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

June 2026

NEXT MEETING – Monday 15th June, 9:30 am, Anglesea Hotel

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our last meeting demonstrated what a community connected group of people we are in the Surfcoast Anglesea Probus Club. The hands-up informal survey we did showed a broad range of interconnections between club members and organizations that we're currently a part of or have previously been involved in. A great indication of our members as volunteers. A few of us gathered at the Aireys Inlet Pub on the Friday night to mark the end of volunteer week. That was a lively affair as we arrived halfway through happy hour and the joint was jumpin'.

I've had a few trips to Melbourne in the past couple of weeks which involved theatre going. It also involved celebrating Williamstown Little Theatre's 80th birthday. A delightful event with theatre folk catching up and reliving former glories.

The May birthday celebration was well attended at the RACV Club - I wondered as I arrived why the car park was so full and then saw a person getting their golf clubs out of the boot... aah yes that's right!

Sending wishes of speedy recovery and of care to our members who are in less than great health.

MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 72 members with 45 attending the last meeting, 16 apologies and 10 absences, with three guests - Patty Hodder and Pam Saunders, and Jenny, Betty's carer.

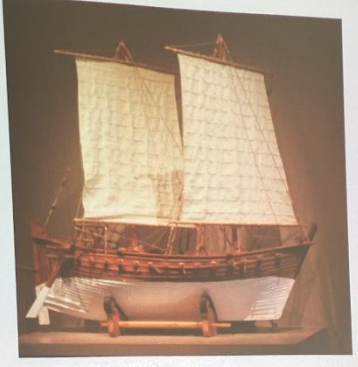
We also inducted two new members last meeting. Welcome Janet and Bob Gray

COMING UP

- **June Meeting – Monday, 15th June. 9:30 am**
Guest Speaker – Vaughn Lamb
- **Birthday Lunch – Tuesday, 23rd June. 12:30 pm**
Mishka's Café
- **Delightful Days & Matinees – Wednesday, 8th July. 11:00 am**
James Bond Classics
- **Christmas in July – Monday, 27th July**
Mt Moriac Hotel
- **Sorrento Ferry Trip – August**



SPEAKERS



Liz Gielewski, our Club Speaker in May, was a museum guide whilst living in Singapore, giving informative talks about the Belitung Shipwreck. She shared this with us last month.

In 1998 fisherman came across the remains of this shipwreck which was full of Chinese ceramics, ornaments, spices and other cargo. But the ship was identified as an Arabic dhow. Trade between China and the Arabian area was by the Silk Road but more delicate items went by sea. Many of the thousands of items of cargo were undamaged and Liz gave us a comprehensive description of the beautiful pieces, and also the subsequent reconstruction of the ship. Thanks Liz.

Our Guest Speaker, Lorraine Smith, has presented to us before and again with her animated story telling she didn't disappoint. Tiger Safaris in India

Lorraine and her husband travelled to many Tiger Reserves in India 1917 and again in 1919. She presented a colourful description of the animals they encountered, the various foods they ate, and travel experiences along the way. It was accompanied by many excellent photos.



Our Guest this month is Vaughn Lamb who will talk about Migrant Ships and the settlement of migrants in Geelong

BIRTHDAY LUNCH

Last month we celebrated the birthdays of Heather Batson and Barbara Fraser at the RACV Club in Torquay. Lovely food and good company. (Sorry ladies. I forgot to take photos *again!!*)

The June lunch is back to Aireys Inlet.

WHERE: **Mishka's Café.** 87 Great Ocean Rd. Aireys Inlet

WHEN: Tuesday, 23rd June. 12:30 pm



June birthdays: Kayelene Axelson, Betty Butterworth, Betty White, Barry Nancarrow, Lois Salamonsen, Marg Vise, Sue Rowe. *We wish you the happiest of days*

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Planning for our 'Christmas in July' celebration is under way. Put on your best Christmassy glad rags and join in the fun. Kris Kringle gifts, door prizes and hamper, and of course a game.

WHEN: Monday, 27th July

WHERE: Mount Moriac Hotel, 1115 Princess Highway.

COST: \$40.00 per head. Drinks from the bar



We are going with some Kris Kringle fun again this year. We ask everyone to bring a small gift (about \$15) which will go in the Santa sack for a lucky dip. Be creative, quirky, plain or interesting.

Please put your name on the list at the June meeting if you will be attending, or contact Kathy McLennan – 0414 900 697 kathmclennan@outlook.com

Payment is required before this event (*by Friday, 10th July please*) and this can be done by EFT to Bendigo Community Bank or you can go into the Branch and deposit into this account. If you prefer cash please pay John, in a named envelope, at the June meeting.

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

Don't forget your name and 'Xmas in July' in the Reference section

CAMP

24 members have already booked for the camp at HALLS GAP. *Are you thinking of coming?*

WHERE: Breeze Holiday Park Cnr School Rd & Grampians Rd. Halls Gap. Ph. 5356 4251

WHEN: Tuesday, 10th November – Sunday, 15th November

Heather has arranged for 9 cabins to be set aside. You will need to contact the Park a.s.a.p. to book your cabin, or a site if you are bringing your own caravan. Then let Heather know that you are coming.



20% OFF YOUR CAR REGO *Have you applied yet?*

From Monday 1 June to Friday 31 July 2026 Victorians can apply for a 20% rebate on their vehicle registration payments. This will save the average driver up to \$186 per vehicle on their 2025–26 vehicle registrations. The rebate will apply to eligible vehicles registered under an individual's name for the period of 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

How to apply

Applications will be open from Monday 1 June to Friday 31 July 2026. You will be able to apply via the Service Victoria app or website: [service.vic.gov.au](https://www.service.vic.gov.au)

PROBUS CLUB OF SURFCOAST ANGLESEA GENERAL MEETING: Monday, 18th May 2026

MINUTES

Acknowledgement of Country Conducted by Celia

President's Comments

- Celia spoke of several personal incidents that occurred recently. She also informed us of relevant facts about today's date – Academy of Country Music awards, Australian Made week, International Museum Day, Reese's Day. It is currently National Volunteer Week and Celia highlighted and thanked the many volunteers we have within the Club. She nominated a wide range of organizations in which we are involved.

- **Induction** of Janet and Bob Gray
 - A few words about Janet and Bob
 - Formal words, presentation of badges
- **Minutes** for the last General Meeting held on 20th April 2026 were circulated with the May Probuscan.
Moved: Jan Morris Seconded: Rick Sheehan Accepted

Reports

- **Treasurer** John Roberts
Current Balance: \$4463.00
Almost all memberships paid. Capitation fees now paid to PSPL
20% discount on car registration fees available from Services Victoria. Applications open 1st June.

- **Outings and Activities** Kathy McLennan
Birthday lunch – 26th May, 12:30 pm. RACV Club Torquay
Christmas in July reminder. 27th July. Mt Moriac Hotel
Delightful Days and Matinees 3rd June booked.
8th July – James Bond Classics. Sign up sheet. Pay asap
Lyn Bunning spoke of the concession price available Mondays and Wednesdays on the Sorrento ferry. Will help arrange an outing.

- **Membership** Lyn Elsbury
48 attendances 10 non-attendances 16 apologies

Welcome to guests Patty Hodder and Pam Saunders

• Camp Heather Batson
Heather reminded us to let her know when we have booked a cabin for the camp

• Footy Tipping Sue Rowe
Leaders: David – 282, Jan & Sue R – 274, Kaye & Nicky – 266

General Business

• Thank you to Marg Russell who is stepping down as Minutes Secretary. Presented with small bunch of flowers.

Club Speaker:

Introduced by Celia Meehan

Speaker: Liz Gielewski

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Draw Special Effort

Donated by Marg Elso.

Winner: Jan Morris

Donor for next meeting: Kathy Mc Lennan

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YOUR COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT	Celia Meehan	VICE PRESIDENT	
TREASURER	John Roberts	SECRETARY	Sue Rowe
PAST PRESIDENT	Steve Moody	MEMBERSHIP & WELFARE	Lyn Elsbury - Yvonne Burnell
OUTINGS & EXCURSIONS	Kathy McLennan	SPEAKERS	Liz Gielewski
PROBUSCAN	Sue Rowe	GENERAL MEMBER	Kaylene Axelson
GENERAL MEMBER & CAMPS	Heather Batson		