



PROBUS CLUB OF ELTHAM NORTH INC.

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NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2023.

Next General Meeting: Thursday 2nd MARCH.

10.00 AM at Greensborough RSL.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2022/23

Well here we are at the end of our first full year of activities AC - after COVID, and a busy year it has been. First can I thank my fellow Committee members for their support and efforts as we have restarted the Club in face-to-face mode.

I'll cover the boring bits - administration - before I summarise the main reason the Club exists, having FUN. There were a number of significant decisions taken in the past 12 months regarding the on-going operation of the Club, and in date order these were:

May:

- It was decided to email minutes of the General meetings to everyone rather than have hard copies

June:

- The reporting date for the monthly accounts was changed to 20th of each month.

July:

- It was decided to replace the old badges with a new design, the cost to members being just \$5 with the balance paid by the Club. New members will receive their badge free.
- It was decided to establish a Club website as a stand-alone site rather than just an add-on to the PSPL site. Ian Cugley's daughter Nyree, a professional in this, kindly offered to do the work at no cost to the Club for which we are very grateful saving us a lot of money.

Sep:

- It was agreed that for the foreseeable future the Club would follow Government guidelines for vaccination requirements at meetings. Our ban on unvaccinated members was withdrawn.

Feb:

- No-one objected to their photo being on the newsletter or the website provided any identifying information was removed. Surnames, email and/or phone numbers will not be shown.

I re-established relations with Eltham Rotary, our founding Club; Julie Nola and I attended one of their meetings where I gave a brief overview of our Club and I invited them to our birthday meeting. Julie or I have attended three meetings of about 10 Probus Clubs in the Banyule/Nillumbik area to enhance cooperation and share information and suggestions. Hopefully this will develop into a useful forum to develop Probus in our region.

Now for the Fun bits. In total there were 70 activities organised and run during the year. None of these would have happened without the continuing voluntary work of many members - you all know who they are - and I cannot be more grateful for their continuing efforts. As I have said many times, no volunteers no activities and if we don't have activities what is the point of the Club? So here is a summary of last years activities:

3 Holidays.	5 Day outings
3 plays a HLTC	2 at Eltham Little Theatre.
6 Speakers	6 First Aid courses
10 Tea at home.	1 x Christmas in July
10 Walks.	14 Snooker.
10 Lunches.	1 Movie.
2 Concert Bands.	1 Last Night at the Proms.
Nine to five live performance	Phantom of the Opera live performance

As I write this, just before the 2023 AGM, we are short of Committee members and Activity coordinators so can I again plead with you to put your hand up and offer to help. WE NEED YOU.

It has been an honour and a pleasure to serve as your President this year, Committee meetings have been a hoot - a little bit of business and a lot of laughing, and as always the Club has provided Friendship, Fellowship and Fun.

All the best to everyone

Robert.

ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY.

Members - 72 Attendance – 58 Apologies – 10 Visitors - 1

Please – If you are unable to attend the General Meeting, make sure an apology is noted by our door keepers Betty, Dianne, or our Secretary.

DOOR KEEPERS FOR 2023.

Betty and Dianne

MARCH MORNING TEA HELPERS.

Eugene and Diane

CONVENOR: Dianne

WELFARE OFFICER.

Faye

Please let Faye know if you are aware of an illness being experienced by any of our members.

TRADEPERSON REGISTER: Ron

Need a tradie? Ron has details of member recommended tradespeople available. Contact Ron as above for more information.

GENERAL NOTICE:

Judy's crochet rugs - Catherine took the rugs to Edith Bendall Lodge, Aged Care, Pascoe Vale Judy would appreciate any donations of wool please.

MARCH BIRTHDAY'S HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Helen 1st. Brian 6th. Ron 10th. Julie 11th. Kerry 13th.
Gissele 21st. Sally 23rd. Winston 24th.

TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT TABLE.

Thanks to all who bring their no longer wanted bits and pieces along. Some contributions from others might be nice - something different to look over for fans of the table.
Appreciation in advance.

Convenor: Betty

MARCH SPEAKER.

No Speaker for March 2023 at Annual general meeting.

CONVENOR : Enid
Betty

SNOOKER, BILLIARDS, DARTS.

DATE: March 1st - 15th and 29th .

TIME: 10 AM to 12 Noon.

VENUE: Greensborough R.S.L.

**Please place your name on the list on the back table
at the March General Meeting.**

Convenor: Winston



March 2023

2ND THURSDAY

SCENIC WALK AND PICNIC.

Date: 9th MARCH 2023

Meet 10.30 am

Location: Pound Bend Reserve

End of Everard Dr

Warrandyte.

Everard Dr is closed Warrandyte Rd end can be entered from Tarroona Ave
Turn left into Everard from Tarroona and follow to reserve gate park in Right
Hand car park.

Melway Map 23 A-11

B.Y.O. Morning Tea

Don't Forget to Bring Water & Hat

Walk: 11.00 am. This is a return walk Riverside

Lunch: Picnic Lunch (BYO food, drink, chairs).

As this is a nature reserve Dogs are not allowed.

Non-Walkers Welcome to join us for Picnic Lunch.

(BYO food, drink, chairs).

Place your name on the List at the March General Meeting.

CONV: Stephen

Julie

MARCH OUTING - 3rd THURSDAY.

DATE: 16TH March.

TIME: 10.30 a.m.

VENUE: Abbotsford Convent.
1 St.Helier's St.
Abbotsford.

Abbotsford Convent social history tour.

Discover the diverse history of the Convent; from its use as a meeting point
For the Kulin Nation to its days as a Convent when the Good Shephard Sisters
ran a closed monastic site for over a century, and how it came to be the leading
arts, culture and education community it is today.

Living memories have been collected from former residents and caretakers of the land,
which the volunteer tour guides share as you explore hidden pockets of the Convent.
Tour departs from the providence lawn in front of the providence building.
(Gold building) on your left as you enter the Convent from the main entrance on St. Hellier
St.

Duration is approx. 90 minutes and is a walking tour.

COST: Concession \$12.50 Non-Concession \$15.00.

LUNCH: Convent Bakery.

Names on list on back table at March General Meeting.

CONV: Julie

MARCH LUNCH. – 4TH Tuesday.

DATE: 28th March

TIME: 12.00 PM

VENUE: **Watsonia R.S.L.**

6 Morwell Avenue.

Watsonia.

Names on list on back table at March General Meeting

OR contact **Rae**

MARCH TEA AT HOME. - 4th Thursday.

Date: 23rd March, 2023

Time: 10.00 a.m.

Venue: Lower Eltham Park.

Please take the first turn to the right upon entering the park.

There are tables, benches, shade cloth and toilets nearby.

No of guests: Unlimited.

Names on list on back table at March General Meeting.

Please bring a SMALL plate to share and B.Y.O. drinks.

Hoping to see YOUR NAME on the list

Convenors: **Betty.**

Giselle.

All welcome please join us, for a day of fun.

MARCH LUNCH - 5TH THURSDAY.

DATE: 30TH March.

VENUE: Bridges Restaurant.

1075 Heidelberg Kinglake Rd.

Hurstbridge.

TIME: 12.00 Pm.

CONV: **Julie**

Names on list on back table at March General Meeting.

Holidays, Tours and Outings.

If you are booked to go on a tour an outing or activity and cannot go, it is important you contact the convenor and let them know prior to the activity happening.

Tours for this year.

Mount Gambier and the Limestone coast six-day tour 19th to 24th March 2023.

For members going on this trip, balance of payment is to be made directly to Grouplink by the 3rd of Feb. Payment to account Grouplink travel Pty. Ltd. BSB. 083230 Account No. 885182808. (N.B. if paying by credit card 2% surcharge applies)

If you have any queries, please contact Belinda or Megan directly on 9852 1311.

Theme for the last night's dinner is "Black and White".

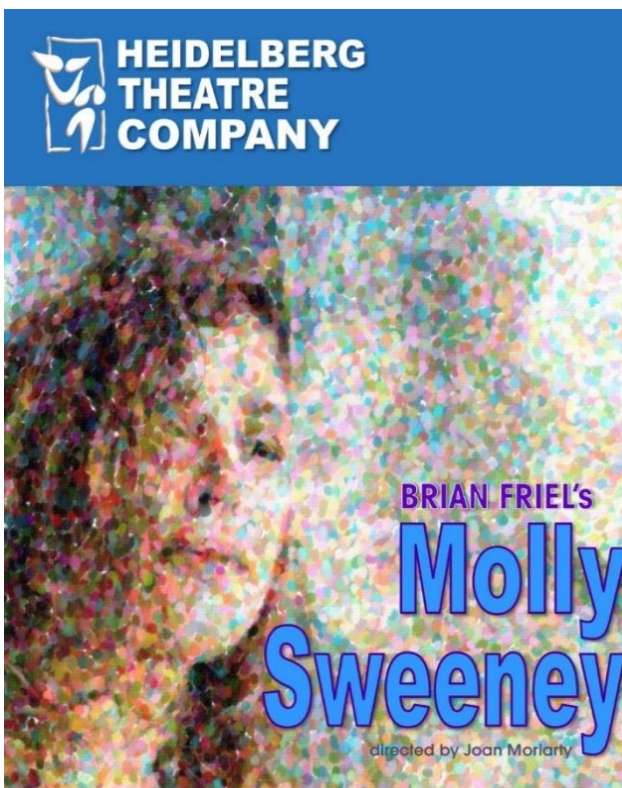
Canberra and Floriade six-day tour 24th to 29th of September 2023.

Itineraries and list for interested members will be on the back table at the March meeting.

If attending this trip deposit and final payment information is on the back of the itinerary.

If anyone has any queries, please do not hesitate to ask.

CONVENOR: Julie.



**Heidelberg Theatre Company 36 Turnham Ave
Rosanna**

Second Production for the Year Sunday 30th April at 2.00pm

Set in 1990s Ballybeg, County Donegal, this play explores the relationship between the blind Molly Sweeney, her husband Frank and her ophthalmologist Mr Rice, who performs a successful operation to restore Molly's sight. The play is related as shards of memory from each of the characters who recall the operation and the dramatic impact Molly's sightedness had on all of them. While the two men believe the gift of sight would be nothing short of a miracle, Molly finds her new world threatening and overwhelming and withdraws from it.

This beautifully crafted story captures eloquently each character's happy and painful histories, leading to an unexpected and very touching conclusion.

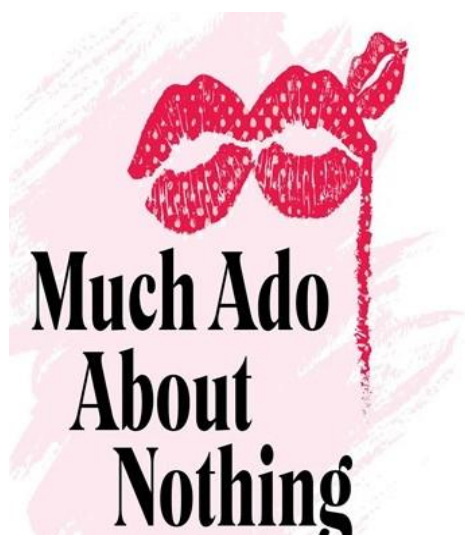
Afterwards at Stallones.



1603 Main Road
Research.

Theatre Trivia Friday 10th March \$15.00PP Get a team together and come along to a night of trivia with a difference. Questions will be general trivia, with some theatre and ELT rounds, so there's something for everyone. Live music and dancing as well - BYO Food and Drinks. \$15.50 pp 8.00 to 10.30pm List on the back Table at March Meeting
If any Member would like to attend, please advise me I can organize tickets early.

**LITTLE THEATRE SUNDAY 23RD APRIL 2.00PM TO 4.30PM ELTHAM
\$20.50 PP. See Kathy for Payment**



A Little bit about the Play

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING by William Shakespeare Beatrice and Benedick despise love and engage in comic banter. The others plot to make them fall in love with each other, by a trick in which Benedick will overhear his friends talking of Beatrice's supposed secret love for him, and vice versa.
After the show we will meet at Small Plates
9 Arthur Street
Eltham.

Dates for your Diary

**Eltham Concert Band
Sunday 21st May. 3.30pm
Convenor: Kathy.**

ACTIVITIES CALENDER.

MARCH 2023.

1ST Snooker darts and Billiards.
2nd Annual General meeting.
9th Walk and lunch.
10th Eltham little theatre, trivia night.
15th Snooker darts and Billiards.
16th Abbotsford Convent Tour.
19th Mnt Gambier and Limestone coast tour.
23rd Tea at Home.
28th Tuesday Lunch Watsonia RSL.
29th Snooker darts and Billiards.
30th Lunch Bridges Restaurant.
31st Committee meeting.

APRIL 2023.

6th General Meeting.
12th Snooker darts and Billiards.
13th Walk and lunch.
20th Third Thursday outing.
23rd Eltham Little Theatre Much Ado about nothing.
25th Fourth Tuesday lunch.
26th Snooker darts and Billiards.
27th Tea at Home.
28th Committee Meeting.

MAY 2023.

4th General meeting.
10th Snooker darts and Billiards.
11th Walk and lunch.
18th 3rd Thursday outing and lunch.
21st Eltham Concert Band.
23rd 4th Tuesday Lunch
24th Snooker darts and Billiards.
25th Tea at Home.
26th Committee meeting.

JUNE 2023.

1ST General meeting.
7TH Snooker darts and Billiards.
8TH Walk and lunch.
15TH 3rd Thursday outing and lunch.
21ST Snooker darts and Billiards.
22ND Tea at Home.
27TH 4th Tuesday Lunch
29TH 5TH Thursday Lunch.
30th Committee meeting.

IN FRIENDSHIP, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN.