



PROBUS CLUB OF ELTHAM NORTH.

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NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2026.

**Next General Meeting: Thursday 6th August 2026.
10.30 AM at GREENSBOROUGH RSL.**

OFFICE BEARERS



President:

Ross



Secretary:

Dianne



Treasurer:

Paul

“PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE”

Welcome to our August Newsletter.

As winter begins to draw to a close, it is wonderful to see our Club continuing to thrive, with strong attendance at our meetings and excellent participation in the many activities organised by our dedicated Activity Team.

A warm welcome to all our new members and visitors who have joined us recently. We hope you quickly feel part of our Probus family and take advantage of the many opportunities to meet new friends, enjoy interesting outings, and participate in our wide range of activities.

It is also my pleasure to welcome two new members who will be inducted at our August General Meeting, **Lisa** and **Eileen**. We extend a very warm welcome to both and wish them many years of friendship, fellowship, and enjoyment with our Club.

Our July guest speaker, **Lisa Du**, Director of Ready Tech Go, presented a fascinating and informative session on *Technology Tips and Tricks*. Members discovered practical ways to make better use of their mobile phones, including copying text from books and brochures using their camera, using Siri or Android voice assistants as a personal assistant, and taking advantage of voice-to-text technology for hands-free note-taking and messaging. It was an engaging presentation that demonstrated just how useful modern technology can be in our everyday lives.

Our August General and Birthday Meeting—complete with birthday cake—promises to be another enjoyable occasion. We are fortunate to have **Ian** from Rotary as our guest speaker. Ian will present what promises to be a fascinating talk on Antarctica, one of the world's most remote and extraordinary places. I'm sure members will enjoy learning about its unique environment, remarkable wildlife, and the challenges of exploring this incredible continent.

I encourage everyone to continue supporting our walks, lunches, games days, theatre outings, and special events. These activities are at the heart of what Probus is all about—friendship, fellowship, and fun.

Looking ahead, planning is well underway for our **AI for Seniors** seminar during the Victorian Seniors Festival in October. This is an exciting initiative for our Club and provides an opportunity not only for our members to learn more about artificial intelligence, but also to invite friends, neighbours, and family members who may benefit from this informative and practical presentation. Thank you to Robert Turner for his work on this project.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our August General Meeting.

Until then, stay warm, stay active, and continue to enjoy the friendship and fellowship that make our Club so special.

Kind regards Ross.



SOLOMON
George Frideric Handel

HEIDELBERG CHORAL SOCIETY

Love Wisdom Peace

Conducted by Peter Bandy
Naomi Flatman mezzo soprano
Rebecca Rashleigh soprano
Timothy Reynolds tenor
Teresa Ingrilli soprano
Lisette Bolton soprano
Nicholas Dinopoulos bass baritone

Sunday 16 August 2026 | 2.30pm
Performing Arts Centre Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School
cnr Noel St and Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe

Tickets
\$70 / \$65 conc / \$45 student
www.trybooking.com/DLZMZ
www.hcs.asn.au

Any enquiries please contact Joy.

From your Librarian

A reminder, for anyone wishing to donate new books to refresh our Library, the box will be on the back table. For everyone else, please don't borrow from this box otherwise I can't keep track of what is new.

Thanks

Robert.

A Special Cheerio: To all those who haven't been well lately. We're thinking of you and hope that you'll feel much better soon.

Unwell or in need of a "Cheerio"? please contact: Faye or Nola.

FAMILY HISTORY:

Google: FIRST FAMILIES 2001 this will take you to the National Library Catalogue. Follow the prompts to get to A-Z then click on the relevant letter for the surname you require. When surname appears - click on it and information for the families appears.

Susie Zada's Home Page: www.zades.com.au Contains many indexes particularly for the Bellarine Peninsular GEELONG CEMETERIES: <https://gct.net.au/family-history-search/> BIOGRAPHICAL DATA BASE OF AUSTRALIA : <https://www.bda-online.org.au/>

Nola's Garden Tips.

YOUR GARDEN IN AUGUST:

August is the month to plant spring seedlings in punnets and some direct into the ground. Should a frost be imminent, cover seedlings the night before with cloth. If you find frost on your plants the following morning, and the sun has not yet struck them, wash the frost away with water from the hose. If the hose is frozen, fill a watering can with COLD water and do the same.

Plant seeds in punnets in a greenhouse, on a windowsill or beside an external glass door or window: Cucumber, corn, Florence fennel, kale, kohlrabi, lettuce and other salad greens, pumpkin, onion family including leek, tomato, silverbeet, spinach, and zucchini.

Plant in punnets on a temperature-controlled heat mat indoors if you have one : Capsicum, chilli and eggplant (capsicum family germinate best with a soil temperature between 21C – 35C).

Plant seedlings into soil: Broccoli, cabbage, Florence fennel, kale, kohlrabi, lettuce, rocket, other salad greens, silverbeet, spinach

Plant seeds direct into the soil : Asian greens, beetroot, mustard greens, parsnip, peas, radish, rocket, swede, turnip and herbs including coriander, chervil and parsley

Tubers: Potatoes direct into the ground. Use certified seed potatoes to avoid disease. Plant away from pumpkins as they are bad companions.

Crowns: Asparagus crowns. . Plant in deep trenches. See planting guide in article below.

Buy plants or cut 'setts' off the side of an existing plant with a sharp spade

Netting: Use exclusion netting on Asian greens, broccoli, cabbage, kale, kohlrabi and turnip

Succession planting : Plant seedlings every few weeks so that they will NOT all be ready for harvest at the same time

Watering:

Water soil (not leaves) deeply at least twice per week (rainfall less than 10mm per day does not count). Install dripline if possible.

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 JULY.

Members: 81 Attendance: 63 Apologies: 10 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 Dianne L.

DOOR KEEPERS FOR 2026.

Betty M and Diane O.

AUGUST MORNING TEA HELPERS.

The morning tea Helpers for this month are Diane S. and Julie G.

CONVENOR: Diane O'Connor 0448 312 211. diocconnor46@icloud.com

WELFARE OFFICER.

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

TRADESPERSON REGISTER:

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

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO.
RAE, ENID, BETTY L, NOLA, JOHN, LEON.**

TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT TABLE.

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.

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

Convenor: Betty L.

AUGUST SPEAKER.

Our guest speaker for our August General Meeting will be Ian from Rotary, who will present a fascinating talk on Antarctica.

Antarctica is one of the most remote, beautiful and least explored places on Earth. Ian will share his experiences and insights into this remarkable continent, covering its spectacular landscapes, unique wildlife, rich history of exploration and the important scientific research undertaken there today.

SNOOKER, BILLIARDS, DARTS.

DATE: 5th – 19th August 2026.

TIME: 10 AM to 12 Noon.

VENUE: Greensborough R.S.L.

Please place your name on the list on the table
At the general meeting



Convenor: Winston.

GAMES GROUP 2026.

August: TUESDAY GAMES DAY.

Date: 11th – 25th August 2026.

Venue: Meeting Room, Eltham CFA, 909 Main Road, Eltham.
(Enter via the side door).

Parking: There is 3 hour parking across the road and up the hill from the CFA
and also in the lower car park at Coles Supermarket.

Time: 10.00AM to 12.00PM

Cost: No Cost.

Lunch: If you wish to have Lunch, there are several Restaurants in Main Street.

Convenor: Neil and Christine.

SCENIC WALK.

AUGUST: Second Thursday scenic walk.

Date: 13th August 2026.

Meet: Park on west side of rail line in Ellesmere Pde
meet there.

Time: 10.30 for 11.00 AM start.

Walk: The Rosanna Parkland east side of rail line.

B.Y.O. Morning tea. Don't forget your Hat and Water.

Lunch: Hunters Lane Café 76 Turnham Ave Rosanna.

Convenor: Stephen.



AUGUST: THIRD THURSDAY OUTING.

DATE: 20TH August 2026.

TIME: 10.30am.

Activity: Guided tour of the Gothic ANZ Building 380 Collins St Melbourne.

Cost: Free.

Travel to city by train Details and timetable to be advised closer to the date.

Convenor: Julie S.

Hi potential joiners to our Fourth Thursday Lunch in August.

As you may be aware, Rivers Cafe will not accept bookings of 10 or more people unless they allocate us to a set-price, alternating 2 course menus.

So - our plan for the day will be to book 2 or 3 tables of 8 or 10, depending on how many names we end up with. This could mean that we may not be sitting at adjoining tables, but most members circulate a bit, so that should not become a problem.

We believe everyone has enjoyed Rivers Cafe on our previous visits and it seems ridiculous for them to have this booking limitation.

AUGUST: FOURTH THURSDAY ACTIVITY.

DATE: Thursday 27TH August 2026.

TIME: 12.00 pm.

VENUE: Rivers of Yarrambat 28 Kurrak Road Yarrambat.

Activity: Lunch.

We look forward to your company at this popular venue.

Please contact Betty L.

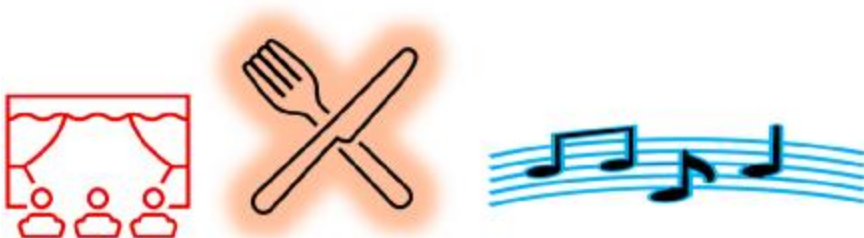
PLEASE PLACE YOUR NAME ON THE LIST ON THE REAR TABLE –
WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE SOME NEW MEMBERS AT OUR GATHERING.

Convenors: Rae.

Betty L. Giselle B.

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).

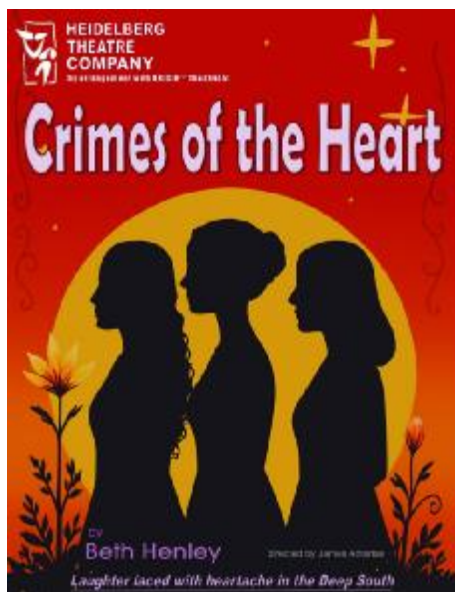
Sunday 13th September at 2.00 pm.

Lunch prior at 12.00pm at Hunters Lane Café 76 Turnham Avenue Rosanna.

Our fourth play for this year is Crimes of the Heart.

ABOUT THE PLAY

- Laughter laced with heartache in the Deep South -



In Hazlehurst, Mississippi, the three eccentric Magrath sisters reunite under one roof: Babe has just shot her husband, Meg's fled Hollywood, and Lenny is celebrating her birthday with a cookie. What follows is a darkly funny and deeply human story of shared trauma, fierce love, and awkward healing.

Beth Henley's *Crimes of the Heart* premiered in 1979 and quickly became a classic of American theatre, winning the 1981 Pulitzer Prize for Drama. Blending Southern Gothic humour with aching vulnerability, this bittersweet comedy has delighted audiences for over four decades. All tickets have been sold. There will be a waiting list at August meeting as I have requested for HTC to see if I can obtain extra tickets.

ELTHAM CONCERT BAND



Eltham Community and Reception Centre
801 Main Road Eltham
Lunch at Eltham Hotel 12.00pm before the show.
Sunday 18th October 2.30 PM.
Price \$16.50pp concession. Wonderful uplifting music and enjoyable afternoon tea after the concert.
List will be on rear table at September General meeting.
Local Theatre Convenor Kathy.

CITY THEATRE.



September 2nd Six Wives of Henry V111, Comedy Theatre, 1pm show.

THE NEIL DIAMOND MUSICAL A BEAUTIFUL NOISE

September 16th, 2026, Neil Diamond Musical.

Princess Theatre, 1pm Show.

Thankyou 🙏🏻 Regards Catherine 🌸

Convenor: Catherine C.



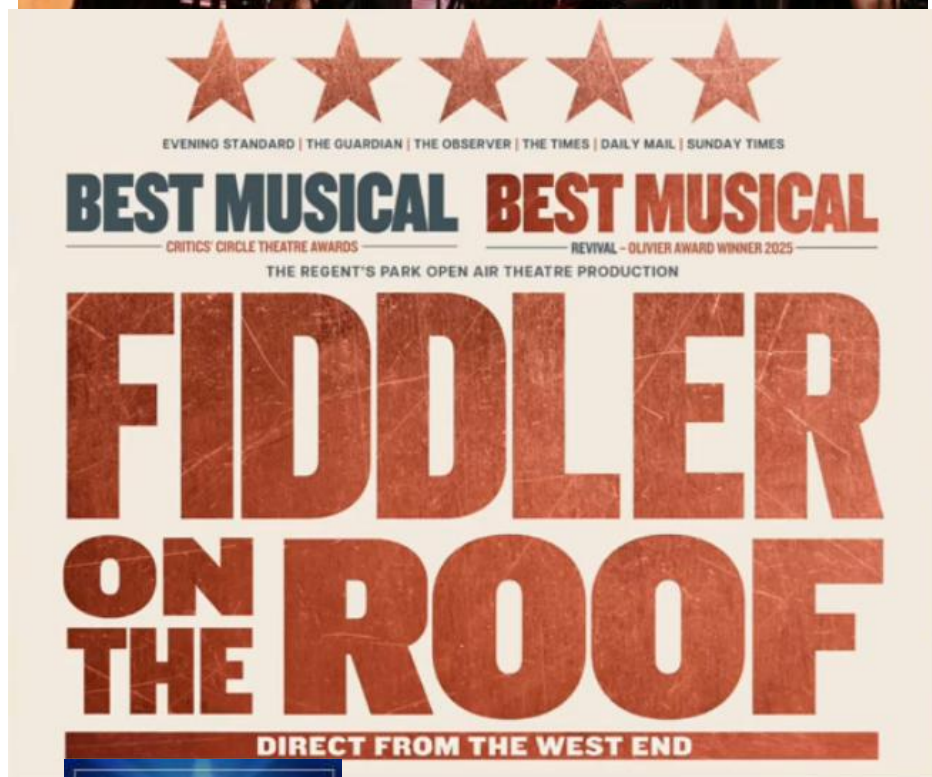
`My Fair Lady State Theatre Wednesday 2nd December (note time) 2pm show, tickets \$70 I have managed to secure 5 extra tickets, three still available.

Money due 1st October

List on the rear table at General Meeting.



Monday December 7th
 Christmas Melodies.
 Hamer Hall, 1pm show, list now closed.
 Lunch list Young and Jacksons Y or N on rear table August Meeting.
Convenor: Catherine C.



Her Majesty's Theatre

Fiddler on the Roof.
 November 18th 2026.
 Ticket and booking fee \$91
 (group) Normal price \$149
 Money in my account by
 21st September.
 Convenor: Catherine C.



Princess Theatre Mrs Doubtfire.
 February 24th 2027. Tickets \$91
 1 pm Show. Convenor: Catherine C.

Activity Calendar

AUGUST. 2nd Last night at the Proms. 5th Snooker billiards and Darts. 6th General meeting at Greensborough RSL. 11th Games Day at Eltham CFA. 13th Walk and Lunch, 19th Snooker billiards and Darts. 20th Third Thursday activity. Anz Gothic Building Tour. 25th Games Day at Eltham CFA. 27th Fourth Thursday Lunch. 28th Committee meeting.	SEPTEMBER. 2nd City Theatre the musical production of Six 2nd Snooker billiards and Darts. 3rd General meeting at Greensborough RSL. 8th Games Day at Eltham CFA. 10th Walk and Lunch, 13th Heidelberg Theatre Company play, crimes of the Heart. 16th Snooker billiards and Darts. 16th City theatre a Beautiful Noise. 17th Third Thursday activity. Eltham Cemetery Guided tour. 18th Committee meeting. 22nd Games Day at Eltham CFA. 24th Fourth Thursday Lunch. 30th Snooker billiards and Darts.
OCTOBER. 1st General meeting at Greensborough RSL. 6th Games Day at Eltham CFA. 8th Walk and Lunch, 14th Snooker billiards and Darts. 15th Third Thursday activity. 18th Eltham Concert Band. 20th Games Day at Eltham CFA. 22nd Fourth Thursday Lunch 28th Snooker billiards and Darts. 29th Fifth Thursday activity. 30th Committee meeting	NOVEMBER. 3RD Games Day at Eltham CFA. 6th General meeting at Greensborough RSL. 11th Snooker billiards and Darts. 12th Walk and Lunch. 17th Games Day at Eltham CFA. 18th City Theatre Fiddler on the roof. 19th Third Thursday activity. 25th Snooker billiards and Darts. 26th Fourth Thursday Lunch 27th Committee meeting

DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER.

Wednesday 19th August 2026.

TO

Ross.

NEXT MEETING: 10.00am Thursday 6th August 2026.

At the Greensborough R.S.L.

IN FRIENDSHIP, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN.

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Games at Eltham CFA.



Elvis at Monty.



Ian and Julie cutting up the dance floor.



Morning Melodies an Elvis Christmas in July.



Production of Pretty Women



Pretty Woman packed Theatre.



Giselle modelling her new Lingerie.



Tour of the Johnston Collection.



Lunch at Route 66 Café

Support Southern Autistic School

Southern Autistic School is holding a raffle to help raise funds for a new playground, providing students with a safe and inclusive space to play, learn and thrive.

There are some fantastic prizes to be won, including a Nintendo Switch, PlayStation 5 (PS5), Xbox, Liberty Belle skincare products, a Birchwood Landscape & Design concept plan, a Micro Scooter, gym memberships, and many more prizes generously donated by local businesses.

Every \$5 ticket sold brings the school one step closer to making this wonderful playground a reality.

Purchase your tickets here: <https://www.rafflex.com.au/southernautistic>

Thank you. Regards Ross.