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

October

Newsletter

Monday
19 October 2026

Entry from 10:00am

Please allow our "setting up" members first entry

General Meeting
10:30am

Guest Speaker:
Margaret Clancy

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 16 November
at 10:30am

President's Message



With winter now well and truly behind us and the footy season now completed I was left wondering what we had to look forward to. Then I was reminded that during October as members we have the opportunity to attend the visit to Alowyn Gardens, the theatre event to *"A Beautiful Noise: The Neil Diamond Musical"* and importantly the celebration of the anniversary of the formation of St Helena Probus club.

At this time last year, we acknowledged the foundation members and presented them with their 20-year membership badges. This month as we celebrate our 21st anniversary of St Helena Probus we have the opportunity to acknowledge and present 20-year membership badges to the eleven members who have now achieved 20 years of membership.

I again welcome and thank Beverley Kinnear and Julie Barker for attending our September meeting and trust that we can again welcome you to our October meeting.

As some of us leave this meeting we will be heading home to finish off packing our suitcases in preparation for our Caravan/Cabins adventure to Traralgon. As first-time attendees Irene and I are looking forward to the week of fun and frivolity with so many members. Hopefully we can keep up the pace of all activities for the full week of this event.

However, for many it will be with mixed emotions as we note the passing of David Wright and acknowledge his contribution to the organisation of many past caravan/cabins events over the years. Particularly, we acknowledge that David had assisted in the organisation of this caravan/cabins event for our enjoyment.

I look forward to catching up with members and guests at our October meeting.

Our club Secretary, Kaye Jenkin, has had a nasty fall with such dire results that both Kaye and Neville will be needing support from members.

Fred Harrington OAM

Contributions for November issue to Pat Cartwright By Wed 04 November

This publication is solely for the information and interest of this and adjoining Probus clubs within the district.
It is not available to outside bodies for any purposes.



BIRTHDAYS

Trevor Cameron 0455 281 740



to Gary Gray, Irene Harrington OAM, Lorna Sandford, Bev Sexton and Julie Ward.



21 years for the Combined Probus Club of St Helena Inc.

from the Foundation Meeting held on 25th October 2005

12 Members have reached 20 years membership Joined 2006		3 Members have reached 15 years membership Joined 2011		27 Members have reached 10 years membership Joined 2016		9 Members have reached 5 years membership Joined 2021	
Pat	Agius	Yvonne	Lockwood	Colleen	Cameron	Mary	Barker-Scott
David	Cripps	Lyn	Rigg	Trevor	Cameron	Nita	Campbell-Fraser
Joy	Fyffe	Peter	Tedge			Margaret	Colautti
Bob	Manuell					Marino	Colautti
Lorraine	Manuell					Lynne	Ryan
Ken	Merrey					Lorraine	Jelley
Pat	Merrey					Peter	Jelley
Doug	Munro					Fred	Harrington OAM
Helen	Munro					Irene	Harrington OAM
Bernice	Thiel						
Bev	Wright						

GUEST SPEAKER

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

OCTOBER – Margaret Clancy

Margaret will be talking about Autism

Mary Barker-Scott

This publication is solely for the information and interest of this and adjoining Probus clubs within the district.
It is not available to outside bodies for any purposes.

OUT AND ABOUT

Garry's September Walk – Banyule Flats

Garry Solum lead a small band of walkers around Banyule Flats on a lovely late-September Spring morning. Although the early morning was very chilly, by 10am it was warm and sunny. As is usually the case Garry highlighted points of interest plus local flora and fauna. One of the highlights was seeing historic "Banyule Homestead" from different vantage points – seen here in a photo and highlighted by an arrow in another photo. We circumnavigated the lagoon. Garry was at a loss to explain why the lagoon had two fences running through the middle (apart from his usual tall stories in such situations). We finished the morning with a cuppa and cake at Warringal Shopping Centre. Thanks Garry.

Chris Kelly







NOTE: There will be a walk on Wednesday 21 October for those not going on the Caravan & Cabins trip *(see Page 6 for details)*

OCTOBER – ALOWYN GARDENS

Thank you, Jan, for arranging this marvellous garden visit. So clever with organising such a lovely day, too!

In 1997, the plot of land was purchased, when it was a neglected trotting farm, with only a few trees on the 7 acres.

Question for members: *what have you accomplished in your garden in 29 years?*















And it has been reported that someone saw ……. a single weed!

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 to 4:00pm – CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON $60

Heidelberg Golf Club, 8 Main Road, Lower Plenty



You are invited to join us at the Heidelberg Golf Club for our end-of-year celebrations. Please join us for a fun day – *bring your dancing shoes or singing voices!* The $60 is inclusive of a traditional 2-course Christmas lunch, together with entertainment.

Ladies feel free to dress up in your special gown, and gents why not wear a fancy bow tie!

****Please note: The Heidelberg Golf Club is cashless so drinks must be purchased with a credit or debit card on the day.**

Click on this link to access the booking form for **Christmas Lunch 2026**
https://forms.gle/1HFpWdTCbqAxg7D39

27 November - Bookings due
16 November - Deadline for correct cash payment (at general meeting)
27 November - Deadline for EFT payment to Trip Account - Payment Code: **XMAS Surname Initial/s**

If you have any enquiries, please contact Sue or Phil

Sue & Phil Ciravolo 0408 993 523 or 0409 940 468 ciravolo@netspace.net.

GARDENS

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

We can look forward to more garden trips in 2027

THEATRE

Yvonne Lockwood 0409 185 813 yvonnelockwood1@gmail.com

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

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

OCTOBER – Wednesday 21 – 10:00am – WARRINGAL PARKLANDS



For those who are not going on the caravan and cabin trip, this month's walk is easy and would love to see you there.

Meet at Warringal park oval (off Beverly Road) Melways map 32, C4

Free parking around the oval.

We will meander along the river trail to **The Greenery**, 4 Banksia Street Heidelberg, for refreshments, then return.

Garry

This publication is solely for the information and interest of this and adjoining Probus clubs within the district.
It is not available to outside bodies for any purposes.

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)

Currently 38 members have booked.



Cost:

Commonwealth Concession Card Holders

Zoo admission only	$44
Zoo admission plus bus	$72

Commonwealth Seniors Card Holders

Zoo admission only	$53
Zoo admission plus bus	$81

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.

For members travelling 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

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

https://forms.gle/cuT7w1Kk5i4LLR7Y6

19 October	- Bookings due
19 October meeting	- Deadline for correct cash
19 October	- EFT payment due to Trip Account Ref.Code: **ZOO Surname Initial/s**

Phil

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

This publication is solely for the information and interest of this and adjoining Probus clubs within the district.
It is not available to outside bodies for any purposes.

CARAVAN and CABINS GROUP

Chris Kelly 0417 571 588 chrisnshirl@bigpond.com

OCTOBER - Tuesday 20 to Sunday 25 THIS MONTH

BIG4 Traralgon Park Lane Holiday Park

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

We currently have 34 members heading to Traralgon.

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.

You are invited to meet new friends and expand the world of Fun, Friendship and Fellowship.

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 40 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 are now due. Thank you to the members who have locked in their booking.

OCTOBER 2027 – Monday 11 to Saturday 16



BIG4 Ballarat Windmill Holiday Park

56 Remembrance Drive, Cardigan 3352 Phone: **03 5334 1686**

All members should have received an email about this park before you see this newsletter. If not, please contact Chris Kelly as soon as possible.

Please do not contact the park, until I have **confirmed** your booking.

Please direct any queries for any of the parks to Chris Kelly.

Regards

Chris Kelly

Convenor – Caravan and Cabin Group

This publication is solely for the information and interest of this and adjoining Probus clubs within the district.
It is not available to outside bodies for any purposes.

AND THIS MONTH'S WARNINGS FROM OUR IT AND SCAM MAN

Your SMART phone & YOUR Health

In January 2025 our newsletter featured an article on the merits of storing YOUR emergency contacts and important medical information.

If you own a smartphone it can play an important role if you have a health episode that requires support from one or more third parties, such as friends or paramedics – even if you 'lock' your phone.

If you are yet to address this situation (or have bought a new phone) please consider reading the article in that newsletter or asking Chris Kelly for advice. IT MAY SAVE YOUR LIFE.

Chris Kelly

A Scam in Disguise

Most (if not all) of our power suppliers apply a discount to our gas and electricity accounts. The value of the discount is in the contract that you (the customer) have with the power provider. It is usually a different percentage for your gas and electricity accounts.

Some of you may not be aware that your contract has an expiry date. When that contract expires your discount(s) disappear and your bills increase (if you take no action).

Service providers are obligated to advise you that the contract is about to expire. They are not obligated to contact you again and ask for a response.

If you ignore the initial letter/email you may inadvertently end up paying 15% to 20% more for your power.

Please do not ignore letters or emails from your power supplier(s) when they are advising of your contract expiry.

If you want a quiet chat to discuss your concerns please contact the undersigned.

Chris Kelly 0417 571 588

FUTURE OUTINGS and ACTIVITIES

Weekly: Strathallan Golf every Tuesday

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

OCTOBER 2026			**FEBRUARY 2027**		
Mon	19	Probus Meeting	Mon	15	Probus Meeting
Wed	21	Walk: Warringal Parklands	Wed	17	Walk:
Tue-Sun	20-25	Caravan & Cabins: Big 4 Traralgon Park Lane Holiday Park	Wed	24	Trip: Tram Boat to Williamstown
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:
JANUARY 2027			**MAY 2027**		
Mon	18	Probus Meeting	Mon	17	Probus Meeting
			Wed	19	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.

This publication is solely for the information and interest of this and adjoining Probus clubs within the district.
It is not available to outside bodies for any purposes.