



The Probuscan

*Newsletter of the PROBUS Club of Surf Coast Anglesea
Sponsored by Torquay Rotary*

February 2026

NEXT MEETING – Monday, 16th February. 9:30 am, Anglesea Hotel

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This is my first message for this year and what a fantastic year it will be for the club. Our membership is growing slowly, the birthday gathering in January was wonderful, and a shame the berry picking outing was cancelled due to the fires in the area.

Denise and I will not be at the first meeting on the 16th as we will be returning from a short break in Brisbane.

Our March meeting will also be our AGM and all positions on the committee will be open. More information will be available for those interested in joining a great team. The March meeting will be my last as your President. It has been a fantastic 2 years in the role. See you all in March.

Cheers Steve.

MEMBERSHIP

Lyn Elsbury recently sent an email asking that you check / confirm your contact details, so our records are up to date. Thank you to the many have responded promptly and to those who will do so soon.

We currently have 77 members, and we look forward to welcoming Rod Webster who will be inducted at the February meeting.

2026 Membership fees now due. The Committee has agreed to retain the membership fee at \$40 (with a \$20 joining fee for new members). Probus South Pacific has increased their capitation fees for 2026, but we feel we will still be able to cover this at our current rate.

Please pay \$40.00 into the Probus Bendigo bank account, by EFT or a cash deposit at the bank. Don't forget your name and 'membership' in the reference section.

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If you would rather pay cash to John Roberts, please have the correct money in a labelled envelope at the February meeting.

COMING UP

- **October Meeting – Monday, 16th February. 9:30 am** **Please bring a pen.**
Guest Speaker – Christine Brooks. “Palliative Care in the Home”
- **Birthday Dinner – Thursday, 19th February. 6:00 pm**
Kiem’s Dining. Aireys Inlet
- **Healthy, Wealthy and Wise Coastal Roadshow – Wednesday, 18th March. 9:00am – 3:00pm**
Anglesea Memorial Hall
- **Delightful Days & Matinees – Wednesday, 22nd April. 11:00 am**
Denis Walter

SPEAKERS

We won't have a Club speaker this month, as Liz has a fun activity to do. You will be on the hunt to discover interesting details about our members. There will be a sheet containing a number of statements and it's up to you to track down who they belong to. Who will be the best sleuth?

Please bring a pen to use for this adventure

Our Guest Speaker for February is Christine Brooks who will talk about 'Palliative Care in the Home'

BIRTHDAY DINNER

Last month we returned to Akuna in Anglesea to celebrate the January birthdays. Frances was happy because we don't always meet in January and she has missed out in the past and Steve was happy to celebrate the big 'Seven-oh'. A noisy and friendly night was had by all.



This month we will meet at Kiem's Dining in Aireys. This an Asian fusion menu and the locals love it.

Kiem's Dining 32 Great Ocean Rd, Aireys Inlet

Thursday, 19th February 6:00 pm

Please put your name on the sign-up sheet at the meeting or contact Kathy

0414 900 697 kathmcclennan@outlook.com

February Birthdays:

Ute Klein, Annemarie McMahon, Pam Marr, Betty Roberts, Denise Moody. *Wishing you the happiest of days.*

HEALTHY, WEALTHY AND WISE COASTAL ROADSHOW

Wednesday, 18th March

Anglesea Memorial Hall.

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

The Surf Coast Shire is presenting an event focusing on the health and wellbeing of senior members of the community.

Initiated by the Council's Positive Ageing Advisory Committee this is an opportunity to learn more about staying active, connected and healthier, wealthier and wiser in your community. You can learn more about mental health strategies, general health and wellbeing, social connections, options for financial support, SCAMS, digital banking, dementia and more.

We have been invited to create an information stand at the Roadshow and to give a brief overview of our club and how we promote the Probus ethos of 'friendship, fellowship and fun' in retirement.

I have attached a flyer to this email. There is a QR code to scan to register or you can contact Rose Salvo (Positive Ageing Officer) at the Council. Places are filling up fast.

DELIGHTFUL DAYS AND MATINEES

The first Delightful Days performer for the year is Denis Walter.

Denis "reflects on 55 wonderful years in entertainment through memorable music and captivating stories".

We usually car pool and arrive in time for morning tea. Lunch afterwards is optional.

WHAT: [**Denis Walter: My All-time Favourites.**](#)

WHERE: The Playhouse, Geelong Arts Centre

WHEN: Wednesday, 22nd April. Performances commence at 11:00 am.

Complimentary tea, coffee, and morning tea treats before the show.

COST: \$30.00

Although this event is some time away, we try to buy tickets well in advance as they sell quickly. Could we have final numbers by Monday, 2nd March please.

If you would like to attend, please sign up at the February meeting and pay \$30.00 into the Probus Bendigo Bank account asap. Don't forget your name and 'GAC tickets' in the reference section.

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CHRISTMAS LUNCH



What a great time we had.
Good food, good company, some joyful singing, fun games and raffles.



And thank you everyone for your generosity.
We raised \$655.00 for the Foodlink Christmas fund.

FOOTY'S BACK

What?? Not it's not!



Well for those of us who love the game – it doesn't really go away. We keep an eye on our teams and other goings-on.

But the season begins in March, so footy tipping is back. Sue Anderson has contacted many of us Tragic Tipsters and she will have our tipping sheets ready to go at the February meeting. Cost to enter is \$10

If you haven't signed up yet, or would like to have a go this year please contact Sue a.s.a.p.
0402 814 103 sue.b.anderson@outlook.com

POLICIES

Following the review of the Constitution and Standing Resolutions last year, the Committee has completed an update of three policies, which have been attached to this email. You will be asked to vote to adopt these policies at the February meeting.

"Notice is hereby given to all members of the following proposed motion:

That members hereby adopt the attached Risk Management Policy; Privacy Policy; and Payments and Refund Policy, replacing any current so named policies of the Club"

AGM

The Annual General Meeting is held as part of the March meeting and all Committee positions are formally declared vacant at that time. As you know, Committee members are often happy to continue in their roles, but some have served for quite a long time and would love some support.

We still do not have a Vice President and would love someone to cover Media (making sure the Facebook page and the website are up to date)

Nomination forms will be available at the February meeting if you'd like to have a turn on the Committee.

This year we thought it might help if each Committee member gave a short statement on what their role entails. None of the positions are very tricky and everyone is very supportive.

President – Steve Moody

The President works closely with the Management Committee providing overall leadership. They foster a positive relationship with all members by meeting and greeting them at meetings and by attending as many functions as possible. They chair the Committee meetings, General meetings and AGM and is a spokesperson for the Club as required.

Treasurer – John Roberts

The main role of the Treasurer is to ensure that clear and accurate financial records are maintained and that all funds are accounted for.

Ensure that all payments are approved or ratified by the Management Committee.

Prepare and submit a financial report for Committee Meetings, General Meetings and Annual General Meetings in accordance with the Club's constitution and Standing Resolutions.

Secretary – Sue Rowe

Collates and distributes correspondence. This is mainly email now.

Prepares agendas for each Committee meeting, General meeting, and AGM

Records the minutes of each of these meetings. We presently have a Minute Secretary for General meetings

Prepares for the correct procedures for AGM and lodgement of forms with PSPL and CAV after this (Lyn Elsbury is an excellent Membership Officer who handles some of my “official” membership duties)

Outings, Activities and Tours Officer – Kathy McLennan

Investigate and propose suitable outings and activities to the Management Committee.

Club and Committee members can also propose activities to the Tours Officer and many activities e.g. GPAC, DDM and Car Trial are a team effort.

The position is fun and rewarding.

Membership Officer Role – Lyn Elsbury

The Membership Officer is responsible for maintaining up-to-date membership records, management of membership applications and assisting with membership retention and growth.

The membership records are on a database, and individual files are also kept enabling yearly emails to be sent out for updates.

Meeting Attendances are also taken by the Officer and a Club assistant for each meeting.

The assistant is also responsible for Welfare.

Guest Speaker Officer – Liz Gielewski

Approach club members to speak at meetings, or arrange other activities for that time in the meeting
Arrange for a varied program of guest speakers, about 6 months in advance. Maintain communication with speakers before their date.

Welcome speaker on the day. Introduce and then thank speaker on the day. Arrange thankyou gift

Newsletter Officer – Sue Rowe

Gathers information for the Probuscan by attending meetings, outings and functions or collating information provided by others.

The Probuscan includes reports from various Committee members; provides a calendar of upcoming events and details about future outings; and includes an account of happenings at outings and activities. The General Meeting minutes are included in the Probuscan.

Camps Co-ordinator – Heather Batson

Planning the camp is easy after a destination has been recommended.

Once I know the town I always contact the Local Information Centre to seek applicable brochures for accommodation and restaurants and cafes.

Ordinary Member – Kaylene Axleson

I attend the committee meetings when I'm available, contribute opinions & suggestions at the meetings & help out where-ever possible as needed. I try to attend most Probus functions, welcome new members & try to encourage new members by talking about the benefits of Probus, through my contacts in the community.

MINUTES

No minutes are recorded for the December meeting as this is the Christmas Lunch.

YOUR COMMITTEE

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