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

July

Newsletter

Monday
20 July 2026

Entry from 10:00am

Please allow our "setting up" members first entry

General Meeting
10:30am

Guest Speaker:
David Mann AM

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 17 August
at 10:30am at
Greensborough RSL

President's Message



It is hard to believe that four months have passed since the AGM and what four months they have been for the club.

Three new members, Julie Ward, Christine Barrett, and Karen Hammond inducted into the club. Additionally, members have been involved in the many activities undertaken including wreath laying on Anzac Day, lunches at Highlands, Growling Frog and Diamond Creek Hotels (there is a pattern of long lunches developing here!) and visits to Ellis Cottage, the National Wool Museum and Ridgefield Estate and garden tour. For the more energetic there has been regular golfing and monthly walks. Also included is the Picnic at Westerfolds Park joining with other Probus clubs to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Probus in Australia.

I thank our members for their support of these events and equally thank committee members for their efforts in planning and organising these and all events available for our members.

Earlier I made mention of a Gardens tour organised by Jan Baker. Irene and I are reminded every day of the visit Jan arranged some years back to Bunnings Eltham where all attendees had the opportunity to pot some Pansies. The plants we potted on that day sit outside our kitchen window and bloom regularly. For two non 'green thumbs' we are enjoying the regular colourful blooms, even on our wintery days.

We are now past the shortest day of the year, and we can look forward to the many forthcoming events on our Probus calendar.

Stay strong during the remaining winter months and I am sure we can all continue to support the many forthcoming events (mainly indoors!!) being provided by our committee members for all of us to enjoy.

I look forward to seeing all members at our July meeting, back at our home at Greensborough RSL Club.

Fred Harrington OAM

Contributions for August issue to Pat Cartwright By Wed 05 August

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BIRTHDAYS

Trevor Cameron 0455 281 740



to Janice Bayer, Don Gowers, Chris Kelly, Wendy Macdonald, Kelvin Mitchener, Denise Moyle, Joan Myerscough, Keren Robson, Arthur Sandford (**97**), Robyn White and Fran Wilson



GUEST SPEAKERS

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

JULY – David Mann AM

David is best known as ***Mann About Town***, playing the part of roving on-air reporter for 3AW.
David also runs his own marketing and public relations company, Mann Promotions Pty Ltd, which consults many companies and not-for-profit organisations around Australia.
Beyond broadcasting, David has worked in an operational capacity with Victoria Police, the Metropolitan Fire Brigade and Ambulance Victoria.
David is currently Chairman of Entertainment Assist, the former Chair Victoria Police Blue Ribbon Foundation, and the Mount Macedon Memorial Cross reserve committee of management.

AUGUST – Ritz of Rosanna

An insight into this iconic business in Rosanna (with examples of their clothing lines)

Mary Barker-Scott

Welcome to our new member
Julie Ward



How to keep the Treasurer happy…….

1. **Bank Accounts:** Please be careful when selecting the account to which you wish to pay for something. Around 50% of the transactions I handled in June were transferring funds from the **General** account to the **Trips** account - because of member error.

2. **Function Code:** Please be more careful when entering the code for the event to which you wish to pay funds as requested by the organiser of that event. Please do not make up your own codes.

3. **Pink Slips**: Please consider using BLOCK LETTERS when you write your name, the function and the value concerned.

Every little bit helps and is appreciated.
Thanks
Chris Kelly
Treasurer

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OUT AND ABOUT

HISTORICAL ELLIS COTTAGE – 16 June

20 members visited Ellis Cottage in Diamond Creek, built in 1865.

We started off with a delicious serving of scones and cream with coffee or tea. Then the very learned volunteers from the Nillumbik Historical Society treated us to an informative account of the history of the property and it's owners, as well as learning about the surrounding areas of Nillumbik, and names of other famous people who lived in the area.

The cottage and display of various artefacts was well worth seeing.

It amazes me how much history is at the doorstep of where we live. We just need to go and see what's there.

Well worth the visit, and the Nillumbik Historical Society are to be complimented for the great work they have done in our community.

Our members gathered for a very enjoyable lunch at Diamond creek Hotel.

Another day of fun, friendship and fellowship.

Phil





















DINE OUTS / ACTIVITIES

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

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

Kaye Jenkin

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

4 Main Rd, Lower Plenty
Seniors meals – 2 course $26pp, 3 course $29pp. They have quite a good seniors menu.
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**.
All places filled
20 July meeting - Deadline for correct cash payment
04 August - EFT payment due Reference Code: **NEIL Surname Initial/s**

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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). Attendees are given a 10% discount voucher to use on anything purchased at the nursery on the day.

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

https://forms.gle/CQoiggdyFqKvo4y39

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What is this year's topic for the talk, you ask?
Below are some of the subjects we can choose from.

Our favourite Roses and how to grow them.
Gardening for small spaces & courtyards.
Creating a green indoor environment.
Growing a native garden & attracting birds.
How to grow around the year colour.
Fast food crops and how to grow them.
Any other subject that people are interested in.

Please let me know your ideas ASAP and I'll make a decision for this year's talk

Jan

OCTOBER – Thursday 8 – 10:30am – ALOWYN GARDENS $12.50

1210 Melba Highway, Yarra Glen **minimum number is 15**

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

https://forms.gle/cmaM8JNJWnikBwMYA

14 Sep - Bookings due
21 Sep meeting - Deadline for cash payment
21 Sep - EFT payment due Reference Code: **ALOWYN Surname Initial/s**

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TRIPS and TOURS

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

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 (currently 18).

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.



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.

Walk in the shoes of the Sebire family – wander through the 1880's 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**

P.T.O.

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Trips and Tours Cont.

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

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

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

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).

At the moment I have two names. I need another two names by the July General meeting or we will not be submitting an entry.

Please contact me without delay if you want to play and are yet to contact me. I will be making a decision before the end of July. All golfers will then be notified of the outcome.

Chris Kelly

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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



To all our knitters – please bring your knitted squares to the July meeting and give them to **Betty Neville**. The absolute cut-off is the end of August, so final call for squares is for the St Helena August meeting, where **Yvonne Lockwood** will accept your squares. You join with thousands of Victorian knitters to supply much-needed warmth for the most vulnerable in our community.
A reminder for any last-minute knitters that the pattern was published in the June 2026 St Helena newsletter.

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FUTURE OUTINGS and ACTIVITIES

Weekly: Strathallan Golf every Tuesday

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

JULY 2026			NOVEMBER 2026		
Mon	20	Probus Meeting	Mon	02	Melbourne Cup Function
Wed	22	Dine Out: Christmas in July at Morning Melodies	Wed	11	Trip: Werribee Zoo
			Thu	12	PAV Annual Golf Day
Thu	30	Garden: Rivers Nursery	Mon	16	Probus Meeting
			Wed	18	Walk:
AUGUST 2026			**DECEMBER 2026**		
Wed	12	Theatre: *Pretty Woman*	Thu	10	Dine Out: Christmas Luncheon
Mon	17	Probus Meeting	Wed	16	Probus Meeting
Wed	19	Walk:			
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			
Wed	**23**	Walk:			
OCTOBER 2026			**FEBRUARY 2027**		
Thu	08	Garden: Alowyn Gardens	Mon	15	Probus Meeting
Wed	14	Theatre: *A Beautiful Noise*	Wed	17	Walk:
Mon	19	Probus Meeting			
Tue-Sun	20-25	Caravan and Cabins: Big 4 Traralgon Park Lane Holiday Park			

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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