



COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF TUNSTALL INC.

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Meetings commence 10am at St James Coptic Orthodox Church
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Important Contacts Numbers

Local Theatres:

Margaret Fehring

Film Club

Margaret & Barry Veitch

Garden Group

Margaret Guegan

September meeting: Present: 85; Apologies: 17; Non-notification: 7; Visitors: 1

Upcoming Meeting 23 October 2026

Guest Speaker: KIRSTY PORTER – CEO, Umbrella Dementia Cafés Ltd.

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

Next Meeting 27 November 2026

Thought for the Month.

Supplied by Warwick Lee

“You’ll never find a *rainbow* if you are looking *down*.”

Charles Chaplin

President's MESSAGE

Hello from your President. I am really looking forward to being with my Probus friends this October, especially as I was unfortunately missing in September. A big thank you to Don Chandler for so ably stepping up on the day.

My thanks to Margaret Guegin for introducing us to the Duldig Studio, Museum and Sculpture Garden in Malvern



East. The entire house has been protected and maintained in its original state starting as far back as 1937. We were privileged to see furnishings, paintings and many artworks from Vienna which were hidden in a cellar in Europe during the war years. During the 1940s the Duldig family, having arrived in Melbourne pre-war, were able to be reunited with artworks and furnishings. Karl Duldig together with his wife, artist and inventor, Slawa Horowitz-Duldig, held classes and workshops for aspiring young artists. Their amazing story is one of survival and creativity. After the exhibition most of us enjoyed a very pleasant lunch.

Many of our Members enjoyed The Cilla Black Story at the Karralyka Theatre and once again our appreciation and special thanks to Margaret Fehring for making the arrangements.

The 50th Anniversary of Probus in Australia is officially October, and so it is that our celebrations are ongoing. Shhhhh! There may be further surprises!!

I am keeping my message brief with just one or two reminders. Shiela Martin is away for the October Meeting however Jigsaw borrowing will be possible in November.

Our Christmas Lunch at the Knox Club is just a few short weeks away so please make sure you don't miss out registering. Payment is requested ASAP so please either submit a direct deposit to Erich Olbrich clearly marked Xmas/Name or pay Iris Leach at the November meeting (envelope and name).

In friendship, fellowship and fun.

Best wishes,

Wendy Martin – **President**

BIRTHDAYS: Have a happy day everyone enjoying a November Birthday!



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 26 October



MAHJONG

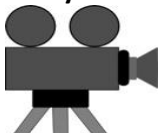
4th Monday of each month

Contact: Robyn Scholes

Time: 1:00pm at the home of Robyn Scholes.

Please advise Robyn if you are **NOT** able to attend.

Tuesday 27 October



FILM CLUB

1st Tuesday following the Monthly Meeting

Contact: Margaret & Barry Veitch

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

Wed 28 October



500 CARD GROUP-1

4th Wednesday 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.

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 have been issued.

Wed 4 November



CARD GROUP

1st 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.

Monday 9 November



500 CARD GROUP-2

2nd 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 10 November



SIMPLY STREISAND

Karralyka Theatre - 22A Mines Road, East Ringwood.

Time: 10.30am Morning tea from 9:30am. Duration approx 75 minutes

Book: Bookings closed. Tickets issued **TODAY** [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: 10:30 am for 11:00 am departure.

Cost: \$53 return. Pay **CASH** to Gae Robinson **TODAY** [October].

Lunch: Restaurant Emerald Lake - at own expense.

Thursday 12 November**MEN'S GROUP LUNCH**2nd Thursday of the month**Contact:** Bruce Ricketts**Time:** 12:30pm at The Coach, 33 Maroondah Highway RINGWOOD

Please advise Bruce Ricketts by Tuesday 10 November, so we can confirm booking.

Friday 13 November**Garden group – KURANGA NURSERY WARRANDYTE**

New Kuranga Nursery Warrandyte 195 Heidelberg-Warrandyte Rd.

Kuranga Native Nursery is a family-owned and operated business with over 40 years of experience in growing and retailing Australian native plants. In April 2026 the former Beasley's Nursery has been acquired and now reimagined as an additional site to Mount Evelyn – Kuranga Warrandyte.

Time: 10:45 am**Cost:** Coffee and lunch at the nursery at own expenses**Book:** Book **TODAY** [October].**Lunch:** "Manna Gum Café" at the Nursery.**Sunday 15 November****SUNDAY WITH FRIENDS:**3rd Sunday of the month**Contact:** Robyn Scholes**Time:** 2:00pm at The Food Republic, 28-30 Blackburn Rd., BlackburnPlease advise Robyn if **you plan to attend**.**Monday 16 November****BOOK CLUB 1**3rd Monday of the month**Contact:** Lyn Deayton**Time:** 1.30 pm – **Venue to be advised**.

Please contact Lyn Deayton for any queries.

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.**Book:** Bookings closed. Tickets issued **TODAY** [October].**Monday 23 November****MAHJONG**4th 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.**Wed 25 November****500 CARD GROUP-1**4th Wednesday 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.

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.
Book: Book **TODAY** [October].
 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.
Time: 11.00 am – Morning tea from 10:00am
 Duration of Show approximately 75 minutes.
Cost: \$22 CASH Pay **TODAY** [October].
Book: 3 pre-reserved tickets still available. 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 Pay **TODAY** [October].
Book: 4 pre-reserved tickets still available. Tickets issued November.

Friday 15 January

**NEW YEAR BRUNCH**

Carlucci's – 34 James Street, Templestowe. Phone 9846 7963, Mel Ref: 33E4.
Time: 10:30 am
Cost: \$40 Pay on the day with correct money in an envelope with your name clearly marked.
Book: Book **TODAY** [October & November].

Wed 25 February

**THE MUSIC OF BROADWAY**

The Round - 379-399 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading.
 Join acclaimed soprano, Claire Lyon, star of The Phantom Of The Opera, for a captivating concert celebrating Broadway's most loved songs. Enjoy timeless favourites including *Wishing You Were Somewhere Here Again*, *Climb Every Mountain*, *Memory*, and *I Feel Pretty*. Filled with memorable music, stunning vocals, this stunning performance brings the magic of Broadway to life.
Time: 11.00 am – Morning tea from 10:00 am
 Duration of Show 60 - 75 minutes.
Cost: \$25 CASH Pay November. Group of 10 or more \$23
Book: Book **TODAY** [October]. Tickets issued January 2027.

February TBA

**Day Trips – GUIDE DOGS VICTORIA - KEW****Guide Dogs Victoria**, 2-6 Chandler Highway, Kew, Victoria 3101

Tentative Day Trip

Details available next month

Book: Bookings open November.

Wed 10 March

**Day Trips – BELEURA HOUSE AND GARDENS MORNINGTON****Beleura House & Garden**, 1 Tallis Dr, Mornington VIC 3931*Let me tell you a little about Beleura, a theatre of the past...*

Beleura was built on the Mornington Peninsula in 1863 by Scottish immigrant and successful merchant James Butchart. Today Beleura and its splendid grounds, interiors and archival material reflect the life and legacy of the Tallis family.

Composer John Tallis lived here for 48 years and bequeathed Beleura to the people of Victoria. Beleura retains echoes of his late father, Sir George Tallis, the well-known theatre entrepreneur and Chairman of international entertainment company JC Williamson Ltd.

Time: TBA.**Cost:** \$65**Lunch:** Includes Morning Tea & Lunch – your own transport is required.**Book:** Bookings open **TODAY** [October].

Sunday 21 March

**ANNIE****The Round** - 379-399 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading.

NOVA Music Theatre present this production based on the classic comic strip. Little Orphan Annie who escapes the clutches of the tyrannical Miss Hannigan and charms billionaire Oliver Warbucks – and all of Depression-era New York while searching for the parents who left her behind, Annie has survived nearly 50 years because it says something we never stop needing to hear – that tomorrow is worth turning up for

Time: 1.30 pm.**Cost:** \$55 (\$50 if 10 or more). Pay January 2027.**Book:** Book **TODAY** [October/November]. Tickets issued February.

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** [October]. .

Extended Trips & Tours

Bev. Olbrich, Convenor.

11-19 May 2027



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.

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*

TRADE TRAVEL

A selection of trips available through Trade Travel in 2027

Those of you wishing to join any tour with Trade Travel, please visit their new website
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.

Sydney Australia Day Experience

25-28 January (4 days/3 nights). \$2,598 pp twin share (SS \$439).

Tumut Valley Autumn Delight

16-20 April, (5 days/4 nights). Ex Sydney \$2,398 pp twin share (SS \$198).

Best of the Hunter Region

4-8 April (5 days/4 nights), \$2,698 pp twin share (SS \$598).

A Taste of China

6-18 March. (13 days/12 nights), ex Sydney \$6,998 pp twin share (ss \$1,198).

Eyre Peninsula & Flinders Discovery

3-9 April (7 days/6 nights). \$4,198 pp twin share (ss \$998).

Signature Longreach & Winton

18- 22 May, (5 days 4 nights), \$5,598 pp twin share (ss \$840).

South Australia by Rail Coach-Cruise

18-24 June (7 days 6 nights) \$3,298 pp twin share (ss \$690).

The Red Centre

1-5 July (5 days/4 nights) \$5,998 pp twin share (ss \$1,498)

Carnival of Flowers & Sanctuary Cove Getaway

15-21 September (7 days 6 nights). \$4,398 pp twin share (ss \$1,398).

Murray Princess & Coorong NP Murray River-Victor Harbour-Adelaide.

26 September to 3 October (8 days/7 nights). \$5,498 pp twin share (ss \$1,730).

Tasmania Short Break

14-20 October (7 days/6 nights). \$tba

Bundaberg & Southern Great Barrier Reef

8-12 November (5 days/4 nights). \$3,498 pp twin share (ss \$698).

DID YOU KNOW?

Papua New Guinea is the world's most linguistically diverse nation with more than 840 languages, as a result of its mountainous terrain isolating communities.

Sue Williams

TECH TIPS - Extract from April 26 Tech Talk Issue 2 by Ernie Bingham

Let's talk about AI – Part 1: Do we need it?

The short answer is yes. However, that answer is too simple because it doesn't explain just how powerful Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become. Before we go any further, it is important to remember that AI is not always correct. While it can provide excellent information and assistance, you should always double-check important facts and details.

So how does AI work? "When you ask an AI question, it breaks your words into chunks, predicts the most helpful response based on patterns it learned from vast amounts of training data, and generate a conversational answer. It does this instantly using advanced mathematics and probability." In everyday language, AI looks at your question, searches through the enormous amount of information it has learned from, identifies patterns and likely answers, and then provides what it believes is the best response. Sometimes the answer may combine information from several different sources.

This is a very simplified explanation. There is a lot more happening behind the scenes, much of it well above my pay grade! What makes AI so impressive is the speed. It can analyse vast amounts of information and produce an answer in seconds. However, remember the answer it gives is not guaranteed to be perfect. AI can make mistakes, misunderstand questions or provide incomplete information. For example, you can ask AI to create an image, say 8 smiling senior citizens, sitting around a table, with small plates of sandwiches and cake, showing tea and coffee or wine on the table with Probus flyers in the background. It may not be exactly what you wanted but it understood what you asked for.

Part 2 will explain how I created the image and show you the exact instructions given to ChatGPT in the next edition.

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.

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*

October

Pat Kawalevski
Ann Cousy
Margaret Chisholm
Jennifer Grogan *

November

January

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 October-November 2026](#)

Golf Day

Run by Goonawara Probus Club at Point Cook.

Date: 12 November Cost: \$50

BOOKINGS & PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Tickets issued today: Pot Pourri, Simply Streisand, .

BOOK TODAY (October):

13 November	Garden group – KURANGA NURSERY WARRANDYTE	Margaret Guegan
4 December	Christmas Lunch – KNOX CLUB	Iris Leach
15 January	New Year Brunch – CARLUCCI'S	Iris Leach
21 March '27	Annie - THE ROUND	Marg Fehring
15 April '27	Private Lives – PRINCESS THEATRE	Erich Olbrich
25 Feb '27	The Music of Broadway – THE ROUND	Marg Fehring
10 March '27	Day trips – BELEURA HOUSE & GARDEN	Gae Robinson

PAY TODAY: (October)

11 November	Day trips – PUFFING BILLY.	CASH to Gae	Gae Robinson
9 December	Gina Hogan - The Christmas Belle - THE ROUND	CASH to Marg	Marg Fehring
15 December	The Joy of Christmas - KARRALYKA		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.

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Ralph Wigg

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