The Probuscan

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

NOVEMBER 2026

NEXT MEETING – Monday 16th November, 9:30 am, Anglesea Hotel

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I've finished unpacking from our fabulous three weeks in Japan and now it's time to pack again for our Probus camp in Halls Gap. Sue, Liz and I will be able to bore the campers witless with things Japanese and travel stories.
I hope you have all had a wonderful month of activity and managed to do some of the Senior's activities that were planned for October. It's hard to believe that the end of the year is rapidly approaching. Despite all the best efforts to spread events out it still comes in a rush at this time so I hope you've kept space in your diary for things Probus.
The campers will have just returned in time for our November meeting and can share their experiences from Halls Gap – although I believe what happens at the camp stays at the camp!

Until our next meeting, Kanpai Celia

MEMBERSHIP

Last month saw 38 members attending the meeting with 19 apologies and 17 absentees.
New member, Jim Demetriou, will be inducted at the November meeting.

COMING UP

- **November meeting – Monday, 16th November. 9:30 am**
  Guest Speaker – Sally White
- **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**
  Anglesea Hotel

SPEAKERS

Our November speakers were interesting and informative. Thankyou Kristen telling us about your personal story and life with Dick, before coming to Aireys Inlet.
Michele Hall's talk was both timely and relevant to us living on the Coast. Some members have already added to their emergency plan for the coming Summer.

This month Lois Salamonsen will be our Club Speaker and Guest Speaker Sally White – a former 'Age' journalist- will talk about teaching journalism in a changing China.

BIRTHDAY DINNER



Unfortunately, last month's lunch was cancelled but we hope all those with an October birthday had the very best of days.

This month we are going Greek for dinner.
WHERE: Thelo Gyros and Bar. 46 Bell St. Torquay

WHEN: Thursday, 26th November 6:00 pm

November Birthdays: Kay Adamson, Ken Bunning, Ann Dent, Marg Russell, Celia Meehan, Ellen Lake, Janet Gray *Wishing you the happiest of birthdays.*

BRING A FRIEND - NOVEMBER

At the November Meeting we are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Probus in Australia. The first Club was the Probus Club of Hunters Hill (Sydney), established in February 1976 and is still going today.
We invite you all to 'Bring a Friend' to the next meeting to share the friendship and fellowship of Probus.
You might also know a past member who may like to come along and share in the 50th Anniversary and perhaps recall some of the good times they have had with our Club.
We will be having a special cake to celebrate the occasion.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Christmas is a joyous time for many but it can also be difficult for some in our community. Co-ordinated through the Community House, Food Link provides emergency food relief for Anglesea and Aireys Inlet residents.
We would like to support Food Link again this year and embrace the 'gift of giving.' Food Link has requested cash donations rather than food. This money then goes towards creating specific hampers, or purchasing supermarket vouchers.

You are under no obligation to donate, but if you would like to contribute to the Food Link Christmas fund, please place your cash in an envelope and place it in the 'giving box' at our Christmas lunch.



Then join us for our final celebration of the year.

WHEN: **Monday, 21st December** **12:00pm**

WHERE: **Anglesea Hotel**

COST: **$55.00**

Wear your Christmas glad rags and come join in the fun.

Games, prizes and the Reverse Raffle hamper.

If you would like to attend, please sign up at the November meeting and pay $55.00 into the Probus Bendigo bank account by EFT or as a cash deposit at the bank (take our account number with you)

Don't forget your name and 'Christmas Lunch' 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, you must have the correct money in a labelled envelope. This will need to be paid at the November meeting please.

Final numbers needed by Friday, 11th December.

MUSIC BINGO

What a fabulous time we had at the Music Bingo. The songs were all our era and many of us sang and danced along as we tried to guess the tune. Our compere Marni was really upbeat and helped us along if we were not sure.



Thankyou Kathy for organizing such a fun day.

MINUTES OF PROBUS CLUB OF SURFCOAST ANGLESEA
GENERAL MEETING: Monday, 19th October 2026

Acknowledgement of Country John Roberts

President's Comments
John Roberts chairman replaced Celia Meehan who was absent. John reminded us of the objectives of Probus. He also drew our attention to the fact that it is Positive Ageing Month as well as today being International Men's Day and World Philosophy Day.

Minutes
Minutes of the September General Meeting held on 21st September 2026 were circulated with the October Probuscan. They were moved as being correct by John Roberts and seconded by John Morrissy

Reports
- Treasurer - John Roberts

The current bank balance is $1,883. The Special Effort last month raised $69
The Shire granted us $100 to run the Musical Bingo activity

- Outings and Activities - Kathy McLennan

There is no activity organised for Melbourne Cup Day.
Monday 26th October lunch will be at 12.30 at Wok n Rol in Anglesea
November birthday dinner on 26th in evening at Thelos Bar and Gyros Torquay

- Camp -Three weeks to go to camp at Halls Gap
- Membership - Lyn Elsbury

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General Business
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Club Speaker:
Speaker: Kristen McDonald was introduced by Janet Gray
Kirsten told us how she first came to Aireys Inlet at the age of 15. Here she first met her future husband, Dick MacDonald. Kirsten studied interior design at RMIT. After re-meeting Dick ten years later they married in 1963. They lived for 40 years in NSW where Dick managed many large properties. Dick had a major accident in 1979 while working for Agricultural Investment Australia. They later purchased property and bred white Suffolk sheep. They moved to Aireys 18 years ago and rebuilt their old family house.

MORNING TEA

Birthdays: Sue Blackbell, Lynn Bunning, Yvonne Burnell, Annette Dwyer, Carole Jones, Beryl McCasker

Guest Speaker:
Speaker: Michelle Hall was introduced by Janet Gray

Michelle spoke about resilience, supporting our community to prepare for and recover from emergencies. Her talk covered four areas
A. Know Your Risk B. Make A Plan
C. What Council Does D. What You Can Do Knowing the Risk

Advice levels, Moderate, High, Extreme, Catastrophic
Extreme or Moderate means that you should leave immediately for a safe place

Stress can result in leaving you less able to think clearly, so planning is essential
A. Think ahead and plan, B. Write down plan C. Practice plan
D. share plan with family

Key information places will assist with planning.

Draw Special Effort Winner: Barbara Morrissy Donor: Jan Morris
Donor for next meeting: Kaye Adamson

Final Words / Announcements
Christmas lunch at the Anglesea Hotel on Monday 21st December

Next Meeting Monday 16th November, 9:30 am at Function Room, Anglesea Hotel

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