



# PROBUS CLUB OF

# WARRAGUL RANGES INC.

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**Newsletter – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2024**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear fellow Probians,  
Now that the weather has settled into autumn, we are beginning to think more about the indoor activities that our club has to offer.

As I said in my acceptance speech as your new President, our club has a variety of activities on offer apart from our monthly meetings with guest speakers. I therefore urge the new members especially, to consider any of these, as it is an excellent way to get to know your fellow members better.

Our newsletter editor Jenny Nogare will be publishing these activities, as usual, but do have a look at the lists on the entry table at our monthly meetings and sign up to something that may interest you. Then don't forget to put the date in your diary! Your new committee and I will have met for the first time before you read this. We are all very committed to working in the best interests of our club and are looking forward with anticipation to the year ahead.  
**Jan MacLean President**

## MEMBERSHIP FEES

Annual Membership fees (\$40) for the 2024/2025 year are now due.

Payment options

1. Direct Deposit to our General account (not the trips Account) Bendigo Bank BSB 633-000 Acc No. 163041254
2. Cash to treasurer Ken (in an unsealed envelope with your name printed on the front.

## MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

*Win a beautiful  
QS Patchwork  
Quilt*

*Made and donated  
by Lyn Conway  
Tickets still available  
Drawn today.*

**Next Monthly Meeting Date: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024**

**Please note: copy deadline for next issue is Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

## OFFICE BEARERS

**PRESIDENT:** Jan MacLean  
0411 025 831

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Graeme Higgins  
0438 043 869

**PAST PRESIDENT:** Peter Gilbert  
5644 3223 0490 080 676

**SECRETARY:** Alan James  
5622 1867 0407 358 503

**ASS. SECRETARY:** Frances Rush  
5627 0762

**TREASURER:** Ken Ipsen  
0408 240 477

## COMMITTEE

**ATTENDANCE:** Val Hardy  
5625 2413 0432 607 472

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** Gary Rush  
5627 0762 0419 552 991

**HOSPITALITY:** Margaret Gleeson  
5623 2289

**MEMBERSHIP:** David Belcher  
5644 3169 0409 030 006

**PUBLICITY:** Vacant

**TRIPS:** Mick Nicholls  
0408 682 704

**TRIPS ASSIST:** Linda Williams  
Jenny Neil

**WELFARE:** Joy Rylie  
0408 595 864

**NEWSLETTER:** Jenny Nogare  
0412 730 527

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[jnogare@hotmail.com](mailto:jnogare@hotmail.com) or sent via SMS.



Elizabeth Walters	Lynette Ferguson
Lynette Henderson	Lynne Rochford
Ray Brydon	Lorraine Hamilton



## GREETERS

### Today (April):

Jennie Higgins & Graeme Higgins

### Next Month (May):

Maree Wallace & Carol Kemp

## MORNING TEA ROSTER

### Today (April):

Margaret Phillips	Sue Watts
Judy Young	Pam Dawson
Helen Ryan	Jenny Wiedermann

### Next Month (May):

Lynette Ferguson	Carolyn Forest
Pauline Humphreys	Maureen Kittelty
Susan Belcher	Kathy Dadswell

*\*If unavailable, please arrange replacement or  
Contact Shirley Stevenson on 0414 673 655*

## GUEST SPEAKER

Our guest speaker today is John Goss.

John is a long serving Australian Navy Officer, now Retired.

We welcome him and look forward to hearing about his many years in the Navy.

**Gary Rush**

## ACTIVITY GROUPS

### Book Group:



Susan Kennedy  
5625 1651 \* 0428 989 877  
West Gippsland Library on the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Monday each month at 11am BYO  
lunch & mug

### Cards:



Bruce Chaproniere  
5623 3165 \* 0407 541 347  
Canasta on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday each month  
at Warragul RSL 1pm for a 1:30pm start.  
**Cost \$3**

### Golf:



Bob Humphreys  
5625 1171 \* 0407 095 847  
Warragul Country Club each Friday at  
8:15am for 9 holes of social golf. **No  
charge for Golf Club members,  
otherwise green fees apply.**

### Movie Goers:



Chris James  
5622 1867 \* 0438 593 458  
Movie, date & times will vary according  
to cinema program.  
**Please let Chris know if you would like  
to be on the contact list.**

### Scrabble:



Bruce Chaproniere  
5623 3165 \* 0407 541 347  
Meet at Bruce's home 77a Smith St,  
Warragul on 1st and 3rd Wed of each  
month. **Time: 1:30pm**

### Armchair Travel:



Jan MacLean  
\* 0411 025 831  
Jenny Wiedermann shares her recent  
Tasmanian Wilderness Adventure.  
**Date: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Place: Jan MacLean's home**  
**10 Selent Drive**  
**Warragul**  
**Time: 2pm**

### Lunchtime Dining - GIRLS:



Jan Pickburn  
\* 0438 744 062  
**Date: Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Venue: Carvery King**  
**1/34-38 Princes Way**  
**Drouin**  
**Time: 12 noon**

*Please register on list at the meeting. All welcome,  
contact Jan if you need transport.*

### Lunchtime Dining - GUYS:



David Belcher  
\* 0409 030 006  
**Date: Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Place: The Royal Hotel**  
**2/4 Main South Rd**  
**Drouin**  
**Time: 12 noon**

*Please register on list at the meeting*

### Evening Dine Out:



Lyn Smith  
5622 2175 \* 0417 503 760  
**Date: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**  
**Place: Nepabliss Restaurant**  
**Indian and Nepalese Cuisine**  
**BYO: WINE ONLY**  
**24 Mason Street**  
**Warragul**  
**Time: 6.00pm**

*Please register on list at the meeting  
Contact Lyn if transport required.*

### Garden Group:



Sue Page \* 0447 020 222  
Lorraine Hamilton \* 0411 030 963  
**Date: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Place: Judy & Dave Coombe's**  
**43 Fairway Drive**  
**Drouin**  
**Time: 10:30am**

*Please register on list at the meeting*

### Jigsaw Exchange:

Peter Gilbert \* 0490 080 676

### Book Exchange:

Elsie Chesterfield \* 0417 236 018

Place: Swap/Exchange table at Monthly Meeting.

## NEW MEMBER



At our last meeting, we were pleased to welcome new member Fay Edelman to our wonderful club.

## FAREWELL



After 15 years as members of our club, we say goodbye Glenys & Tony De Corrado. We wish them all the best.

## NEW COMMITTEE



Back row: Alan James, Graeme Higgins, David Belcher, Val Hardy, Peter Gilbert, Jenny Nogare, Margaret Gleeson, Gary Rush. Front row: Bob Lewis (Rotary Rep.) Joy Ryrie, Jan MacLean, Ken Ipsen and Mick Nicholls. Absent Frances Rush

## EVENING DINE OUT



## MOVIES



This month's movie 'Wicked Little Letters' proved to be very entertaining and was enjoyed by all who came along on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>. Based on a real-life scandal, it tells the story of a neighbourly feud in 1920's between religious puritan Edith, and wild child Rose. This really was a fabulous feel good film.

Chris James

## LUNCH DINING



Jan would like to extend her appreciation to Elsie Chesterfield who organized lunch dining while she travelled overseas.

## GARDEN GROUP

On the morning of the 18th of April, we visited the garden of Val Pratt at 4 Townmead St in Warragul. Val a retired dairy farmer, is a delightful lady and made us all feel very welcome. The morning started off quite grey and showery, but thankfully the weather improved, and we were able to go outside and enjoy the garden. Val has worked tirelessly to create a haven of peace and tranquillity. The garden is terraced and filled with so much colour. Might I mention that Val is in her 90's and still enjoys carrying out all the work in the garden herself. She doesn't look at it as work, saying "how can you look at it as being work when you love what you're doing". Good point Val!

Val enjoyed having our group come to visit and has invited us back anytime. A lovely time was had by us all.

**Sue Page.**

**Jenny Wiedermann (Photos)**



## WELFARE

We are pleased that Frances Rush is home and progressing well after her recent hip surgery.

Cheryl Brydon is home after a day in hospital with leg problems. Ray is caring for her and she is also receiving ongoing care from professionals.

Michael Sayers is home after his hip surgery and progressing well. He is hoping to be fully recovered by September when he and Audrey hope to be flying overseas.

We are also thinking of Helen Ryan and wishing her well after severely injuring her right leg.

We send love and support to these Ranges members as they regain their health.

Our thoughts, love and support are also with Ranges members who are having treatment and/or caring for family members.

Take care.

**Joy Ryrie** 0408 595 864

*New and existing members are welcome and encouraged to have their profiles published in the newsletter. This is a great way for sharing your story with other members. Contact Jenny Nogare*

## ARMCHAIR TRAVEL

A very good turnout of members gathered on Friday to enjoy Ros Crowe's account of her trip to Gallipoli. This was a very appropriate topic, being so close to ANZAC day. Based in Canakkale, they crossed the Dardanelles Strait to visit the famous sites of the Gallipoli Peninsula. Her photos gave us an excellent impression of the difficult terrain, and almost impossible task the Allies had in 1915.

Their 3 day tour also took them to Troy to see the fascinating archaeological discoveries in that ancient town. Her trip finished in Istanbul where we saw the interior of the two most famous mosques, the impressive obelisk and the vibrant spice market – not to mention the luxury accommodation and wonderful meals.

Thankyou Ros for sharing your lovely photos with us.

Next month Jenny Wiedermann will tell us about her recent Tasmanian Wilderness Adventure.

**Jan MacLean**

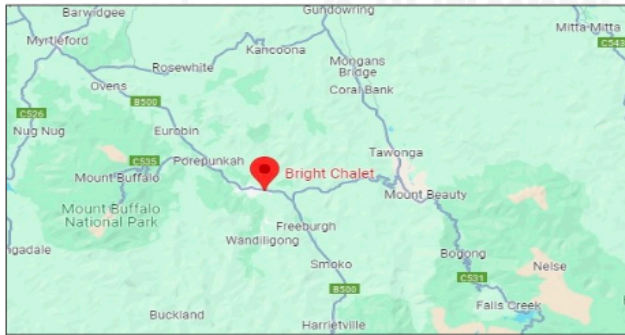


FRIENDSHIP, FELLOWSHIP & FUN

## TRIPS

# Our 2024 Grand Tour is to Bright

**Mon 30th September to Fri 4th October**



A full itinerary sheet is available at the Trips table. While we will be based at the Bright Chalet for the five days, we will be doing day trips each day to various tourist destinations in the area.

A full cooked breakfast will get us up and moving each morning in Bright, with a smorgasbord style dinner each evening. Lunches will be at our own expense.

**Cost is \$740 pp**

**1st Deposit of \$150 due by 26th April**

**2nd Deposit of \$200 due by 27th June**

**final payment by 22nd August**

Please note that this trip is some \$200 pp less than our usual Grand Tour offering because the Chalet has it's own bus that will pick us up from Warragul and Drouin, and return us on the 5th day.

A special announcement re the entertainment on the last night of this trip will be made at our April meeting. From there, I will be seeking volunteers to make it a memorable night to cap off this trip.

**NB: I'm still seeking volunteers for one more triple room that will need to be filled if we are to include all the members on the trip list.**

**All TRIPS payments preferably to  
Bendigo Bank (Trips Account)  
BSB 633-000 Acc No 155405608  
[Be sure to include your name as payee]**

## Fish 'n Chips with Mega Trivia Quiz

**Thursday 13th June 2024**

This is a repeat of the successful event held last year at the Drouin Anglican Church Hall.

As per last years event, the quiz will involve text questions, image identification questions and music questions. However, the size of the quiz will be shortened so we fit comfortably within the total hire time of the hall and the questions will be made a little easier than last year. The aiming point is that all groups should be able to reach 60%-70% without too much trouble.

The quiz starts at 12 noon sharp, although a few volunteers would be appreciated at 11:45 to set up the hall. The fish & chip lunch will be served progressively from 12:30pm. Finish is at 2:45pm.

**Cost is \$24 pp, payable by Mon 3rd June**

**In teams of 6 people, 1st Prize is \$10 pp,  
with 2nd Prize at \$5 pp**

Tie breakers will be used to determine the winners if two or more teams end on the same score.

## Metro Tunnel HQ Visit

**Thursday 8th August 2024**

This is a day trip to Flinders St Station in Melbourne by 8:26am train from Warragul and then walk/tram 350 metres down Swanston Street to the HQ for a 90 minute multi-media tour of the project. More details are available from their website below.

<https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/projects/metro-tunnel/community/hq>

Then it is back to Flinders St for lunch at Young & Jacksons (where you can also view the nude painting for which this pub is famous), returning home in your own time (you might like to visit other sights or shop while in Melbourne).

**Cost is all at own expense on the day**

Please note there is a maximum limit of 25 people. If more apply then we will need two groups, with the later group meeting us for lunch before attending the Tunnel HQ for an afternoon session.



# Puffing Billy & Car Museum Trip



**Reading Mick's detailed time instructions**



**Having lunch**



**"All Aboard !"**



On Friday 5th April, 37 members headed for the hills. Starting off with a crisp Autumn morning we soon had a lovely sunny day with none of the early rain they were predicting. Travelling through beautiful country side and seeing already lots of Autumn colour on the trees.

Our first stop was a park at Cardinia Reservoir for morning tea including Val's delicious fruit cakes – two choices, we are spoilt! After a forty-minute break and chance to stretch our legs, mix and mingle, then we were off again for Lakeside Station at Emerald.

We had plenty to see and do. A great tourist complex and café there as well as a wonderful miniature railway and museum to visit. Lots of sunshine as we sat and ate our delicious box lunch prepared by Drouin Bakery & Cafe.

Then it was off on Puffing Billy, bringing back memories for many of being on the train with their own children or grandchildren years ago .

We arrived in Gembrook to see this lovely little town, with half visiting 'The Motorist', containing all things memorabilia to do with motoring and



**Lots to see outside**

**A lonely little petunia in the onion patch ?**





some lovely examples of vintage vehicles inside. Meanwhile the others visited a local café or walked around the town. Then it was a swap around and they went to the museum with the first group going to the café.

Then it was back on Puffing Billy and on to our coach, heading back home. The drive through the hills showing many beautiful trees in full Autumn colour followed by the highway showing the many subdivisions as Greater Melbourne keeps growing out (greater ??).

Of course; it wouldn't be a trip organised by Mick without a trivia quiz or a pass around of chocolates. He was really checking how observant we were with this quiz, which was won by Susan Belcher and Pamela Dawson. With three runners up for 2nd place, it was eventually decided by a 'guess the number' Mick's thinking of. Eventually won by Ralph and Elsie Chesterfield.

Sue, our driver, brought us safely back to Warragul by 5:00 pm. A tired but happy lot of Probiants.

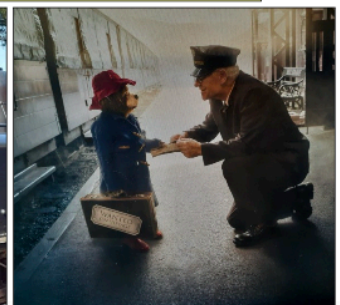
**Marie-Therese Tuck**



***Right Ralph took the Studebaker for a spin and this is how he returned it.***  
***Below At dusk, the chooks returned to roost***



***Did you meet the driver and the mystery passenger on our train?***



## MAY 2024

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
		1 <b><u>8:15am</u></b> Golf <b><u>1.30am</u></b> Scrabble	2  <b><u>6:00pm</u></b> Dine out	3  <b><u>8:15am</u></b> Golf
6	7  <b><u>12 noon</u></b> Lunchtime dining	8	9	10  <b><u>8:15am</u></b> Golf
13  <b><u>1:30pm</u></b> Cards	14	15 <b><u>8:15am</u></b> Golf <b><u>1.30pm</u></b> Scrabble	16  <b><u>10:30am</u></b> Garden Group	17 <b><u>8:15am</u></b> Golf <b><u>2.00pm</u></b> Armchair Travel
20  <b><u>11am</u></b> Book group	21	22	23  <b><u>10am</u></b> Probus Meeting	24  <b><u>8:15am</u></b> Golf
27  <b><u>1:30pm</u></b> Cards	28	29	30	31  <b><u>8:15am</u></b> Golf

### Dates to Remember.

Membership/Subscriptions due

Fish & Chips Trivia                      13<sup>th</sup> June

Metro Tunnel HQ Visit                      8<sup>th</sup> August.

Bright Bus Trip                                      30<sup>th</sup> Sept – 4<sup>th</sup> Oct

Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Happy Mother's Day



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