

SURVEY RESULTS 2026 SECTION B: MEMBER INPUT

The amount of time spent by some members in responding to this section was very commendable. Most suggestions are constructive and certainly well worthwhile considering by the current and future Management Committees. If the same or a fairly similar comment was made by more than one member, the frequency of that comment is shown in brackets. If no frequency is shown, then that comment was made by just one member.

CLUB MANAGEMENT

- 48. Are there any other areas of responsibility you would like to see undertaken by the Management Committee?**

The present committee is doing a great job (2). Someone to oversee Trips & Outings.
New to club so need to learn more. Everything is comprehensive and efficiently done.

- 49. Are you or have you been a member of the Management Committee? YES 15 NO 31**
If yes, go to question 51.
If no, will you seriously consider nominating for a position on the Management Committee at some stage in the future? YES 1 NO 12 MAYBE 16

If not, can you tell us why?

Not capable (2). Lack Confidence. Time constraints and commitment (4). New to Club. Physical & health reasons (3). Too old (2). Too unreliable. Have put a lot into other organisations. Do not have internet access.

If so, what position or area of responsibility would you like to undertake?

Morning Tea. Finance. Photography. Audio visual. Trip Organiser. Admin. TBC.

- 50. Have you been involved in any other areas in the Club? YES 28 NO 17**

- 51. Would you be prepared to take on a task if asked? YES 30 NO 12**
If yes, which one(s)

If time permits. If I could handle it. Audio Visual Assistant. Photography. Sign in table. Dine Out. Will have a go at anything. Just a small task due to age.

- 52. Other Comments in relation to overall Club Management or the Management Committee.**

Club running well (2). Doing a great job (2). Currently on the Committee which is a very happy one. Worried that a few of the committee do most of the work. Encourage both new and old members to nominate who have done nothing. Love Probus in every aspect. Management Committee members take their roles seriously and with enthusiasm. Everything is well managed. Important to keep members informed in the newsletter

GENERAL MEETINGS:

- 53. Are there any other items that you would like to see included in the agenda of each General Meeting?**

Five minute talks. Keep seeking member input. Activity numbers report. Activity Leaders to be introduced by name for the benefit of new members and guests.

- 54. If asked, would you agree to giving a Five Minute Talk? YES 12 NO 22**

- 55. In addition to any Guest Speakers you may have suggested in the past, can you suggest anyone else?**

Check local papers. Dietician. Financial Planner. Skin specialist. Exercise Physiologist. Someone from Barwon Water. Solar Panel/Battery advice. Approach friends in local groups.
Dr. Abdullah Faruque on sustainable options. Exercise physiotherapist – chair exercises we should be doing. Councillor. Jeweller. Geelong Theatre. Bollards. Recreation Centre. Geelong Bollards.

56. Do you participate in the Meeting Day lunches organized by the Club?
REGULARLY 41 OCCASIONALLY 4 NEVER 2

If never, can you give a reason why? Some of the occasional participants responded here also.
Quality of meals (2). Don't have time.

57. Other comments in relation to General Meetings.

Love them. A little too formal. Not sing National Anthem or just one verse (4). Constant chatter at a couple of tables (2). No scones (3). Scones are awful. The scones spoil my lunch.
Enjoy the guest speakers. Ensure at least a 30 minute Fellowship Break (3). Keep introduction of new members brief. 10.30 am start is great. A 5 minute get to know you talk each month.
Vice President to chair a meeting. Perhaps have the guest speaker first.
Don't find it easy to move around due to congestion.

TRIPS/OUTINGS/FREE WHEELING

58. Do you participate in the monthly outings organized by the Club?
REGULARLY 27 OCCASIONALLY 3 NEVER 15

If never, can you give a reason why? No reasons given.
Too old.

59. In addition to any Outings you may have suggested in the past, can you suggest any new ideas?

Geelong Gaol. Bird/Wildlife Sanctuary at Lara. You Yangs to see the view. Local places of historic interest. Melbourne Theatre (2). Phillip Island - penguins (2). Ballarat Begonias.
Could we have a day bus trip again? Cost can make it difficult especially with a meal added on.

60. Do you participate in any of the overnight trips organized by the Club?
REGULARLY 5 OCCASIONALLY 2 NEVER 32

61. If the Club was to organize a trip which would you prefer?
2-3 Days 15 5-6 days 13 Up to 10 days 3

62. In addition to any Trips you may have suggested in the past, can you suggest any new ideas?
Northern Australia in winter. A one day bus trip. Western Australia to see wild flowers.
Daylesford. Port Fairy. Yarrawonga. Bright area. Swan Hill area. Blue Mountains. Cruise around Tasmania. Canberra in Spring (Floriade).

63. Other comments in relation to Trips/Outings or Free Wheeling.

There has been plenty of variety. Try and minimise costs (3). Most overnight trips are too expensive (2). Clearly state financial payment details. Very enjoyable. Congratulations to the organisers of all trips and outings. Faye has done a fantastic job in organising 4 trips.

OTHER CLUB ACTIVITIES:

64. Are you involved in any of the Activity Groups YES 33 NO 7
If yes, please name them and whether you are a regular or occasional participant.

All activities were mentioned

65. Are there any other activities or events, regular or once off, that you would like to be considered?

Photography. Computer Basics. Other Card games eg. Hearts, Euchre. Zumba. There are currently enough activities.

66. Other comments in relation to Club Activities.

They are all enjoyable. There is plenty of variety. Love all I go to. Encourage input from members.
I have limited days available for activities.
This is a wonderful Club. Many thanks to all organisers of Club Activities.

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

67. Which section of the newsletter do you enjoy reading most?

All (27). Activity Section (6). Most of it. Calendars. Photos.

68. Other comments in relation to the newsletter.

Great job Faye (3). Excellent. Very informative. Well laid out. Well organised. Easy to read.
Photos great. Always a pleasure to read.
Include member profiles each month. Acknowledge those who contribute to it.

THE CLUB WEBSITE

69. Which parts of the Club Website, if any, do you access the most?

None of it (13). Club Activities. Calendar. (3) All (2). Unable to access the website (2).

70. Other comments in relation to the website.

Very informative and helpful.

FINAL COMMENT

71. If there is one thing you could change in the Club, what would it be?

All OK. Our club offers everything. Cliques on Meeting Days (2). Encourage members to sit at different tables (3). Talking by some members during meetings (3).
No scones. Not sing the National Anthem. Stick with the National Anthem. Just 1 verse of the National Anthem. Better gender balance. Longer fellowship break. Brighter lights.
Finish meetings on time. Long surveys. Survey should have included gender, age and the option to add name. Hotel noise during Guest Speaker presentation (2). Encourage new members to take on roles. Have a Multicultural focus.
Do not introduce Acknowledgment of Country!