Presidents Report

November 2026

Endeavour Hills Probus Club

Spring is coming to an end and with it the last Probus Meeting for the year. There is no meeting in December. We will meet back in 2027 on Monday 18th of January.



The sad news this month was the death of our friend and ex member Graham Bull. He died at home at the age of 87.

His funeral will be held on Monday 9th November

Vanna posted the following tribute to Graham on our WhatsApp group chat and I thought it was worth repeating.

Graham was a good gardener and grew fruit and vegetables. Every year, at harvest time, he brought in the fruits of his labour, displayed it on a table, and invited us to take what we wanted. The last harvest he brought in was an odd looking, funny shaped, bunch of cucumbers and small oranges. I took some and found them to be delicious, their unusual shapes not withstanding. Had refreshing cucumber salads for days. Oranges, the same - strange looking as they were.

Graham gave us a talk about his time serving in Her Majesty's army, and his career that eventually put him in the position to stand guard outside Queen Elizabeth's office. After serving that way for a while, he was mighty surprised when the Queen walked out of the French window, reached him, addressed him by name and asked questions about his life. Something he never forgot.

It was so very interesting.

Thank you Graham, for your generosity and for sharing that exciting part of your life.

Rest well.

Birthdays for the month of November include John Grennan, Linda Grennan, Ann O'Hara, Linda Shillong, Vanna Walsh. Happy birthday to you all.

As there will be no report in December the following people get to share their birthdays with the festive season.

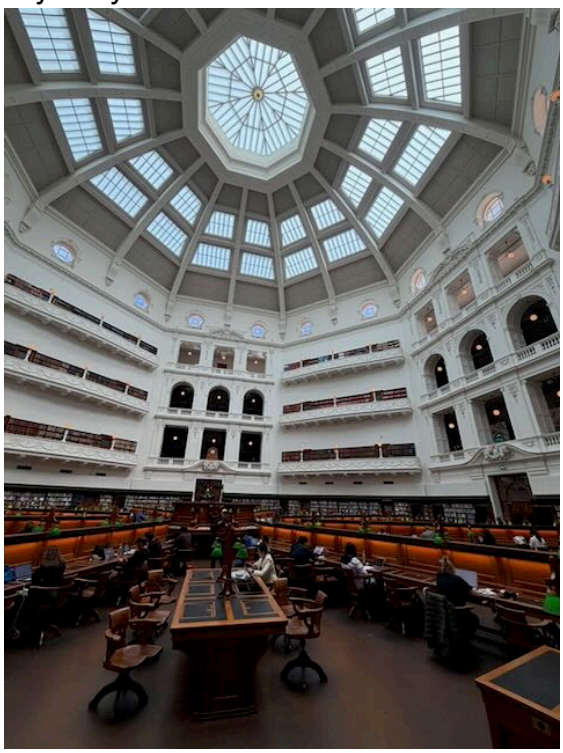
Sandra McNee, Noel Shillong and Louis Zaharopoulos

I wonder if they grew up with Xmas/birthday presents as a combination. Especially since none of the three people have a birthday more than four days away from Xmas.



The activities have carried on apace. Thanks to Nola, Ann and all the other volunteers. Helen and I will be a little bit limited in future because every Wednesday we will be full-time baby sitters for our 2-year-old grandson, Simon David Trotter.

A small group of us went to Prison on 26th October. The Old Melbourne Gaol was really interesting. I have lived in Melbourne almost all my life yet have never been before. As a supplement we also walked from the Gaol to the State Library where we saw the original Ned Kelly armour. For a couple of people, it was the also the first time they had seen the magnificent reading room.



Apologies to Cheree.

I was too slow to send Cheree copies of correspondence that I received during the month. I will place copies of them with the other correspondence.

They include:

- a long letter about new sponsorship partners.
- An updated list of our members
- Information about the new Probus Website
- Correspondence with me regarding my comments on the new website

A merry Christmas and happy holidays to all and I look forward to seeing you in 2027

David Trotter

