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

September

Newsletter

Monday 21 September 2026

Entry from 10:00am

Please allow our "setting up" members first entry

General Meeting 10:30am

Guest Speaker: June Ruston

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

Next Meeting
Monday 19 October
at 10:30am

President's Message



Winter is now behind us and so are the first weeks of the footy finals. Sadly, for my Melbourne demons their season is also behind us. That said I will still be wearing my Melbourne colours to our forthcoming meeting (this time on the outside!). I am looking forward to there being a sea of footy colours at our September meeting.

Each month as I sit to prepare my President's Message, I wonder what to write about. Then I reflect on the activities of the previous month and what a month it has been, the words begin to flow.

A great speaker last month, complete with several of the local 'supermodels', plus Trevor's rendition of the Marilyn Munroe 'Happy Birthday Mr President'. This was followed by a great outing to the **Tapestry workshop** (including a brief tour of South Melbourne until we eventually found the Tapestry workshop). The visit was followed by a most enjoyable lunch at the **Limerick Arms Hotel**. More recently lunch at the **Lower Plenty Hotel and** a day out at **Mont de Lancey** – all made for a full and varied program of events over the past month.

I would like members to recall the presentation from Neville Jenkin at our last meeting where he advised that with the recent passing of several members, coupled with a number of resignations, we are now a club of 113 members with no one on the waiting list. Along with Neville, I encourage members to look amongst their friends and acquaintances and provide them with an invitation to attend one of our meetings or outings, to promote the club and invite them to join this highly active club.

I look forward to seeing members sporting their teams' colours at our September meeting. Go Dees (well at least in 2027)

Fred Harrington OAM

Contributions for October issue to Pat Cartwright By Wed 07 October

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BIRTHDAYS

Trevor Cameron 0455 281 740



to Trevor Cameron, John Cornish, David Cripps, Ian Daye, Wendy Gray, Cathy Horton, Neville Jenkin, Pat Merrey, Barbara Nitschke and Peter Tedge.



GUEST SPEAKER

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

SEPTEMBER – June Ruston

June will be speaking about her many years living as a lighthouse family, protecting the coastlines of Tasmania and Victoria. Please note that members on the centre front table will be asked to vacate the table so as not to obstruct the view of the speaker, who will be speaking from the floor in front of the stage.

Mary Barker-Scott

Our lovely models wearing Ritz of Rosanna outfits





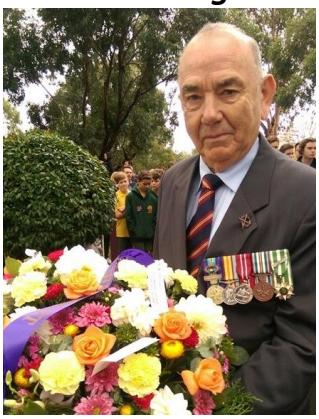
And the lucky winner of a $50 Voucher was none other than your Editor *(already a customer – trying on a glamourous outfit for a sparkly function and then for granddaughter's wedding)*



TO HONOUR AFL GRAND FINALS MONTH
– feel free to wear something to promote "your" club.
Let's see a sea of footy colour at this September meeting.



Vale
David Wright



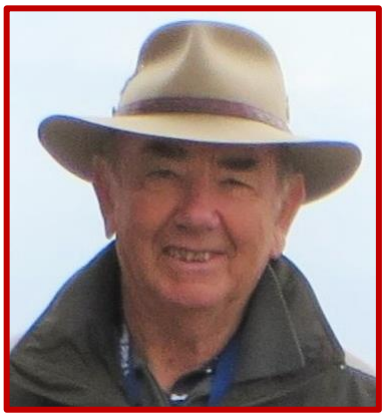
David passed away on Wednesday 9th September

David, along with Bev, joined our club in 2006 and he has been very active and involved in many ways over the years, including 11 years as Historian/photographer, 5 years working with Chris on Caravan trips, 1 year running the monthly golf and 4 years organising dine-outs.

For many years David – a proud Vietnam veteran with 1st Field Sqn – represented our club on ANZAC day, laying a wreath at the Greensborough RSL memorial service.

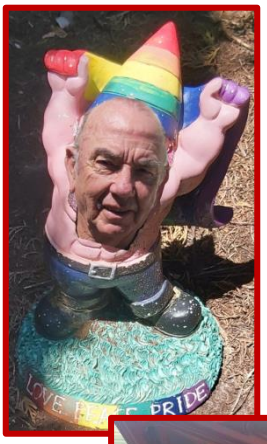
Our early members have fond memories of David dressing up and performing in the Christmas reviews. David was always up for a fun time and enjoyed chatting and laughing with his Probus friends.

David was always upbeat and optimistic about dealing with his health issues. His infectious smile and bright personality will be greatly missed, but certainly not forgotten. Our heartfelt thoughts and sympathy go out to Bev and the family.









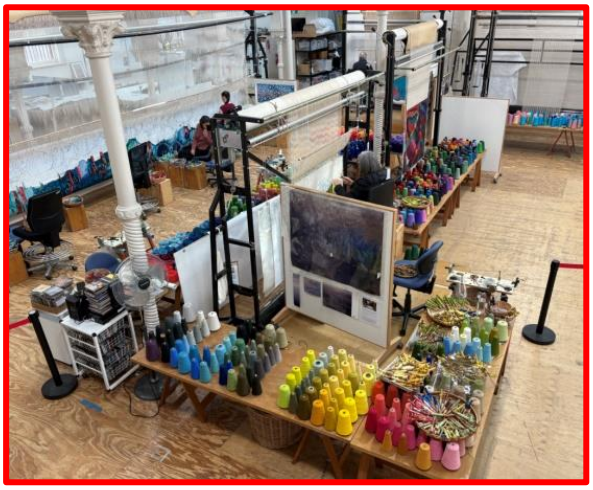




OUT AND ABOUT

AUSTRALIAN TAPESTRY WORKSHOP

14 members enjoyed a memorable day at the Australian Tapestry Workshop located in an iconic building in South Melbourne.



Our very knowledgeable guide Chris gave us an enlightening explanation of how tapestries are made, from design to weaving. It's quite a process. Several special tapestries weaved at ATW are now in various public buildings. I look forward to seeing one recently installed at the new Footscray Hospital.

We observed the weavers at work from the mezzanine floor and were in awe of the speed at which they worked, and the sheer size of the projects they were working on and looked down into the colour laboratory where the yarns are dyed for production. The yarn spools were meticulously assembled in colour ranges and that was visually artistic. There were also a couple of galleries showcasing interesting work from prominent weavers.



Our members gathered for a very enjoyable lunch at the **Limerick Arms Hotel** and followed that with coffee at a local cafe.

Another day of fun, friendship and fellowship.

Phil







MONT de LANCEY HISTORIC HOMESTEAD

On a somewhat cool and showery morning 28 of our members headed east through the Yarra Valley to the historic homestead – Mont De Lancey in Wandin North.

We started the day with morning tea in the on-site "Two Peas Café" followed by a brief presentation from our tourist guide Evol who spoke about the Sebire family and the establishment of the property. We watched an entertaining short video highlighting the history of the homestead and the development of Wandin.



Fortunately for us Oscar, the blacksmith, was on site today so whilst we didn't get to see him ply his trade, we did see the forge and all the smithy's tools and lots of samples of items produced in the Blacksmiths Shop. Thankfully the lethal looking knives and axes were stored in glass cases!

Next, we visited the Woodturners Shed where Denis explained the process of wood turning, showed us many items he had made from chess pieces, spice mills, toys, to beautifully crafted bowls, and followed up with a demonstration by making a spinning top along the way. Denis was clearly passionate about his craft.



The very knowledgeable Evol then took us on a tour of the homestead which Henry Sebire built brick-by-brick from clay extracted on site. We were in awe at how well the bricks and tiles looked 140 years later. The homestead was home to Henry and Martha and their 9 children. It has been beautifully restored, and each room was filled with furniture and belongings from a by-gone time.



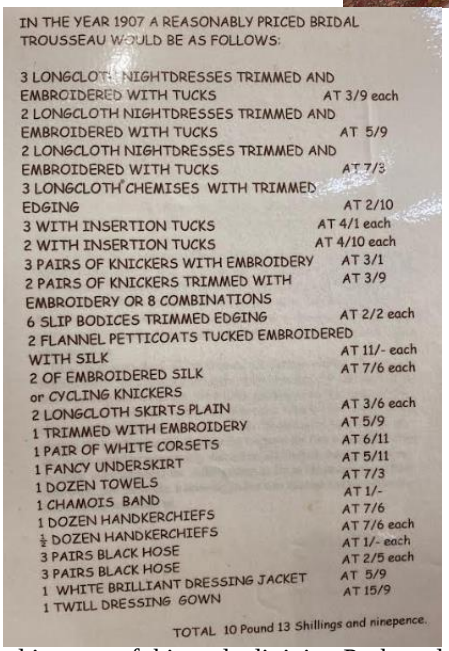
After an enjoyable lunch in Two Peas Café, members wandered through the extensive museum, where they marvelled at the historical items they saw on display.

It never ceases to amaze me at the number of historical properties we have around us, and what we can learn about their history. We are indeed lucky and privileged to be able to enjoy visiting such locations and we are thankful to the Sebire family who gifted the property to be held in Trust for all of us to enjoy. The many volunteers at Mont De Lancey have done a great job in presenting this property.

Another memorable day out for our members.

Phil







DINE OUTS / ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER – Monday 02 at 2:30pm – MELBOURNE CUP AFTERNOON TEA No charge



Westerfolds Park. Enter from Main Gate on Fitzsimons Lane, Templestowe. Follow the roadway through the parklands to the Red Stringy Bark picnic shelter (the usual shelter, between the large play area and the toilets) Melway 33F1

BYO drinks plus a "share plate" for a communal afternoon tea plus some gold coins for Cup Sweeps.

To have an idea of attendance, please click on this link to access the **Expression of Interest** form for **Cup Eve Afternoon Tea**
https://forms.gle/Qg1x4E6RpvYGDadV6
26 October - Expression of Interest due

Wendy Lewis 0407 680 036 wendy.lew@bigpond.com
or David Cripps 0418 387 779 crippsy8289@hotmail.com

DECEMBER – Thursday 10 – 12 Noon – CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



GARDENS

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

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

1210 Melba Highway, Yarra Glen
A walk and talk. For the members partaking in morning tea at 10:00am - tea/coffee scones, jam and cream or cake - the price is $16 pp. Tea/coffee is also available.
For lunch we can go back to the nearby **Chocolaterie** at 35 Old Healesville Road, Yarra Glen.
A couple of very kind members have offered transport. If anyone would like company on the trip let me know. They are both very good drivers.
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**
Jan

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

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THEATRE

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

APRIL – Wednesday 07 at 1:00pm - *"Private Lives"* ***$91***

Princess Theatre, 163 Spring Street

This sparkling comedy masterpiece is packed with razor-sharp one-liners, outrageous behaviour and enough romantic chaos to keep everyone on their toes.



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

https://forms.gle/fRqPTMDdg2PLUycWA

21 December - Bookings due

21 December meeting - Deadline for correct cash payment

21 December - EFT payment due Reference Code: **PRIVATE Surname Initial/s**

A note to members about "The Castle Stage Show"

Despite trying for tickets, due to the overwhelming popularity of this show in Melbourne, it is very unlikely that a group booking will be possible.

Perhaps spread the word with your families that tickets would make great Christmas gifts?

Yvonne

WALKING GROUP

Garry Solum 0417 274 421 garrysforklift@hotmail.com

SEPTEMBER – Wednesday 23 – 10:00am – BANYULE FLATS

This walk is part of the Main Yarra Trail Map 32, F2

Parking at the 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 refreshments.

Hope to see you there.



Garry

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TRIPS and TOURS

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

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

K Rd, Werribee South (60 km from Greensborough approx. 50 - 60 minutes)
Admission Cost to the Zoo: **Concession Card Holders $44**
Seniors Card Holders $53

We are booked on the **10:50 am Safari Bus tour** and once on board we will be transported through arid landscapes to explore the open plains and learn about some of the world's most endangered species. The tour will take about 40 minutes.

After the tour you will be free to experience the open-range zoo at your leisure to see animals roaming the savannah, or explore walking trails to meet the lion pride, visit one of the world's largest gorilla exhibits, watch playful monkeys, and discover a family of hippos in their wetland home or attend a **Keeper Talk** scheduled throughout the day.

There are several dining options (own cost), or you may wish to take your own picnic hamper. The choice is yours.

A park map and Keeper Talk schedules will be provided to members before the trip.

TRAVEL OPTIONS

The options at this stage are:

- independent travel (including car pooling); or
- bus hire



Please be aware that if we hire a bus, the final cost depends on the number of members going and once a booking form has been submitted and payment made, refunds cannot be made.

How much will it cost, approximately, depending on numbers attending?

Members	Bus cost pp $	Concession Admission $	Total $
25	30.00	44.00	74.00
30	25.00	44.00	69.00
35	21.00	44.00	65.00

Seniors Admission $	Total $
53.00	83.00
53.00	78.00
53.00	74.00

If we travel by bus the schedule will be:

Arrive Greensborough War Memorial Park in the McDowell St carpark	8:30 am
Bus departure	8:45 am
Arrive Werribee Zoo approx.	10:15 am
Depart Werribee Zoo	3:00 pm
Arrive Greensborough approx.	4:30 pm

A final decision on travel arrangements will be made after any comments I receive prior to or after a show of hands at the September General Meeting.

PLEASE NOTE A LINK TO THE BOOKING FORM, AND BOOKING AND PAYMENT DATE DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED TO MEMBERS BY EMAIL ASAP

Phil

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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 36 members heading to Traralgon.

As mentioned in an email to attendees we have bookings for dinner at the **Italian Australian Club** on Wednesday, dinner at the **Traralgon Hotel** on Friday and golf at **Morwell** on Friday. **Please let Chris Kelly know which of these events you wish to attend**, either via email or on paper at the meeting.

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

Treasurer Update – Cash Payments

As from the October General meeting cash payments can only be made before the meeting commences. This will allow the Treasurer to address his other roles during the tea break and the Assistant Treasurer to enjoy his cuppa and Tim Tam.

There will need to be exceptions for special cases. Any member who produces a dated letter signed by either of their parents or their doctor will be exempt for that one occasion.

Chris Kelly, Treasurer

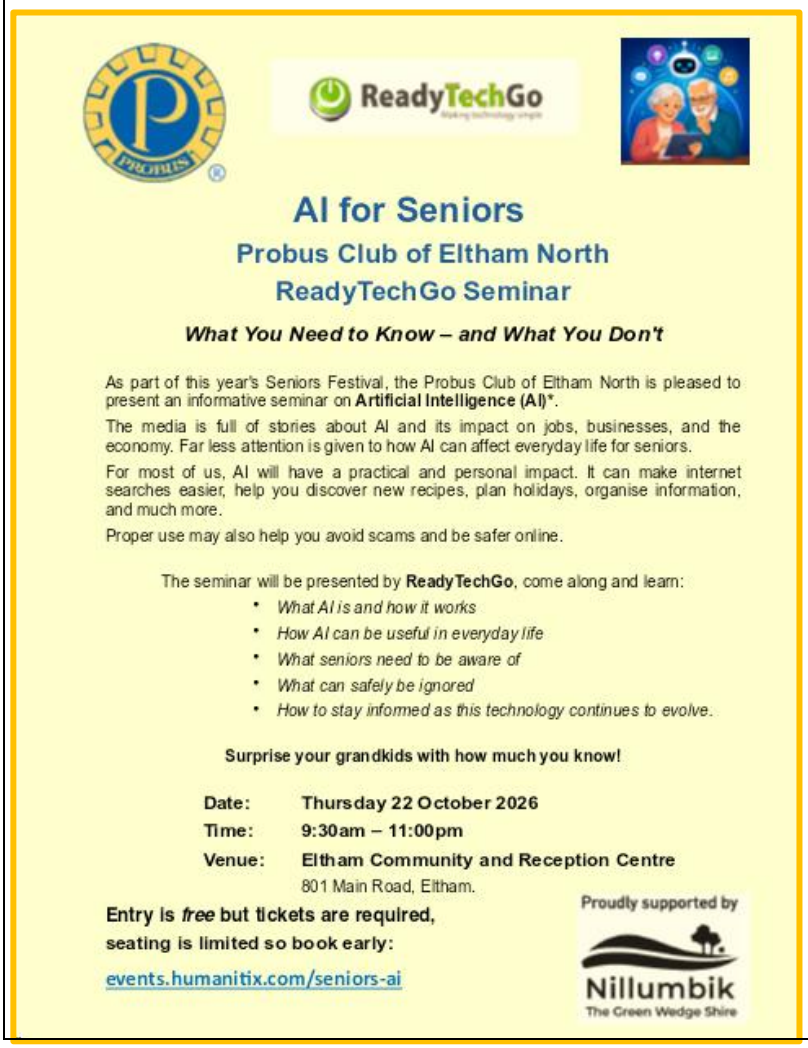
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COMMUNITY

A BIG, heartfelt thank you to all our wonderful Probus knitters. Your dedication, skill, and generosity truly shone this year. Together, you created **218 beautiful squares** for KOGO — an incredible leap from last year's 150. Because of your kindness, that becomes **nearly eight cot blankets or almost five adult blankets**, each one offering warmth and comfort to someone who needs it. What a remarkable team effort. Thank you to every single person who picked up their needles, and contributed to this challenge. Your work makes a real difference.

Yvonne Lockwood

Following on from last year's drive, any further contributions of NEW items to place in children's suitcases would be appreciated. Please bring them to the October meeting. For a list of possible contributions, please refer to the email sent to all members.





If you wish to attend either of these two events, please apply for your free tickets as per the contact shown on the flyers.

FUTURE OUTINGS and ACTIVITIES

Weekly: Strathallan Golf every Tuesday

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

SEPTEMBER 2026			**JANUARY 2027**		
Mon	21	Probus Meeting	Mon	18	Probus Meeting
Wed	23	Walk: Banyule Flats			
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	Wed	24	Trip: Tram Boat to Williamstown
Tue-Sun	20-25	Caravan & 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	Tue-Sun	16-21	Caravan & Cabins: Bendigo Golden Nugget Tourist Park
Mon	16	Probus Meeting			
Wed	18	Walk:			
DECEMBER 2026			**APRIL 2027**		
Thu	10	Dine Out: Christmas Luncheon	Wed	07	Theatre: *Private Lives*
Wed	16	Probus Meeting	Mon	19	Probus Meeting
			Wed	21	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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