lunch and/ or spectate at bowling. \$17 per person for shoe hire and 1 game. Pay on the day when we have all arrived and worked out teams.

To be included in an activity or lunch it is imperative to sign the list on the back table for that event as we have to book in advance. A reminder is sent the weekend before, when changes can usually be made. Please do the right thing and let Shaaron know on 5241 5729 on s.glynn@sageadvice.com.au if you wish to add your name to a list or remove it if you are unable to go to lunches or outings.

Model Railway Exhibit



On 25th August there is a day out organised to visit an amazing model railway exhibit near Anglesea. The exhibit takes up a whole room and contains at least 10 tracks and 10 engines.

This trip is best suited to car sharing and would need a minimum of 12 people. Members going on the trip are to meet at the Grovedale Hub by 9.45 am ready to leave by 10am. Other places of interest to visit on the day and situated between Lorne and Anglesea at Aireys Inlet include the majestic Split Point lighthouse, which has 45-minute guided tours, including a climb up its spiral staircase beneath the lantern room. The Lighthouse tearoom may be suitable for a light lunch.

A warm welcome to our returning foundation members James and Fran Alexander and to new members Alison Dixon and Catherine Pickett.



Guest Speaker of the month – Dr. James Mullins (AM) representing the Country Fire Authority.



It was a great privilege to welcome Dr James Mullins (AM) as our guest speaker this month. James joined the CFA at just 13 years old as a junior in Maryborough and joined the Grovedale team in 2008, where he became First Lieutenant in 2016.

Dr Mullins is Honorary Associate Professor, Deakin Research Office, Office of DVC Research, and founding researcher and Chief Technology Officer of Deakin's FLAIM Systems. FLAIM's virtual firefighting training system is deployed with customers across emergency services, defence and training organisations in 45 countries.

Last year, James was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for his service to science and the community through an emergency service response organisation.

Activity of the month (Christmas in July)

Australians, with their British and European heritage, often associate Christmas with cold weather and winter traditions. Therefore July, being the coldest month in Australia's winter, provides an opportunity to celebrate Christmas with a "winter" theme, complete with hearty meals, festive decorations and an opportunity to either sing along to Christmas melodies or bravely take part in the "Hokey Pokey" (or "Cokey", depending on where you come from).

On July 24th, forty-two members of the Grovedale Marshall Probus Club enjoyed a great day with morning tea then a "Christmas in July" lunch with entertainment at the Shell Club, 76 Purnell Road. Many thanks to Carmel Sanderson for the photographs. [click here](#): for more pictures.



Grovedale Marshall Probus book Club meeting



Pam Simpson is the convenor of the book club and she prefers that you contact her (rather than Shaaron) on pjsimpson49@hotmail.com or 0447 088 238 for further information.

The next book club meeting has been changed to 22nd August at the Glynn's house, 11 Jean Place. Grovedale. 1pm. This change is to accommodate members who will be away for the previously scheduled date.



Probus Name Badges

Our club has recently experienced a delightful and significant increase in membership, a testament to its vibrancy and appeal. With this influx of new faces, it's important to recognise that our newest members may not yet be familiar with the names of our longstanding members.

One practical and effective way to bridge this gap is through the use of name badges. As you know, the President has already reminded us several times of the importance of wearing our badges at meetings and club events. Name badges not only help new members learn names more easily but also encourage spontaneous conversation and camaraderie among all members.

It has come to the committee's attention that several members have unfortunately misplaced their badges and would like to order a new one. This can be done by contacting our treasurer Sue Howard on bundaberg58@bigpond.com. The cost is \$15.

Geelong Arts Centre Delightful Days and Matinees 2025 (next show 28th August)



Morning Melodies have been booked and 14 tickets purchased for each performance for the year. Shaaron has booklets and flyers available for those members that do not have these. Interested members have been contacted and each person that has booked a ticket understands that they must pay for the ticket regardless of whether they attend or not. Members are asked to inform Shaaron or put their names on the list at the back of the room if they require tickets and have not previously booked them.

Tickets for each show are \$24 per ticket. Suitable stalls will be selected to ensure that all members sit together. There is easy access to the stalls.

There is a complimentary morning tea at 9.30am and all the shows start at 11am.

Schedule of upcoming performances.

	Time	Venue	Adult	Group 10+
An unforgettable performance of Songs from Grand Opera Stages to London's West End, a celebration of the most beloved music from the worlds of opera and musical theatre.	Wed 28th Aug. 11am	The Play House	\$28	\$24

This unforgettable musical odyssey is a heartfelt tribute to not only Elvis Presley but to Sun Records and the African American pioneers that started Rock 'n' Roll.	Wed 1st Oct. 11am	The Play House	\$28	\$24
Coghlan and Robertson harmonize and soar through a mix of classical and contemporary favourites, including music from Bernstein, Irving Berlin, Paul Simon, Cole Porter, Puccini and Adele.	Wed 26th Nov. 11am	The Play House	\$28	\$24

Your smile for the day



Don't wash your hair in the shower

(It's so good to finally get a health warning that is useful)

IT INVOLVES THE SHAMPOO WHEN IT RUNS DOWN YOUR BODY WHEN YOU SHOWER WITH IT A WARNING TO US ALL!!!

I don't know WHY I didn't figure this out sooner! I use shampoo in the shower! When I wash my hair, the shampoo runs down my whole body, and printed very clearly on the shampoo label is this warning, "FOR EXTRA BODY AND VOLUME."

No wonder I have been gaining weight! Well, I got rid of that shampoo and I am going to start showering with Dawn dishwashing soap instead. Its label reads, "DISSOLVES FAT THAT IS OTHERWISE DIFFICULT TO REMOVE."

Problem solved!

If I don't answer the phone I'll be in the shower!!!

