



# COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF TUNSTALL INC.

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Meetings commence 10am at St James Coptic Orthodox Church  
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## Bulletin No. 315 – SEPTEMBER 2026

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### Important Contacts Numbers

**Local Theatres:**

Margaret Fehring

**Film Club**

Margaret & Barry Veitch

**Garden Group**

Margaret Guegan

**August meeting CANCELLED:** Present: 0; Apologies: 0; Non-notification: 0; Visitors: 0

### **Upcoming Meeting 25 September 2026**

**Guest Speaker: ALLI PARKER - author**

(Alli's grandmother was the first Japanese war-bride to come to Australia)

### **"At the Foot of the Cherry Tree"**

**LUNCH AFTER MEETING:** The Coach, 33 Maroondah High, Ringwood at 12:30pm Phone: 03 9870 1661 Mel 49 E9

### **Next Meeting 23 October 2026**

### **Thought for the Month.**

*Supplied by Warwick Lee*

**"BE KIND**, for everyone you meet is fighting a **HARD BATTLE**."

Ian MacLaren

## President's MESSAGE

It's great we are back together after our August meeting was cancelled. In brief, this was about a clash of dates with the Coptic Church. It was a 'one-off' and we agree to be aware of each other's schedule in future. We survived and I must extend grateful thanks to Margaret Fehring for distributing tickets for the upcoming shows.



It's been a busy month for travel. Those of us who did the Ponant Kimberley cruise had an amazing trip. The Montgomery Reef, with an incredible tidal range, Talbot Bay with cascading waterfalls flowing horizontally, found nowhere else on earth. All described by Sir David Attenborough as "one of the greatest natural wonders of the world." Add the hospitality of the crew on a beautiful ship, it was truly memorable. The Slow Rail travellers had a wonderful trip, and Bev's report is in this Bulletin.

We are looking for one extra "meet and greet" Volunteer. This is an important role, especially for welcoming newcomers.

Margaret and Barry Veitch put in much effort researching current films for us to see. This is also planned along with a desirable lunch venue at which you are all welcome, even if you do not want to watch the film. Barry and Margaret are very much appreciated.

Gae Robinson, our Day Trips Convenor, would very much like to see some new faces at some of our outings. Coming up is the train ride on Puffing Billy. This promises to be fun and exhilarating. Think of the fresh air and at the end of the day, you will feel good having blown off a few cobwebs! In March, a trip to visit the beautiful House and Garden "Beleura" is in our calendar.

Finally, as Grand Final fever is upon us, I suggest you wear your scarf or beanie team colours on Friday. See you then.

Wendy Martin – President

## FAREWELL

*Margaret "Maggie" Brownlee 4 July 1948 – 14 August 2026*

Robyn and I met Maggie in India, and it was there that she asked if she could join our club as we seemed to have more fun than her current Probus Club. When Maggie joined our club in March 2021, she was coerced into the role of Day Trips Convenor, something she wasn't keen on but did the job so admirably for 5+ years.

I believe Maggie touched most of us in some big or small way during her time in Probus. The shock, especially those close to her, was losing her so quickly. Maggie was a special person who lit up the day with her humour and laughter. Maggie was a regular contributor to Bruce's jokes.

Those of us who were in Mildura were extremely disappointed we could not get home in time to attend the service to celebrate her life, but I know that many from our club did attend. We will miss Maggie in our lives.

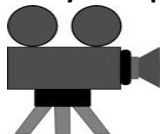


## BIRTHDAYS: Have a happy day everyone with October & November Birthdays.



For the newer members—if you would like to have your birthday recognised, please add your name to the Birthday Book, which may be found at the Membership Desk, on meeting mornings.

## ACTIVITIES

**Monday 28 September****MAHJONG**4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month**Contact:** Robyn Scholes**Time:** 1:00pm at the home of Robyn Scholes.Please advise Robyn if you are **NOT** able to attend.**Tuesday 29 September****FILM CLUB**1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday following the Monthly Meeting**Contact:** Margaret & Barry Veitch

Cinema, time and lunch venue will be notified at our Monthly Meeting.

**5-18 October.****SABAH NORTH BORNEO**

Fully booked.

**Wed 7 October****CARD GROUP**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month**Contact:** Lorraine Ricketts**Time:** 1:00pm at the Ricketts' residence.Card Members - please advise Lorraine if you are **NOT** able to join us.**Thursday 8 October****MEN'S GROUP LUNCH**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month**Contact:** Bruce Ricketts**Time:** 12:30pm at The Coach, 33 Maroondah Highway RINGWOOD

Please advise Bruce Ricketts by Tuesday 6 October, so we can confirm booking.

**Friday 9 October****Garden group – DULDIG STUDIO.**92 Burke Road, Malvern East. **Parking in Burke Rd is 2hr Use side streets.**

The cultural legacy of Karl and Slawa Duldig. A private tour, running for approximately 90 minutes and includes morning tea. A guided walkthrough of current exhibition. Access to the historic Duldig family home, artist's studio and sculpture garden.

**Time:** 11:00 am**Cost:** \$25.00 - Pay Margaret Guegan **cash** on the day!**Book:** Book **TODAY** [September]**Lunch:** Coffee & Soul - In Burke Rd just up the road from Duldig with a courtyard.**Monday 12 October****500 CARD GROUP-2**2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month**Contact:** Joyce Batten**Time:** 1:00pm at Joyce's place.Please advise Joyce if you are **NOT** able to attend.**Tuesday 13 October****YOU'RE MY WORLD - The Cilla Black Story****Karralyka Theatre** - 22A Mines Road, East Ringwood.**Time:** 10.30am Morning tea from 9:30am. Duration approx 75 minutes**Cost:** \$27**Tickets:** Issued **TODAY** [September]**Book:** Bookings closed. **1 paid ticket is still available!**

Wednesday 14 October

**THE AUSTRALIAN BARBRA STREISAND SHOW****The Round** - 379-399 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading.**Time:** 11.00 am – Morning tea from 10:00am  
Duration of Show approximately 75 minutes.**Cost:** \$22 CASH**Book:** Bookings closed Tickets issued **TODAY** [September].  
**1 paid ticket is still available!**

Sunday 18 October

**NUTCRACKER**

presented by Victorian State Ballet and The Youth Ballet

**Karralyka Theatre** - 22A Mines Road, East Ringwood.**Time:** 2.00 pm Duration of Show approximately 2 hours**Book:** Bookings closed. Tickets issued **TODAY** [September]

Sunday 18 October

**SUNDAY WITH FRIENDS:**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month**Contact:** Debbie White**Time:** 2:00pm at The Food Republic, 28-30 Blackburn Rd., BlackburnPlease advise Debbie if **you plan to attend.**

Monday 19 October

**BOOK CLUB 1**3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month**Contact:** Lyn Deayton**Time:** 1.30 pm – **Venue to be advised.**

Please contact Lyn Deayton for any queries.

Monday 26 October

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Wed 28 October

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Wed 28 October

**“A BEAUTIFUL NOISE” (Neil Diamond)**

created in collaboration with Neil Diamond himself.

**Princess Theatre****Time:** 1.00 pm**Book:** Bookings closed. Tickets issued **TODAY** [September]

**Tuesday 10 November****SIMPLY STREISAND****Karralyka Theatre** - 22A Mines Road, East Ringwood.

**Time:** 10.30am Morning tea from 9:30am.  
Duration of Show approximately 75 minutes

**Cost:** \$27 CASH**Book:** Bookings closed. Tickets issued **TODAY** September/October.**Wed 11 November****Day Trips – PUFFING BILLY.****Puffing Billy Railway**, 1 Old Monbulk Road, Belgrave, VIC 3160

Travel through the magnificent Dandenong Ranges, with lush fern gullies brushing past and Mountain Ash trees towering overhead. Puffing Billy makes for a wonderful opportunity to relax and breathe in the fresh air whilst the train makes its way through the temperate rainforest.

**Time:** 10:30am**Cost:** \$53 return. Pay **CASH** to Gae Robinson at October meeting**Book:** Book **TODAY** [September].**Lunch:** Restaurant Emerald Lake - at own expense.**Wed 18 November****POT POURRI****The Round** - 379-399 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading.

**Time:** 11.00 am – Morning tea from 10:00am  
Duration of Show approximately 75 minutes.

**Cost:** \$22 CASH Payment **TODAY** [September].**Book:** Bookings closed. Tickets issued October.**Friday 4 December****CHRISTMAS LUNCH****Knox Club** - 480 Boronia Road, Wantirna. Phone: 9801 6466. (Mel. Ref. 64 A7)**Time:** 12:00 noon**Cost:** \$55 Payment November to either Iris Leach or Erich Olbrich.

**Book:** Book **TODAY** [September].  
Table seating plan will be available in November..

**Wed 9 December****GINA HOGAN - THE CHRISTMAS BELLE****The Round** - 379-399 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading.

There's no better way to herald the Christmas season than spending time with the fabulous Gina Hogan. Sit back and enjoy as Gina captures the true essence of Christmas, singing some of the most loved and well-known carols, along with a few of her favourite Christmas songs that are sure to be showstoppers. Come along and embrace the spirit of Christmas. Don't forget to pack your Christmas hat and singing voice

**Time:** 11.00 am – Morning tea from 10:00am  
Duration of Show approximately 75 minutes.

**Cost:** \$27 CASH Payment October.**Book:** Book **TODAY** [September]. Tickets issued November.**Tuesday 15 December****THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS****Karralyka Theatre** - 22A Mines Road, East Ringwood.

To wind up a fantastic year of Morning Music, the Promac Productions Company, led by star tenor, Roy Best and compere funny man, Chris McKenna.

**Time:** 10.30am Morning tea from 9:30am. Duration approx 75 minutes**Cost:** \$27 Payment October**Book:** Book **TODAY** [September]. Tickets issued November.

15 April 2027

## Noel Cowards “PRIVATE LIVES”

## Princess Theatre

Elyot (Hugh Bonneville) and Amanda (Lisa McCune) thought they had put their disastrous marriage behind them. Divorced for five years and honeymooning with their new spouses, their lives are turned upside down when they discover they are staying right next door to each other. What follows is a deliciously funny clash of egos as old sparks fly, tempers flare and common sense goes out the window.

Packed with razor-sharp one-liners, outrageous behaviour and enough romantic chaos to keep everyone on their toes, Private Lives is one of the funniest plays ever written. Since its sensational 1930 premiere, audiences have fallen in love with Coward's wicked wit and unforgettable characters, while theatre legends including Richard Burton, Elizabeth Taylor, Maggie Smith and Alan Rickman have all taken on its iconic leading roles.

**Time:** 1:00pm

**Cost:** \$90. Pay by Wednesday 10 February 2027

**Book:** Book **TODAY** [September]. .



## Extended Trips &amp; Tours

Bev. Olbrich, Convenor.

5-18 October.



## SABAH NORTH BORNEO

Culture, Wildlife & our WWII POW History. 12 days/11 nights – fully escorted. Departs Monday 5 October to Friday 16 October 2026. Includes 3- day extension in Kuala Lumpur.

Fully booked.

11-19 May 2027



## NORFOLK ISLAND EXPERIENCE

**May 2027 9 days/8 nights – Fully Escorted.**

**Cost:** \$5,798 pp twin share (single supplement \$950).  
Final payment 5 March 2027.

**Book:** \$500 deposit to secure a place. Updated itineraries are available at the tours desk. Passport required. Please read all conditions.

Experience the best of Norfolk Island on this immersive journey, blending rich history, local culture and stunning natural beauty. From convict heritage and island life tours to unique dining experiences and coastal scenery, enjoy authentic connections, guided sightseeing and relaxed leisure time, all complemented by warm hospitality and unforgettable island charm.

## Tour Highlights:

- \* Signature Progressive Dinner in local island homes. \* *Discover Norfolk Island Tour*
- \* Visit to historic Pitcairn Settlers Village \* *Island Culture Tour with local tastings*
- \* Scenic Clifftop BBQ and Island Fish Fry dining experiences \* *Taste of Norfolk*
- \* Convict Kingston Tour (World Heritage-listed site)
- \* Exclusive Colleen McCullough Home Tour (“Out of Yenna”) \* *Sunday Markets*
- \* Behind the scenes Norfolk Today Tour \* *Breakfast Bushwalk with BBQ breakfast*
- \* Entry to the immersive Cyclorama (Bounty Mutiny experience)
- \* Evening Baunti Show and Dinner \* *Visit to fascinating Bounty Folk Museum*

**Inclusions:** Trade Travel Host; Return economy flights from Melbourne to Norfolk Island (via Sydney) with Qantas; 8 nights quality accommodation including 1-night in Sydney pre-tour; Meals as per itinerary; All bus touring, transfers, attractions and tours as per itinerary on Norfolk Island.

## DID YOU KNOW?

**African** acacias resemble the Australian national floral emblem, the wattle, and while DNA shows they're technically different, they both descend from the same Gondwanan ancestors.

Sue Williams

## TECH TIPS - A good iPhone app – Copy Me That

A quality homemade meal is one of life's greatest comforts, so whip up a tasty dish using Copy Me That. This multipurpose tool lets you organise them in whatever categories you want. The app is great for cutting through long-winded websites to get right recipe copy, and it even provides a meal planner and shopping list to make cooking a cinch.

Ernie Bingham – PAV

TOOLBOX – click on link:

Tunstall Probus Toolbox

For those members who are unaware, the Toolbox is a list of Tradespeople who have been recommended by a satisfied club member, who are happy to share that information so others may benefit. Please Note: The Club only passes on the information on their behalf and does not bear any responsibility or get involved with any issues associated.

## TRADE TRAVEL

Those of you wishing to join any tour with Trade Travel, please visit their new website [www.tradetravel.com.au](http://www.tradetravel.com.au). Anyone thinking of doing a tour on their own and joining other Probus clubs, I have a public departure folder. There are some great trips coming up.

If you are interested in rail travel, you might be interested in South Australia by Rail-Coach-Cruise in June 2027. Great price! See Bev. for Brochure.

## MORNING TEA ROSTER

If anyone finds they are unable to serve, please find a replacement or swap with another person on the roster.



**BRING YOUR OWN MUG**  
if you do not wish to use the  
disposable cups.  
\* Co-ordinator

### September

Moir White  
Pat Kawalevski  
Glenda Pile  
Jennifer Grogan

### October

Moir White  
Pat Kawalevski  
Glenda Pile  
Jennifer Grogan

## Carolyn's Curiosity Corner

All donations of no longer wanted treasures will be welcome. *We would also welcome home-made biscuits, jams and preserves (labelled), lemons, rhubarb or anything grown in the garden – even a bunch of flowers or herbs.* Come and have a look, you may find something you really like for the cost of a gold coin. *All proceeds go towards our Club's Birthday and Christmas functions.*

Please note: All items not sold, must be taken back before the end of the meeting.

## Probus Community News

### ACTIVE RETIREES' DIGITAL MAGAZINE

To view the current version of Active Retirees please visit the website [September 2026 Active Retirees Magazine](#)

### PROBUS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

For the latest Victorian PROBIAN edition, click here: [Probian August-September](#)

#### Golf Day

Run by Goonawara Probus Club at Point Cook.

Date: 12 November Cost: \$50

18 holes, 4 person Ambrose. Tee-off time 8.30 am shot gun start.

Further details from Bev. Olbrich

**High Tea** PAV are also planning another anniversary High Tea at the Chadstone Bowling Club. Further details to be advised.

**BOOKINGS & PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

Tickets issued today: Hello Dolly, You're My World, The Australian Barbra Streisand Show, Nutcracker, A Beautiful Noise, Simply Streisand.

BOOK TODAY (September):

|               |                                              |                 |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 9 October     | Garden Group – DULDIG STUDIO                 | Margaret Guegan |
| 11 November   | Day trips – PUFFING BILLY.                   | Gae Robinson    |
| 4 December    | Christmas Lunch - Knox                       | Erich & Iris    |
| 9 December    | Gina Hogan - The Christmas Belle - THE ROUND | Marg Fehring    |
| 15 December   | The Joy of Christmas - KARRALYKA             | Marg Fehring    |
| 15 April 2027 | Private Lives – PRINCESS THEATER             | Erich Olbrich   |

PAY TODAY: (September)

|             |                             |              |
|-------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| 18 November | Pot Pourri CASH – THE ROUND | Marg Fehring |
|             |                             |              |

**Payment Options****Direct to Bank**

If you wish to pay directly into the Probus Bank Account, here are the details:

BANK: Westpac  
 Account Name: Combined Probus Club of Tunstall Inc  
 BSB: 033 112  
 Account No.: 12 5095

Check your Bank account to ensure you have not forgotten paying earlier.

Include your name [*Surname & initial*]. Include event name (event date not needed).

If paying for more than 1 please indicate the number [x].

Examples: Olbrich.B-XmasLunch or Olbrich.B x2-XmasLunch

Separate payment is to be made for each event. If you are not confident that you have included all the relevant details on your payment, please phone Erich Olbrich on 0434 864 822 to inform him that your payment has been made, so that easy identification may be made on the Bank Statement.

**Cheque or Cash**

If you prefer to use a cheque, please make it payable to Combined Probus Club of Tunstall Inc. and pay Erich Olbrich at General Meeting. If paying by cash, particularly if cash only is requested by Co-ordinator, please present the correct money (change may not be available).

Please place payment in an envelope including details of payment e.g.name of outing, and date, and if paying for more than one outing by cheque, please include a note setting out details of each event.

**Bulletin Editors**

**Bev Olbrich**

**Ralph Wigg**

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*We acknowledge the generosity of Mr Matt Greg, Federal Member for Deakin, and his staff, with the printing of this Bulletin.*

## Report on the Slow Rail Journey 20-25 August 2026

Bev Olbrich - Extended Trips & Tours Convenor

After a hearty breakfast at the Savoy Hotel, 11 Probus members and 6 friends joined the group of 160 on board the Vineland to Mildura. Our standard gauge train hauled by two diesel locomotives, previously owned by V/Line, headed towards Geelong, cross country to Ararat and Maryborough. We had plenty of room in our carriage having been allocated two or three seats each so there was opportunity to sit and chat, read or quietly watch the dry flat land become green with sheep and canola fields everywhere. Each day on board, food on trollies would come through the train with the volunteer staff offering us morning tea, a packed lunch of fresh sandwiches, fruit and drinks and afternoon tea of vanilla slice (picked up from Ouyen). On the way home we got to try the vanilla slice from Birchip. I can't recall which slice was the best but there was a lot of competition to see who made the best.

On arrival at (historic) Maryborough Station, we were bused to the RACV Goldfields Resort, with our bags having been transported separately during the day. We were treated a gourmet three course dinner. After a gourmet breakfast we were returned to the Maryborough station to continue our journey, stopping for a brief stop at Donald where several community groups welcomed us. Finally arriving at Mildura, we crossed the road and checked in at the Grand Hotel. A three-course dinner was served in the Grand Ballroom.

Not only did we receive a comprehensive 32-page double sided detailed glossy itinerary/directory, tour notes, routes and maps, but each day we picked up a daily sheet of the day's activities and the weather forecast. There was no need to ask any questions as it was all in the notes.

Unfortunately, due to previous heavy rains, the tour to Mungo National Park had to be cancelled. What a nightmare for our Tour Manager, Matt! Setting off from Mildura we set off in buses weaving across state borders, stopping at historic Wentworth, where the Murray and Darling Rivers converge. We were privileged to listen to Barkindjii Elder Warren to learn about the significant indigenous history of the region and watch some traditional aboriginal dancing. We then continued to take in the Werrimul and Paringa Silo art which was really beautiful. We enjoyed lunch at the Renmark Hotel and explored the riverside town.

In the evening, we embarked on a unique culinary journey aboard the historic paddle steamer PB Mundoo, cruising the waters of the Murray River, heading down to Trentham Estate for a memorable wine tasting (8 varieties) with nibbles. This was followed by another 3 course culinary experience on board the Mundoo back to Mildura.

Sunday, after breakfast, we boarded the buses and visited Orange World where Mario gave us a tractor tour of the orchard and some amusing commentary. This was followed by a tour of the Australian Inland Botanic Gardens – truly amazing! That evening we all enjoyed a fabulous three course dinner served in the iconic Magenta Woolshed – an amazingly unique venue. It was a wonderful culinary experience that celebrated the very best of the Sunraysia's gourmet scene.

Next day, we reboarded the Vineland to begin our first leg of the return journey, once again stopping at Maryborough Railway station and bussed back to the RACV Goldfields Resort for another excellent dinner. We were advised at dinner that the train was unable to continue along the track to Southern Cross due to track issues, so we bussed it back to Melbourne. On the way home, we stopped at the magnificent Clyde Park Estate. We were treated to an exquisite, multi-course lunch celebrating the locally sourced seasonal produce. We were surrounded by stunning vineyard scenery and natural beauty – the perfect setting to celebrate the conclusion of our tour.

Our grateful thanks to Matt and his all-volunteer team for a wonderful relaxed and stress-free journey.

*Bev Olbrich*

*Extended Trips & Tours Convenor*