



## MORNINGTON BEACH COMBINED PROBUS CLUB

August 2025 Newsletter

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Friday coffee by the fire at Kirks

Our monthly meetings seem to come round quickly. Is it our age that makes time fly?

Our guest speaker Silva McLeod last month was incredible with her story from living on a Tonga island to becoming an airline pilot. Her book is so very interesting as she tells her story of having her dream come true.

The walking group is still persevering with their jaunts during this cold weather and the rain has only stumped them a couple of times.

Despite the cold weather, the rain has been welcome while topping up rain tanks and it's lovely to see the garden slowly waking up to spring with bulbs flowering.

Plans are afoot for our Christmas celebration and don't forget to support our trading table as the funds from that go towards our Christmas lunch.

At our most recent committee meeting the club's Refund, Risks and Privacy policies were discussed at length together with the constitutional and standing resolutions. These all need to be passed by club members over the next few months as they are written to be the best for our club. Denise will explain this complex but very important part of our club's operation at our next meeting.

We hope our travellers are all enjoying their trips and we welcome back those who have enjoyed their time away. Perhaps they can give us a brief report on their travels.

Happy August to everyone, stay safe and warm!

Janet

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## AUGUST SPEAKER



Our speaker for August is Jen Willis.

Jen is the first Australian woman with Multiple Sclerosis to climb to 8,000 metres on Mt Everest. Her stories of mountain climbing are inspirational.

Jen has over 25 years of experience in education, 5 academic degrees, coaching and leadership roles.

The **JULY SPEAKER** was **Silva McLeod**, author of *Island Girl to Airline Pilot*.



Silva was born in Tonga, married and moved to Australia with her husband. She related how he encouraged her dream of becoming a pilot and went on to flying with international airlines. One of her treasured memories is of flying with the flying doctor service.

Thank you, Silva, for a truly entertaining talk.

## August Birthdays

Best wishes to: Sue Glenn, Pauline Greenwell, Gillian Nash, Peta Teare and Kaye Young



## CHRISTMAS IN JULY at Frankston RSL

To those going on 30 July, don't forget to add a Christmas touch to what you're wearing for the photo in the September Newsletter!



## BRUNCH at Donato's

88 Craigie Rd Mt Martha

Wednesday 20 August 10.30 am

Say Goodbye to Winter with Brunch at Donato's. Join in for one of the best brunch menus on the Peninsula.



The Donato Family Story is a great one - from back in 1980 in its early days as an egg farm, expanding with the addition of a corner store, then a farm gate selling their hydroponic produce, to the café and restaurant which opened in 2018.

Please confirm via *Brunch at Donatos* on WhatsApp (posted on 24 July).

## PICNIC LUNCH @ Coolart Wetlands and Homestead

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 12pm

40 Lord Somers Rd, Somers.

BYO lunch and drinks (Barbeques and picnic tables available).

Please confirm via *Picnic Lunch at Coolart Homestead* on WhatsApp (posting on 1 September).





## CHRISTMAS BREAKUP

Wednesday 3 December at 6.30pm

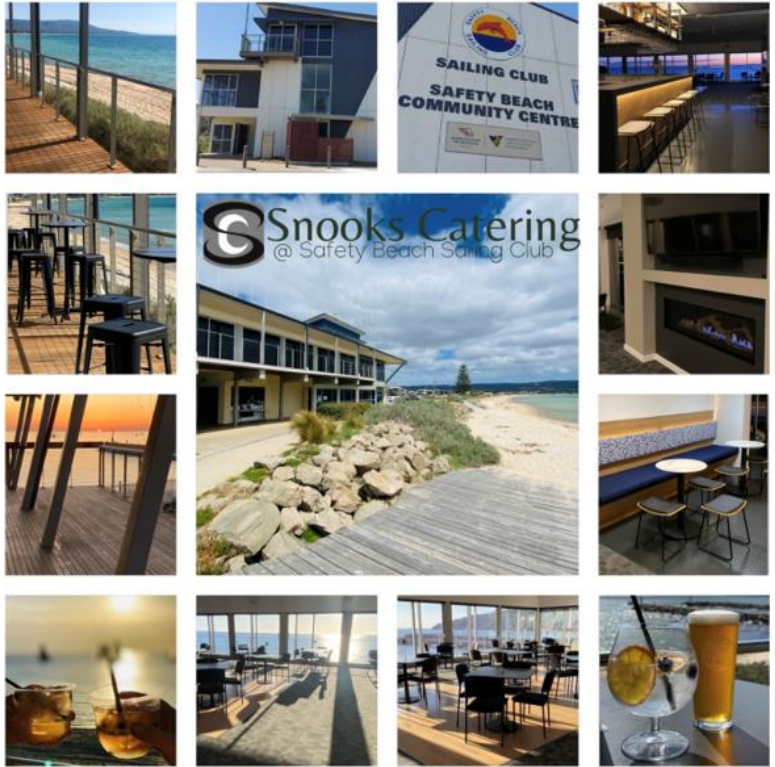
Our Christmas Breakup will be held at **Safety Beach Sailing Club** ... a beautiful setting right on the water where we can have a drink on the balcony and watch the sunset.

Enjoy a two-course Christmas themed meal with the event being partly subsidised by the club for members (\$50). Guests welcome (\$60).

Drinks can be purchased individually at bar prices.

Let's make this a special night. We need help with table decorations and will have a Christmas Raffle. We're looking for your support, ideas, input and donations. Please fill in the information sheet that will be available at the August meeting or call or text Denise if you won't be at the meeting and you'd like to help.

Deposit/Payment details on WhatsApp on 11 August.



## CHRISTMAS IN THE CATHEDRAL 19/20 December—UPDATE

Pricing for this event has just been released. The general admission price this year is \$65 or \$55 with concession (seniors card accepted). Given the price increase and no group concessions being available, it has been decided not to run this as a Probus Activity.

(Should you wish to book independently go to [TryBooking](#) '2025 Carols in the Cathedral')



### Would you use these?

We have an opportunity to print these very inexpensively if members would use them to send to friends or family.

We will discuss it at the meeting.

## COMING UP

A calendar of events covering regular activities and proposed special events will be published in each newsletter. As many events need to be booked, and often paid for, well in advance, and for some minimum/maximum numbers may apply, please assist those organizing the proposed events in which you would like to participate, by confirming your interest early and meeting payment instructions by the due date.

Event	Date	Contact/Info	Meet
Coffee catch-up	Each Friday 10.00 am	RSVP on WhatsApp	Kirks
Meeting	Tuesday 5 August 10.00 am	RSVP and apologies via WhatsApp	St Marks Church
Walking group	Thursday 14 August 10.00 am	Maree Waller	Community Garden Mitchell St Mornington
Brunch at Donatos	Wednesday 20 August 10.30 am	Denise WhatsApp	Donatos 88 Craigie Rd Mt Martha
Bookclub	Monday 25 August 1.30 pm	Marg WhatsApp	Dava Hotel
Walking group	Wednesday 27 August 10.00 am	Maree Waller	Safety Beach Sailing club & walk to Martha's Table
1984	Wednesday 3 September 7.30 pm	Theatre Group Di	FAC
Picnic at Coolart	Wednesday 24 September 12 midday	Denise WhatsApp	40 Lord Somers Rd Somers BYO lunch & drinks
Christmas Breakup	Wednesday 3 December 6.30 pm	Denise WhatsApp \$50 members \$60 guests	Safety Beach Sailing Club



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## REGULAR GROUPS / ACTIVITIES



### Coffee catch up

Join us each Friday for coffee and a chat 10.00 am at Kirks.

Please RSVP via What's App to let us know if you can make it

### APOLOGIES

Unable to attend? Please notify your apologies on What's App or notify Denise Langford (as Marg is away this month)

NB it is a requirement for our insurance

### MEETINGS

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10:00am

St Marks Uniting Church, 50 Barkly St, Mornington

### BYO BOOKCLUB

All welcome

Monday 25 August 1.30 pm

Dava Hotel—meet at main entrance

RSVP *essential* via WhatsApp

### WALKING GROUP

Thursday 14 August 10.00 am

Meet at Community Garden Mitchell St Mornington

Wednesday 27 August 10.00 am

Meet at Safety Beach Sailing club & walk to Martha's Table



**COPY DEADLINE— Friday 22 August**

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