



The Probuscan

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

April 2026

NEXT MEETING – Monday 20th April, 9:30 am, Anglesea Hotel

**CONGRATULATIONS Celia Meehan, our new President
and James Murray, Vice President**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The year seems to be flying by. Our AGM last month saw the departure of Steve Moody as our president. Thank you, Steve, for steering our club over the past two years through stormy times for you. We all appreciated your strength, dedication and fellowship during those two years and we're looking forward to continuing the friendships we have developed with you and Denise.

It's has been a busy month both for Probus and for me. I couldn't get to the blueberry picking but believe it was a lovely day for all involved. I was at my Australian History class and then attended the Kitchen Table crafters group I belong to.

Sue Rowe represented us brilliantly at the Healthy, Wealthy and Wise expo held in the Anglesea Hall. The booth was staffed by Sue, Kathy McLennan, Kaylene Axelson and Liz Gielewski. The whole day was a great opportunity to gain information and insight into the many aspects of thriving in our community.

Thank you to Kathy for organizing our twilight bowling, it was fun and gave us yet another opportunity to chat with friends and enjoy the end of the warm humid day. The March birthday dinner managed to give Sue Anderson another opportunity to celebrate on the last day of March.

I hope you all had a good Easter break and had a chance to catch up with friends and family. The Easter break used to be the time when I went with a bunch of friends camping- ah the stories that can be told. One Easter I finally got to see the Easter Bonnet Parade in New York - the occasion seems to be whoever wants to can gather in Fifth Avenue and stand around in the chill that is March April in NYC, can do so, so that people can admire their hats. Here's a sample of a few of the hats, some more conventional than others.

I hope to see you at our meeting on Monday 20th April.

Cheers Celia



MEMBERSHIP

Friendly Reminder: 2026 Membership fees now overdue.

If you have yet to pay your fees, 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 April meeting.

Fees were due by 31st March, so please pay as soon as possible

COMING UP

- **April Meeting – Monday, 20th April. 9:30 am**
Guest Speaker – Liz Rushen
- **Delightful Days & Matinees – Wednesday, 22nd April. 11:00 am**
Denis Walter
- **Birthday Dinner – Thursday, 30th April. 6:00 pm**
Morgan's Bar and Grill
- **Wildlife Photographer of the Year Exhibition – Tuesday, 5th May**
National Wool Museum. Geelong
- **Delightful Days & Matinees – Wednesday, 3rd June. 11:00 am**
Opera & Classics in Concert

SPEAKERS

Our Guest Speaker last month was Rod Tucker who gave a really interesting talk about his book 'Benjamin Herschel Babbage: The South Australian Forgotten Explorer' Exploration of South Australia by John Eyre in 1840 led to the belief that the Lake Torrens area was one large horseshoe lake and seen as a barrier to travel north. In 1858 Benjamin Babbage led an expedition that discovered a series of lakes and a passage through them. Progress was difficult and slow. At one point Babbage was fired but, as he was travelling, was unaware that Commissioner of Police, Peter Warburton had been appointed in his place. Babbage created good and accurate maps of the area, but Warburton claimed he had found the gap between the lakes. Babbage later petitioned the government for recognition of his discoveries.

This month our Guest Speaker will be Liz Rushden. Her talk is entitled "Hoddle: The Great Land Grab." Liz has an exhibition at the Royal Historical Society.

BIRTHDAY DINNER

The March birthday dinner was at Ms BKK Thai Restaurant in Torquay, where we sang happy birthday to Sue Anderson as it was the big Eight-Oh!



This month we are staying close to home.

WHERE: Morgan's Bar and Grill at Anglesea Shops

WHEN: Thursday, 30th April, 6:00 pm

April Birthdays: Trish Bodman, Fran Findlay, Marg Grainger, Nicky Perkin, John Roberts, John Dobinson *Wishing you the happiest of days.*

WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR EXHIBITION

Please note the change of date

This world-renowned exhibition features some of the most exceptional nature photography taken from across the globe. The award-winning images are part of an international tour, and we are most fortunate to have it come to Geelong. ** Lunch afterwards for those who wish to stay.

WHERE: National Wool Museum, Geelong.
Closest parking is Westfield car park – Moorabool St entrance
WHEN: Tuesday, 5th May (change of date)
Meet at Anglesea Bowling Club for carpooling – 9:30 am
COST: \$13.00 or \$10 Concession

Please sign up at the April meeting and indicate if you will be staying for lunch.

DELIGHTFUL DAYS & MATINEES

The next Delightful Days performance includes beloved songs from the world of opera, operetta, timeless musicals and treasured classical songs, celebrating the best of the stage and concert hall.

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

WHAT: **Opera and Classics in Concert**
WHERE: The Story House, Geelong Arts Centre
WHEN: Wednesday, 3rd June. 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 Friday, 4th May please.

If you would like to attend, please sign up at the April 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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BERRY PICKING



We set off to Gellibrand not sure of what we would find there after the fires in January. Although we saw evidence that spot fires came very close to Bob's



farm, we were happy to see him as always, with his battered hat and patched trousers, and with plenty of juicy berries ready to pick. After a bit of a feast on a load of apples he was sharing, we headed to Colac Lake for a delicious lunch.

TWILIGHT BOWLS

My efforts at the bowls evening? I won one game then had the wrong bias on my bowl and it ended up in the game next door!! Ric organized into groups of four and off we went, some with no idea and others who were able to show us the tricks of the trade. All in good fun.

We paused for drinks as Kathy and Maz fired up the barbie (I hope they had a can of beer in their hand because, according to my husband, the barbie won't start without one). With a stack of snags, burgers and salad to share, the day was complete. Thanks Kathy.



SAVE THE DATE – CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Always on the ball, Kathy has begun planning for our Christmas in July lunch.

Remember all those song titles you had to guess last year!

WHERE: Mt Moriac Hotel
WHEN: Monday, 27th July. 12:30
COST: \$40



We always have a great turnout for this one, so pencil it into your calendars now.

PROBUS CLUB OF SURFCOAST ANGLESEA

GENERAL MEETING: Monday, 16th March 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

- Welcome to members, and visitors Lois Salamonsen, who will be inducted at the next meeting, and Janet Gray and her husband Bob.
- Steve explained the format for the day:

Minutes for the last General Meeting held on Monday, 16th February 2026 were circulated with the March Probuscan.

Moved: Sue Anderson Seconded: Kristen McDonald Accepted.

Reports

- Treasurer John Roberts
Current balance - \$4726
Received: Membership, payments for Bowls
John spoke a little about his trip to Wagga Wagga
- Outings and Activities Kathy McLennan
Blueberry picking this Thursday, meet at Bowls Club
Twilight bowls – Wed. 25th March. 4:30 – 7:30 pm
March Birthdays – Ms BKK
Wildlife Photography Exhibition. Tues 28th April
- Membership Lyn Elsbury
44 attendances 19 apologies 14 non-attendance
- Camps Heather Batson
Sign-up sheet available. Any ideas for location?
- Footy Tipping Sue Anderson
Announced top 6 so far

At this point the General Meeting was suspended, and the Annual General Meeting began

AGM See minutes below

RECOMMENCE GENERAL MEETING.

New President Celia Meehan Chaired.

Birthdays: Sue Anderson, Helen McDonald, Joy Murray, Judy Nancarrow, Judy Philipson, Estie Wines, David Morris

MORNING TEA

Guest Speaker: Introduced by Liz Gielewski

Speaker: Rod Tucker

Benjamin Herschel Babbage – South Australia's Forgotten Explorer

Exploration of South Australia by John Eyre in 1840 led to the belief that the Lake Torrens area was one large horseshoe lake and seen as a barrier to travel north. In 1858 Benjamin Babbage led an expedition that discovered a series of lakes and a passage through them. Progress was difficult and slow. At one point Babbage was fired but as he was travelling, was unaware that Commissioner of Police, Peter Warburton had been appointed in his place. Babbage created good and accurate maps of the area, but Warburton claimed he had found the gap between the lakes. Babbage later petitioned the government for recognition of his discoveries.

Draw Special Effort

Winner: Margot Shaw

Donor for next meeting: Margot Shaw

Next Meeting

Monday, 20th April at Anglesea Hotel

PROBUS CLUB OF SURF COAST ANGLESEA INC.

31st Annual General Meeting Monday 16th March 2026

MINUTES

The General Meeting was closed and the 31st AGM declared opened

Minutes of the 30th AGM were published in the April 2025 Probuscan and confirmed at the April General Meeting

Annual Reports

President – Steve Moody

2025 was an interesting year for the club. It has been a real pleasure being your President for the past 2 years, getting to know all the amazing club members and listening to your amazing stories.

I would like to acknowledge the Committee members who really run the club. Without them our meetings, events and outings would not exist. Sue our Secretary, who also does the Probuscan, John - Treasurer (who keeps us in the black), Lyn and Yvonne – Membership and Welfare, Kathy - Outings, Heather – Camps, Liz Speakers and Kaylene our general member. But we must not forget Marg Russell, who does a great job with our minutes.

We had some awesome outings including the Mount Gambier trip, which was excellent; Birthday lunches and Dinners, and of course we can't forget our Christmas in July and Christmas lunch which both were well attended.

We welcomed new members to the club as we continue to grow, and farewelled a few. All of you make our club, without you there would be no club. The friendship, fun and caring for others you bring to our club is in the best tradition of Probus and its values.

I look forward to this year as I know great things are being planned and foremost being a member of this awesome club for many years to come.

Treasurer – John Roberts

Report tabled. John Roberts moves that we accept the Annual Financial Statement

Seconded: Kathy McLennan Accepted

Motions

Membership fees.

As per our new Constitution we have voted and passed these motions at the February General Meeting

Membership numbers.

Membership Officer Lyn Elsbury moves that in accordance with Resolution 7 of the Standing Resolutions the maximum membership of the club will be 100.

Seconded: *Lynn Bunning* Motion passed

Election of Management Committee

Lynn Bunning acted as Returning Officer

Lynn thanked the Committee members for their hard work in the past year then declared all committee positions vacant.

The Secretary received one nomination for the position of President for the 2026/27 Probus year.

Lynn declared that Celia Meehan be appointed to the position of President

The Secretary received no nomination for the position of Vice President.

Nominations were called from the floor for the position of Vice President. With no nominations the position was declared vacant.

** James Murray later offered to be Vice President

The Secretary advised that no nominations had been received for the position of Treasurer.

With no nominations offered from the floor John Roberts agreed to continue in the role.

No prior nominations were received for the position of Secretary.

With no nominations from the floor Sue Rowe agreed to continue as Secretary

Apart from these appointments, the Management Committee can be made up of up to 8 additional members.

With no other nominations received, the following Officers have agreed to continue in their roles

Lyn Elsbury Membership with Yvonne Burnell assisting with Welfare

Kathy McLennan Outings and Activities

Liz Gielewski Guest Speaker

Sue Rowe Probuscan

Heather Batson Camps

Kaylene Axleson General Member

Lynn thanked each committee member

Induction of new President

Steve Moody formally inducted Celia Meehan. Celia was invited to say a few words

Meeting Closes. Steve declared closed the 31st AGM of the Probus Club of Surf Coast Anglesea and recommenced the General meeting.

YOUR COMMITTEE

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