



# **GLEN EIRA COMBINED PROBUS CLUB INC.**

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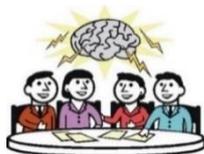
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## **NEWSLETTER NO 251 JANUARY 2018**

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On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 78 members attended the Meeting at the Bentleigh Club. There were 13 apologies and 5 visitors. We now have a total of 107 active members.

Please note that on arrival at the registration desk there are two lists. Pat Deegan looks after the list that is required for the Bentleigh Club. Ailsa Whitbread takes care of the club attendance records and will mark you off. Please make sure that your attendance is noted on both.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Our next meeting will be held on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 10.00am (Yes this is Australia Day). In light of this being a special day we invite members to celebrate by dressing patriotically perhaps in green and gold or whatever takes your fancy!

### **NOTIFICATION OF OUR AGM**

Our AGM will be held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Nominations are invited at our January meeting for positions on the committee for 2018.

Nomination forms will be available at our February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting for completion when they must be lodged. Please contact Greg Spotkaeff on 9563 5059 if you require more information.

We need to appoint someone to audit our financial records for the current year. You do not have to be a CPA but some banking/teller or bookkeeping experience, is needed. Only a few hours checking work in your home over a couple of weeks in January or early February. We will bring all the paper work to you. It is really just cash reconciliation with Bank statements, no accrual accounting involved. Please call Brian Cooney 9568 0258 today if you can help.



### **GUEST SPEAKER**

The story of the wreck of the clipper ship Loch Ard on the morning of June 1st 1878 is an epic tale of tragedy and loss, amazing heroism and miraculous survival. It is recognised as one of the most important shipwrecks along Victoria's Shipwreck Coast and has provided us, in the Minton Majolica Peacock, with what is one of the most significant shipwreck artefacts in Australia's maritime history. Ron and Carlyn Sproston, retired educators and heritage researchers with Doctorates in Education and Masters degrees in Arts (Theology) and in Cultural Heritage, have spent years travelling the UK and Europe, from the Shetland Islands in the North to Menton in the South of France, to discover the stories of the 53 passengers and crew on that fateful journey that ended at what is now known simply as 'Loch Ard Gorge'.

This presentation will tell, all too briefly, something of the history of the ship itself. It did have a reputation as an 'unlucky' ship. You will also meet Miss Eva Carmichael, who was just 18 years old and whose family died in the disaster, and Apprentice Sailor Tom Pearce who became an internationally famous and feted hero for his rescue of Miss Carmichael. But was he really Tom Pearce? Finally you will hear the story of the miraculous survival of the Minton Peacock, which has become the symbol of all the hopes and aspirations of those who travelled to our shores throughout those dangerous days of sail. It is appropriate that their story, typical of so many who looked forward to a new life and a new home in Australia, should be told on our National Day.



## DINE OUTS

Our first Dine-Out for 2018 will be on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at "The Servery", 5 Royal Lane (off Royal Ave - behind the CBA) near Glen Huntly station. Cuisine is Italian and Australian food, plus share

plates etc in a modern cafe. Street parking with the possibility of parking at the station as it is holiday time. Please do not arrive before 12.00 noon.

Please contact Elizabeth immediately (9502 7731) if you have not confirmed your attendance.

The outing on the Tramboat (Fish & Chips) on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February will replace the February Dine-Out.

Our Dine-Out in March will be at the Glasshouse on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. More details later.

## SUMMER BBQ's

Our summer BBQ's at Harleston Park, Seymour Road in Elsternwick resumed on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January. The next one is on 27<sup>th</sup> January followed by 10<sup>th</sup> February commencing at 5.00pm. Please bring your own food and drinks.



## MORNING MELODIES

Morning Melodies have resumed at the Bentleigh Club with the first for the year on **Thursday January 18<sup>th</sup>**. This will feature the lovely Marcia

Rae. **This is very short notice** (we were only told this week) so will you please **ring Ailsa on 0402 750 931** if you want to go.

The cost is \$17 for lunch and the show or \$10 for the show only. Arrival at 10.00am, show starts at 10.30am. Lunch at 12.00 noon.

The following Morning Melodies is on Thursday February 15<sup>th</sup> and will feature Rick Charles. Once again contact Ailsa on 0402 750 931 if you would like to attend either of the above.

## CARD & GAMES DAYS



The Card Group play Five Hundred on the first and third Monday of each month at Geraldine's home in Caulfield South. If you wish to join the group please ring Geraldine Monaghan on 9569 3570.

The next Games Day will be on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February commencing at 1.30pm at Pam Ryan's home in Murrumbena. Please make sure you put your name down on the list as numbers are limited. Contacts details for Pam are 9570 1878. No Games Day in January. Should there be changes to the venues we will contact participants.

## OUTINGS



There is no outing planned for January.

A list is out for our first trip for 2018 which is **"Next Stop Williamstown"** the ever popular Tramboat Restaurant Cruise to be held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February. This outing will replace the February Dine-Out.

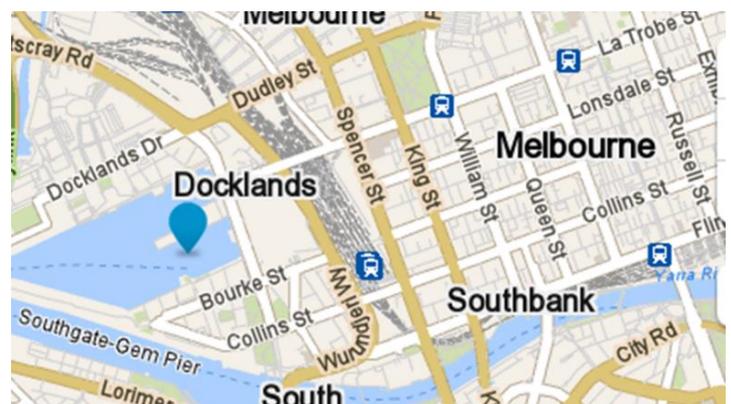
This is a Sunset Cruise. We will depart Victoria Harbour and cruise downstream along the Yarra through the Port of Melbourne, past Swanson Dock under the Westgate Bridge, out into Hobson's Bay where we approach the historic Sea Port of Williamstown. Delicious Fish 'N' Chips will be delivered to the Tramboat for our return trip. On our return we will take in the spectacular views of Melbourne by night.

The cruise includes Fish'N'Chips, tea or coffee and delicious slices.

The Tramboat departs from Shed 9, Victoria Harbour Docklands on Central Pier, (walk past the Woolshed Pub (if it is still there) and the Tramboat is on the left along a short walkway). The cost is \$45 and **must** be paid at the January meeting.

**To get there:** Travelling west, take the No. 70 tram in Flinders St. to Stop No. D2 (Central Pier). This is opposite Etihad Stadium and Channel 7.

You must be there at 5.30pm because the cruise departs promptly at 6.00pm.



A list is out for our visit to the Blue Lotus Watergardens scheduled for Friday March 16<sup>th</sup>. The cost for this outing will be \$50 with payment due at our February meeting.

This trip will include morning tea, admission, an introductory talk and a boxed lunch at the Watergarden. More information in the February newsletter.

A list of outings for 2018 is included with this January Newsletter - back page or separately if emailed.

Please remember payments for outings are to be submitted in an envelope with your name, amount and name of the outing on the outside. They will not be accepted otherwise.

### EXTENDED TRIP



Our Extended Trip for 2018 will be to Port Stephens and the Hunter Valley, New South Wales, from May 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> (6 nights). Brochures are available from Norma

outlining the itinerary and costs.

If you are interested in participating please fill in a booking form available from Norma.

A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due at our January meeting followed by a second non-refundable deposit of \$800 at our February meeting. Please make cheques out to Glen Eira Combined Probus Club.

Please read the "Important Information" page in the brochure regarding bookings and cancellations. It is strongly advised that you take out travel insurance for this trip.



### HOME MAINTENANCE

A list has been compiled of contractors in the local area who have been recommended by our members for various jobs, such as painting, plumbing, handyman services, etc. The list is managed by Pam Ryan who can be contacted on 9570 1878. Please let Pam know if have any additions for this list and let her know if you have any complaints. Copies are available at the registration desk.

### PROBUS ANNUAL BOWLS DAY

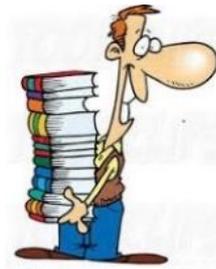


**Wednesday  
March 21<sup>st</sup> 2018  
- At Burden  
Park, Springvale**

Once again Glen Eira Combined will have a team of bowlers competing in the Annual Bowls Day. Our team will consist of Priscilla Olsen, Peter Guttman and David Morris.

Please be there around 9.30 - 10.00am for a 10.30am start. We play two bowls triples - two games of 15 ends. Please pay your entry fees of \$25.00 each to Robin Wood either at the February 23<sup>rd</sup> Probus meeting or on the day.

Fellow Probians are welcome to come and watch. Further details from Robin Wood 9579 3264.



### EXCHANGE TABLE

The book exchange table will operate once again at our January meeting. Please help this activity to continue by taking a bag of books home after the meeting and return them next time. We hope to see others come on board and help us in 2018. Please don't leave it to the same few members each month. There are no storage facilities at the Bentleigh Club.

### NEXT MEETING

As previously noted, our next meeting will be held on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 10.00am (**Yes this is Australia Day**).

Please remember, for Probus insurance purposes, to sign the "early departure book" if leaving the meeting early.



### FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Please note that the February Newsletter will be published late in the month (in the week prior to the meeting) due to the editor going on holiday.