



PROBUS CLUB OF ELTHAM NORTH.

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NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2026.

Next General Meeting: Thursday 5th February 2026.

10.00 AM at GREENSBOROUGH RSL.

OFFICE BEARERS



President:
Ross.



Secretary:
Ian.



Treasurer:
Paul.

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“PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE”

Happy New Year to all members of the Eltham North Probus Club. I trust everyone enjoyed a pleasant and safe Christmas and New Year period and had the opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends.

January is traditionally a quieter month for our Club, and this year has been no exception. Although 20 members did enjoy *Cats the Musical*.

We do not hold a general meeting in January. Planning and preparation for the year ahead has nevertheless continued behind the scenes. Your Management Committee has been working to finalise arrangements for upcoming meetings, guest speakers, outings, and activities to ensure another enjoyable and varied Probus year. I would like to thank all Committee members and activity coordinators for their continued commitment and enthusiasm. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and are essential to the smooth running and success of our Club.

On that note, the Games Day is currently flexible, as a Wednesday does not suit some members who would like to participate. Neil and Christine Parkin have requested that anyone wishing to enjoy good company, play interesting games, and share plenty of laughs let them know which day would suit best. Please contact Neil and Christine with your preferred day.

We look forward to recommencing our regular meetings in February, when we will officially welcome members back and outline the program for the year ahead. It promises to be an activity-packed year filled with the Probus ideals of Friendship, Fellowship, and Fun.

On behalf of the Committee, I wish all members good health and happiness for the year ahead and look forward to catching up with you all at our next meeting. Regards Ross.

Page 2 is a letter of congratulations to all Probus Clubs from the Governor General for Probus 50 Year Anniversary. The Committee will discuss how we will celebrate at the next Meeting.



Her Excellency the Honourable Sam Mostyn AC
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

Golden Anniversary of Probus in Australia

I am delighted to extend my warm congratulations to Probus Clubs throughout Australia as you celebrate 50 years of service to our community. The strength and longevity of Probus Clubs reflect the dedication of your members and the tireless efforts of those who have given their time to leadership and service. Since the establishment of the first Probus Club in 1976, your organisation has played a vital role in enriching the lives of retirees and semi-retirees by fostering friendship, fellowship and active engagement. For half a century, Probus has helped Australians remain socially connected, intellectually stimulated and involved in their local communities.

As Governor-General, I promised to put care, kindness and respect at the heart of my work. I talk about care in all of its forms across our country, from care for each other and for those who care for others, to care for our democracy and institutions, care for the way we discuss the issues of our time, not with anger, but with respect and kindness.

At Probus, you have care, kindness and respect deep in your commitment to inclusiveness, volunteerism and lifelong learning. As a community, you make a lasting contribution to wellbeing across cities, towns and regions nationwide. I have seen and continue to celebrate the profound impact of Probus in the lives of many of my family members, and in the communities I have visited across Australia.

I hope all Probus Clubs will celebrate this significant milestone throughout 2026. I thank all involved with Probus for your enduring contribution to Australian life and wish you every success in the years ahead.

Notice: changes to opening times for Greensborough RSL on General Meeting Days.

RSL doors will open at 9.30am to allow for meeting set up, then will not open again until 10.00am for Member admittance.

JUDY'S CROCHET RUGS.

Judy would appreciate any donations of wool to enable her to keep making the rugs which are regularly donated to charity.

ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER.

Members: 77 Attendance: 57 Apologies: 17 Visitors: 5

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

DOOR KEEPERS FOR 2026.

Betty M and Diane O'

FEBRUARY MORNING TEA HELPERS.

The morning tea Helpers for this month are Betty M. and Enid.

CONVENOR: Diane O.

WELFARE OFFICER.

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

TRADESPERSON REGISTER:

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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO.

**DIANNE L, SUSAN W, RON S, JUDY H, ROSS S, NEIL P JANET T,
LESLEY D. KAY M.**

TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT TABLE.

For the benefit of our new members a brief outline of how this works.

If you have anything you no longer need and feel someone else may be able to make use of the item, please bring it along and place it on the table.

If you see something on the table you would like, feel free to make it yours.

No money changes hands during the process and any items left on the table at the end of the meeting will be taken to Vinnies Op Shop.

So – clean out your cupboards and let's all enjoy the give and take!

Convenor: Betty L.

FEBRUARY SPEAKER.

Carolyn Jury - Carolyn is a volunteer coordinator with a local charity working with disadvantaged and disengaged young people aged 12-25. Based in Eltham, these young people learn how to recycle and re-purpose materials destined for landfill, with the help and support of a group of volunteers. This program is transforming the lives of these young people by building confidence, developing practical skills and meaningful cross-generational connections.

Convenors: Bob and Helen.

MOVEMBER 2025

Thanks to everyone for their support. \$ 388.00 was raised at the Christmas lunch today. A receipt will be available to view at the February 2026 meeting. My total raised for the year was \$848.00.

Thank you everyone - your support is much appreciated. Thanks also to Giselle for her help.

In Friendship - Graham.

FOOD PARCELS.

After the Christmas lunch at the Golf Club we delivered 9 boxes of donated non-perishable food to the Salvation Army in Heidelberg. A team of volunteers led by Michelle helped us unload and gratefully accepted the donations. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this worthwhile cause. Thanks to Frank and Robert for helping with the loading.

NOLA'S GARDENING TIPS.

It's warm, the sun is shining and so it's the perfect time to get out into the garden. Here are some ideas to make your garden look great in February.

Succulents are the perfect option – kids love them too. You don't even need a garden, because they will grow really well inside. They also make great gifts. Varieties include sedums, aloes and haworthias. A favourite is mesembryanthemum or pigface, a hardy succulent, which grows in full-sun and produces brilliantly coloured flowers through summer.

What else to plant

There are lots of vegetables to plant too. Put in some lettuce as well as chard, or silverbeet, eggplants and cucumbers. Plant in fertile, well-drained soil and remember to keep them well watered. If the weather is hot, keep an eye on young plants, be sure they are well watered or leave them in pots in a sheltered spot until the scorching days have passed.

Maintenance

There's plenty to do to keep your garden in top shape. Start with deadheading by removing spent blooms from plants, it not only keeps them looking good but also stops the plant using its energies to create seed. Instead, it puts its resources into new flowers.

Feed plants with a seaweed tonic. It will help them grow and also cope better when there's a dry spell. While liquid fertiliser will help plants grow, use caution if using a granular product because plants need to be well watered for the best results with these products in the head.

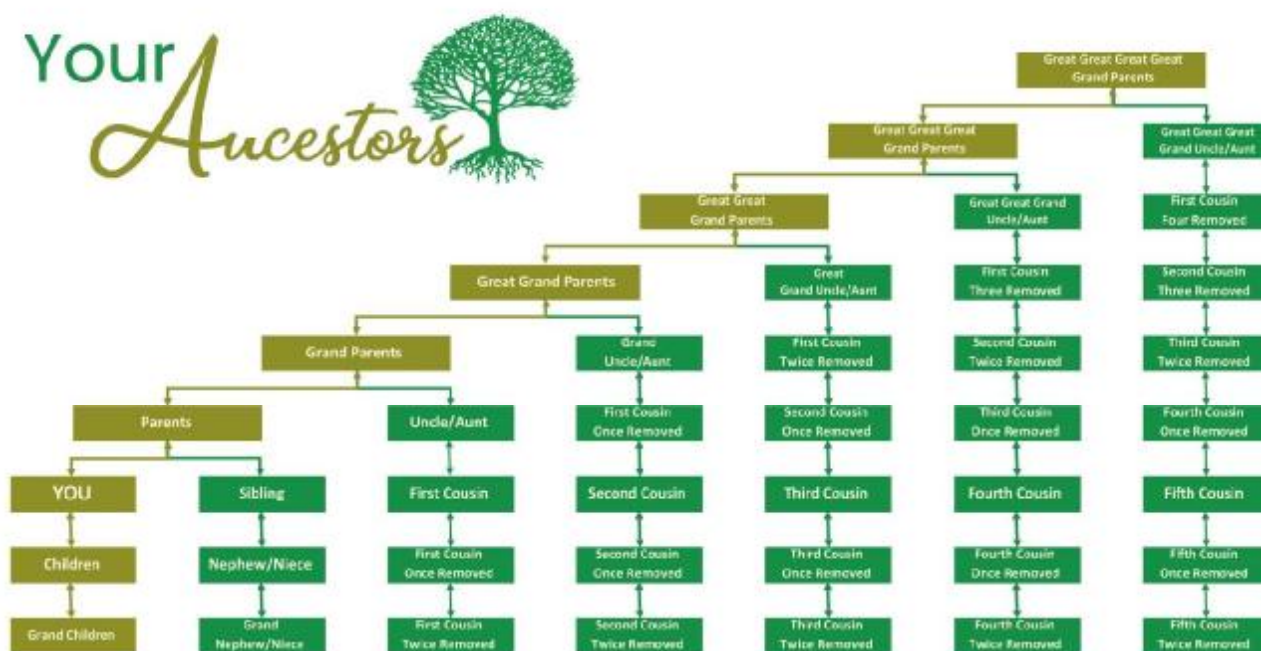
Remove any pesky weeds. Do this before they have time to flower and set seed. In the hot weather, remember to keep water up to your plants. Ideally an early morning watering regime is best as it allows the plants to access moisture in the heat of the day when they need it most.

Harvest

This month there's plenty to harvest too. Pick herbs such as basil, mint, parsley, coriander and thyme. Use them in your favourite dishes, or summer salads. Harvest tomatoes, capsicum, and chillies. Keep an eye on stone fruit such as apricots, nectarines, plums and luscious peaches, which will all be ripening this month. Net trees to prevent the birds feeding on the fruit before you do.

Summer is almost over. But don't let that stop you from getting out into the garden. There's heaps to do.

FAMILY HISTORY



Cousins Chart

SNOOKER, BILLIARDS, DARTS.

DATE: 4TH – 18th February 2026

TIME: 10 AM to 12 Noon.

VENUE: Greensborough R.S.L.

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

Convenor: Winston.



GAMES GROUP 2026.

FEBRUARY: GAMES ON WEDNESDAY.

Date: TBA.
Venue: TBA.
Time: 10.00AM to 12.00PM
Cost: No Cost.
Convenor: Neil and Christine.

SCENIC WALK

FEBRUARY: SECOND THURSDAY.

Date: 12TH February 2026..
Meet: Park near Mickey's Fitness Centre Unit 5 1637 Main Road
Research. Near Eltham Little Theatre.
Time: 10.30 for 11.00 AM start.
Walk: The Maroondah Aqueduct Trail.
B.Y.O. Morning tea. Don't forget your Hat and Water.
Lunch: Mickey's Fitness Centre
Convenor: Stephen.

FEBRUARY : THIRD OUTING.

Note now changed to Saturday 21st February.

DATE: 21st February 2026.
TIME: TBA.
Activity: Shades of pink Race day, Yarra Glen Racecourse.
Bus will leave from Greensborough Memorial Park
Cost: approx. \$40.00 PP.
Included : Bus to and from venue, entry into Racecourse, race book, three course Lunch
Convenor: Julie S.

FEBRUARY : FOURTH THURSDAY ACTIVITY.

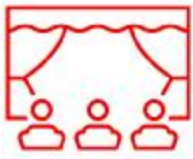
DATE: 26th February 2026.
TIME: 12.00 pm.
VENUE: Rivers Nursery Café 28 Kurrak Road Yarrambat.
Activity: Lunch

PLEASE PLACE YOUR NAME ON THE LIST ON THE REAR TABLE –
WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE SOME NEW MEMBERS AT OUR GATHERING.

Convenors: Rae T. Betty L, Giselle B.

Local Theatre and Concert Events 2026.

Looking for something to do on a Sunday. Lunch with Friends then enjoy Theatre or Concert event.



Get ready for an exciting line-up of local theatre and concert events coming your way in 2026.

Throughout the year, venues across our area will host a diverse range of performances, from classic dramas and vibrant live concerts by local artists. , there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Here's a roundup of upcoming local theatre and concert events to add to your calendar.

Theatre Performances

Heidelberg Theatre Company (In 74th Year of productions)

36 Turnham Avenue

Rosanna. (Opposite The Rosanna Railway [Station](#))

Sunday 15th February at 2.00 pm. Lunch at 12.00pm at

Hunters Lane Café, 76 Turnham Avenue Rosanna

Our first play for this year is *Love, Loss, and What I wore*.

Love, Loss, and What I Wore is a heartfelt celebration of women's lives told through the clothes that made them who they are. From prom dresses to purses, this bittersweet play uses fashion as a thread to explore love, loss, heartbreak, and resilience. A cast of women share unforgettable stories that are deeply personal yet universally relatable. Adapted with warmth, wit and humour by Nora and Delia Ephron (When Harry Met Sally, You've Got Mail) from Ilene Beckerman's book, the play debuted Off-Broadway in 2008 and is a multi-award-winning delight.



Love, Loss and What I Wore

Single Tickets \$26.00 PP. Please see Kathy S. for any information on any upcoming plays.

Dates to reserve for 2026 Eltham Concert Band.

Sunday 31st of May and 25th October time to be advised (Normally 2.00pm)

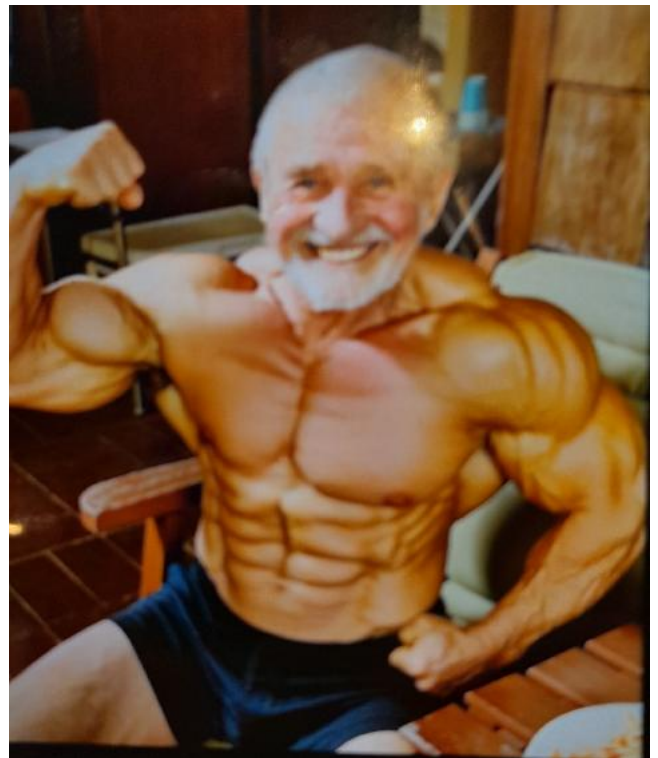
Eltham Community and Reception Centre Price \$16.50pp (price to be confirmed)

Kathy S. Local Theatre Convenor.



Has anyone noticed John Emery has been spending a lot of time at the Gym over the break.

Looks great for a 90 year plus Gent.



CITY THEATRE.



Several members attended the Musical “Cats” on Jan 14th with lunch at Time Out prior to the show, those who went Enjoyed the performance.



February 4th **Anastasia** at the Regent Theatre show time 1.00 PM.



Cluedo the Play.

February 18th, 2026, Please collect your tickets from me at the February General meeting. Let me know if you are attending Brunch Y or N. Please note tickets are non-refundable if you can't attend on the day
Lock out applies to all shows.



April 1st, 2026, **Book of Mormon** Princess Theatre, tickets \$90
Money due 20th February.



July 29th 2026 **Pretty Woman**, Regent Theatre Show / booking fee \$91 Booking agents have allocated us brilliant seats. Money my account March 24th



September 16th, 2026, Neil Diamond Musical (a beautiful Mind)

Princess Theatre, 1pm Show, Money due 10 July.

List on Back table for both shows 👍

I have registered our expression of interest..

Thankyou 🙏 Regards Catherine 🌸

Convenor: Catherine C,

Activity Calendar.

<p>FEBRUARY 2026.</p> <p>4th Snooker darts and Billiards 4th City Theatre Anastasia the Musical 5th General meeting. At Greensborough RSL. 12th Walk and lunch. 15th Heidelberg Theatre Company play love, Loss and what I wore. 21st Third Saturday Activity – Shades of Pink Race Day, Yarra Glen Racecourse 18th Snooker darts and Billiards. 18th City Theatre Cluedo the play. 18th Snooker darts and Billiards 26th Fourth Thursday, lunch at Rivers Nursery Café 27th Committee meeting. TBA. Games Day.</p>	<p>MARCH 2026</p> <p>4th Snooker darts and Billiards 5th General meeting. At Greensborough RSL. 12th Walk and lunch. 19th Third Thursday Activity 18th Snooker darts and Billiards 26th Fourth Thursday, lunch 27th Committee meeting. TBA. Games Day.</p>
<p>APRIL 2026.</p> <p>1st City Theatre The Book of Mormon. 1st Snooker darts and Billiards 2nd General meeting. At Greensborough RSL. 9th Walk and lunch. 15th Snooker darts and Billiards. 16th Third Thursday Activity – 23rd Fourth Thursday, lunch 24th Committee meeting. 26th Legends of Brass Theme Concert. 29th Snooker darts and Billiards TBA. Games Day.</p>	<p>MAY 2026</p> <p>7th General meeting. At Greensborough RSL. 14th Walk and lunch. 13th Snooker darts and Billiards. 21st Third Thursday Activity – 27th Snooker darts and Billiards 28rd Fourth Thursday, lunch 29th Committee meeting. 31st Eltham Concert Band. TBA. Games Day.</p>

Probus Bank details

Account name: Probus Club of Eltham North Inc.

Bendigo Bank BSB 633000 A/C No. 233562602

DEADLINE FOR MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER.

Thursday 19th February 2026.

TO

Ross.

NEXT MEETING: 10.00am Thursday 5th February 2026.

At the Greensborough R.S.L.

IN FRIENDSHIP, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN.

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THANK YOU, VICKI WARD.



A few photos of our 2025 Christmas Lunch at the Heidelberg Golf Club.





And Santa paid us a visit.