

# The Probus Club of Grovedale Marshall Inc. Club Number N9004163

Newsletter

December 2025



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 4th February 2026 Waurn Ponds Hotel Café, 1154 Princes Hwv. Waurn Ponds 10.00am



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Members Monthly Meeting

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026 Grovedale Community Hub Heyers Road 9.30 for 10am start.



### From the President's Desk



Wow !!! another two new members to add to our flock, as I said at the meeting, we must be doing something right. Of course we are, but it all comes down to a team effort...from the untiring efforts of our social events organiser Shaaron, our Treasurer Sue who does a whole lot more than just count beans and not to leave out our secretary Anne who is on top of all things Probus. Wendy on membership, Merv on trips ...the list goes on.

I will thank you all at the AGM in March next year but until then I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a safe new year.

Oh. Before I go...an oldie but a goodie from my late old man. "A man who has not made a mistake has not made anything" 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



Thursday January 22<sup>nd</sup> lunch will be at 12pm at White Eagle House. 46-48 Fellmongers Rd, Breakwater.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February lunch at 12pm will be at Mandarin Court Chinese Restaurant, 105 High St, Belmont.

#### **Mystery Bus Trip**



January 27th has been booked for the next Mystery Tour. The cost will be \$55 per head, which includes any entry fees where applicable but does not include lunch. 30 members have added their names to the list so far. Any members that have not yet added their names and wish to go, please let Merv know by emailing him on <a href="mailto:mwpoyner@hotmail.com">mwpoyner@hotmail.com</a>.

Members are asked to pay the Treasurer prior to the event, if possible, as the bus must be paid for in advance.

#### **Coffee Mornings**



Thursday 19th February Coffee morning at 10am will be at Wathawurrung Booln Booln Cultural Centre, (formally Narana). 410 Surf Coast Hwy, Grovedale.

To be included in an activity or lunch it is imperative to sign the list on the back table for that event as we must 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.

#### A very warm welcome to our new members Julie Van Berkel and Mary Hancock.





The President was pleased to finally take the opportunity to welcome Julie Van Berkel after many months of ill health and Mary Hancock, who has recently also been unwell.

It is hoped that these challenges are now well behind them and that they can look forward to making many new friends amongst the wonderful members of this outstanding club.

#### Activity of the month (1) (Grovedale Marshall Probus Club Christmas Cruise and lunch)

Following our fantastic cruise and lunch aboard the Hygeia Party Boat last year, we chose to host our Probus Club Christmas lunch on the Hygeia this year, making it a truly memorable celebration. The impressive 37-metre catamaran offered another enjoyable cruise around the bay, where we spotted seals and indulged in a great roast chicken lunch, all under perfect weather conditions. Members praised the staff for their warmth and attentiveness, noting they truly went the extra mile to create an unforgettable day for everyone. Click here for more photos









#### Activity of the month (2) Grovedale Marshall Probus Club Annual Kris Kringle

Forty-nine members seated in a circle, each unwrapping a gift purchased by another anonymous member, ensured that there would be a hilarious hour of fun, with gifts regularly being stolen (exchanged!) from each other until the last parcel was unwrapped. Congratulations went to Shaaron Glynn for being the best female member and Jack Brasier the best male member dressed in a Christmas theme.









#### Geelong Arts Centre Delightful Days and Matinees 2026 (next show 18th February)



Booking for next year's Morning Melodies at The Geelong Art Centre will be made this week. \$26 per show (for a group booking).

If you put your name down, you are liable for the cost of the ticket, but we did manage to reallocate tickets this year when people were ill or unable to attend at the last minute (all but 1). If you wish to add your name to any show, please contact Shaaron this week as she intends to purchase tickets on Thursday. The 1st show will be on Wed Feb 18th with complimentary morning tea from 9.30am and the show at 11am. Heart and Music with Natalie O'Donnell and Simon Gleeson. All the shows were excellent this year with outstanding professional performers.

Payment is to our Treasurer, Sue, either for all the shows you will be attending for the year or for each show as they come up. Tickets are allocated in the foyer before the show.

Shaaron 5241 5729 or s.glynn@sageadvice.com.au

18<sup>th</sup> February 22<sup>nd</sup> April 3<sup>rd</sup> June 8<sup>th</sup> July 21<sup>st</sup> October 2<sup>nd</sup> December Natalie O'Donnell and Simon Gleeson - Heart and Music Denis Walter - My All-time favourites Opera and classics in concert James Bond Classics Bernadette Robinson - They sang at Carnegie Hall Mistletoe Melodies

#### **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 will be on Friday 27th February at the Glynn's house, 11 Jean Place. Grovedale. 1pm.

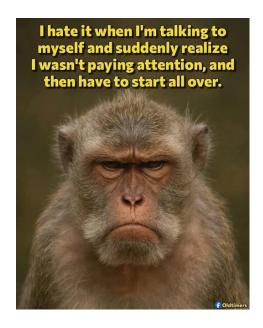
## Seeking nominations for committee and volunteer positions for the Annual General Meeting in March 2026.

Head office has asked all clubs to start thinking about our next annual general meeting even though it is four months away. As you know, it takes quite a lot of willing hands to run a club such as ours, so if you can lend a hand, please consider nominating for one or more of the following positions. Nominations are welcome for <u>all positions</u>, even if someone has already nominated. Please return your nomination form to the Secretary by February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

The following executive and volunteer roles will be open for election at the March AGM.

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Executive Committee Positions	Nomination received
President	Lawrence Glynn
Vice President	
Treasurer	Sue Howard
Secretary	
Other Volunteer (Non-Committee) Roles	
Membership Officer	Sue Howard
Social Activities Organiser, including coffee	Shaaron Glynn
mornings, lunches, and Morning Melodies.	
Multi-day and mystery trips organiser	
Book Club Coordinator	
Official Photographer	Carmel Sanderson
Door Supervisor and after-meeting lunch	Margaret Letson
organiser	
Door Prize Ticket Sales	Joy Parker
Book Table Organiser	Irene Black
Webmaster	Anne Lane
Newsletter Editor	Anne Lane
Guest Speaker Seeker	
Welfare Officer	
Morning Tea Angel	

#### Your smile for the day



When the news gets too much I turn it off and unwind with a nice, calming serialkiller documentary.









