



GLEN IRIS PROBUS CLUB Nov 2025 Newsletter #09

GLEN IRIS Probus Club was formed after an interest meeting held at the St James Anglican Church on 21st February 2025.

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Link to the club's website

President's Message

As we approach the end of the year 2025, we can reflect on the very positive start to the inaugural year of Glen Iris Probus club.

I have loved the camaraderie that is present and pervasive through all the club's activities and special interest groups. Our membership continues to grow because interested people can identify the energy and warmly welcoming attitude portrayed at Glen Iris

Our club newsletter editor, Julie Wurf shared her extraordinary experiences, whilst involved in education in a prison setting. It was a compelling insight into the challenges Julie and the prisoners faced.

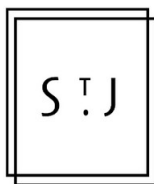
Our October speaker Gary Kent shared snippets about the historical development of Glen Iris, and we could relate with our own local knowledge.

The Christmas function will be held at the Riversdale golf club on Friday December 5.

The AGM will be the February meeting and I encourage interested members to consider joining the committee as most things in life the more you put in the more you get out of it, plus it is fun.

I look forward to building on these strong foundations for a happy and successful 2026.

Cheers
Peter



SAINT JAMES
ANGLICAN CHURCH GLEN IRIS

Meeting day/time: 3rd Friday of each month at 10:00am
Meeting venue: ST James Anglican Church
1461 High Street, Glen Iris, VIC, 3146

 Bendigo Bank

Community Bank
Malvern East

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November Guest Speaker: Tim Gillespie

Tim Gillespie brings an interesting insight into a country that has recently been in the spotlight. The country is Greenland and Tim and his wife have been fascinated with all aspects of this interesting place. Tim will reveal the beauty, friendliness and the political nuances of a recent threat of takeover by a “friendly” nation.

Bring your gloves and beanies as Greenland is a cold place.

ten minute speaker Peter Baird

Membership Report

A massive thank you to Rosemary Rose for doing such a wonderful job managing membership and recruiting new members while I was “swanning around” in Scotland, Sicily and Puglia!

Two new members (Judy Johnson and Glen Allan) were inducted at the October Meeting and we will welcome three new members at the November meeting – John Calwell, Paddy Wagstaff and John Elligate. A sincere welcome to our visitors and new members!!!

Our membership has grown from 30 in February 2025 to over 50 now. We continue to encourage recruitment of new members. If you have any friends or relatives who are interested in joining our club, I am more than happy to provide them with information regarding our club. My email is bronrchambers@gmail.com or text/phone 0419355737.

Pro-rata fees are applicable for the remainder of this Probus year for new members from July. Details available from the membership officer. Don't forget to wear your badges to all Probus meetings and other Probus activities. Please note that the actual Probus meeting starts at 10am but we encourage you to arrive between 9.30 and 9.45 to sign in and have a chat with one another. Please notify me if you are unable to attend any Glen Iris Probus Club meeting or need to leave the meeting early.

Medical Cards – Probus South Pacific Limited medical cards have been distributed. Please bring these completed cards with you for all Probus activities. In the event of a medical emergency, your medical card would facilitate the delivery of accurate medical information to paramedics and enable us to contact your next of kin in a timely manner. If any of your medical information changes (eg medications, GP) please update your card, and if necessary obtain a replacement card from me.

October Speaker Snippets Gary Kent – Kent Removals

Our October guest speaker was Gary Kent from the family owned business Kent Removals, a business established in 1946. Gary has a keen interest in the History of Glen Iris, as many of his family have close ties to the area.

Gary spoke about the early establishment of Glen Iris when pastoralists settled here in the 1830s. The first land sales occurred in the 1850s when a handful of large properties were established. Although the district was regarded as very picturesque, the unreliable and infrequent service on the Glen Iris railway, built in 1890, deterred residents until it was extended to Glen Waverley in 1930. Virtually all of Glen Iris and residential development occurred in the interwar decades.

There was a great deal of interest from our members and Gary suggested some further reading options:

“A History of Camberwell” by the great historian Professor Geoffrey Blainey

“Private and Public Memory”: a history of Malvern by Lynne Strahan,

“Early Glen Iris” by Gwen McWilliam

Ten Minute Speaker Julie Wurf:

Julie gave a most interesting, entertaining and informative talk on her experiences providing resume training to Townsville prison inmates.



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November Diary

Mon	3 rd	Probian Peddlers
Tues	4 th	Melbourne Cup Day
Wed	5 th	Crafty Crew, 10am, Mr Foxx
Thurs	6 th	Committee meeting
Wed	12 th	Book Group, the Pantry 2.30pm
Thurs	13 th	Lunch @ The Glasshouse restaurant 12.30, Caulfield racecourse
Tues	18 th	NGV visit, contact Vicki Jacks for further details
Wed	19 th	Movies Balwyn Cinema 11am A British Film Festival movie for that day is Christmas Karma \$19.
Fri	21 st	Club meeting St James Church Hall 1461 High St Glen Iris 10am Lunch after the meeting – Malvern Hotel contact Eda by 18 th if you want to join in.
Fri	28 th	Walk n' coffee 10am Urban Forest Waverley Road, coffee at Firm and Filter at 10.30
Fri	28 th	Card Group Private home - Anne Williams 2- 4pm

December Diary

Mon	1 st	Probian Peddlers
Thurs	4 th	committee meeting
Frid	5 th	Christmas lunch Riversdale Golf Club 12.30pm *****
Wed	10 th	Xmas afternoon tea – venue TBC

January Diary

Wed	7 th	casual dining group – Happy New Year Bright and Breezy Brunch 10am Venue TBC
Fri	16 th	Club meeting St James Church Hall 1461 High St Glen Iris 10am
Wed	28 th	BBQ in the park Details to follow

****** Christmas lunch – further information coming out in the next week**

Group leaders contact details if you want to join their group/activity:

Book Club: Swap and Share: Ros Argent rmargent@outlook.com

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Cards: Helen Hardman: hhardman54@gmail.com

Casual Dining: Ros Argent

Walking Group: Peter Baird: lindapeter.baird@outlook.com

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Movies group: Lana Levi: lanalevi@y7mail.com

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Theatre Club: Ursula Craigie: ursula.craigie@gmail.com

Craftie Crew: Julie Wurf: jayb.wurf@gmail.com



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November Probian Pedallers

On Monday 10th, we found a gap in the damp weather that has characterised late Spring in Melbourne this year. Three Probian Pedallers -Glenn, John and myself- met up along the Gardiners Creek Trail. We pedalled at a social pace to St Kevin's, then headed North along the Main Yarra Trail, to recross the Yarra by the refurbished Heritage Bridge at Walmer Street.

We headed up the hill to the public golf course cafe in Kew for a good chat over coffee. Rather than return the same way, John proposed we continue along Kew Boulevard and join up with the Anniversary Trail which follows the old Outer Circle rail line through to Hartwell and Glen Iris.

This gave Glenn a chance to explore some new ground along Melbourne's network of leafy trails. All up we covered just under 30 km.

Next scheduled ride is on Monday, December 1st, leaving from Blake's Feast Cafe, Brixton Rise at 9:30am. Route to be announced.

All welcome; contact iphillip987@gmail.com if you would like to join in the fun.



Book Club

In October we had an opportunity to tour the oldest lending library in Melbourne - The Atheneum Library, and the newer council run City Library. It was amazing to see the history of The Atheneum library space and interesting to learn how both libraries are adapting their respective spaces to offer relevance in today's society. Coffee and lunch of course rounded out a very pleasant day.

Looking for your next read



Walkies and Coffee

Our esteemed leader Peter did a great job researching for this month's walk at Caulfield Park and a suitable nearby cafe for coffee afterwards – plus booking a table. However apparently this particular cafe decided we were not suitable customers and cancelled our booking at the last minute (we must have looked unruly). However Cafe Uffizzi saved the day and were happy to save a large table for us.

Did our walk start of with purpose and a determination to enjoy the sunny mild weather – definitely! Did it end that way? Definitely not – but there was a lot of laughter that day. The sign on the bridge in no way reflects our behaviour!



Lunch at The Malvern Hotel 21st November

If you want to go to the lunch at The Malvern Hotel after the meeting – you can still put your name down. The close off date for that is the 18th November. Please contact Edda to get your name added to the list



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ADMINISTRATION

November Meeting

Membership: Bronwyn Fitzgerald, Rosemary Rose

Meet and Greet: Ursula Craigie, Julie Wurf

Newsletter distribution: Julie Wurf,

Raffle: Lana Levi

Payments: Edda Williams

Behind the Urn: Joan Goode, Anne Williams. Please arrive at 9.30 to set up etc

Setting up and packing up the room - All offers of help accepted

It would be appreciated if everyone could assist in both setting up and packing up the room.

When packing up please place chairs according to the pictures on the walls

Can we please remind everyone to switch their phones off during meetings

Raffle Winner: Judy Johnson



Oct Raffle Winner: Sue Waldon

Ten Minute Speakers

Have you had an interesting, or unusual, experience that you would like to share in a ten minute speaker spot at a meeting? We are looking for ten minute spots from April next year – so that gives you plenty of time to think about an experience. If this is you please let a committee member know and we will slot you in to suit your schedule.

Items and articles for the newsletter

As the newsletter editor can I share some thoughts on the timing of the newsletter with you. With our meetings happening on the third Friday of the month – the time I need to receive and load the articles obviously changes monthly. I need any, and all, information roughly ten days before our monthly meeting **at the latest**. While copy and paste is my best friend, stabilising pictures and articles takes up a lot of my time to get a good reading flow. And of course getting items to lock into position can prove difficult - depending on where they sit .. trust me they move!

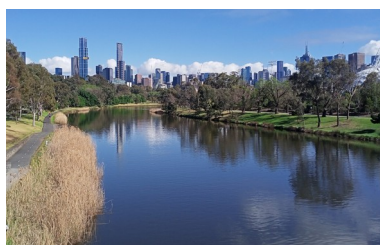
The electronic version goes out to everyone seven or eight days before our meeting – and I need to get a “copy” to Michael O’Brien’s office at least five days before our meeting. By all means send in items - the newsletter is for everyone – but please think of me sweating over the keyboard the last few days before the newsletter needs to go out.



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October Outings

Probian Pedellers



Cucina di Gio dinner



New members



Archibald Day out Geelong



City Library tour



Glasshouse Restaurant





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Pancakes

Source: Everyday Cooking For One
Makes about 8

Ingredients

one egg
300 mls milk
100 gms plain flour
pinch of salt
Butter for frying

Method

1. Beat the egg, stir in the milk, then whisk in the flour and salt until you have a smooth batter. Leave to stand, if possible, for 30 minutes before whisking again.
2. Melt a knob of butte in a small frying pan and heat over a medium heat. Swirl the pan as you spoon in the ladle of batter so that it spreads thinly over the pan
3. Cook for about one minute until it moves when you shake the pan. Toss the pancake on to the other side and cook for one minute, then slide out of the pan.
4. Add a little more butter and continue to fry the pancakes in the same way
5. Use as required or separate with sheets of baking paper or freezer wrap, wrap, label and freeze

Ideas for toppings

- **Herb:** Add some shopped fresh herbs, such as chives or dill to your pancake batter
- **Sweet:** whatever takes your fancy!
- **Savoury:** Ricotta cheese and shopped fresh sage; grilled courgettes and peppers; Mediterranean roast vegetables; shredded pork

JOKE of the month

I had a phone conversation today with a very nice young chap from Pakistan. This is how it went:

"Hello sir, how are you today?"

"I'm very well, thank you for asking. And how are you? And, more to the point, WHO are you?"

"Sir, my name is Hamish , and I'm calling you from Microsoft".

"Microsoft, eh? Is that a city in Pakistan? How's the weather there today?"

" No, sir - MICROSOFT, the computer company. I'm calling to tell you that we have found a problem with your computer and -"

"REALLY?? Well, that's quite concerning....."

"Yes sir, it can become very serious indeed, but thankfully I will be able to fix it for you. Now, if you -"

"No, I meant it's very concerning because you see I don't HAVE a computer".

"You don't?"

"I don't".

"Ahh, it must be a problem on your laptop sir -"

"Don't have one".

"Ipad?"

"Nope".

"Tablet?"

"Nope, I have none of those things. As a matter of fact, I don't even have a telephone".

After a few seconds of silence he said "Ah, sir, you are lying to me now!"

I said "Well, you started it!!" and put the phone down.