



PROBUS NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter of the Probud Club of Wheelers Hill

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone,



Happy Probud month, 1st to 31st October, with this year particularly special in celebrating 50 years of Probud in Australia.

PSPL Board and Staff have extended their warmest wishes to all Probud Clubs and members as this significant milestone is celebrated throughout October.

Our club is having our celebration of 50 years of Probud in Australia at our November meeting. **Rose** has organised a caterer for a special morning tea.

This month is also **Cyber Action Month**, which is a timely reminder to pause and think differently about how we stay secure online. This year's theme, *Take a second. Stay secure*, highlights how small, everyday actions can make a big difference.

Take the next step to improve your online safety with **Be Connected** website's free resources, including online presentations on protecting your personal information, staying safe on Facebook and spotting scams, as well as how-to video courses on setting up multi-factor authentication plus much more! Click on <https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/>

Tina attended this month's committee meeting and has agreed to take over the Welfare and Club Services committee roles as well as imparting her knowledge to help make committee decisions. Thanks, **Tina**.

Anyone thinking of joining the committee now or for the next Probud year (2027/2028) please chat to me or any committee member. Also, if anyone just wants to run an activity without being on the committee. Quote: "Many hands make light work."

We will be inducting 3 new members at this month's meeting – **Sheila, Carla and Silvia** – and I am sure everyone will give them a warm welcome.

Don't forget, a table will be booked at the Library / MAPh café for after the meeting which will allow further socialising over a cuppa, and if desired, a light lunch from their menu or an item from their cabinet.

Hope to see you Friday.

Val,
President



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2nd – Raelene S, 22nd – Doreen H.

DUTY MONITORS for OCTOBER

Door:	Tony H
	Arlette P
Tea Table:	Jan H
Coffee Table:	Carl K
Welcomer:	Tony H

If you cannot attend, please contact Tina on 0413 791 977 or arrange a replacement.

**NEXT MEETING – FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER,
10:00AM**

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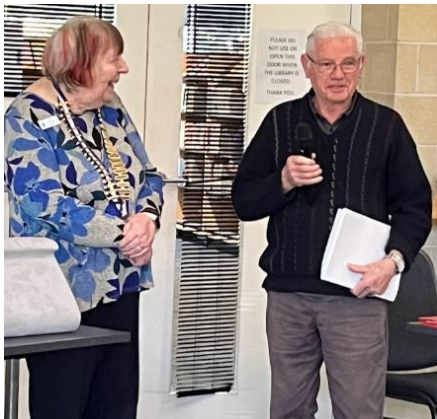
The next meeting will be held on **Friday 9th October** in the **Meeting Room** at the **Whealers Hill Library** on the corner of **Ferntree Gully** and **Jells Roads**. The library can be accessed from Ferntree Gully Road or from Jells Road (via Gallery Place). The meeting room is to the left of the door into the library. You will see the Club sign and be greeted at the door by our Welcomer.

Library staff request that we not seek entry to the venue prior to 9:30am.

Don't forget your **Name badge**.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

President Val welcomed 42 members to the meeting, with a warm welcome also to four visitors - **Sheila, Carla, Norma and Silvia**. New member, **Stephen** was inducted by **President Val** and warmly welcomed by members, and September birthdays celebrated.



SPEAKER

DON MCQUEEN

Bush Balladeer

Rose IPP welcomed **Don McQueen**, bush balladeer. Don's renditions of famous Australian bush ballads entertained members and jogged memories. Some 'lip-syncing' was

observed. **Peter** thanked **Don** on behalf of the club for his entertaining presentation.



UPCOMING SPEAKERS

October - Sue Van Every, Visit to Nth Korea.

November – **Probus 50th Anniversary Celebratory Morning Tea**

Rose, IPP (Speakers)

**MEMBERS
HUB**

We currently have **56** members.

We hope to induct **Sheila, Carla and Silvia** at the next meeting and anticipate we will also have several visitors. Please make them feel welcome. Please help us to find new members to ensure the future of our club by following up friends and acquaintances. Tell them about Probus.

Updated contact details – Please advise me of any current, and future (as they occur), changes to your contact details.

Lost badges – If any member has lost their badge, please contact me and I will replace it at a cost of \$13.00.

Medical Record Card – For those members requiring one, I will have copies of the Medical Record Card at the next General Meeting.

Godfrey
Membership Officer

*We appreciate the support of the **City of Monash**, which meets the costs of our meeting venues, and **Carina Garland MP** and her staff who print our newsletter.*



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF PROBUS

As we will be celebrating 50 years of Probus, the November General Meeting will look a little different! There will be an extended morning tea instead of a visiting speaker, allowing members plenty of time to catch up.

Party finger food will be provided in addition to the usual tea and coffee...and birthday cake. So come along in November ready to celebrate!

ROME EXHIBITION

Several members headed off to see the Rome Exhibition on **Thursday 17th September**, including **Elizabeth** and **Laurie**, **Aziz** and **Hanaa** who shared the bus with a contingent from Balmoral Gardens. The exhibition itself drew appreciative comments, however by all accounts, buffet lunch at the Village Green drew even more! An enjoyable day was had by all.

*Thinking
of you*

WELFARE

If you, or another member is unwell, please let me or a member of the Committee know. If necessary, we can arrange transport for a member who might have difficulty accessing club activities.

Tina (0413 791 977)
Welfare Officer

SENIORS WEEK, October 3 - 11 Free Public Transport

As part of Seniors Week, Victorian Senior Card Holders can obtain free Public Transport on Metropolitan Trains, Trams and Buses from **Saturday 3 October to Sunday 11 October**.

This also includes free Transport on Regional Trains, Coaches and Buses within Victoria. If you plan to use Regional Transport, please book with VLine as demand will be high for these services.

STROLLERS

Another beautiful Spring morning, and fifteen members took advantage of the sunshine to stroll around the Wheelers Hill lake on **Thursday 24th September**. The strollers included **Elisabeth** and **Laurie**, **Zina**, **Val**, **Barry**, **Lydia**, **Paula**, **Tina**, **Colin** and **Joan**, **Sheila**, **Rose** and **Noel**. Adjourning to the café we were met by **Mary G** and **Barry**.

Members are welcome to come and join us once a month and enjoy the exercise or simply join us for coffee if you would prefer. We adjourn for coffee at the Café at about 11:00am – earlier if the weather is inclement.

The next Strollers walk will be held on **Friday 23rd October**, at 10 am.

Barry
For the Strollers



CHAT GROUP

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 2nd November** when we will welcome back our regular chat group members and hopefully see some new faces.

We will be meeting again with our usual early coffee before commencing our discussions at about 10.00 am.

Peter R
Convenor

*Strange new trend at the office.
People putting names on food in the company
fridge.
Today I had a tuna sandwich named Linda.*

The Positive Ageing Lifestyle (PALS) - Spring edition has been emailed to members. The City of Monash coordinates the program to offer free or low-cost social, educational, and physical activities for seniors.

SAFETY ONLINE

Another reminder of the **Be Connected** website: <https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/> which is great to explore if you have not found it before. Also a reminder of three local events in October.

Digital legacy planning



What happens to all of your computer content when you're gone? Join us for this important session to learn about what a digital legacy is and how you can manage your digital documents, photos and accounts as part of your estate.

Date: Wednesday 21 October

Time: 10am – 12 noon

Venue: Wheelers Hill Library
860 Ferntree Gully Road. On-site parking

Cost: Free

Book: www.monlib.vic.gov.au/digital-legacy or 03 9265 4877

Stay safe, stay informed: Consumer rights and scam awareness

Kerrie Road Neighbourhood House

Presented by the Monash University Street Law Program, this free community session covers scam prevention and consumer rights. Learn how to identify and avoid scams, protect yourself from fraud, understand your rights under Australian Consumer Law, and access refunds, repairs, replacements and support when consumer issues arise.

Date: Thursday 8 October

Time: 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Venue: 36 Kincumber Drive, Glen Waverley
On-site and street parking

Cost: Free

Book: <https://socialplanet.com.au/activity/view?id=51155> or 03 9887 6226 or info@knh.org.au

Web: www.knh.org.au

*I'm not saying I'm old,
but when we were at school we made our
parents ashtrays for Christmas...*



... and that is WHY the chicken crossed the road.

High Tea and High Alert: Scones and Scam Safety

Discussion of common and recent scam tactics over High Tea and Scones.

Sharpen your digital defences and learn to use AI technology as your 'digital detective' to spot scams.

Bring along your charged smartphone device to participate. Pen and notepad recommended.

Date: Monday 19th October

Time: 10:30 – 12.30

Venue: Rowville Community Centre, 40 Fulham Rd, Rowville.

Cost: FREE – Limited spaces.

Bookings essential.

Call 9764 1166, or Visit bit.ly/clcgow26

English – Why?

*A starfish is not a fish.
A silverfish is not a fish.
A shellfish is not a fish.
A jellyfish is not a fish.
But a seahorse is a?*



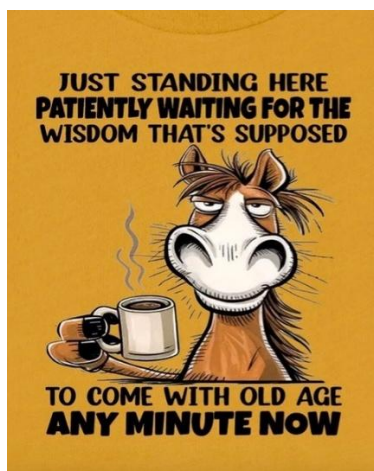


URGENT HELP NEEDED!!!!

A mate of mine won two tickets to the 2026 NRL GRAND FINAL in Sydney. They are box seats plus penthouse accommodation and \$1000.00 for miscellaneous expenses.

When he won them his Wedding date had not been finalized. Now it turns out the only date available at the church for their wedding is on NRL Grand Final Day - so he can't go.

If you're interested and want to go instead of him, it's at 1st Baptist Church at 5 PM on Sunday 1st of October. She's a fairly nice looking girl about 5'5" clean, cute, great body and her name is Amanda. She will be the one in the White Dress.



OUTINGS AND EXCURSIONS



Badge reminder

A reminder to wear your name badge at all meetings, activities and outings.



Payment for Outings

Payments can be made via deposits to the Club Account. The Bank Account details are listed on the front page of the Newsletter. Make sure to include your **name** and **activity** when you make the transfer.

New Club bank account.
Please use this new account going forward.
BENDIGO BANK
BSB 633.000
ACCOUNT NO 250386224

For those members who prefer to pay cash at meetings, please note that there will be **pre-printed envelopes** available on the Registration table at each monthly General Meeting. We suggest you take 2-3 envelopes so you can complete these at home with the correct amount and also save any queries or delays at the table.

Doreen A
Outings and Excursions Officer

I urge you to take care of yourself and avoid accidents, because spare parts for old models like us are no longer in stock.

Callout for photographers and journos!

ACTIVITIES and OUTINGS

The newsletter relies on members for contributions, especially relating to activities, outings and trips. If you'd like to contribute a couple of **photos, a report, a few words**, or even some **dot points** for any activity you are involved in, I would be most grateful, and so would the rest of our members!

Have ideas? Have a chat!
Thank you in advance....., *Sheila (Editor)*

THANK YOU TO OUR CONTRIBUTORS

Thank you to all who contribute to the Newsletter, including Doreen A, Carole C, Barry C, Barry C, Graeme F, Carol G, Tina G, Godfrey G, Colin G, Joan G, Noel H, Marj L, Robert M, Arlette P, Rose R, Peter R, Paula S, Craig S, David W, Brenda W and Ian W.

Contributions to the Newsletter are most welcome.

Probus Club of Wheelers Hill

What's On 2026



October	Friday	9	General Meeting	10:00am, Wheelers Hill Library
	Sunday	18	Musical Afternoon	Details emailed.
	Friday	23	Strollers	10:00am, Wheelers Hill Library lake & café.
	Monday	26	Coffee and Conversation	10:00am, Food Court Brandon Park S.C.
	Friday	30	MCG / Sports Museum	Bookings essential.
November	Monday	2	Chat Group	10:00am, Details emailed.
	Friday	6	Committee Meeting	10:00am, Brandon Park Community Centre
	Friday	13	50th Celebration Morning Tea (begins with General Meeting)	10:00am, Wheelers Hill Library
	Wednesday	25	My Fair Lady – Arts Centre State Theatre	Bookings essential.
	Friday	27	Strollers	10:00am, Wheelers Hill Library lake & café.
	Monday	30	Coffee and Conversation	10:00am, Food Court Brandon Park S.C.
December	Friday	4	Committee Meeting	10:00am, Brandon Park Community Centre
	Monday	7	Chat Group	10:00am, Details emailed.
	Friday	11	Christmas Lunch at Village Green	Bookings essential.
	Friday	18	Strollers TBC	10:00am, Wheelers Hill Library lake & café.
	Sunday	20	Musical Afternoon	Details emailed.
	Monday	28	Coffee and Conversation TBC	10:00am, Food Court Brandon Park S.C.
	Thursday	31	Committee Meeting	10:00am, Brandon Park Community Centre

NOTE: For **essential bookings**, sign on at the outings table, or book directly with Doreen.

DUTY MONITORS for NOVEMBER

Door: Morris, Craig

Tea Table: Raelene

Coffee Table: Mary G

Welcomer: Barry C

Instructions for Set-Up and Morning Tea are posted on the wall in the kitchen.