



### President's Message (Ian Gault)

Have you stopped chuckling after hearing the hilarious antidotes that were related to us by our January guest speaker Hilary Jones? Although customer relations would have many stressful moments the events such as those told to us revealed the funny side of it.

Our December meeting is well past by now and it was discussed by the committee at their January meeting. The feeling of the committee was that the lunch and entertainment was a success and enjoyed by those present. The committee would now very much like some feedback from you the members and request that any comment or suggestion you may have be passed onto the committee in writing and by way of the Suggestion Box.

Our March AGM and the election of a committee for 2009 is drawing closer and I hope that many of you have given serious consideration to nominate for one of the positions on the committee. Some nominations have been received but let not that create complacency as the more nominations there are the merrier. All will be revealed after our fellowship break this month when I will be in a position to announce the nominees.

As announced, it has been necessary to find alternative meeting days this year due to public holidays falling on the second Monday in March, April and June. Our usual scheduled meeting day is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month and it will always clash with public holidays every March and June. As food for thought I will put to you at this next meeting that consideration is given to changing our scheduled meeting day to the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. Certainly that day will occasionally clash with Easter Monday, Anzac Day and Australia Day but it will avoid the certain clash of days in March and June every year. I will not be calling for any discussion at this meeting but will ask the meeting for an expression of interest in taking this suggestion to the AGM as an agenda item.

*"Failure to prepare is preparing to fail" - Ian Gault*

### Secretary's Report (Judy Baker)

#### **Election of Office Bearers**

Nomination forms for election of office bearers for 2009 are available from the secretary. These nominations need to be completed and lodged with the Secretary **by the end of the fellowship break** at the February club meeting. Final nominations will be announced after the fellowship break and published in the March newsletter. If required elections will be held at the Annual General Meeting on Friday 20 March, 2009.

#### **Activities Approved at January Meeting**

Getaway at Merimbula	12-16 February'09
Harness Racing at Kilmore	25 February'09
Twilights at the Zoo	1 March'09
Golf Get Away at Mansfield	4-6 October'09

#### **February Meeting**

Our next meeting is on Monday, 9 February at the Ted Ajani Centre, Thompsons Road, Lower Templestowe, opposite Sunhill Road, Melway 32K7. Enter the hall from the front entrance. The hall will open at 9.00am for activity bookings. The meeting will commence at 9.45am.

### Fellowship Lunch (Lyn McBain & Laurine Eames).

**February:** Lower Plenty Hotel,  
4 Main Road, Lower Plenty. Melways map 21A9  
March fellowship lunch will be held at the Ted Ajani Hall after the AGM on Friday, 20th March. Our caterers, Marysville Bakery, will be serving finger food. Drinks and glasses are BYO. The cost is \$13.00 per person to be paid at the February meeting. The minimum number of people required is 60, and so far we only have 32 who have paid. We look forward to your support for this event. *Lynette McBain and Laurine Eames.*

### Speakers (Marg McGregor)

**February** – Selection of Photo's from our own "Photography Group"

**March** – A.G.M. and Housekeeping - Plus our member Dr. Hugh Cornell presenting "Value of Classical Music". *Marg*

### Events & Outings (Elaine Hayne).

#### **Train / Bus to Merimbula 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February - 7.50am**

Seniors Free Train/Bus trip to Merimbula All those members going on this trip see Elaine at the meeting or call 98418645

#### **Harness Racing at Kilmore Wed 25<sup>th</sup> February 9.30 am**

Pay on entry - \$20.00 includes: entry, 2 course lunch and race book.. Make your own way to Kilmore - Hume Highway to Wallan then Northern Highway to Kilmore.(See Elaine for a map) meet at the racecourse 12 Noon.

Please see me if you put your name down but NOT going. *Elaine*

#### **Barbecue at Birrarung**

Our January BBQ was attended by Thirty??? NO! Twenty?? NO! Ten??? NO!. THREE members who either ignored or hadn't noticed the 43c temperatures and arrived complete with salad rolls, drinks, coffee, sushi, and fruit but no BBQ as it was a total fire ban day. Rules for BBQ in a park are not really clear but it is probably sensible to avoid lighting anything on these sort of days. It wasn't too bad there actually. Doug and I thought we would be there in case someone turned up: and she did – Jenny Eaton arrived as we did and we shared travel stories as we had our rolls and sushi along with some salad and coldies completed with coffee that was just above the ambient temperature. After about an hour we headed back home to watch the tennis. A good time was had by the three of us and several rabbits and some parrots.

This month BBQ day is Thursday February 26th. *Elaine*

#### **Zoo Twilights Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 5pm**

Artists – Queen – ("We are the champions")  
Meet at Elliot Ave Entrance 5pm – Buy your tickets there.  
Entry \$34.00 Concession \$27.00 BYO Picnic.

#### **Social and Dance Evening Saturday 2nd May 7.00pm \$20.00**

At the Ajani Centre Hall with Diana May and "The Deep Creek Band". BYO Supper and drinks.. Tea and Coffee available.

Put your name on the list at February meeting.

Always a great fun night. Not to be missed.

**Craft (Yvonne Bovall June Duncan)**

Tuesday March 17 10am at Helen Armstrong 4/2 Paul St. Doncaster 9816 4643, this will be an activities planning morning.

Tuesday April 21 10am at June Duncan 5 Kiewa St. Doncaster 98483329, more information next newsletter *Yvonne*

**Genealogy (Ray Lawley)**

This months Genealogy Meeting will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February at the Doncaster Library from 10-00 – 12-00 noon.

John Mugridge has kindly offered to run the meeting for me. *Ray*

**Getaways (Lyn Hudgson)**

Adelaide Shores Caravan Resort has been booked for the May Getaway arriving there on Thursday 14th. Most of us are spending seven days there before moving to various other holiday locations if any other members would like to join us see Lyn Hudgson with your enquiry

*Lyn Hudgson*

**Walking (Wayne Eames & Terry Cummins)**

New walkers welcomed.

Wear layered clothing and sturdy shoes and bring drinking water. We walk every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. Everyone welcome.

**February 11th & 25th 9.30am Ruffey Lake Park Walk**  
8 km - approx 2.0 hrs (can be varied depending on the day.)  
Meet at Victoria St car park Mel. 33 J10

Morning Tea BYO Leaders: Wayne & Laurine Eames.

**Note: If the temperature on the day of any of our walks reaches 35c the walk will be cancelled.**

**Anglesea Recreation Camp 13-15 March**

Thirty two members will be attending the Anglesea camp in March. Information will be handed out at the February meeting to those attending.

We now have vacancies for four people, namely two single ladies and one couple, for this weekend. The cost is \$135, which includes accommodation and all meals. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Wayne on 9841 5512 or at the February meeting. *Wayne & Terry 9841 5512 or 98505852*

**Bike Riding (John Hudgson)**

Bike Rides every second Wednesday.

*John Hudgson 98440662*

**Cultural Walks (Wendy Fishley)**

**Thursday 19 February** - Yarra River - North Side. Meet at Hamer Hall - 9.45 a.m.

**Thursday 12 March** - Williamstown walk with Kenneth Park and Garden tour with Fay Williams- meet at car park at intersection of Ferguson Street and The Strand at 9.45 a.m. Bring own picnic or find a cafe.

**Thursday 7 May** Discover Jolimont - meet at Hilton Hotel on corner of Clarendon and Wellington Streets at 9.45 a.m.

**No walks in April** as Easter and school holidays take up a large part of the month.

**Theatre (Ellen Boyd & Joan Planck)**

We are starting the year off with a new program of theatre outings that we hope you enjoy.

At the AGM in March we will be handing the theatre responsibilities over to a new group. So far we have one person who has put her hand up, but as Joan and I found out in 2008 it is too much for one or two, three people would be better.

**Wed. 18 February.** 11.00am Palace Balwyn Cinema / Luncheon \$13.75 per person includes the movie, sandwiches, cake, tea & coffee. The movie **'The Changeling'** a drama mystery set in Los Angeles in 1928. The film stars Angelina Jolie, John Malkovich, Gattlin Griffith and is directed by Clint Eastwood. It is a film that is being considered for nomination to the Academy Awards and is released on the 8 February. Please make sure your name is on the list at our February meeting.

**Fri. 6 March,** 8.00pm Eltham Little Theatre \$16.00 per person includes sherries at 7.30pm, tea & coffee at interval for a gold coin donation. The play is **'Chapter Two'** written by Neil Simon. This is a sparkling comedy based on the laughter of the art of entertainment. Payment required Feb meeting.

**Sat. 18 April,** 8.00pm Whitehorse Theatre **'Don Giovanni'** price to be confirmed, payment at the March meeting.

**Fri. 24 April,** 8.00pm Eltham Little Theatre \$16.00 per person includes sherries, tea & coffee. **'Ten Times Table'** a comedy by Alan Ayckbourne. Payment at the April meeting.

**Wed 13 May,** 1.30pm. Her Majesty's Theatre **'Billy Elliott'** \$69.90 per person. The first 40 people places on the list are confirmed. We are trying to obtain a further group booking for later in the year. Please confirm with Joan that your name is on the list. Payment due at the March meeting.

**Wed. 24 June,** 11.00am Whitehorse Centre Nunawading, \$13.00 per person a concert featuring **Denis Walter.** Payment due May meeting.

**July TBA.**

**Wed 12 August** 11.00am Whitehorse Centre Nunawading, \$13.00 per person, a concert featuring **'The Three Tenors'** ( not the real ones but fantastic anyway) For further exciting programs stay tuned

*Joan & Ellen*

**Garden Group (Faye Williams)**

**Special Garden Group Picnic**

The Garden Group invites everyone to join us for a visit to The Blue Lotus Watergardens for a picnic lunch, on Saturday 28th February.

The Gardens are located just past Lilydale on the Warburton Highway. Melways map 288,H8. The garden covers 14 acres and has 5 kilometres of walking tracks. There is a picnic and BBQ area as well as a cafe. Entry to the Gardens is \$8.

Thanks to 30 members who have indicated interest and others are encouraged to put their names down at the February meeting If you would like to take part in this visit, please add your name to the list, at the next two meetings. **Regular Garden Group members please arrange your usual car share.**

We will meet at the Gardens at 11 am. If you would like to join us and are unable to arrange transport, please phone me 98990640, and leave a message.

I hope we can be joined by the walkers, bike riders golfers and anyone else who would like to make this a special Probus Outing.

*Faye Williams.*

**Book Reading (Helga Braun) .**

Next meeting on 17th February. *Helga*

**Scrapbook (Verity Moore)**

Scrapbooking (Normally 4<sup>th</sup> Monday). Feb 23rd next meeting  
*Verity 98416373*

**The Entertainers (Marg Campbell)**

Wednesday February 24th, our first information day.  
Cost \$ 2.00.- Meet at the Scout Hall- Duncans & Union St;  
Finns reserve, Mel. 33. B.4. ( drive in and park at the hall.)  
Time 9.15 am- 10.15 am sharp or later on depending on numbers  
etc. Tea & coffee available after rehearsals..

This activity is open to all probus members who love to act, recite poetry, sing or dance or all of the above.

If you are interested in being part of a group of fun loving people who are happy to try to come out of their comfort zone, learn new things and have a go.

Come along to the info day and see if this activity is for you  
New ideas, new people, we are interested to see what entertainment you wish to see at our probus gatherings.

An expressions of interest list will be on the board at the February meeting check it out *Marg Campbell*

**Golf (Lyn Crosbie)**

**Results**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January - Freeway**

Winner – **Wilma Pontefract** - 38 Stableford points, resulting in a break of handicap

Runner-up – **Jacob Kerseboom** - 34 Stableford points

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Freeway -Cancelled due to hot weather**

We welcome Hugh McIntosh to our golf group.

**Next game 13<sup>th</sup> February Freeway Golf Course – Tee off 8.30am**

**Golf Getaway Point Lonsdale April 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> 2009**

Rooms still available for Point Lonsdale if anyone would like to join the 35 members already going. You do not have to be a golfer to come and enjoy our getaways,

We will be playing both Lonsdale and Queenscliff courses.

Balance due February or April meeting *Lyn*

**Fine Dining (Hugh Cornell)**

Fine Dining is a good way of members getting to know each other a little better. It is necessary for leaders to let Hugh have a note of where and when you attended and a comment on the food and service, so that this can be entered in the Events Register.

See Hugh if you wish your name to be added to our list of diners.

Your leader will be in touch.

Group 1	Group 2
Wendy & Daryl Knight (Leaders)	Margaret & James Campbell
Lyn & Ron McBain	Heather & Mike Bindon
Pat & Norm Edwards	Faye & Len Williams

**Games (Marion Cummins)**

Watch the Newsletter for events in 2009 Cheers *Marion*

**Fine Photography (Doug Hayne)**

**Meet Second Wednesday of the Month at 7.30pm**

Except that the February meeting is on **Wednesday February 4th**. We have put it forward to allow to get together to get the presentation ready for the meeting.

*Doug 98418675*

**Fellowship Tea Roster (Alan Baker – Mary Gault)**

The tea roster does not obligate anyone; it is just a guide to help spread the load. Supplies are arranged. You need to be at the hall at around 9.30am to set up and help serve at fellowship then clean up afterwards, **please bring two tea towels to dry the dishes**.

There is an A4 sheet headed “Fellowship Tea Roster Duties” in the box with the tea and coffee, explaining what has to be done. If you are physically unable to carry out the roster duties, please let us know and we will take your name off the list. If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, please phone Alan on 98505641 or Mary on 98507881

February	Peter Fishley and Jenny Eaton
March	Ron McGregor and Dorothy Macaulay
April	Daryl and Wendy Knight

**Membership & Welfare (Lorraine Cooper).**

Please contact Lorraine concerning anyone who is not feeling well or who needs a ride to meetings.

**Apologies:** If you are unable to attend a meeting, please contact Lorraine on 9850 4483 or have someone pass your apologies.

**February Birthdays**

Helen Armstrong, Ross Chapman, Marjory Coronica, Jenny Kerseboom, Irene Baird, Pauline Mugridge, Lyn Paice, Ron McBain, Liz Turner

**First Aid and CPR**

For anyone interested, Ian Gault has several DVD’s and Video tapes available for loan to members for self training in First Aid and resuscitation. There will be a training session along with an emergency evacuation drill practice at the hall soon.

**Our First Aiders**

Jim Douglas	Jill Dickason
Jo Danahay	Wendy Fishley
Ray Lawley	Ian Gault

**Your Committee 2008/9**

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Reading Group	Helga Braun	9850 2144
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Cycling	John Hudgson	9844 0662
Fine Dining	Hugh Cornell	9855 8873
Entertainers	Marg Campbell	94311958
Exhibitions	Wendy Fishley	9848 3749
Games	Marion Cummins	9850 5852
Garden	Faye Williams	9899 0640
Genealogy	Ray Lawley	9850 4252
Getaway	Lyn Hudgson	9844 0662
Golf	Lyn Crosbie	9850 1801
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Scrapbook	Verity Moore	9841 6373
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**Editor's Notes**

**Newsletter Deadline** for March is noon Sunday 8th March  
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 for newsletter and other publicity items.  
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Our Postal Address is PO Box 518 Bulleen 3105  
 Please use this address for all club correspondence.  
 Our Secretary will clear the box regularly

**Our web site:** <http://www.templestowevalleyprobus.org.au>  
 Volume 2 of our Scrapbook is now on the web site for those that are able to access it.

We have also added a "Useful Links" page to the web site. Here you can get access to several sites specific to our age group and occupation.

I have a plan to also publish on the site and on paper, an index of newsletter contents from the first issue. Before proceeding with this, I would like some feedback as to how useful this would be to you and whether you would use it.

Please send any ideas you may have for the web site to our publicity email address  
[publicity@templestowevalleyprobus.org.au](mailto:publicity@templestowevalleyprobus.org.au) *Doug*

**Activities reports needed.**

We can have up to 8 pages for our Newsletter so any contributions from members are welcomed. Thanks to John Anonymous for the article this month about grandies. We also need members to contribute reports on trips and outings we have had. Kerry's contribution about King Island last month is a good example of what we need. So please consider emailing or posting reports we can use. (handwritten and /and published anonymously if desired)

Thanks *Doug*

**Other Items**

**Save Elaine and Daryl from recycling**

At our Christmas function, a brilliant caricature of Elaine Hayne and Daryl Knight (Daryl complete with distinguished ears and nose) in the dance mode, done by our dear John Reid on the spot, was passed around to the delight and amusement everyone who saw it. It was planned to have this included in our scrap book but someone may have thought it was going to be discarded and so saved it

from the recycle bin. (The thought of having these lovely people recycled is somewhat daunting)  
 If you have this gem of a drawing can you please post it (anonymously if you wish) to The Secretary, care of our post box 518 Bulleen 3105 or pass it to John Reid for completion. We will make copies to be available, given the author's permission, to members who would like one.

**Australian Logic.**

The Rural Recession has been explained in simple terms by an old-time farmer who said "It all started back in 1966 when we changed from pounds to dollars. That doubled me bloody overdraft. Then they brought in kilograms instead of pounds – me bloody wool clip dropped by half. After that, they changed rain to millimetres and we haven't had an inch of rain since. If that wasn't enough, they brought on Celsius, and it never got over 40 degrees, no wonder me bloody wheat won't grow. Then they changed acres to hectares, and I ended up with only half the land I had. By this time I'd had enough and decided to sell out. I put the property in the agent's hand and because they have changed miles to kilometers, I'm too far out of town for anybody to buy the place. *Thanks Coopst*

**Them & Us on a Bus**

There once was a time - and quite recently too  
 When I'd spot in the traffic a bus coming through  
 T'would be loaded with old folk going out for the day  
 The heads at the windows bald, silver and grey  
 And I'd feel quite a pang for those old, past their prime  
 I thought, did they do this to fill in their time?  
 They looked quite inert staring out from their seats  
 Being taken, en masse, for "interesting treats"  
 And where were they heading? I wanted to know  
 Could it be to the city for lunch and a show.  
 Now: if it was a film, then what would they choose?  
 Perhaps Sound of Music where they'd have a good snooze  
 And wake up refreshed and go on their way  
 Telling themselves they'd had a great day.  
 NOW, the tables have turned - and I'm on that trip  
 But our crowd is so different - were totally "hip"  
 Not for us to stare dourly out at the view  
 We laugh and we joke, we're young through and through  
 But I sometimes do wonder, sitting up there so high  
 Do young ones look up as our bus passes by  
 And think to themselves how old we all look  
 How pathetically sad and desperately crook?  
 But we are exceptional and ever so clever  
 Retired we are  
 But growing old? – NEVER.

**A Grandparent's Delight** (*Anonymous*)

It is a Grandparents' delight to have their grandchildren from interstate to stay for a month over Christmas. With their ages range from 3 thru to 11, they are soon joined by other local grandchildren keen to make up for friendships not normally available. One has spent nearly a whole lifetime developing appropriate patterns of order, comfort and complacency and suddenly this all becomes completely irrelevant.

All rooms become occupied, by people, beds, clothes, cases, odd shoes, odder hats, paper, markers and toys. Even one's sacred study becomes full of beds and cases. Mysterious and permanent graffiti in multiple colours suddenly appears on the pristine white desktop. The main menu of your computer, when you can access it thru the debris, is suddenly unrecognisable as 'someone' has moved the icons you so carefully arranged, around.

Coming from 'Bungalows' the little angels delight in stairs. They don't so much walk down them, nor do they run down, they jump. And jumping requires regaining balance from surrounding walls, which gradually change colour. Towards the bottom of the stairs, they tend to jump onto the ceramic tiles of the hallway, thereby relieving the tiles of significant parts of their grout.

All walls are used as steering devices for passing bodies, curious ancient hand like symbols appear making the old idea of a timber plinth lining the walls up to a one metre high dado more appealing than a repaint.

Recently we exchanged our analogue TV for a plasma on the basis of a 50% life expectancy – 30,000 hours instead of the specified 60,000 hours. That, at 3 hours per day for 300 days per year should have given us a very reasonable 33.3 years of use. Should have seen us out. Not any more. The tele is on from 7.30am with kiddies shows, followed at 9.30 with Wii Games accompanied by volume, yells and thumps and jumps. By 3pm, exhausted and perhaps suffering from Wii-itus, they revert to DVD's, selected from an inexhaustible mass on floors and shelves and chairs. It is often difficult to trace the TV and DVD remotes just to turn down the volume. At 12 hours plus usage per day, life expectancy of both the tele and oneself has reduced to a mere 8.1 years!

Noise is another new factor. Nowadays it seems children should be heard and not seen. One tends to hope for premature deafness to set in. One tries an afternoon nap but writhes in frustration at the new range of unique sounds floating thru a closed door; the banging of cupboard doors and drawers in a young, frenzied effort to find more consumables, the dropping toilet seat, a roll of toilet paper being unrolled - fully, the exhaust fan going long after the toilet has reasonably been vacated. Lights and fans left on forces one to develop a technique of patrolling the house and grounds hourly to turn off all manner of discarded electrical equipment – and don't forget the garage.

Consequently, at night one sleeps like a babe – for the first hour I gurgle, for the next hour I cry, and for the rest of the night I'm on the bottle!

The Cheds biscuit jar is difficult to handle in normal times, but now as you pick it up by the lid as one usually does, the lid, no longer being screwed on, comes away easily in your hand leaving the glass jar and contents to smash to the floor. Fortunately one has planned ahead and bought multiple packets of Cheds. These you hide on the top shelf of the pantry ready to issue in small, discreet

amounts, until the spouse finds out and rips hell out of you for being nasty and selfish!

It is an interesting experiment to see how far a half tumbler of juice can be spread. Left the youngest with a **half one** for 3 minutes and came back to find it distributed over most of the glass table top, on the extension leaf underneath, and over 3 square metres of floor. Unable to extract how the extent of this happened, one spent the next day bewildered, trying to work out whether the little darling had attempted to wipe it up with water or whether it was pure juice. It certainly stuck to one's shoes like juice – all thru the house!

Neither is there serenity in your outside domain. The garage door was used as a backstop for cricket – decorative mouldings became dislodged like bails. Balls of all sorts disappear under bushes and are simply left there and neighbours are getting good at recognising which ones to throw back. Carefully tendered roses and azaleas seem to reject their branches and carefully placed ornamental flat paving stones disappear to block the bottoms of drainage pits. Thought the car had had a blowout as we drove out over a wedged tennis ball; ricked the ankle when getting out to check – on a strategically discarded skittle. It makes sense really; nothing should be put back in its place because it only has to be taken out again!

But things are looking up. So far the ceilings are in their original condition. However constant baths and showers tend to leave more water on the floors than in these facilities and one wonders for how long will the tiling grout be able to resist it. One walks thru the house gazing serenely upward in anxiety and hope that stains are not appearing on the ceiling, only to trip on the soggy, wet towels scattered in unlikely places and dislocate one's ageing wrist.

What dexterity. What creativity. What diabolical humour. What awe-full vitality do they exude. What little bleedin' charmers they can be! One waits with trepidation for the next stage, that between adolescence and adultery. Towards the end one retires to a shady, isolated nook with a dram for solace and reflects on the grandparents' lot where 'the weak die young and the strong envy them their fate'!

It is lovely to have the family to stay. It gives one the opportunity to observe in the grandchildren, the skills one has bequeathed to them. Next year we might visit them. *J-Anonymous-R*

**Proverbs – According to 6 Year olds!**

A first grade teacher collected some well-known proverbs. She had twenty five students in her class and she presented each one with the first half of the saying and asked them to come up with the rest of the proverb. It's hard to believe that these children were only six. Their insight may surprise you.

1. Don't change horses until.....they stop running.
2. Strike while the.....bug is close.
3. It's always darkest before.....daylight saving time.
4. Never underestimate the power of.....termites.
5. You can lead a horse to water but.....how?
6. Don't bite the hand that.....looks dirty.
7. No news.....impossible.
8. A miss is as good as.....a mister.
9. You can't teach an old dog new.....maths.
10. If you lie down with dogs, you'll.....stink in the morning.
11. Love all, trust.....me.
12. The pen is mightier than the.....pigs.
13. An idle mind is.....the best way to relax.
14. Where there's smoke there's.....pollution.
15. Happy the bride who.....gets all the presents.
16. A penny saved is.....not much.
17. Two's company, three's.....the Musketeers.
18. Don't put off till tomorrow what.....you put on to go to bed.
19. Laugh and the whole world laughs with you,  
cry and.....you have to blow your nose.
20. There are none so blind as.....Stevie Wonder.
21. Children should be seen and not.....spanked or grounded.
22. If at first you don't succeed.....get new batteries.
23. You get out of something only what you.....see in the pictures.
24. When the blind lead the blind... ..get out of the way.
25. Better late than.....pregnant. (From a 6 Year Old???)

**Eighty – The Best Time of Life**

I have good news for you,  
The first 80 years are the hardest.  
The second 80 are a succession of Birthday Parties.  
Once you reach 80 everyone wants to carry your bag and help you up the steps.  
If you forget your name or anybody's name, or a phone number or an appointment, you need only explain that you are 80.  
Being 80 is a lot better than being 70.  
At 70 people are mad at you for everything.  
At 80 you have the perfect excuse no matter what you do,  
At 70 everyone expects you to go to a retirement village and complain about your arthritis, but at 80 everyone is surprised that you're still alive.  
They treat you with respect for having lived so long.  
Actually they seem surprised that you can walk and talk sensibly and they forgive you for anything,  
So please folks, try to make it to 80,  
Life Begins at Eighty.  
*Sent to our dear friend Mavis who turned eighty in December*

**Beautiful Woman's Life**

- Age 3** She looks at herself and sees a Queen  
**Age 8** She looks at herself and sees Cinderella  
**Age 15** She looks at herself and sees an Ugly Sister ('Mum, I can't go to school looking like this!')  
**Age 20** She looks at herself and sees 'too fat / too thin / too short / too tall / too straight / too curly' - but decides she's going out anyway  
**Age 30** She looks at herself and sees 'too fat / too thin / too short / too tall / too straight / too curly' - but decides she doesn't have time to fix it, so she's going out anyway  
**Age 40** She looks at herself and sees 'clean' and goes out anyway  
**Age 50** She looks at herself and sees 'I am' and goes wherever she wants.  
**Age 60** She looks at herself and reminds herself of all the people who can't even see themselves in the mirror anymore - goes out and conquers the world  
**Age 70** She looks at herself and sees wisdom, laughter and ability and goes out to enjoy life  
**Age 80** Doesn't even bother to look - just puts on a purple hat and goes out to have fun with the world

*Maybe we should put on that purple hat earlier...*

## Probus Events List

Date	Event	Time	Leader
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
Wed Feb 4 <sup>th</sup>	Bike Riding	10.00 am	John Hudgson
Mon Feb 9 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship Meeting	9.45 am	The President
Wed Feb 11 <sup>th</sup>	Ruffey Park Lake Walk. Meet at Victoria St., Car Park Mel 33J10	9.30am	Wayne & Laurine Eames
Wed Feb 4 <sup>th</sup>	Photography (First Wednesday this month only) Hayne's at 30 Pine Hill Dve	7.30pm	Doug Hayne
Fri Feb 13 <sup>th</sup>	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Thu Feb 12 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	Free rail/bus trip to Merimbula –Meet Southers Cross for train departs 7.50am	TBA	Elaine Hayne
Tue Feb 17 <sup>th</sup>	Book Reading Group		Helga Braun
Wed Feb 18 <sup>th</sup>	Bike Riding	10.00 am	John Hudgson
Thur Feb 19 <sup>th</sup>	Cultural Walk Yarra River - North Side. Meet at Hamer Hall -	9.45 a.m	Wendy Fishley
Mon Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Scrapbooking at Verity Moore's home	10.00am	Verity Moore
Tue Feb 24 <sup>th</sup>	Entertainers Practice	9.15 am	Marg Campbell
Wed Feb 25 <sup>th</sup>	Kilmore Harness Races. Meet at the course. \$20.00 entry inc lunch.	12 Noon	Elaine Hayne
Wed Feb 25 <sup>th</sup>	Ruffey Park Lake Walk Meet at Victoria St., Car Park Mel 33J10	9.30am	Wayne & Laurine Eames
Thur Feb 26 <sup>th</sup>	BBQ at Birrarung Park	5.00pm	Elaine Hayne
Fri Feb 27 <sup>th</sup>	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Sat Feb 28 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Group – Lotus Water Gardens Mel 288 H8. Meet at the Gardens	11am	Faye Williams
<b>MARCH</b>			
Sun Mar 1 <sup>st</sup>	Zoo Twilights – Artists - Queen (We are the champions)	5.00pm	Elaine Hayne
Wed Mar 4 <sup>th</sup>	Bike Riding	10.00 am	John Hudgson
Wed Mar 11 <sup>th</sup>	Walking. Yarra Flats. Meet at info booth off Boulevard Mel 32 B6. BYO Tea etc.	9.45	Wendy & Peter Fishley
Wed Mar 11 <sup>th</sup>	Photography 30 Pine Hill Dve Doncaster East	7.30pm	Doug Hayne
Thur Mar 12 <sup>th</sup>	Williamstown Cultural Walk with Garden Group. Meet car park Ferguson /The Strand	9.45 a.m	Wendy Fishley/Faye Williams
Fri Mar 13 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	Weekend away at the YMCA Anglesea Recreation Camp Booked Out		Wayne Eames
Fri Mar 13 <sup>th</sup>	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Tue Mar 17 <sup>th</sup>	Craft	10.00 am	Yvonne Boyall
Wed Mar 18 <sup>th</sup>	Bike Riding	10.00 am	John Hudgson
<b>Fri Mar 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>AGM and Fellowship Meeting (Note change of date)</b>	<b>9.45 am</b>	<b>The President</b>
Mon Mar 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Scrapbooking at Verity Moore's home	10.00am	Verity Moore
Tue Mar 24 <sup>th</sup>	Entertainers Practice	9.15 am	Marg Campbell
Wed Mar 25 <sup>th</sup>	Walking. Yarra Flats. Meet at info booth off Boulevard Mel 32 B6. BYO Tea etc.	9.45	Wendy & Peter Fishley
Thu Mar 26 <sup>th</sup>	BBQ at Birrarung Park	5.00 pm	Elaine Hayne
Fri Mar 27 <sup>th</sup>	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
<b>APRIL</b>			
Wed Apr 1 <sup>st</sup>	Bike Riding	10.00 am	John Hudgson
Wed Aor 8 <sup>th</sup>	Photography 30 Pine Hill Dve Doncaster East	7.30pm	Doug Hayne
Wed Apr 8 <sup>th</sup>	Walking Blackburn Lake & Surrounds. Meet visitor centre Mel 48 B11	9.30 am	Ron & Marg McGregor
Fri Apr 10 <sup>th</sup>	Golf at Freeway (Good Friday)	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Wed Apr 15 <sup>th</sup>	Bike Riding	10.00 am	John Hudgson
Fri Apr 17 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship Meeting (Note Friday this month)	9.45 am	The President
Tue Apr 21 <sup>st</sup>	Craft	10.00 am	Yvonne Boyall
Tue Apr 21 <sup>st</sup>	Entertainers Practice	9.15 am	Marg Campbell
Wed Apr 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Walking Blackburn Lake & Surrounds. Meet visitor centre Mel 48 B11	9.30 am	Ron & Marg McGregor
Fri Apr 24 <sup>th</sup>	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Mon Apr 27 <sup>th</sup>	Scrapbooking at Verity Moore's home	10.00 am	Verity Moore
Apr 26 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup>	Golf Getaway Point Lonsdale		Lyn Crosbie
Sun Apr 26 <sup>th</sup>	BBQ Lunch at Birrarung Park	12 Noon	Elaine Hayne
Wed Apr 29 <sup>th</sup>	Bike Riding	10.00 am	John Hudgson
<b>MAY</b>			
Sat May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Social and Dance Evening at the Hall with Diana May and her band	7.30 pm	Elaine Hayne
Wed May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Bike Riding	10.00 am	John Hudgson
Thu May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Cultural walk - discover Jolimont - Meet at Hilton Hotel cnr Clarendon & Wellington Sts.	9.45 am	Wendy Fishley
Fri May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Mon May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship Meeting	9.45 am	The President
Wed May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Photography 30 Pine Hill Dve Doncaster East	7.30pm	Doug Hayne
Wed May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Walking One Hundred Acres Meet at Domeney Reserve Mel 35E9	9.30 am	Judy Chapman
Thu May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Adelaide Getaway May 2009 – Meet at Adelaide Shores Caravan Resort		Lyn Hudgson
Tue May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Craft	10.00 am	Yvonne Boyall
Tue May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Entertainers Practice	9.15 am	Marg Campbell
Wed May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Bike Riding	10.00 am	John Hudgson
Fri May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Mon May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Scrapbooking at Verity Moore's home	10.00 am	Verity Moore
Wed May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Walking One Hundred Acres Meet at Domeney reserve Mel 35E9	9.30 am	Judy Chapman
Sun May 31 <sup>st</sup>	BBQ Lunch at Birrarung Park	12 Noon	Elaine Hayne

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<b>JUNE</b>			
Wed Jun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bike Riding	10.00 am	John Hudgson
Wed May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Photography 30 Pine Hill Dve Doncaster East	7.30pm	Doug Hayne
Wed Jun 10 <sup>th</sup>	Walking. Banyule Walking Trail. Meet hedelberg park Mel 32 B4	9.30 am	Pat McInerney
Fri Jun 5 <sup>th</sup>	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Mon Jun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Fellowship Meeting (Note Fourth Monday of the month)	9.45 am	The President
Tue Jun 16 <sup>th</sup>	Craft	10.00 am	Yvonne Boyall
Wed Jun 17 <sup>th</sup>	Bike Riding	10.00 am	John Hudgson
Fri Jun 19 <sup>th</sup>	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Mon Jun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Scrapbooking at Verity Moore's home	10.00 am	Verity Moore
Tue Jun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Entertainers Practice	9.15 am	Marg Campbell
Wed Jun 24 <sup>th</sup> †	Walking. Banyule Walking Trail. Meet Heidelberg park Mel 32 B4	9.30 am	Pat McInerney
Sun Jun 28 <sup>th</sup>	BBQ Lunch at Birrarung Park	12 Noon	Elaine Hayne
<b>JULY</b>			
Wed Jul 1 <sup>st</sup>	Bike Riding	10.00 am	John Hudgson
Fri Jul 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Wed Jul 8 <sup>th</sup>	Walking	9.30 am	Terry Cummins/Wayne Eames
Mon Jul 13 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship Meeting	9.45 am	The President
Wed Jul 15 <sup>th</sup>	Bike Riding	10.00 am	John Hudgson
Fri Jul 17 <sup>th</sup> †	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Tue Jul 21 <sup>st</sup>	Craft	10.00 am	Yvonne Boyall
Tue Jul 21 <sup>st</sup>	Entertainers Practice	9.15 am	Marg Campbell
Wed Jul 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Walking	9.30 am	Terry Cummins/Wayne Eames
Sun Jul 26 <sup>th</sup>	BBQ Lunch at Birrarung Park	12 Noon	Elaine Hayne
Mon Jul 27 <sup>th</sup>	Scrapbooking at Verity Moore's home	10.00 am	Verity Moore
Fri Jul 31 <sup>st</sup>	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
<b>AUGUST</b>			
Fri Aug 14 <sup>th</sup>	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Fri Aug 28 <sup>th</sup>	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
Fri Sep 11 <sup>th</sup>	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Fri Sep 25 <sup>th</sup>	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie

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