



# The Probuscan

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

## March 2026

**NEXT MEETING – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 9:30 am. Anglesea Hotel**

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well my time as your President is almost up, and this will be my last message to you. I have very much enjoyed my role for the past 2 years. I have been supported by your very talented and wonderful committee. A special thank you to all the members for your support and well wishes over the years.

Next meeting will include the AGM and committee positions are available if you are interested please get in touch. Once again thank you all for your support. See you at the meeting. Steve

### MEMBERSHIP

Best wishes to our wonderful Membership Officer Lyn, who has recently had hip surgery. She was still able to send me her report although still in recovery and rehab.

We currently have 77 members, with Mary Taylor recently resigning. We wish you all the best Mary. And welcome to new member Rod Webster who was inducted last month. Apologies, I forgot to take a photo.

Each year we are required to complete new Outings forms with correct emergency contact details. We still have 24 outstanding so please make sure you follow this up at the 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.

NAME: Probus Club Surf Coast Anglesea                      BSB: 633 000                      ACC. 125 482 448

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

Please pay your fees as soon as possible and no later than the end of March

### COMING UP

- **March Meeting – Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> March. 9:30 am**  
Guest Speaker – Rod Tucker. "Benjamin Herschell Babbage: South Australia's Forgotten Explorer"
- **Healthy, Wealthy and Wise Coastal Roadshow – Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March. 9:00am – 3:00pm**  
Anglesea Memorial Hall

- **Blueberry Picking – Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 9:00 am**  
Shoebridge Berry Farm. Gellibrand
- **Twilight Bowls – Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March. 4:30 pm**  
Anglesea Bowling Club
- **Birthday Dinner – Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March. 6:00 pm**  
Ms BKK Torquay Thai Kitchen. Torquay
- **Delightful Days & Matinees – Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April. 11:00 am**  
Denis Walter
- **Wildlife Photographer of the Year Exhibition – Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April**  
National Wool Museum. Geelong

## SPEAKERS

\*\*\* Thanks Liz for a fun activity discovering interesting snippets of info about some of our members.



Last month our planned guest speaker was ill, but what a great last-minute replacement we had in Pam Saunders. Pam presented a most informative and interesting talk on AI, including some live demonstrations of its uses and warnings about its hazards. A handout sheet was appreciated by many.



This month our Guest Speaker is Aireys Inlet local Rod Tucker who has written a book entitled “Benjamin Herschell Babbage: South Australia’s Forgotten Explorer”



## BIRTHDAY DINNER

Another friendly gathering took over Kiem’s Dining last month to celebrate Denise Moody’s birthday. The only two other tables had no choice but to join in the fun. The food was delicious.



This month we are heading to Ms BKK Torquay Thai Kitchen – an Asian fusion menu recommended by Kaylene.

WHEN: Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 6:00 pm

WHERE: Ms BKK Torquay Thai Kitchen 44 Bell St Torquay

*February Birthdays:* Sue Anderson, David Morris, Helen McDonald, Joy Murray, Judy Nancarrow, Judy Philipson, Estie Wines. *Wishing you the happiest of days.*

## **BLUEBERRY PICKING**

Fran has been in touch with Bob at Shoebridge Farm and he is happy to have us back to his farm after the scare of the Gellibrand fires in February. A few of us are happy about that because it is such good value picking your own berries.

We stop for lunch at Colac on the way home. You are welcome to come just for lunch if you wish. We usually car pool by meeting at the Bowling Club, but if you would like to be picked up from home, please let Kathy know.

Date: Thursday, 19th March

Time: Meet at Anglesea Bowling Club Car Park 9:00 am for car pooling.  
We generally stop at Colac for a coffee break / rest stop

Lunch: Lake View Cafe. Botanical Gardens, 1 Fyans St. Colac 12:00 - 12:30 pm

This date is just after the March meeting and we will have a sign-up sheet, but it is important to know numbers before then please, to let Bob know and for the lunch booking.

Please contact Kathy asap if you are coming to the berry picking, or just meeting us for lunch

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## **TWILIGHT BOWLS**

As a Physical Education teacher, I have taught carpet bowls to the kids and I always thought I did okay, but that was with smaller bowls and a short space. I wonder how I'll go with the real deal. Why don't you join me to find out?



I believe we have Ric Sheehan coming along to show us how it's done, and I'm sure other members know how to play. After a bit of fun, we are organizing a BBQ dinner, and the bar will be open to buy a drink.

We have about a dozen starters so far but would love a few more. Whether you're a player or a learner, come along and have a go. You are welcome to invite guests along as well. Or you might just want to come down later for the BBQ.

WHEN: Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March. 4:30 pm start  
WHERE: Anglesea Bowling Club  
COST: \$15 (for the use of the greens & equipment and for bar staff)  
\$10 for BBQ

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

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## **HEALTHY, WEALTHY AND WISE COASTAL ROADSHOW**

**Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> 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. Many Probus members are attending if you'd like to join us.

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

## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **Wildlife Photographer of the Year Exhibition**

This world-renowned exhibition features some of the most exceptional nature photography taken from across the globe. On loan from the Natural History Museum in London, the award-winning images are part of an international tour, and we are most fortunate to have it come to Geelong.

WHEN: Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April

WHERE: National Wool Museum. Geelong

## **ANGLESEA PRIMARY SCHOOL VILLAGE FAIR**

This annual event is coming up on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 3:00 – 7:30 pm  
Please see attached flyer for details.

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### **PROBUS CLUB OF SURFCOAST ANGLESEA**

**GENERAL MEETING: Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

### **MINUTES**

Our meeting was held on the lands of the Wadawurrung people and they were recognised as the Traditional Owners of this land.

#### **President's Comments**

Sue Rowe welcomed everyone in Steve's absence, making special mention of a visitor– Lois Salamonsen.

- **Minutes** for the last General Meeting held on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025 were circulated with the December Probuscan.

Moved: Sue Anderson

Seconded: Ellen Lake

Accepted

- **REMINDER** the Annual General Meeting is in March and all positions are vacant. Nomination forms were available at the meeting.

Steve Moody is finishing his term as President and Celia Meehan has stepped forward to take up the role. Thanks Celia. It would be helpful to have a Vice President to support her. The Committee would also like to see a 'Media' person appointed who would keep the website and Facebook page up to date. If that's you, let the committee know.

- **Induction** of Rod Webster

Rod was born in Manangatang and has lived in a number of places including Sydney and Toronto and he moved to Anglesea in 2000.

His working life began with SEC Victoria. He is a geologist and has travelled the world looking at mines and mineral deposits. Rod has many stories to share.

- **Policies**

Towards the end of last year the Committee completed the last task in the review of the formal documents of the club. Two motions follow:

*That members hereby adopt the Risk Management Policy, replacing any current so named policies of the Club*

*In favour unanimous approval Against nil*

*That members hereby adopt the Privacy Policy*

*In favour unanimous approval Against nil*

*That members hereby adopt Payments and Refund Policy*

*In favour unanimous approval Against nil*

- **Membership Fees**

*MOTION: Treasurer John Roberts moves that in accordance with Resolution 6 of the Standing Resolutions, the annual subscription for 2026 be set at \$40. In accordance with the Constitution this subscription is due and payable on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026.*

*Seconded: Kaylene Axelson Vote. Unanimous approval*

*MOTION: Treasurer John Roberts moves that in accordance with Resolution 6 of the Standing Resolutions the joining fee payable remain at \$20.*

*Seconded: Kristen McDonald Vote Unanimous approval*

Please pay your fees as soon as possible and no later than the end of March

## **Reports**

- Treasurer, John Roberts, is very happy to receive Membership fees asap. The closing balance of Probus' account is currently \$4,104.
- Outings and Activities: Kathy McLennan
  - February Birthday Dinner: this Thursday (19<sup>th</sup>) at Kiems at 6pm
  - Blueberry picking may still be possible. Watch for news
  - Expressions of interest required for Twilight Barefoot Bowls Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March @4:30-6pm \$15. If you wish to stay for a BBQ \$10.
  - Delightful Days is on April 22<sup>nd</sup> with Dennis Walter. Please indicate intent asap as bookings need to be made.
  - Healthy, Wealthy and Wise @ Anglesea Memorial Hall 9:30am -2:30pm. All day grazing. An activity of Surf Coast Shire
- Camps planning for the end of October.
- Membership: Lyn Elsbury  
Total membership 77, Present 55, Apologies 16, No show 6  
*Mary Taylor has resigned as a member*
- Footy Tipping: Sue Anderson reports that 13 people have joined for this year. More are most welcome. Cost \$10/yr. Members must ring or text Sue by Wednesday evening each week, or votes will be allocated as per visiting teams.

ACTIVITY Liz Gielewski involved everyone in a "find out who" activity which was a great success in getting everyone to mix and talk to each other, as well as discovering interesting facts about other members.

## SPECIAL EFFORT DRAW

Won by Barry Nancarrow     DONOR for next meeting is Judy Nancarrow

**Birthdays:**     Ute Klein, Annemarie McMahon, Pam Marr, Betty Roberts, Denise Moody.

**Guest Speaker:**     Pam Saunders was introduced by Liz Gielewski.

Pam has contributed in many different areas as a Librarian. She presented a most informative and interesting talk on AI, including some live demonstrations of its uses and warnings about its hazards. A handout sheet was appreciated by many.

Liz thanked Pam and presented her with a small gift.

**Next Meeting:**     The AGM     Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at Anglesea Hotel

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### **YOUR COMMITTEE**

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