



PROBUS CLUB OF MITCHAM NUNAWADING

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President's Report

The February meeting is the last for the Probus financial year. In March we will hold our Annual General Meeting (AGM) where all committee positions are open for nomination. If you would like to find out more, please chat to me or another committee member at the meeting. Formal nomination forms are available from the secretary. I encourage you to consider supporting the organisation of the club and our fellowship activities.

Dates to Remember

11th February, regular Willis Room meeting.
24th Feb, photo group at Williamstown.
10th March AGM and fees are due.
6th to 8th April, Narrapaumelap Homestead trip, book now.

Birthdays this Month

Name Date

Noel Harvey	3rd
Stan Archer	5th
Ian Cameron	5th
Wendy Billings	12th
Sjef Bervoets	15th
Roy MacLeod	20th

People born in February are known for their originality. They believe in doing things their own way rather than following others just for the sake of it. This is what makes them very different from others. They stand out in a crowd for doing things differently. They learn from their mistakes and experiences. Most people from February are making their own way if anything others follow them.

Convenors' Reports

Bowls

Unfortunately, we had insufficient applicants or expressions of interest to conduct the PAV bowls contest this year. The PAV has withdrawn support and the event is cancelled.

Footy Tipping

We will be running a footy tipping contest this season. Please ask at the meeting and get your name on the expression of interest list. We will tell you how to apply and the rules as soon as the contest is open.



Photo Group



The photo club starts its 2020 program on Monday 24 February. The easiest way to travel to Williamstown is by train. We will meet at the Williamstown Railway Station at 10am. I suggest we travel together by train; we can meet in the last carriage on the train which leaves Blackburn station at 8.37am. The same train leaves Heatherdale at 8.29am, Mitcham at 8.31am, and Nunawading at 8.34am. We will leave the train at Southern Cross Station (Spencer Street) and catch the train to Williamstown at 9.34am. Williamstown station is at the end of the line. Do not get off at Williamstown Beach Station.

If you prefer to drive, meet the rest of us at Williamstown Station.

There are numerous photo opportunities in Williamstown, ranging from the foreshore, the Botanical gardens, the streetscape on the foreshore, boats, etc. etc. Even if you don't have a camera and you would just like to have a walk around Williamstown, you are welcome to join us.

There are many restaurants in Williamstown where we can have lunch afterwards, and we can make a decision on the day how we travel back home. The ferry would be a great option if it is a fine day.

If anyone is interested in going to Williamstown early and taking photos while the sun is rising over the city, please let me know. I am happy to get there early if anyone would like to join me. We would travel by car at that time of day, and I could take up to four passengers. We could make a final decision the day before, depending on the weather forecast.

Please let me know at the next meeting if you are able to come.

Michael Ransom

Golf Group



Regularly playing a casual 9 holes most Wednesdays at Morack Golf Course followed by a coffee. There is room for 1 or 2 extra players and beginners are welcome to join us for the walk with the parrots and ducks. Please call to check times and dates. Convener Graeme Brookes 9873 8827.

Guest Speakers

For our February meeting, we will enjoy a talk from Gabe Denmark who presented recently at the Aged and Disability Expo held at "Jeff's Shed". She is keen to engage with as many Probus Clubs as possible to explain what NBN is about. As you will be aware, there is considerable confusion about the NBN, and Gabe and her team are keen to engage with us to explain the program, and to answer questions we may have.



Walking Group

The walking group members are welcome to join the photo group at Williamstown on Monday 24 February.

AGM – March Meeting

For the March meeting, the club will hold the Annual General Meeting before the regular meeting. The minutes for last year are attached to the email distributing your ProBuzz.

We will seek your support for changes to our Standing Resolutions outlined below. The current version is available on our web site FYI. A draft will be sent to you at least 21 days before the meeting.

- Combining paragraph 4 (setting the date, time and venue of regular meetings) and paragraph 5 (about the committee being able to set an alternative date, time and venue) into a single paragraph to avoid confusion.
- Using an assessment criteria to help nominate and approve life members.
- Changing the annual fee to \$40 per member.
- Removing honorary membership paragraph (previously bestowed on non-members who have supported the club for many years).
- Updating the lists of life members and non-active members to reflect current information.

Upcoming Events

Narrapaumelap & Silo Art on 6th to 8th April 2020 – get your deposits in



Our trip to Narrapaumelap Homestead and the silo art trail on the 6th to 8th April to on, we have sufficient applicants, but do have room for a few more. The cost will be up to \$600 pp including transport and accommodation and less if we get more participants. See Patrick and pay \$50 your deposit at the next meeting. Itinerary outline is below, see Margaret Clark for more details.

6th depart Melbourne by chartered bus to Narrapumelap Homestead for a light lunch. An impressive French Gothic mansion built in 1873. After a tour of the homestead we travel to Horsham to the Best Westlander Motel for dinner and overnight.

7th we explore the silo art trail taking in Sheep Hills, Brim, Roseburry, Lascelles and Patchewollock. Lunch is at your own expense. Then we return to the Best Westlander Motel for dinner and overnight.

8th We visit the Stick Shed of Murtoa. At 900 foot long, 200 foot wide and 60 foot high, it is the largest rustic building in the world. Then more silo art at Rupanyap before heading back to Melbourne. Lunch is provided enroute.



Suggestions for outings - Please help keep the club active.

Would you like to arrange a small outing for the club? It is easy to arrange, see Patrick to get some tips, set a date with the venue, mention it in meetings to get approval and inform the members and probuzz, then collect names. Here are some suggestions, ask the secretary for more details if you are interested.

Duneira Gardens

Here is an easy suggestion, a day trip to Duneira in Mount Macedon. Established in 1874, the 16 acre garden includes many significant trees and numerous rare plants, a Secret Garden with a 145 year old weeping cherry and a Labyrinth. It is only \$10 per person or \$15 with a guided tour.

Comedy Festival

The Book of Snorin' - Sleep Apnoea the Musical is based on experiences with sleep apnoea over many years. I'm in my mid 50s and the show has been a big hit with people in the 50+ age group.

The story from annoying the wife with snoring and being banished to the bungalow, then getting diagnosed and exploring various treatment options with some misadventures along the way! Book for 17th or 18th April, with a discount if you use the promo code probus.

International Women's Day Event

Cranbourne Race Track on 6th March, for dinner. \$95 per person for dinner and a drinks package. Guest speaker is Bianca Chatfield former Australian Netballer and 2018 contestant on The Block.

Food & Fashion Gala Luncheon for Eastern Palliative care.

Exciting fundraising Gala Luncheon on Sunday 22 March, 2020. Raising funds for the 'Overnight Respite Services Project' where we supply a registered nurse overnight to support clients in their final days at home. Would someone like to organise a table?

Active Retirees, eNewsletter – have you subscribed?

Sign up for the Active Retirees eNewsletter.

<https://probussouthpacific.org/forms/display/newsletter-signup> This enewsletter includes links to touring opportunities, recipes and other interesting articles. Using an eNewsletter also helps save the environment, because we save: raw materials, printing and packaging, delivery and disposal costs.

Annual Fees are Due in March

Please prepare to pay the expected \$40 annual membership fee, at the March meeting. We pay about \$1,300 in April for your fees to Probus Association of Victoria and Probus South Pacific, so if your subscriptions are late we cannot make these payments.

From the ProBuzz Editor – please help us save paper

The city of Whitehorse has approved our application for discounted rental for the Willis Room under the Whitehorse Support Community Grants Program. Without this community grant you would have to pay about \$66 extra each per year in fees to cover retail rent for the venue. One of the conditions of this grant is that we support the environment and have an electronic newsletter. If you did pick up this copy of ProBuzz up at the meeting, please consider reading the emailed version instead. If you do have an email, please advise us so we can reduce the printing of paper copies and the associated delivery efforts. The copies that are not collected are distributed by our membership coordinators towards gaining new memberships.

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- This newsletter is kindly printed by the office of Michael Sukkar, federal member for Deakin.

Contact Us

Please visit us as a guest for more information about our club.

Willis Room, Whitehorse Council Offices, Nunawading. Introduce yourself at the welcome table.
Meet at 9:30 am on 2nd Tuesday each month (except December).

Or send us a message:

PO Box 15, Nunawading 3131 or via email to mail@mnprobus.org.au

Or Visit our Web pages

Visit us on the web at www.mnprobus.org.au

Visit the Probus Association of Victoria (PAV) www.probusvic.com.au

Visit Probus South Pacific Ltd (PSPL) www.probusouthpacific.org

Member Welfare.

If you are aware of any member needing support or not well, please tell our welfare officer
Ray Stanfield on 0403 435 659 or email wendy.ray44@gmail.com

Our Committee

Position	Incumbent	Contact	All positions are open for nomination and election at the AGM in March.
President	Don Cashmere	0418 486 292	
Treasurer	Patrick Danaher	0411 804 635	
Secretary	Richard Lawrence	0407 838 638	Please consider how you can best put your skills to promote and organize the club and activities.
Vice President	Michael Ransom	0417 514 349	
Guest Speakers	Trevor Bravo	0401 079 023	
Activities	Vacant		Vacant positions can be filled any time.
Membership	Vacant		
Other Member	Vacant		Please contact the secretary for a nomination form.

Important Notes – the fine print:

- This document is private and confidential to Probus, the contents should not be used for any other purpose.
- Only activities endorsed by the management committee are eligible for Probus Insurance. To organise an activity, put it to the Probus meeting and complete an activity form for all participants.
- Activities and tours included in ProBuzz may not be endorsed by the management committee. ProBuzz is just passing on interesting information received.

