



PROBUS CLUB OF ELTHAM NORTH.

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NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2026.

Next General Meeting: Thursday 5th MARCH 2026.

10.30 AM at GREENSBOROUGH RSL.

OFFICE BEARERS



President:

Ross



Secretary:

IAN



Treasurer:

Paul

“PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE”

Reminder new Meeting start time is 10.30AM

As I sit here writing this message, listening to the much-needed heavy rain, I’m reminded of just how fickle the weather can be. With droughts in some states and floods in others, it certainly highlights how vast and diverse this country of ours truly is.

March is an important month for our Club as we hold our Annual General Meeting and conduct our elections. We will also be welcoming three new members at this meeting, which is always a pleasure. At present, we are seeking nominations for the positions of Secretary and Vice President on our Management Committee. We are also requiring a guest speaker coordinator. We have enjoyed some very interesting speakers in the past, to continue enjoying speakers in the future a coordinator is essential, this is not a huge time-consuming job. If you would like to contribute to the continued success of our Club by filling one of these roles, please contact myself, our Secretary Ian Cugley, or any member of the Committee.

Ron has stepped down from the position of Tradesperson Register Coordinator. On behalf of the Management Committee, I extend a sincere thank you to Ron for the outstanding work he has done in this role over the past few years. His efforts have been greatly appreciated. I am pleased to announce that Frank has volunteered to take on the Tradesperson Register Coordinator role. Thank you, Frank, for stepping forward.

Activity-wise, we have had a wonderful start to the year. We enjoyed the City Theatre musical *Anastasia*, which was very well attended by members. A scenic walk along the Diamond Creek Trail followed by lunch was another enjoyable outing. We also moved our regular third Thursday outing to a Saturday to attend the “Shades of Pink” Yarra Glen Races. Thirty-seven members joined us for a fantastic day organised by the Greensborough RSL Social Club, with bus transport to and from the racecourse and a three-course meal in the grandstand. There were a few wins and a few losses to the bookies, but most importantly, everyone had a great time. The day also happened to fall on my birthday, and my wife Julie surprised me with a cake

— a lovely and much-appreciated gesture. Lastly a lunch at the Lower Plenty Hotel, and many more opportunities to get together. I hope you are all looking forward to another year filled with friendship, fun, and fellowship. Regards Ross.

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 FEBRUARY.

Members: 80 Attendance: 56 Apologies: 11 Visitors: 6

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.

MARCH MORNING TEA HELPERS.

The morning tea Helpers for this month are Ron and Carole.

CONVENOR: Diane O.

WELFARE OFFICER.

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

TRADESPERSON REGISTER:

Frank.

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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO.

**HELEN CAIRNS, RON OBRIEN, BRIAN MOORE,
JULIE SUCKLING, TERRY BOOCOCK, KERRY PRIMROSE,
GISELLE BULLER, WINSTON WADE.**

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.

MARCH SPEAKER.

As we are having our Annual General meeting there will be no Speaker this month. Instead, an interesting game of Bingo will take its place.

NOLA'S GARDENING TIPS.

Planting in March.

March is the time to put all your effort into preparing your soil for heavy-feeding winter crops which are best planted in April. Once upon a time, March signalled the beginning of autumn, and cooler weather, but climate change has altered this and essentially March is now a summer month. Unless the temperature drops consistently to below 20C in the daytime and there is decent rain, winter seedlings – especially the brassicas – if planted, are likely to run to seed. Manures, if used, need to be incorporated 4 weeks before beds are given lime. However, check the soil pH with a pH test kit to determine whether your soil is acidic, alkaline or neutral before adding dolomite or lime. You may need the whole month to prepare your beds. They will need compost and other nutrients and to be well-hydrated before planting.

Plant seeds in punnets.

Beans, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, Florence fennel, kale, kohlrabi, leek, lettuce, onion, silverbeet, spinach, spring onions

Plant seedlings into soil.

Lettuce, rocket, other salad greens, spinach, silverbeet (keep roots well watered to prevent bolting)

Plant seeds direct into the soil.

Asian greens, beans, beetroot, carrot, daikon, mustard greens, parsnip, radish, rocket, and herbs including coriander, chervil and dill

Watering.

Water soil (not leaves) deeply at least twice per week and deeply for several days before any heat wave. (Rain less than 10mm per day does not count). Water cools the soil and therefore the roots of plants and will prevent bolting.

KaBloom:

Tesselaar Flower Farm, 357 Monbulk Rd, Silvan VIC 3795

10am - 5pm Monday - Sunday

March 21st to April 19th, 2026

Family History.

- [Illegitimate Index: A detailed index of names from various records that name the biological father of an illegitimate child.](#)
- [Interim Index: An index of selected names from a variety of interesting and hard-to-find sources.](#)
- [Neglected, Adopted or Orphaned Children Index: An index that includes entries for children who were described as neglected or orphaned.](#)

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judywebster.com.au

<https://www.judywebster.com.au › illegit.html>

GAMES GROUP 2026.

MARCH: GAMES ON WEDNESDAY.

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

SCENIC WALK

MARCH: SECOND THURSDAY.

Date: 12TH March 2026.
Meet: Catch 10.41 am train from Eltham Station (2nd last carriage)
Into the city to see new Town Hall Station.
Then travel to new Anzac Station.
Short walk from Anzac station to "the Terrace" in the
Botanical Gardens for lunch and return.
Lunch: The Terrace.
Convenor: Stephen,

MARCH : THIRD THURSDAY.

DATE: 19TH March 2026.
TIME: 12.00 PM
Activity: Lunch
Location: Cherry Hill Hotel. 195 Reynolds Rd Doncaster East (Behind the Pines Shopping
Centre).

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

Convenors: Rae. Betty L. Giselle.

MARCH : FOURTH THURSDAY ACTIVITY.

DATE: 26th March 2026.
TIME: 10.30 am.
VENUE: Melbourne Garden and Flower Show. Carlton Gardens and Exhibition Building.
ACTIVITY: Attending the Melbourne Garden and Flower show.
Convenor: Julie S.

LOCAL THEATRE.

Local Theatre and Concert Events 2026

Looking for something to do on a Sunday. Lunch with Probus 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.

Any Local Theatre or Concert Events information or payments please contact

Kathy.

Theatre Performances

Heidelberg Theatre Company (In 74th Year of productions)

36 Turnham Avenue. Rosanna. (Opposite The Rosanna Railway Station)

Sunday 3rd May at 2.00 pm.

Lunch at 12.00pm at

Hunters Lane Café, 76 Turnham Avenue Rosanna

Our second play for this year is ***GIRL ON THE TRAIN***



Rachel Watson longs for a different life. Her only escape is the perfect couple she watches through the train window every day, happy and in love. Or so it appears. When Rachel learns that the woman she's been secretly watching has suddenly disappeared, she finds herself as a witness and even a suspect in a thrilling mystery in which she will face bigger revelations than she could ever have anticipated.

Single Tickets \$26.00 pp. Please see Kathy for Tickets and Payment.

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.



CITY THEATRE.



April 1st, 2026, Book of Mormon Princess Theatre.



July 29th 2026 **Pretty Woman**, Regent Theatre Show / booking fee \$91 Booking agents have allocated us brilliant seats. Money my account no later than March 24th or else extra \$5.



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

Princess Theatre, 1pm Show, Thankyou 🙏 Regards Catherine 🌸

Convenor: Catherine.

Probus Bank details

Account name: Probus Club of Eltham North Inc.

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DEADLINE FOR APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER.

Thursday 19th March 2026.

TO

Ross.

NEXT MEETING: 10.30am Thursday 5th March 2026.

At the Greensborough R.S.L.

IN FRIENDSHIP, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN.

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THANK YOU, VICKI WARD.

Activity Calendar.

MARCH 2026

4th Snooker darts and Billiards
5th General meeting. At Greensborough RSL.
12th Walk and lunch.
18th Snooker darts and Billiards
19th Third Thursday Activity lunch at Cherry Hill Hotel
26th Fourth Thursday, Melbourne Flower and Garden Show.
27th Committee meeting.
TBA. Games Day.

APRIL 2026.

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 – tour Australian tapestry workshop
23rd Fourth Thursday, lunch
24th Committee meeting.
26th Legends of Brass Theme Concert.
29th Snooker darts and Billiards
30th Combined club Picnic to celebrate 50 year anniversary.
TBA. Games Day.

MAY 2026

7th General meeting. At Greensborough RSL.
14th Walk and lunch.
13th Snooker darts and Billiards.
20st Third Wednesday Activity – Tramboat cruise to Williamstown.
27th Snooker darts and Billiards
28rd Fourth Thursday, lunch
29th Committee meeting.
31st Eltham Concert Band.
TBA. Games Day.

JUNE 2026

4th General meeting. At Greensborough RSL.
10th Snooker darts and Billiards.
11th Walk and lunch.
18th Third Thursday Activity –
24th Snooker darts and Billiards
25rd Fourth Thursday, lunch
26th Committee meeting.
31st Eltham Concert Band.
TBA. Games Day.



Anastasia was enjoyed by many members.



Waiting for the Bus.



All settled in.



Shades of pink race day at Yarra Glen.



And the winner is.



Happy Birthday.