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

August

Newsletter

Monday
17 August 2026

Entry from 10:00am

Please allow our "setting up" members first entry

General Meeting
10:30am

Guest Speaker:
Ritz of Rosanna

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

Postal Address
P.O. Box 131, Briar Hill, 3088

Email Address
Email 1008013sh@gmail.com

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

Next Meeting
Monday 21 September
at 10:30am at
Greensborough RSL



President's Message

It is hard to believe it is already August and two thirds of the year has passed along with 21 of the 24 AFL home and away matches. Some members can sit comfortably knowing their team will be in the finals, some members will be hoping their teams can win their remaining matches to make the finals and for others, well there is always next year.

The club continues to enjoy a range of varied and most enjoyable activities. In recent weeks we celebrated Christmas in July. While most attendees were sedate in their dressing in Christmas attire, they really got their 'bells a jingling' dancing and singing along with those 50's and 60's classics performed by the entertainers. Thanks to Kaye for her efforts in organising members' attendance at this event.

Once again, the visit to Rivers Nursery was excellent. A very enjoyable and informative talk by David from Rivers followed by morning tea comprising of scones, jam, and cream. Thanks to Jan Baker for organising this event.

Late last month I accompanied Irene to the Greenhill Probus Club meeting where she was giving her talk on the history of celebrancy in Australia. I was pleased to see one of their members, Trevor Wilson, who I knew from our days in Apex in the 1970's and 1980's. A pleasant surprise and a good catchup. You never know who you are going to meet within the Probus community.

In closing I join with all other members of the club in offering our condolences to Heather Wilson on Robert's passing. As a relatively new member, I only came to really know Robert during last Probus year when Robert and I were both on the committee. Even over that brief period, I could see the love of, and commitment Robert had, to the St Helena Probus Club and our members. All will miss him.

Members attending the service at Le Pine wore their name badges, both as an acknowledgment of Robert's commitment to St Helena Probus and to allow other attendees to be aware of St Helena Probus Club's support of Heather and the family.

Fred Harrington OAM

Contributions for
September issue to
Pat Cartwright
By Wed 09 September

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BIRTHDAYS

Trevor Cameron 0455 281 740



to Pat Agius, Sue Ciravolo, Marie Daye, Fred Harrington OAM, Wendy Lewis, Una Macklin, Jim Massie, Sue McDonald, Doug Munro, Ian Murton and Jill Wallis



GUEST SPEAKERS

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

AUGUST – Ritz of Rosanna

Melissa will give an insight into this iconic business in Rosanna (with examples of their clothing lines)

SEPTEMBER – June Ruston

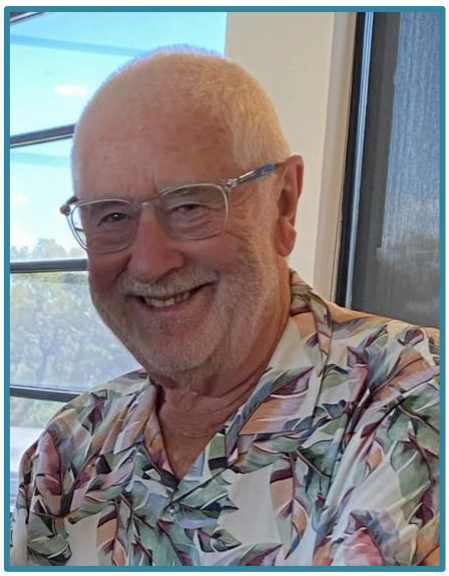
June will be speaking about Living in Lighthouses.

Mary Barker-Scott

Vale
Robert Wilson

Robert passed away on Wednesday 22 July.

Robert and Heather joined our club in 2010.



Together they took on the responsibility of organising Trips and Tours from 2016 for four years. Robert went to great lengths to make sure everything ran smoothly and ensured that everyone had an enjoyable time.

In 2022 Robert became the club's Treasurer, a position he held for four years. Robert is to be admired for his tireless work and the meticulous manner in which he conducted himself in both roles.

The words "to know him was to like him" ring true when we think of Robert. He was such a friendly, thoughtful (and colourful) man and nothing was too much trouble for him.

Our dear friend (and his smile) will certainly be missed, but never forgotten.

Our heartfelt thoughts are with Heather and the family at this sad time.

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DINE OUTS / ACTIVITIES

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 AFTERNOON TEA



DECEMBER – Thursday 10 – 12 Noon – CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

THEATRE



Yvonne has kindly taken on arranging theatre outings for our club. Thank you, Yvonne.

Yvonne Lockwood 0409 185 813 yvonnelockwood1@gmail.com

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

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

Princess Theatre, 163 Spring Street

All payments were due 04 August

GARDENS

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

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

262-266 Park St, South Melbourne

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**

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



Further information will be in the September newsletter



Phil

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WALKING GROUP

Garry Solum 0417 274 421 garrysforklift@hotmail.com

AUGUST – Wednesday 19 – 10:00am – BANYULE FLATS Map 32, F2

This walk is part of the main Yarra Trail.



Parking at car park off Somerset Drive at Banyule Flats Reserve.

It is a nice flat walk around the wetlands circuit then we will drive to Warringal shopping centre for coffee and cake.

Please note the **September** walk will be held on the **4th Wednesday of the month (23rd)**
Details in September's newsletter

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



Final call to all our knitters – Yvonne Lockwood will be accepting your squares at the August meeting.

SCAMS AWARENESS WEEK 25-29 AUGUST

https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/online-safety-presentations



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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

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OUT AND ABOUT

CHRISTMAS IN JULY at MORNING MELODIES

Our enjoyable Christmas in July at Montmorency RSL was attended by 53 jovial members. Morning tea and lunch was great and we all appreciated the fabulous music thanks to husband and wife team "The Hoffmans". As you can see from the photos, a lot of people couldn't resist getting up and dancing. We all enjoyed the meal and the company of our Probus friends – a noisy lot.

Kaye Jenkin



Walking 500 miles

Happy to be 97







Nice to see our members in a "get up and boogie" mood







YMCA























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Would anyone like to arrange a table or two to continue the party?



FUTURE OUTINGS and ACTIVITIES

Weekly: Strathallan Golf every Tuesday

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

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: Banyule Flats			
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			
NOVEMBER 2026			**MARCH 2027**		
Mon	02	Melbourne Cup Afternoon Tea	Mon	15	Probus Meeting & AGM
Wed	11	Trip: Werribee Zoo	Wed	17	Walk:
Mon	16	Probus Meeting			
Wed	18	Walk:			

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.

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