



The Probuscan

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

October 2026

NEXT MEETING – Monday 19TH October, 9:30 am, Anglesea Hotel

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

International Probus Day (October 1st) was celebrated at the Shires Offices with a rather lovely afternoon tea and a trivia quiz. Our team was Sue Rowe, Liz Gielewski and Keith Perkin. We managed to work out the faces quiz and did very well we think with the music trivia. This was a great practice for the Music Bingo on Thursday 8th October at the Anglesea Hotel. We also saw the Probus promotional video featuring Heather Ewart which was a great promo for the clubs and is being shown at the Music Bingo too.

Much of the recent weeks has been spent preparing for the trip to Japan (Sue Rowe, Liz and I) travelling with our personal tour guide- my sister Michele. The preparation I've needed to do is make sure all the paper work and business is done for the other organisations that I'm in to give myself a break! Hopefully we can send photos along the way to help you revisit your own journeys either to Japan or elsewhere.

Cheers Celia

MEMBERSHIP

September Meeting: Attendances – 53. Non-attendances – 9 Apologies – 12.

Visitors: Jim Demetriou, speaker Rob Grenfell and Jenny, Betty's carer.

Jim has applied to become a member and will be inducted at the November meeting

COMING UP

- **October meeting – Monday, 19th October. 9:30 am**
Guest Speaker - Michelle Hall from the Shire
- **Music Bingo – Thursday, 8th October. 10:30 am**
Anglesea Hotel
- **Delightful Days & Matinees – Wednesday, 21st October. 11:00 am**
Bernadette Robinson – They Sang at Carnegie Hall.
- **October Birthday Lunch – Monday 26th October. 12:30 pm**
Wok N Roll. Anglesea
- **Camp – 10th-15th November**
Halls Gap
- **November Birthday Dinner – Thursday, 26th November. 6:00 pm**
Thelo Gyros and Bar. Torquay
- **Christmas Lunch – Monday 21st December. 12:00 noon** **SAVE THE DATE**
Anglesea Hotel

SPEAKERS

Club Speaker, Bob Gray, shared his interesting life story, teaching in Australia and overseas. He met his wife Janet in Canada. They purchased a farm in the 90's, their Anglesea house in 1995 and retired here in 2019. Thanks Bob

The Guest Speaker, Rob Grenfell, was a health scientist and spoke of his work with research teams developing vaccines, particularly COVID, and the coordination of strategies to deal with the pandemic. A really interesting and informative presentation.

Our October Speaker will be Michelle Hall from the Surf Coast Shire.

Her topic is Resilience: Supporting our community to prepare for and recover from emergencies.

MUSIC BINGO

Are you coming to Music Bingo on Thursday?

It's not too late to book.



As part of the Surf Coast Shire's Positive Ageing Month in October Kathy has planned a fun morning of Music Trivia to be held at the Anglesea Hotel, on Thursday, 8th October.

10:30 am for tea and coffee then an 11:00 am start. Lunch afterwards if you wish

You can register with [trybooking.com/DMORS](https://www.trybooking.com/DMORS) (scan the code) or at the Anglesea Post

BIRTHDAY LUNCH

Last month we met at Doc Hughes for lunch and it was pretty special.

The October birthday lunch is in Anglesea

WHERE: Wok N Roll. 69 Great Ocean Rd Anglesea

WHEN: Monday, 26th October. 12:30 pm

October Birthdays: Sue Blackbell, Lynn Bunning, Yvonne Burnell, Annette Dwyer, Carole Jones, Beryl McCasker *Wishing you lots of fun and good times.*



BRING A FRIEND - NOVEMBER

We are encouraging everyone to "bring a friend" to our November meeting. Let's show them what a friendly bunch we are. We will be sharing a cake to celebrate the 50-Year Anniversary of Probus in Australia.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

SAVE THE DATE

What?? Did I read Christmas?

Yes, we know it's only October but we have started planning for the annual Christmas lunch and ask that you to put it on your calendar now. It is held instead of the regular meeting for December.

WHEN: Monday, 21st December

WHERE: Anglesea Hotel

COST: \$55.00 per head

Two-course lunch; reverse raffle for treats and Christmas Hamper; games and prizes.

HASTINGS OSTRICH FARM

What a great day we had at this farm in Winchelsea. Owner Michael gave us an extensive tour of his farm with heaps of interesting facts about ostriches, as well as how he developed the farm in the 1980s when little was known about it in Australia – it was mostly the domain of South Africa. We met his wife Victoria at their farm shop which included many products made from ostrich skins.



Lunch was at the Winchelsea Hotel with lots of friendly chatter.

A very special outing. Thanks Kathy.



VOICES FROM HOME

An initiative from the Arts Development Officer at the Shire that may interest you.

Share your story of Home

'Voices from Home' is a community storytelling project inviting people from across the Surf Coast Shire to share their stories, memories and experiences of Home.

Your contribution could be about a place, a person, a memory, a feeling or an experience that makes the Surf Coast Shire feel like Home to you. It can be as short as a few sentences.

You don't need to be a writer or have any creative experience to take part.

There are a few ways to get involved. You can:

- share your story online
- leave a voicemail by calling 03 5261 0899
- share our thought through a 'Voices from Home Story Box' at participating locations across the Surf Coast Shire, or
- join one of the remaining creative writing workshops with award-winning writer and spoken word artist Megan J Riedl.

Stories shared through the project will help inspire new spoken word works and shape a community performance in November 2026.

Find out more and get involved: surfcoast.vic.gov.au/VoicesFromHome



PROBUS CLUB OF SURFCOAST ANGLESEA

MINUTES OF MEETING: Monday, 21st September 2026 at Anglesea Hotel

Acknowledgement of Country: President Celia Meehan

President's Comments: Celia Meehan

* * Comments on Peace Day

Minutes of the last General Meeting held on 17th Aug 2026 were circulated with the September Probuscan.

Moved to accept

Moved: Dennise Moody

Seconded Richard Fowler

Reports

Treasurer: John Roberts Bank: \$3,839

John reminded us about the Angair walks around Anglesea.

Outings and Activities Kathy McLeanan

Birthday Lunch – Wednesday 23rd at 12.30 at Doc Hughes, Torquay

Ostrich Farm – meet at ABC at 9:30 am

Music Bingo – 11.00am Thursday 8 October at hotel, \$10

October Positive Aging Month – events booklet available

Membership: Lyn Elsbury

53 attended, 9 apologies, 12 non-attendance, 74 members

Football

Everyone enjoyed a True or False footy quiz run by Sue. Rowe

Footy Tipping Winners were, First - Noel, Second - David & Sue, Third - Nicky & Jan,

Loyalty Award – Barry Nancarrow

General Business

Celebrate Positive Ageing Month in Surf Coast Shire. Full calendar of events on the website published in this month's Probuscan. Booklets available at back of room

Club Speaker: Introduced by Liz Gielewski

Speaker: Bob Gray

Bob shared his interesting life story. He was born in Wollongong, NSW. After secondary school he went to Canberra College before doing teacher training. In 1968 he accepted a teaching position on an island off Vancouver, where he met and married his wife Janet. In 1976 they returned to Australia where Bob lectured at Coburg College, which eventually became part of RMIT. In the 90s Bob and Janet purchased 50 acres and planted olives. They purchased a house in Airey Inlet in 1995 and retired here in 2019.

Birthdays: Pauline Andrewartha, Susan Clarke, Lyn Elsbury, Kathy McLennan, Liz Gielewski, and Richard Fowler

Guest Speaker: Introduced by Liz Gielewski

Speaker: Rob Grenfell

Rob spoke of his amazing work as a leader of research teams, heading up the development of vaccines for plagues, pestilence and pandemics. He told of the frustration in this work until Covid arrived, when the government increased funding which allow rapid development of vaccines for diseases being passed from animals to humans. He told us of the sudden cooperation throughout the world when Covid hit. He explained about the various world-wide serious diseases and how Australian laboratories have been world leaders in some areas of vaccine development.

Draw Special Effort donated by Denise Moody won by Celia Meehan

Donor for next meeting? Jan Morris

Final Words / Announcements

Liz, Sue and I are not at the next meeting. I thank John Roberts for agreeing to Chair the meeting in my absence.

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