Combined Probus Club of St. Helena Inc.
Incorporation No: A00048111V
Fellowship, Friendship and Fun

June

Newsletter

Monday
15 June 2026
At Montmorency RSL - Entry from 10:00am

Please allow our "setting up" members first entry

General Meeting
10:30am

Guest Speaker:
Helen Walker OAM

Venue and Meetings
RSL Greensborough
111 Main Street,
Greensborough
on the 3rd Monday of each month, 10:30am, unless otherwise advised

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P.O. Box 131, Briar Hill, 3088

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Club Website
https://www.probussouthpacific.org/microsites/sthelenacombined

Next Meeting
Monday 20 July
at 10:30am at
Greensborough RSL



President's Message

A warm welcome to members to our June newsletter but a not so warm welcome to the Winter months ahead.

I trust members enjoyed lunch at the Growling Frog and are looking forward to our visit to Ellis Cottage followed by lunch at the Diamond Creek Hotel.

In mentioning the onset of winter months ahead we say Bon Voyage to Chris and Shirley Kelly as they travel north to the wilds of Queensland to enjoy several months of warm weather. I extend my thanks to Chris for his great work, to date, as Treasurer and also thank him for the detailed arrangements he has put in place to ensure all the Treasurer's responsibilities are covered while he is away.

I also offer my sincere thanks to Secretary Kaye for her diligence in liaising with members to record details of Probus members who are also members of the Greensborough RSL. Kaye has advised we now have 91 of our members who have membership with the Greensborough RSL. As many would appreciate, the RSL makes a donation to our club based on the amount members spend at the RSL anytime during the year. I have been reminded that membership is only $10 per year and members' discounts on meals and drinks generally adds to more than the $10. Plus you have discounted meals and a drink in your birthday month.

As a Melbourne Demon's supporter and a Victorian, I say Vale Neale Daniher AO. May he rest in peace knowing what significant contribution he has made to the fight against MND. Hopefully as we enjoyed the break over the King's Birthday weekend, we joined with those at the Big Freeze at the MCG and reflected on the legacy he has left.

I look forward to catching up with all at our June meeting **at Montmorency RSL** and having the privilege of inducting Julie Ward into the club.

Fred Harrington OAM

Contributions for July issue to Pat Cartwright By Wed 08 July

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We have been advised by the Greensborough RSL that their room is unavailable on Monday 15th June for our general meeting.

Arrangements have been made to have our meeting at the **Montmorency RSL, 16 Mountain View Road Montmorency**.

Please note that the timing arrangements are the same, i.e. arrive from 10 am onwards for our meeting start time of 10.30 am. Please remember to go to the "meet and greet" table to have your name registered as present. There are two entrances.

As per our usual arrangements, lunches will be served and orders are to be placed during the morning tea break. Given that Montmorency RSL is kind enough to accommodate us free of charge, it would be wonderful if as many people as possible stayed for lunch to show our support and appreciation.

If you catch up with any other members please mention this to them in case they missed the earlier email.

BIRTHDAYS

Trevor Cameron 0455 281 740



To Cynthia Dirikis, Peter Dyson, Terry Hense, Lorraine Jelley, Shirley Kelly, Yvonne Lockwood, Bruce Lohrey, Lorraine Manuell, Coral Prell, Lyn Rigg and David Wright



GUEST SPEAKERS

Mary Barker-Scott 0411 137 745
memandkevs@gmail.com

JUNE – Helen Walker OAM

Helen will tell of her journey that led to her receiving her Australian Honour. A journey that has included some 42 years as a volunteer supporter of women prisoners, including visits to numerous prisons, running bible study groups, and helping children visit their mothers “inside”.

JULY – David Mann AM

David is best known as ***Mann About Town***, playing the part of roving on-air reporter for 3AW.

Mary Barker-Scott

Welcome to our new members

April



Karen Hammond

May

Chris Barrett



OUT AND ABOUT

GROWLING FROG LUNCH













Kaye

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DINE OUTS / ACTIVITIES

JULY – Wednesday 22 at 10:00am – CHRISTMAS IN JULY at MORNING MELODIES $30

Montmorency RSL, 16 Mountain View Rd, Montmorency
Arrive between 10:00am and 10:30am (please note that the doors will not be opened before 10:00am)
Morning tea available on arrival and we will be served a 2 course lunch (main course & dessert) plus tea/coffee, with entertainment by The Hoffmans.
Click on this link to access the booking form for **CHRISTMAS IN JULY**:
https://forms.gle/ooc7ihRVUm2EtW9w6

15 June meeting - Deadline for correct cash payment
8 July - Bookings due
8 July - EFT payment due Reference Code: **CHRISTMAS Surname Initial/s**

Kaye Jenkin

AUGUST - Thursday 27 – 12 Noon – LOWER PLENTY HOTEL LUNCH Pay on the day

4 Main Rd, Lower Plenty
Click on this link to access the booking form for **Lower Plenty Hotel Lunch**:
https://forms.gle/gtEfH1N8RpJ1Ac4J7
20 August – Bookings due

Jan Baker

NOVEMBER – Monday 02 – MELBOURNE CUP FUNCTION

DECEMBER – Thursday 10 – 12 Noon – CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



THEATRE

****Please note that these are the last theatre outings, unless someone takes on this role**

Pre-Payment is required for all **Theatre** and should be paid into the **Trip Account**

AUGUST – Wednesday 12 at 1:00pm – *"Pretty Woman"*

Regent Theatre, 191 Collins Street - All places filled

OCTOBER – Wednesday 14 at 1:00pm – *"A Beautiful Noise: The Neil Diamond Musical"*

Princess Theatre, 163 Spring Street **$91**
Please note that the tickets are for the Dress Circle **and there is no lift**.
Click on this link to access the booking form for **A Beautiful Noise**:
https://forms.gle/Ca8YBWr5vvwz1LsGA

20 July - Bookings due
20 July meeting - Deadline for correct cash payment
04 August - EFT payment due Reference Code: **NEIL Surname Initial/s**

NOTE: SEATS MAY STILL BE AVAILABLE

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TRIPS and TOURS

Phil Ciravolo 0409 940 468 ciravolo@netspace.net.au

JUNE – Tuesday 16 – 11:00am – HISTORICAL ELLIS COTTAGE $18

10 Nillumbik Square, Diamond Creek (Ellis Cottage Reserve)
Our tour will be conducted by **Nillumbik Historical Society** volunteers. Devonshire tea included.
After the tour we have booked lunch for 12.30 pm at **Diamond Creek Hotel** (own cost at the hotel).

AUGUST – Thursday 20 – 11:00am - AUSTRALIAN TAPESTRY WORKSHOP $15

262-266 Park St, South Melbourne



We will have an opportunity to observe the weavers at work from the mezzanine, and to look down into the colour laboratory where the yarns are dyed for production. The ATW has two galleries which feature curated exhibitions of tapestries, textiles and contemporary art on a rotating basis. The on-site shop sells ATW exclusive yarns, with a colour range of 368 colours, as well as ATW cards, kits and books.

The link to the booking form is:
https://forms.gle/rGqwULR7eXUzcGjw9

14 August - Bookings due
17 August meeting - Deadline for correct cash payment
17 August - EFT payment due Reference Code: **ATW Surname Initial/s**

Note: Limited to 25 members.

Travel from Eltham on the 9.21am train (usual 2nd last carriage). Travel by tram from Fed Square. Following the tour, we will walk 150 meters to the iconic corner pub **Limerick Arms Hotel** (364 Clarendon St South Melbourne). Lunch at own cost.

SEPTEMBER – Wednesday 09 – 10:00am - MONT de LANCEY HISTORIC HOMESTEAD

71 Wellington Rd, Wandin North **$10**

Morning tea prior to the tour onsite at own cost, then tour.
We will have lunch at **Two Peas Café** which is onsite. Once bookings have been finalised, I will email a menu to members so that we can pre-order our meals.
Good variety of food available $15 - $29.



Travel arrangements – own vehicle or carpooling (see booking form). Approx 1 hour drive from Greensborough RSL.



Relive the history of the Yarra Valley. Do you love immersing yourself in bygone days? Join us for a day visiting the historic homestead of Mont De Lancey, built in the 1880's by an early settler family, the Sebires.

There's lots to see when you visit the property – the former milking shed, the slab kitchen on the original house site, the museum collection in the remodeled former farm buildings (which is home to over 5,000 eclectic objects, from egg whisks and butter churns to wedding dresses and pig scrapers), plus the historic dairy and chapel.

P.T.O.

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Trips and Tours Cont.

Walk in the shoes of the Sebire family – wander through the homestead, furnished with original artefacts from their era and explore the surrounding gardens.

The link to the booking form is:
https://forms.gle/CzvunYhPxdJmc2c38

28 August - Bookings due
17 August meeting - Deadline for cash payment
28 August - EFT payment due Reference Code: **MONT Surname Initial/s**

NOVEMBER – Wednesday 11 – 10:30am – WERRIBEE ZOO



Further information will be in the August newsletter



Phil

WALKING GROUP

Garry Solum 0417 274 421 garrysforklift@hotmail.com

JUNE – Wednesday 17 – 10:00am – NORRIS BANK RESERVE, Bundoora Map 9J 12

Meet at Bundoora Hotel Car Park, 49 Plenty Road, Bundoora and we will set off from there.
Refreshments afterwards at **Cafe Lucio,** Bundoora Square, 9/27-31 Plenty Rd, Bundoora



JULY – Wednesday 15 – 10:00am – RUFFEY LAKE PARK, Doncaster East Map 33J 12

Meet at Victoria Street Playground car park.
We will do the lake circuit; plenty of bird life to view along the way.
Refreshments at **Carlucci's Restaurant**, 134 James Street, Templestowe
Note: this walk is PRIOR TO the July General Meeting

Garry

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STRATHALLAN GOLF

Don Gowers 0474 209 278

Any member interested in a relaxing nine holes of golf, followed by a social cup of tea/coffee, please join our regular group of Probus members **EVERY** Tuesday at the Strathallan Golf Club, 100 Main Drive Bundoora. Our normal tee off times are between 8:00 and 8:30. New players - please phone or e-mail.

Don

PAV ANNUAL GOLF DAY

NOVEMBER – Thursday 12

Note for Golfers Diary

The 17th annual Probus Victoria Golf Day will be held at the Goonawarra Golf Club, in Sunbury on the 12th November 2026. The cost this year has been reduced to $50 each (plus the cost of a cart if required). All golfers in the club have been invited. As at the start of June we only had two interested golfers, so an entry from our club is in doubt.

If you want to play, and are yet to contact Chris, please do so without delay – as carts need to be booked early.

Chris Kelly

GARDENS

Jan Baker 0438 194 400 stujanb@bigpond.net.au

JULY – Thursday 30 – 10:00am - RIVERS NURSERY TALK and MORNING TEA $25

28 Kurrak Rd, Yarrambat

Garden talk and question time and morning tea (scones, jam, cream). On previous visits, attendees have been given a 10% discount voucher to use on anything purchased at the nursery on the day. This will possibly be the case again, but not guaranteed.

Please book ASAP, to get an idea of numbers before paying a deposit to Rivers.

Please book by clicking on the link below, or contact Jan via email or telephone.

https://forms.gle/CQoiggdyFqKvo4y39

20 July - Bookings due

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OCTOBER – Thursday 8 – 10:30am – ALOWYN GARDENS



1210 Melba Highway, Yarra Glen

A walk and talk. We can buy tea or coffee there beforehand, but you would probably need to be there a bit earlier. If everyone would like morning tea we could book that for 10.00am and sit down at a table.

For lunch we could go back to the nearby **Chocolaterie** at 35 Old Healesville Road, Yarra Glen. They have a wide variety of items on their menu.

CARAVAN and CABINS GROUP

Chris Kelly 0417 571 588 chrisnshirl@bigpond.com

OCTOBER - Tuesday 20 to Sunday 25

BIG4 Traralgon Park Lane Holiday Park

5353 Princes Hwy, Traralgon VIC 3844 Phone: **03 5174 6749**

We currently have 40 members heading to Traralgon.

If you wish to join us please ring the park, mention our club name and make a booking. Please ensure that you get the price published to members. Please then **advise Chris Kelly** of your booking.

If in doubt please talk to Chris.

Activities to consider include a drive to Walhalla (45 km), perhaps a mine tour, a visit to Loy Yang A power station (which I helped to project manage), a winery and/or brewery visit or visit Old Gippstown (Gippsland Heritage Park). An email has been sent to members heading to Traralgon, with a list of possible activities to consider.

MARCH 2027 – Tuesday 16 to Sunday 21

Bendigo Golden Nugget Tourist Park

293-297 Midland Highway, Epsom (9 km from Bendigo CBD) Phone: **(03) 5448 4747**

We currently have 38 members heading to Bendigo. The selected park has a function room that will be solely for our use while we are there. Instead of dining out on the Wednesday we will have a catered two-course roast meal served in the function room. BYO drinks.

If you wish to join us please contact Chris Kelly.

Deposits will not be payable until 2027 prices have been locked in.

Please direct any queries for either park to Chris Kelly.

Regards

Chris Kelly

Convenor – Caravan and Cabin Group

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A MESSAGE FROM YVONNE LOCKWOOD FOR OUR BUSY KNITTERS.

KOGO squares

Here are the instructions for those kind ladies knitting squares. I have balls of wool if anyone wants them. 8 ply acrylic yarn can be bought very cheaply so one ball is not a great cost.

The only **Rules** to follow are:-

8 Ply Acrylic Yarn - One colour, striped or multi-colour squares are all acceptable

Garter Stitch – (Knit every row)

Square must measure 20cm x 20cm Please check your tension. Last year not all tape measures measured the same!!!!!. Generally, **40 stitches on either 4mm or 4.5mm Needles** (for tighter knitters) will give the correct measurement.

All ends must be sewn in.

If you have any questions, please speak to me .

All donations will need to be received by me by the August 17th meeting or dropped off to me by Monday 31st August 2026. I can pick up!!!

Many thanks, Yvonne

0409 185 813 yvonnelockwood1@gmail.com



This is not a Probus activity, but many of our members go to the Legends of Brass concerts. Bookings are direct with https://www.trybooking.com/DIPCC or call Paul or David 0490 091 064

FUTURE OUTINGS and ACTIVITIES

Weekly: Strathallan Golf every Tuesday

Please wear your name badge at social functions so you can greet members by name

JUNE 2026			OCTOBER 2026		
Mon	15	Probus Meeting **Montmorency RSL**	Thu	08	Garden: Alowyn Gardens
Tue	16	Trip: Ellis Cottage/Diamond Creek Hotel	Wed	14	Theatre: *A Beautiful Noise*
Wed	17	Walk: Norris Bank Reserve	Mon	19	Probus Meeting
			Tue-Sun	20-25	Caravan and Cabins: Big 4 Traralgon Park Lane Holiday Park
JULY 2026			**NOVEMBER 2026**		
Wed	15	Walk: Ruffey Lake Park	Mon	02	Melbourne Cup Function
Mon	20	Probus Meeting	Wed	11	Trip: Werribee Zoo
Wed	22	Dine Out: Christmas in July at Morning Melodies	Thu	12	PAV Annual Golf Day
			Mon	16	Probus Meeting
Thu	30	Garden: Rivers Nursery			
AUGUST 2026			**DECEMBER 2026**		
Wed	12	Theatre: *Pretty Woman*	Thu	10	Dine Out: Christmas Luncheon
Mon	17	Probus Meeting	Wed	16	Probus Meeting
Thu	20	Trip: Australian Tapestry Workshop			
Thu	27	Dineout: Lower Plenty Hotel Lunch			
SEPTEMBER 2026			**JANUARY 2027**		
Wed	09	Trip: Mont de Lancey	Mon	18	Probus Meeting
Mon	21	Probus Meeting			

BOOKING AN ACTIVITY AND PAYMENTS FOR ACTIVITIES

Members are strongly encouraged to pay by EFT to reduce the risk and effort associated with the handling of cash.

- **STEP 1 – BOOK**

  Note: this STEP 1 is required before undertaking STEP 2!!!!

  Each activity has its own Booking Form. Click on the link in the newsletter. **A separate booking is to be submitted for each person OR** book direct with the organiser.

- **STEP 2 – PAY**

  EFT payments are made to the Trip Account; one payment per activity, quoting the advertised EFT Payment Activity Code and showing Surname and Initial (or initials, if for 2 people) **OR** pay at a Probus Meeting with correct cash and submitting two Pink Slips, filled out in full.

Apologies: If you are unable to attend a meeting please submit an apology to

Jenny Solum 0418 383 463

garrysforklift@hotmail.com

Welfare: Please advise **Jan Spiden** if you are ill or know of another member who may not be well so the club can keep in contact and offer support. The Road to Recovery may be mentioned at a Probus meeting, but medical condition details are not made public without prior approval of the member.

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