

'PROSAYE'

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Secretary: Joe Van Dillen

Treasurer: Robyn Weeks

Membership: Robert Coppa

Strathfieldsaye Probus Website:

<http://probussouthpacific.org/microsites/strathfieldsaye/Home>



NEXT MEETING: Thursday 8th October 2026 at 10 am,
at the Community Church, 920 Wellington St., Strathfieldsaye

GUEST SPEAKER: Vern Wall: Bendigo Theatre Company

Members Theme: Mad Hatters Day Oct 6th: Celebrate and wear a mad hat.
Scones for Morning Tea. Please bring some to share if you are a scone maker

Enquiries Cheryle Blair

LUNCH AFTER THE MEETING: Belmont Hotel, 17 Skene St Kennington

Enquiries: Kaye Lewis

Please put your name on the list at morning tea so the venue can be notified of numbers.

EDITOR: Carolyn Bartlett, strathprobus@yahoo.com

Please have all information for the next bulletin by the 25th of the month.

For the information of the members of the Strathfieldsaye Combined Probus Club Inc.

Morning Tea Assistance 	Gwen Hardacre, Yvonne Campbell, Kay Lewis and Margaret Lougoon										
Hall Set up & pack up. 	Sam Ayson, Tom Flynn and John Campbell										
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COMMITTEE REPORTS : October 2026

President's Report :

Hello to all our Probus members,

Firstly, I must mention our speaker we had at our September meeting, Daryl Fleay. He had the most spectacular photos of birds, which he has photographed, in and around Bendigo. They were really quite amazing.

We are now experiencing some warmer weather, which I am glad about. I noticed that some of our members, have started to drift back, from the northern reaches of Australia.

For October we are having a 'Mad Hatters' theme, so come in a fancy or silly hat. I am hoping to have some members make some scones for morning tea.

Our Christmas Dinner has been booked at the RSL and the names and payment of \$40 is now due, friends and partners (who are not members) pay \$45.

Some advice: never buy a car you can't push.

Dorothy Jalland

Treasurers Report:

Thank you to our members for putting all cash payments in a clearly marked envelope, with name, activity and amount of cash contained.

At October meeting:

- Final payment for Mystery Tour, \$27
- Final payment for My Fair Lady, \$110
- Christmas Luncheon, Members \$40, Waiting List and non-member partners \$45

Robyn Weeks

Membership Report:

Our current membership is at its maximum of 120. This number has been verified by PSPL.

We have a waiting list of 9 and another 3 weighing up their options. That is a potential of 12 for the waiting list. Our maximum allowable on the waiting list is 20. Strathfieldsaye Probus Club has very healthy numbers, which does seem to indicate, that we are meeting the demands and needs of our membership.

Enquiries: Robert Coppa Membership Officer

Welfare Report:

The Welfare Team continues to be there for our members. It has been relatively quiet since the last report. A lot of what we have been doing, is speaking with members at meetings or club activities, to ask them if they are ok. The contact seems to be appreciated. We are happy to visit people in hospital, if they wish.

Enquiries: Sandra Sharman and Geoff Crawford

Prosaye Editor

Thank you for all your contributions, it makes my job easier. Keep them coming.

The absolute deadline for entries is the 25th of the month, but I am happy to have them as early as you can get them to me, as I work on Prosaye several times during the month and it avoids a rush at the end, when there is a lot to do.

Having Jan proofread is a big help, between us we get it more correct.

You will find my email address at the front of this newsletter. I am also happy to have your contributions to the Book Exchange, Joke Corner and Thoughts for the Month.

PLEASE have all information for Prosaye by the 25th of the month.

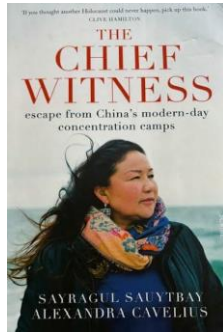
Enquiries: Carolyn Bartlett

Book Exchange.

If you have books at home that you have read and would like to move on and obtain some free reading material, make use of our very busy book exchange.

Please see **Kay Campbell**

If you have read and interesting book, send me a picture and short synopsis.



‘The Chief Witness’ is a deeply disturbing insight into the dark heart of the Chinese Communist Party and its reign of terror in Xinjiang. Told with an aching honesty, Sayragul Sauytbay’s account of her experience in China’s concentration camps in Xinjiang wounds the soul.” Clive Hamilton.

Recommended by Maaïke Honey

Social Activities – June 2026

Enjoy the “Fun, Fellowship, and Friendship” (food and frivolity) of Probus, by joining our social activities. This is where you will really get to know people, and make firmer friends. One of the major health measures in older people, is their social connection to others, so join and groups and ‘get connected’.

When attending Strathfieldsaye outings and activities, please wear your badge and carry your medical card. Please make sure you update it regularly with current information. Please make sure you have filled out and handed in the Registration Form for Outings, Activities and Tours.

Craft



Wednesday 7th October at 11.30, where Carolyn Bartlett will be your host, in lieu of another of our members who is unwell. Parking is not available on the road verge, so drive into the property, and park economically so everyone can fit in. Bring your own lunch, cuppa provided. Bring your craft work, or just bring yourself for a relaxing day with a lovely group of ladies.

Enquires: Maaïke Honeychurch

Wednesday Weekly Walks (WWW)

Meet every Wednesday at 8.30 am at the Strathfieldsaye P.O.

Our Wednesday Weekly walks are still going strong. We’re all enjoying the walks, cuppa and friendship. We leave from the Strathfieldsaye P.O. for an 8.30 am start. We walk for 45 mins to an hour. Afterwards we have a cuppa from the bakery. If you would like to join us, come along.

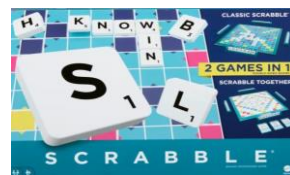
Enquiries: Yvonne Flynn



Scrabble

Thursday 22nd October Joan Rogan will be your host.

Enquiries: Maaïke Honeychurch or Joan Rogan



Cards: 500

Tuesday 20th October at 1.30

Dorothy will be your host.

The game being played is 500. More players are needed.

Enquiries: Dorothy Jalland



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Family History Group



Monday 19th October at 9.30am at Carolyn Bartlett

*****Please note the changes after canvassing members preferences.**

Morning tea provided. Bring your family history to work on, and any interesting stories you have found out.

Next dates for your diary are :

Monday 16th November. None in December or January

Enquiries: Carolyn Bartlett

Morning Tea



Note: There is no morning tea in October: ref the decision made at the general meeting to move the date to the beginning of the month.

Having on at the beginning of October would have meant having one at the end of September and a week later at the beginning of October.

The next Morning Tea will be on the 2nd of November.

If attending place your name on the list provided at the meeting, one name per line please.

Enquiries: Leah Barducci

Dining Out



Sunday 25th October 12 noon: Pratty's Patch: 35 Monsant's Road Maiden Gully.

If attending place your name on the list provided at the meeting, one name per line please.

Enquiries: Gwen Hardacre or Joan Rogan

Morning Melodies

Thursday, 15th October: Cash & Co

The Bendigo Club, 22 Park St., Strathdale, (3rd Thursday of each month).

Doors open at 10am, morning tea begins at 10.30, \$15 for morning tea (scones jam and cream, and as much tea and coffee as you want), or \$28 to include morning tea and a two-course lunch.

This month Andrew Portelli, as Elvis, put on a fantastic show. Very enjoyable.

Upcoming shows:

19th November: Dolly and Friends 17th December: Christmas Show with Natalie Jay

If attending place your name on the list provided at the meeting and pay at the meeting, one name per line please.

Enquiries: Yvonne Flynn

50th Anniversary of Probud

Thursday 1st October, please be seated by 11.30

Venue: Chasers Function Centre, Lords Raceway, Junortoun.

Each club has been asked to provide a short entertainment item. It is also asked that our club mix with other clubs, by being seated with them as much as possible. So come and enjoy the fun.



Caravans and Cabins: Echuca in Spring!

Monday 12th to the 16th of October

Echuca Holiday Park 8 Crofton St Echuca

Tel 54 822 157 email: echuca@nrmaparks.com.au

Enquiries: Lindsay Gronow

The Itinerary to date is:

Monday: Arrive in Echuca - BBQ evening meal

Tuesday: 10.30 Walking Tour of the wharf area \$9

Lunch: Echuca Hotel (Senior's meal)

1.30 Boat ride on PS Pevensey \$29.50

Dinner: Pizza Night

Wednesday: 10.30 MV Kingfisher Barmah

Wetland Cruise \$46 NB because the boat only holds 25, they will run two cruises for the day. At this stage there will probably be one cruise in the morning and one on the afternoon, so you will be free for the other half of the day.

Lunch: Barmah Hotel

Dinner: TBA

Thursday: Games morning

Lunch: BBQ

In the afternoon we can go to the Beer Shed but need 10-15 for them to open up, or have a free afternoon.

Diner: RSL Moama (courtesy bus)

Friday: Travel home at your leisure

If people that are not booked into the park want to come some of the activities, on any day, please put your name down or email me, so I have numbers for bookings.

No further information available at the time of printing

Thought for the Month:

With the fire season looming this might be useful information

1.1.1 City of Greater Bendigo



Changes to Bushfire Places of Last Resort
We've made two changes to local Bushfire Places of Last Resort (BPLR) for the upcoming 2026-2027 fire danger period.

Barrack Reserve picnic area will replace Holy Rosary Primary School Oval as Heathcote's BPLR and Bendigo Showgrounds will be reinstated as a BPLR.

Bushfire Places of Last Resort (also known as Neighborhood Safer Places) should only be used if all other plans have failed in a bushfire emergency.

They should not be considered as places to relocate to when leaving early as Emergency Services and support agencies will not be in place to provide assistance.

A BPLR should also not be confused with an Emergency Relief Centre which is activated during an emergency to provide immediate, short-term support for displaced people.

Bushfire Places of Last Resort in Greater Bendigo are located at:

- Axedale Primary School Oval
- Lansell Square Shopping Centre car park
- Queen Elizabeth Oval
- Canterbury Park car park and events area
- Bendigo Showgrounds
- Maiden Gully Primary School basketball courts
- Lord's Raceway in Junortoun
- Strathfieldsaye Community Hub - Club Court
- Dower Park in Kangaroo Flat
- Redesdale Recreation Reserve oval
- Barrack Reserve picnic area in Heathcote

If you shelter at a BPLR, you will need to bring your own food and water, protective clothing, pet food, mobile phone, radio, first aid and medications.

Trips, Tours & Walks

Please Note: Last Day Payments due October 8th Meeting for:
Mystery Tour Balance of full payment \$67 (\$27 if deposit of \$40 already paid),
& My Fair Lady Balance \$110 otherwise your expression of interest is lapsed.

Monthly Walk: Thursday 22th October @ 9:30am, meet at the Carpark Behind the Gallo Café 483 High St Golden Square (part of Quality Inn Colonial Motel). Walk around the Bendigo Creek Reserve in the region of the Rotary Park High St Kangaroo Flat and Gurri Wanyarra.

- Report: Trip to Shepparton Degas to Picasso and the Archibald's & Move. On Tuesday September 15th, 5 cars containing 17 participants departed the Strathfieldsaye IGA car park to travel across to Shepparton. We marveled at the beautiful, lush crops and pretty, yellow canola flowers as we drove and enjoyed the company of our fellow travelers. First Stop was SAM -Shepparton Arts Museum for refreshments in their café, we then viewed the Degas to Picasso exhibition which consisted, both sculpture and paintings. The next exhibition was the Archibald's portrait prize. Lunch was enjoyed at the Working Men's club. We then went to Move to view the Motor vehicles and the clothing and accessory exhibitions. A great day was enjoyed by all.
- **Probus 50 Year Combined Dinner held on Thursday 1st October** at Chasers Dog Track at Lords Raceway. We have a full booking of 31 paid people.
- **Mystery tour booked for Tuesday 17th of November with** 31 names so far, room for more. Leave from Bgo Rail station **7:45am Sharp** public transport at own expense. **Price of tour \$67** light lunch and morning tea etc. provided. **Balance of payment by 8th October.**
- **My Fair Lady Musical** 10 Bookings for 9th December **Final payment of \$110 due by 8th October.** This tour is combined with other Probus Clubs in the area. Coach will leave from Strathdale Hall in Crook St at 8:00am and Kangaroo Flat Station at 8:15am. Returning to Bendigo approximately 6:30pm.
- **Fiddler on the Roof Musical 2nd December. Lack of interest so this trip will not go ahead**

Future events,

- Early New Year, Boort area. I.e. Paul Haws Yung Balug Museum, Spanner Man & or possibly Olive World.
- Luncheon at hotel on Melbourne rail line I.e. Woodend or Riddles Creek.
- Swan Hill, trip this is in the early planning stage but likely an overnight trip.
 - Your feedback is welcome on any future events, please contact any team member.
 - NB Probus Registration Form to be completed by all non-members attending Probus Functions unless on official Club waiting list.

John Mooney Team: Pat Tobin, Jean MacBean, John & Kay Campbell
T & T & Monthly Walks & Leanne Mooney

'Around the Traps

It's been a busy month around the traps. Great to see Probarians enjoying themselves.

Induction of new members

At the September General Meeting, the club welcomed two new members into the club. Dante and Eileen Picca were welcomed by Dorothy Jalland, and each gave an account of their background before joining the club. Welcome Dante and Eileen.



Craft at Carolyn's new home in Strathfieldsaye

Craft in September was held at my new home in Strathfieldsaye. The ladies enjoyed a tour of the house and garden. Here the ladies are enjoying their lunch together. Due to the illness of one of our ladies, craft will be held back here on the 7th October.



Visit to the Shepparton Art Gallery

The visit to the Art Gallery included painting from Degas to Picasso, mostly lesser-known artists. The Archibald's was an astonishing collection of portraits and included a section where Shepparton children had drawn or painted pictures of their family or friends. Travelling by car was a great way to get to know other members of the group.



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Visit to the Car Museum

The car museum had a huge variety of cars from different eras, and models, including very large trucks. Many were beautifully restored and in pristine condition.

Next door was a display of fashion artefacts, a collection by one woman over many decades. So many in fact, that most could not be displayed at once and are in storage.



Champagne Afternoon Tea at the Farmers Arms Hotel

A very pleasant way to spend a cold day. Lovely atmosphere at the Farmers Arms Hotel, music, delicious food and fellowship. Unfortunately, we had demolished the food before the group photo. Thanks, Tara, for organizing the day.

Contributed by Glenys Cossar



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Morning Melodies last Month was an Elvis Tribute Show

From these photos contributed by Yvonne it looks like everyone was really enjoying the show immensely.

Elvis was portrayed by Andrew Portelli



September Guest Speaker

Response back from Daryl's bird presentation thank you email:

"It was a privilege talking to your group and the venue was perfect."

Joke Corner

Is there any sentence that has five 'and's in a row in it?

A sign writer was painting a sign on a Fish and Chip shop. An observant passerby noticed and error, and said, 'You need an and between fish and and and and and chips.'

A pensioner was sitting in the passenger seat while his son drove a brand-new car fitted with lane sensors, automatic emergency braking, and a computer voice announcing speed limits.

"All these computers in the car are completely ridiculous," the old man grunted. "Back in my day, we didn't have flashing lights on the wing mirrors to warn us about blind spots, and we didn't have an automated lady shouting directions from the dashboard!" His son grinned: "And how did you manage to survive on the motorway without all that help, Dad?" The old man replied: "Simple. Your mother sat in the passenger seat and did all the shouting for free."

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