



The Probuscan

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

MAY 2026

NEXT MEETING – Monday 18th May, 9:30 am, Anglesea Hotel

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



On behalf of the Probus Club of Surf Coast Anglesea, Kaylene Axelson made a wreath which she and Noel laid during the ANZAC Day service in Anglesea. Thank you, Kaylene and Noel for representing us in Anglesea. It is much appreciated by the club and the community.

During the past month the club has had a lovely trip to Delightful Days in Geelong where we heard Denis Walter - I hadn't realised he was a Surf Coast boy- having lived in Bellbrae. Some of us arrived in time for a cuppa and biscuit in the foyer. It was a very pleasant performance followed by lunch at 17by4, a gentle walk from the Geelong Arts Centre. Thank you, Sue Rowe and Kathy, for this bit of cultural fun.

The birthday celebration at Morgans in Anglesea was enhanced by the delightful warm weather. The windows were open in Morgans allowing the balmy breeze to gently blow in. I was lucky to be at the other end of the table and escape the interest of those little sticky flies that have also been enjoying the summery weather. Thank you for another fun event, Kathy, adding to our opportunities of fellowship.

The battery sagas continued beyond our last meeting. And they spread - Frances Dickerson was experiencing her own car and battery issues at the time I was relaying my woes and then later in the day our remote control decided to join the battery problem party.



I was unable to attend our management meeting this month as I was off to Trentham for the week to participate in a Fibre Arts Australia class whose title is Drawing with Wood and Wire. It's a continuation of a class from last year in which I made among other things "Philomena" pictured here. It is an opportunity to immerse oneself in crafting and to get away from everything and be in the moment.

I hope you too are having that opportunity and having fun.

I'll be well and truly back in time for our May gathering.

MEMBERSHIP

Last month we inducted new member Lois Salamonsen. Welcome Lois

All membership fees (bar two) have been paid. We are often chasing these well into June so well done everyone. We have now paid our capitation fees to the governing body, Probus South Pacific. Capitation fees cover the wide range of membership, administration, insurance and support services available to Clubs and members.



COMING UP

- **May Meeting – Monday, 18th May. 9:30 am**
Guest Speaker – Lorraine Smith
- **Birthday Lunch – Tuesday, 26th May. 12:30 pm**
RACV Torquay
- **Delightful Days & Matinees – Wednesday, 3rd June. 11:00 am**
Opera & Classics in Concert

SPEAKERS

How fabulous were our speakers last month?

Club Speaker Rosie Dean has lived part-time in Anglesea for 2 years and is involved in many activity groups. Her love of horses shone through and she spoke of her career as a teacher. She proudly talked about her daughters and grandchildren. Thank you Rosie



Guest Speaker Liz Rushen spoke of the Hoddle Grid, today's CBD, which comprised 32 sections, each divided into allotments.

On 1st June 1837 the government offered 100 allotments for sale and by 1850 all land was sold. Purchasers were individuals and syndicates, and Liz told the stories of some of these people, what they did with their land, profits made, and how the allotments have been redeveloped over time. Such an interesting presentation.

This month Lorraine Wilson returns with a talk called 'Tiger Safaris in India'.

BIRTHDAY LUNCH



April's dinner was held at Morgan's Bar and Grill and we sang happy birthday to Fran and Marg Grainger. Always a good night of fun and friendship.



This month will be lunch.

WHERE: RACV Club Torquay

WHEN: Tuesday, 26th May. 12:30 pm

May birthdays: Heather Batson, Barbara Fraser. *We wish you the happiest of days.*

CAMP

This year's camp is to be held at HALLS GAP

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. The dates this year are a little bit later than in the past so it might be a bit busier.

Deposit is one night's accommodation.



HEART ATTACKS

The local CWA branch is conducting an information session titled

“Recognising Early Signs of Heart Attack in Women”

Heart attack symptoms in women often differ from the ‘classic’ crushing chest pain, presenting more subtly with shortness of breath, nausea, vomiting and unusual fatigue.

A speaker from Ambulance Victoria will address their Response Program
‘Call, Push, Shock’

WHEN: Thursday 4th June. 6:00 – 7:30 pm

WHERE: Anglesea Community House

20% OFF YOUR CAR REGO

Vehicle registration rebate coming soon

Victorians can soon apply for 20% off their vehicle registrations.

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.

More information

More details about the rebate will be available soon on the app or service.vic.gov.au

Birthdays:

Trish Bodman, Fran Findlay, Marg Grainger, Nicky Perkin, John Roberts

General Announcements

- Judy and Barry Nancarrow are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary this week
- Steve and Denise Moody are unable to attend the Delightful Days performance on Wednesday and they would be pleased for someone to take their tickets.
- Kaylene Axelson has offered to create a wreath for ANZAC Day at the Anglesea RSL

MORNING TEA

Guest Speaker: Introduced by Liz Gielewski
Speaker: Liz Rushen. "Hoddle Grid: The Great Land Grab"

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Purchaser statistics included:

14 of 29 were English, 6 Scottish, 6 Irish and 2 Australian; 17 former convicts or sons of; 20 Anglicans, 3 Catholics & 5 Protestant. 5 purchasers were women

Not all were successful, some being insolvent by 1842, but of the original 29, 16 were deemed wealthy at death. Many made their fortune by reselling e.g. Matthew Cantlon, a Publican ex-convict turned £19 into £33,000 by the time of his death.

In question time Liz went on to speak of single women who travelled to Australia at that time and the difficulties they faced.

Draw Special Effort donated by Margot Shaw

Winner: Maralyn Lamb and Marg Grainger

Donor for next meeting: Marg Elso

Final Words / Announcements

James Murray has withdrawn his offer to be Vice President as he will be travelling for many months this year. Celia asked for a further volunteer to do the role.

Next Meeting Monday, 18th May at Anglesea Hotel
