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PROBUS BORONIA NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello fellow Probus colleagues,

For many of the new members this year, December is our final newsletter until February 2026 when we reconvene as a committee and hold our **next General Meeting on Thursday 12 February 2026.**

First and foremost, I strongly acknowledge and appreciate the time, skills, energy and passion of the Boronia Probus Committee for their concerted efforts to ensure our club has grown in membership but more importantly in reputation as a Probus Club to be affiliated with. We have a strong team; however, it would be promising to have some new members to join the committee at our AGM in March 2026. I would like you all, to reflect on how you can contribute to improving and progressing our wonderful club.

Next Thursday 12 December is our Christmas function at **Fortnums Restaurant at 395 Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd, Sassafras** which replaces our December General Meeting. So, I remind you all that **arrival time is 11.30 am for a 12pm sit down lunch.** We have 43 guests attending and you may choose a 2-course \$45.90 or 3-course \$54.90 meal. Tea/coffee is \$1.50 extra per head. I look forward to sharing the day with you all and to celebrate the end of a successful year as a club.

2026 is going to be bigger and better for the Boronia Probus Club. We have some excellent events planned and look to expand the diversity of interests for members. Moreover, next year is the 50th anniversary of PROBUS in Australia so PSPL has many plans to make the year festive and collaborative. I personally am excited about what the year unfolds.

If I neglect to converse with all our membership at the lunch and should some of you not be attending the Christmas function, I take this opportunity to thank you for your support and presence at our general meetings and the events, activities and outings we have conducted in 2025. This club would not operate without the contribution of our membership so thank you all.

Finally, I wish you, your family and friends a very safe, joyous and peaceful holiday season. May you enjoy time as an opportunity to rest, regenerate and reflect on making yourself even better.

*Merry Christmas and happy
New Year*

With fun, fellowship, friendship and peace
Keiran



REMINDER

Next meeting – Thursday 12th February 2026 – 10am SHARP!

Everyone must register in on entry to the meeting - NOTE – this is required for insurance purposes

Also, don't forget to bring along your coffee cup for morning tea

If you are unable to attend a meeting, please send your apologies to be recorded, to the Secretary at sec.boroniaprobust@gmail.com or text 0467 203 587



November Speaker

Our guest speaker was **Bill Ireland**, a lifelong resident of Boronia. He shared fascinating insights into Boronia's early days, noting that the area was officially named in **1915**. Among the interesting facts he mentioned: the first shop was a general store, the post office opened in **1920**, and by **1923**, Boronia had its first school.

Bill began his schooling in Boronia in **1950**, and later in **1954**, when Ferntree Gully North Primary School opened, he was among its first students.

To complement his talk, Bill presented a wonderful slideshow featuring historic images of the area, each accompanied by captivating stories from Boronia's past.



December & January Birthdays

<i>Clare Ganderton</i>	<i>14th Dec</i>
<i>Paul Wilson</i>	<i>16th Dec</i>
<i>Annette Hayworth</i>	<i>26th Jan</i>
<i>Sheryle White</i>	<i>29th Jan</i>

KEIRAN'S JOKE OF THE MONTH

For you musicians out there:



A woman is in court for beating her husband with his own guitars.

The judge asks, "First time offender?"

She replies, "Nah, First time a Gibson, second time a Fender."

BOOM BOOM!!!!

RIDDLE OF THE MONTH

Q. What is the fastest way to double your money?

A. Place it in front of a mirror!

REFLECT ON THAT ONE!

DID YOU KNOW!

- Did you know your tongue is the fastest healing part of your body.

Pity as some persons you would like it to take longer so they avoid talk.

- Did you know the longest street in the world is Yonge street in Toronto Canada measuring 1,896 km (1,178 miles)

And Canadians call it a street. I wonder how long their highways run.

- Did you know when lightning strikes it can reach up to 30,000 degrees celsius (54,000 degrees Fahrenheit)

*By **Jupiter** that is one powerful strike. I **Thor** one would be saying 'gee **Zeus**' (Jesus).*

ACTIVITIES AND OUTINGS

- **Cranbourne Botanical Gardens – Thursday 20th November**

Eight members enjoyed a delightful day despite the unpredictable Melbourne Spring weather. Thankfully, the rain held off, allowing us to fully appreciate a wonderful outing through the Australian Landscape Gardens. We admired the unique beauty of native plants and learned how they adapt to our climate.

Our tour guide, Simon, enhanced the experience with an informative and engaging commentary as we explored the various gardens aboard the Explorer Bus. His insights added depth to our appreciation of this remarkable setting.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT FORTUMS IN SASSAFRAS:



DATE: THURSDAY 11th DECEMBER – 11.30 for 12 Noon start
COST: \$45.90 for a 2-course meal OR 3-course \$54.90 – pay on the day at the venue. Tea/coffee \$1.50 extra

******Please bring along a \$10 wrapped Christmas gift to be distributed. It will need to be something suitable for a male or female ******



- **Latrobe's Cottage Tour– Sunday 11th January 2026**

La Trobe's Cottage is a historic cottage built in 1839 by the first superintendent of the Port Phillip District of New South Wales, Charles La Trobe, and his family. It is located at corner of Birdwood Ave &, Dallas Brooks Dr, Melbourne.

Entry – Adults \$5 – Concession \$4.

We are doing the 3.15 tour to give us time for lunch. Lunch at the Botanical Hotel on Domain Road at 12.00. Once again, carpooling is the best option, meeting at the Boronia Library at 10.00 for a 10.30 departure. You **can** get there by train, tram and **quite a bit of walking**.

- **Werribee Zoo – Thursday 5th February 2026**

Bus trip to Werribee Zoo. Meet at the Boronia Library no later than 8.45 for departure at 9am SHARP, and returning at 4pm.

Entry cost is \$69 for Seniors and \$61 concession which includes cost of bus, entry fee and guided tour. **NOTE: Must bring your concession card with you.** Bring own lunch or purchase at Zoo. **Please pay money into the Bank account, or make arrangements with Sue or Lyn for alternative payments.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monthly Walks 10.00 am	Coffee & Chat 10.30 am	General Meeting Boronia Bowls Club 9.45am for 10.00am	Outings
Host: Kerrie	Host: Helen		Host: Kay
NONE IN JANUARY	Thursday 29 th January Victorian Elixir Coffee Roasters 15 Erica Ave Boronia	Thursday 12 th February Speaker Sid Sherrin	Sunday 11 th January Latrobe's Cottage 12.00 Lunch, then 3.15 tour <i>Near Botanic Garden and The Shrine</i>
			Host: Keiran
Wednesday 18 th February Lilydale Lake Meet near the coffee cart	Thursday 26 th February Lorna's Café Burwood Highway FTG	Thursday 12 th March AGM Followed by lunch at Boronia Bowls Club Cost \$10 BBQ lunch, drinks at bar prices Opportunity to play a game of bowls	Thursday 5 th February Bus Trip to Werribee Open Range Zoo Approx cost \$61-69 9.00am – 4.00pm
			Host: Keiran
	Thursday 26 th March Montano's Café 719 Mountain Hwy Bayswater		Wednesday 11 th March "Frankly Sinatra" At – The Round 379-399 Whitehorse Rd Nunawading - Cost \$22 Details below

Please indicate your interest in any of the outings, on the attendance boards at the General Meeting

OUTINGS PLANNED FOR 2026

February

- Next Dine Out/Lunch will be Wednesday the 25th of February at the Stamford Homestead

March

- **Sunday 22nd March** - Kirth Kiln Picnic. This will be a bring-your-own (B.Y.O) picnic event. Map references and further details will be provided closer to the date.
- **"Frankly Sinatra" – Wednesday 11th March 2026 – 10.00 am for morning tea – show at 11.00 at THE ROUND**
Starring actor and music theatre star Ian Stenlake, this new production tells the story of one of the greatest crooners the world has ever known – Ol' Blue Eyes himself.
Fly Me to the Moon, My Way, Mack the Knife and of course *New York, New York*, are just some of this 20-song musical parade. Ian will be joined on stage by the stunning Michelle Fitzmaurice, who pays tribute to Liza Minelli with a stirring version of *Maybe This Time*. 14 Tickets \$22 each
- **"Creedance Clearwater Survival" – Friday 27th March 2026 – 7.30 – 9.30 pm at the Community Arts Centre - Bayswater**
Creedence Clearwater Survival recreate the atmosphere and energy of a real 'live' John Fogerty/CCR concert. Playing all the hits, everybody has come to know and love; 'Green River', 'Born on the Bayou', 'Proud Mary', 'Bad Moon Rising', 'Fortunate Son', 'Old Man Down the Road', just to name a few. Every audience has been amazed at the faithful recreation of Creedence Clearwater Revival. 12 tickets \$30 each.