Bentleigh Probus Club

"Fun, Friendship, and Fellowship"

Newsletter

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Upcoming Activities

8 October – Thursday General Meeting, Speaker Ros Otzen, Schools for Poor Children in St Kilda in the1800s

9 October – Friday Dine Out, "Hellenic Club", Poath Rd, Hughesdale, **(See later for details)**

13 October Walking Group, Caulfield Park.

15 October – Anniversary Lunch, "Flight Deck Bar and Grill**" (See later for details)**

22 October Coffee and Chat, Bentleigh RSL 10-30am.

25 October Sunday – Theatre Group "Steel Magnolias" **(See later for details)**

27 October, Book Club Bentleigh RSL, 11 am "Limberlost" Robbie Arnott

12 November Thursday General Meeting, Speaker Julia Dyer, Downsizing and Decluttering

17 November, Walking Group, Kingston Reserve

18 November, Day Trip to Beleura Homestead and Garden, Mornington

19 November, Thursday Lunch, Elsternwick Hotel, 12-00 for 12-30 pm

26 November, Coffee and Chat, Bentleigh RSL 10-30am

1 December, Book Club Bentleigh RSL,

10 December, Thursday General Meeting, Speaker - Paul Judd - "Child Protection Laws"

15 December, Walking Group Sandringham Foreshore.

IMPORTANT. If you put your name down to attend a function, and you cannot go, please inform Helen or the event organiser.

New Life Member – Margaret Darvell



Our Day Trip for 2026

18 November Wednesday –Beleura Homestead and Garden, Mornington



Homestead

Tour of Home and Garden, Silver Service High Tea and Light Lunch. Bus will leave from the Bentleigh RSL at 8-30 am. **Cost - $70 per person**. **Please pay ASAP, MAXIMUM 36.** ***Note: This trip is being heavily subsidised by our Club*.**
Speak with **Pauline Hanley** for more details

Life Membership

Margaret Darvell, a very popular member of our Club for 11 years was awarded Life Membership at our September General Meeting. Life membership is a special honour. It recognises a member who has demonstrated loyalty, commitment and service to our Club. In presenting the Award to Margeret, President Helen Byron mentioned that Margaret joined the Club in 2015 and in 2016 joined the Committee as the Minutes Secretary for Secretary Colin Richards, taking minutes for both Committee and General Meetings. She has remained in this role for 10 years. Margaret's ability to take quick notes at these meetings and produce perfect typed up minutes is a talent. Margaret is also the convenor of the Book Club and organiser of Movie afternoons. The Club is indebted to Margaret for her efforts over the past 11 years. Margaret joins Alan Ambrose and Colin Richards as Life Members of our Club.



President Helen Byron presenting the Award to Margaret.

Birthdays for September

Best wishes and Happy Birthday to the following Members. Rosemary Michaelides, Ivy Kratzer, Pauline Hanley and Phil Crabtree.

Sick or Injury List

We all wish a speedy recovery to Sylvia Garrick. Please let our Welfare Officer, **Sylvia Garrick** (0400 820 871) know if anyone is unwell, injured or in hospital.

Movie Group

Please register your name with **Margaret Darvell** (0402 342 202). She will advise the date, time and place for the next movie.

Walking Group.

13 October – Caulfield Park, 10 am. Enter off Balaclava Rd opposite Holland Rd. Meet in car park near tennis courts at 10.00am

Quote of the Month

"One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done", Marie Curie

Recent Activities

50th Anniversary Probus - On 2 October, 7 of our members met with members of the Murrumbeena Probus Club at the Ormond Senior Citizens Centre to celebrate the 50th birthday of Probus. Everyone enjoyed various activities including a craft and knitting table group, card games, Mahjong, table tennis and billiards. A huge amount of home-made food was provided, and no one left hungry. Congratulations Murrumbeena Probus Club on organising a great day.



Members with Jeff, Murrumbeena President

Lunch at the Camden Hotel









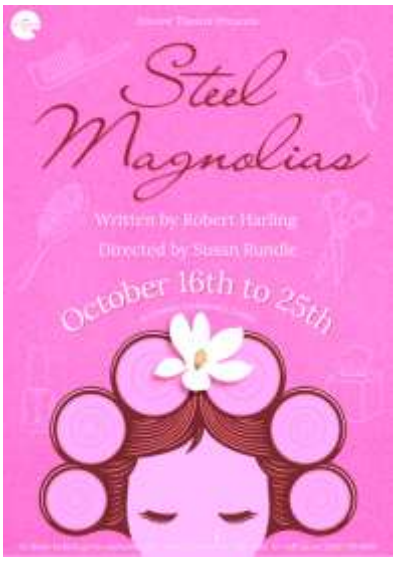
The Committee is always looking for a member to help with publicity such as writing stories about club activities to submit to the Probian Newspaper. If anyone would like to take on this job, please contact either Helen Byron or Alan Ambrose.

Future Activities

9 October – Friday Night Dine Out, "Hellenic Depot", 94 Poath Rd, Hughesdale, at 6-45pm. Set menu at $55 per person to be paid to Helen Byron in an envelope with name on it, on the night. Drinks at own expense. Please put your name on the list at the front desk if you intend going.

15 October – Anniversary Lunch, "Flight Deck and Bar" at Moorabbin Airport, 37 First Ave, Moorabbin Airport VIC 3194, Members pay for lunch and drinks on the day

25 October, - Theatre Group, "STEEL MAGNOLIAS" presented by Encore Theatre Company



25 October – Sunday 2pm "Steel Magnolias, Clayton Community Centre 9-15 Cooke St. Clayton**. Cost $35 ($32 for 10 or more).** Please advise ***Sylvia Garrick*** of you wish to attend.

Step inside Truvy's beauty salon, the heart of a small Southern American town, where local women share their joys, struggles and a little neighbourly gossip. From weddings and babies to divorces and funerals, they face life's highs and lows with humour, courage and impeccably styled hair. When tragedy strikes, it's in these familiar walls that they find comfort, support and the unbreakable bonds of friendship that carry them through. Bursting with sass, warmth and Southern charm, "Steel Magnolias" delivers laughter, love and an unforgettable heart.

18 November Wednesday. – Trip to Beleura Home and Garden **(See page 1)**

19 November Thursday – Lunch – Elsternwick Hotel,. Members pay for lunch and drinks on the day.

Something to Think About

Could You Live Without Your Wallet?

(From "Active Retirees Magazine", September.

For decades, leaving the house meant checking for three things: keys, wallet and phone. Today, your wallet is often an optional extra!

Apple Pay on iPhones and Google Wallet on Android phones allow you to store eligible debit and credit cards digitally, then pay at contactless terminals using your phone or compatible smartwatch. Once set up, paying is much like tapping a physical card, except you first confirm it is you by using Face ID, a fingerprint or your device passcode.

But your digital wallet can hold far more than bank cards. Depending on the provider, you may also be able to add supermarket and retail loyalty cards, airline boarding passes, concert and sporting tickets, gift cards and public transport passes. Look for an 'Add to Apple Wallet' or 'Add to Google Wallet' button when checking in for a flight, buying a ticket or using a retailer's app.

For beginners, it makes sense to start small. Add one frequently used bank card and perhaps a loyalty card. Use them a few times somewhere familiar before relying on your phone at an airport or busy event. You can still carry your physical cards while you build confidence.

Security is often the biggest concern, but digital payments have some useful safeguards. Apple Pay does not send your full card number to the merchant, while Google Wallet protects payment information using encryption and device security. Both systems require your phone to have security protections such as a passcode or screen lock, and payments generally require you to verify your identity.

Another concern can be what happens if your phone disappears. A locked phone does not simply become an open wallet. iPhone users can use Apple's Find My service to mark a device as lost, which suspends cards used with Apple Pay. Android users can use Google's device-finding tools to locate, lock or erase a missing phone; erasing it removes payment information stored for use on that device.

Despite the many advantages a digital wallet can provide, there are still good reasons to keep a slim backup wallet. Not every business accepts contactless payments, batteries go flat, and some cards or tickets may not support digital wallets. A physical bank card and some identification can be handy insurance.

Of course, going wallet-free doesn't need to happen overnight. Think of your phone wallet as a convenient extra at first. Before long, you may find yourself patting your pockets for your phone – and wondering why you carried so much plastic for so many years.

MANAGEMENT MATTERS

Bentleigh Probus Club Inc. No. A0015673M - ABN 733 837 961 35 - PSP 58178

Committee and Officers for 2026-2027

President	Helen Byron	0419 119 563	**Secretary**	Lyn Hinton	0401 153 668
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***Attendance Record at General Meetings*.** Please make sure Jenny Martin has recorded your attendance at the meeting. This is important for the Club's Insurance.

***Trips and Lunches: IMPORTANT*.** If you put your name down to attend a function, and you cannot go, please inform Helen or the event organiser.

Club Web Site: https://www.probussouthpacific.org/microsites/bentleighc/Welcome. **Note**: All activities listed in this newsletter can be viewed on the Club's website. This site has a lot of very useful information including photographs from trips and lunches, **"Active Retirees Magazine", "Victorian Probian Magazine**".

Editor's Note: The Editor is always keen to receive feedback, comments, corrections etc. in relation to this Newsletter. Also, if members have any ideas and suggestions for new Section additions to this Newsletter, or news items of possible membership interest please send to bl.hinton@bigpond.com or phone 0417365817.

PLEASE NOTE: New Club email address – bentleighprobus@gmail.com

JUST FOR LAUGHS

- **Wife**: "Our new neighbour always kisses his wife when he leaves for work. Why don't you do that?" **Husband**: "How can I? I don't even know her."
- At every party, there are two kinds of people: those who want to go home and those who don't. The trouble is, they are usually married to each other.

NEXT MEETING Thursday 12 November