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

November

Newsletter

Monday 16 November 2026

Entry from 10:00am

Please allow our "setting up" members first entry

General Meeting 10:30am

Guest Speaker: Philip Johnson

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 21 December
at 10:30am



President's Message

YAY, along with Irene and other 'first timers' Cheryl and Janice we survived our first Caravan and Cabins trip to Traralgon. And what a wonderful time we had in Traralgon and surrounds! This included the happy hours, informal breakfasts, dinners, and dining at local clubs/pubs and most particularly having time to get to know those members attending. All the shenanigans were highlighted in the recent email from Chris to all members and a shorter version in this newsletter.

I have to say, I was not fully aware of the time and effort expended by Chris Kelly and the late David Wright in planning and implementing this year's trip to Traralgon. Their efforts ensured all attendees had a great time. On behalf of all attendees, I offer sincere thanks to all those involved in organising this wonderful event and especially Chris for a job exceptionally well done.

It was a pleasure for me to congratulate and present 20-year membership pins to Pat Agius, David Cripps, Joy Fyffe, Doug Munro, Helen Munro, Bernice Thiel, and Bev Wright at our October meeting. I look forward to presenting 20-year pins to those members not able to attend last meeting.

I again welcome and thank Beverley Kinnear and Julie Barker for attending our October meeting and look forward to them being inducted into the club at our November meeting.

Bernice Theil and Joy Fyffe are looking for two replacements to take over serving the coffee from our November meeting. Nancy LaMotte has offered, **so if you are willing to assist Nancy, please call me**.

As we head towards the end of 2026, I ask members to start giving thought to nominating for Committee positions, appointed officers or subcommittee and organisers for 2027/2028.

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

Fred Harrington OAM

Contributions for November issue to Pat Cartwright By Wed 09 December

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BIRTHDAYS

Trevor Cameron 0455 281 740



to Dianne King, Dot Nickson, Maureen Shewan and David Whiteman.



GUEST SPEAKER

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

NOVEMBER – Philip Johnson

Philip is the landscape designer of ***The Trailfinders Australian Garden****, which won the Best in Show and a Gold Medal at the* 2013 Chelsea Garden Show in the U.K. It was the first time in the 100-year history of the Chelsea Flower Show that an Australian designer and entry won the top *Best in Show* prize. The design is inspired by the Grampians and the sustainable landscape featured a stone gorge, running waterfalls, a billabong, and thousands of native Australian plants. This is now a permanent, 20-times-larger public re-creation in the **Chelsea Australian Garden at Olinda**.

Mary Barker-Scott

20-Year Membership Pins Presentation at the October meeting

Congratulations to these long-term members, Bernice Thiel, Doug Munro, Helen Munro, Joy Fyffe, David Cripps, Pat Agius and Bev Wright, shown in photograph with President Fred Harrington.



A further presentation will be made to Lorraine & Bob Manuell and Pat & Ken Merrey, when possible.

OUT AND ABOUT

Caravan & Cabin Traralgon Report – October 2026

By late Tuesday 30 members had arrived **at Big4 Traralgon Park Lane Holiday Park** roughly mid-way between Morwell and Traralgon. The light rain became heavy for a while, but it turned into a pleasant evening. We were surrounded by brightly coloured cabins.

The park has a huge function room that was more than big enough for all of us. Happy Hour was noisy and enjoyable before the BBQs were lit and a pleasant meal was had by all members.



Chris Welcoming Members to Traralgon in the large Function Room

The next few days involved BBQ breakfasts, drives in all directions, evening meals around town, a Heritage walk, a Rose garden, train rides and visiting friends. Friday morning saw the hot weather continue as six golfers tackling the Morwell Golf Course. Marino Colautti was the winner on 19 points, with John Stevens and Chris Kelly equal runners up on 16 points.

We had some rain but the weather was mostly warm to hot. The pool was used.

Dinners at the Italian/Australian Club and the Traralgon Hotel were excellent.



Dinner at the Italian/Australian Club



Members at the Traralgon Hotel

Fun, fellowship and friendship was commonplace. Another good trip was made possible by good people who wanted to enjoy themselves.

A more comprehensive report was distributed to all members at the end of October.

Chris Kelly, Convenor

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MELBOURNE CUP AFTERNOON TEA



Inclement weather forced a change of venue from Westerfolds Park to the undercover area of David Cripps' home. A big "*thank you*" to David and Wendy for being able to host the event, even though it was "up close and personal" with 33 members in attendance.

This made for much interaction and laughter. The bonus was enjoying David's magnificent garden. It may have been a challenge to get to the bountiful afternoon tea table, but, where there's a will there's a way.

Note St Helena's new event "bunting" that can be used for all future events (from an idea of Pat's and the work of Wendy and David).

Winners of the sweeps will be announced at the November meeting.













DINE OUTS / ACTIVITIES

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.

JANUARY – Thursday 07 at 9:30am – BREAKFAST AT SLICES AT DOREEN

1/80 Hazel Glen Drive, Doreen



This is proving to be a popular start to our year.
There is an entry to parking under the building from the side street or there is parking in side streets.
Menus will be made available as we will be pre-ordering our selection. Payment is on the day.
We will be in an upstairs room again but there is an elevator.
Click on this link to access the booking form for **Breakfast at Slices Restaurant Doreen**
https://forms.gle/U5wnnbzLwzQ9eDNe6
02 January - Bookings due

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

GARDENS

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

We can look forward to more garden trips in 2027.
Do you have a garden you'd like to visit? Let Jan know.

WALKING GROUP

Garry Solum 0417 274 421 garrysforklift@hotmail.com

NOVEMBER – Wednesday 18 – 10:00am – ROSANNA PARKLANDS CIRCUIT



Meet at Woolworths car park, 44 Turnham Ave Rosanna (map 20 A12)
We will walk along Salt Creek to Macleod and back.
Refreshments at Hunter Lane Café, 76 Turnham Ave, Rosanna
Hope to see you there.

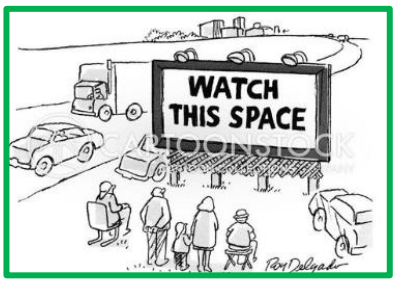
Garry

TRIPS and TOURS

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

A report of the **WERRIBEE OPEN RANGE ZOO** trip will be a highlight in the December newsletter

FEBRUARY – Wednesday 24 – TRAMBOAT TRIP
Watch for details of this always popular trip in future newsletters.



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

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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**

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**

APRIL – Wednesday 28 at 1:00pm - *"The Lion King"* *$106*

Regent Theatre, 191 Collins Street

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

https://forms.gle/AtXF4E1J1ZFp7SVU9

15 February meeting - Final bookings and correct cash payments
15 February - EFT payment due Reference Code: **LION Surname Initial/s**

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MAY – Wednesday 12 at 1:00pm - *"The Castle Stage Show"* *$89*

Her Majesty's Theatre, 219 Exhibition Street



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

https://forms.gle/AAVDp2GrMGNwvCA19

15 March meeting - Final bookings and correct cash payments
15 March - EFT payment due Reference Code: **CASTLE Surname Initial/s**

Yvonne

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CARAVAN and CABINS GROUP

Chris Kelly 0417 571 588 chrisnshirl@bigpond.com

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.



OCTOBER 2027 – Monday 11 to Saturday 16

BIG4 Ballarat Windmill Holiday Park

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

Bookings have been made and members who have expressed their interest in going should have an email from the Ballarat Park asking for a deposit. Please advise Chris Kelly when you have paid your deposit.

If you wish to join us at Ballarat please contact Chris Kelly.

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

Regards

Chris Kelly

Convenor – Caravan and Cabin Group

0417 571 588

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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

NOVEMBER 2026			MARCH 2027		
Mon	16	Probus Meeting	Mon	15	Probus Meeting & AGM
Wed	18	Walk: Rosanna Parklands Circuit	Tue-Sun	16-21	Caravan & Cabins: Bendigo Golden Nugget Tourist Park
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:
			Wed	28	Theatre: *The Lion King*
JANUARY 2027			**MAY 2027**		
Thu	07	Dineout: Breakfast at Slices at Doreen	Wed	12	Theatre: *The Castle Stage Show*
Mon	18	Probus Meeting	Mon	17	Probus Meeting
			Wed	19	Walk:
FEBRUARY 2027			**JUNE 2027**		
Mon	15	Probus Meeting	Wed	**16**	Walk:
Wed	17	Walk:	Mon	21	Probus Meeting
Wed	24	Trip: Tram Boat to Williamstown			

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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