



PROBUS CLUB OF ELTHAM NORTH.

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NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2026.

**Next General Meeting: Thursday 1st October 2026.
10.30 AM at GREENSBOROUGH RSL.**

OFFICE BEARERS



President:

Ross



Secretary:

Dianne



Treasurer:

Paul

“PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE”

Welcome to our October Newsletter.

Once again, it has been a very busy and enjoyable month for the Eltham North Probus Club, with plenty of opportunities for friendship, fellowship and fun.

At our September General Meeting, we were delighted to welcome Lisa, who was formally inducted into the Eltham North Probus Club. On behalf of all our members, I extend a very warm welcome to Lisa and hope she enjoys everything our Club has to offer. I am sure she will soon feel very much at home and make many new friends.

Our September program provided members with a wonderful variety of activities and outings. We enjoyed a visit to the City Theatre to see the production of *SIX*, a very entertaining and energetic show.

Our Snooker, Billiards and Darts activities continue with lots of laughter and fun. Our regular Games Day at the Eltham CFA also continues to provide a relaxed morning of games, conversation and also plenty of laughter.

We also enjoyed a walk along the Plenty River Trail, followed by lunch at the Lower Plenty Hotel. It was a great opportunity to enjoy the outdoors while catching up with fellow members.

The Heidelberg Theatre Company provided another enjoyable outing with their production of *Crimes of the Heart*. Preceded by lunch at Hunters Café. We also travelled into Melbourne to the Princess Theatre for the production of *A Beautiful Noise*, which was another highlight of our month.

Closer to home, members enjoyed a guided tour of the Eltham Cemetery, providing an interesting insight into the history of the local area and some of the people who have helped shape our community. This was followed by lunch at the Eltham Hotel.

Our September General Meeting featured Dr Jenny Gowan AM, who gave us a very informative and timely presentation on the safe use of medicines. With medicines playing such an important role in maintaining our health and wellbeing, it is easy to become confused about what we should be taking, when we should take it, and how different medicines may interact with one another. Jenny's presentation provided useful information and practical advice and was greatly appreciated by our members.

Looking Ahead – Our Committee Elections

With our Annual General Meeting and elections coming up early next year, now is the time for members to start thinking about whether they might like to become more involved in the running of our Club.

Our Club relies on members volunteering their time and experience to keep everything running smoothly. The Management Committee plays an important role in organising our meetings and administration, while our various coordinators help make the many individual activities throughout the year possible.

If you have ever thought about joining the Committee, or taking on one of the coordinator roles, I encourage you to give it some consideration. You do not need to have previous committee experience. There are experienced members who can provide guidance and support, and becoming involved is also a great way to meet more members and contribute to the continued success of our Club.

There may also be coordinator roles becoming vacant, so if you have an interest in helping with one of our activities, organising outings, assisting with events or taking on another role, please have a chat with a Committee member.

October General meeting will be a mix and mingle, a great way to greet and get to know our newer members.

Regards Ross

Nola's Gardening tips.

Deadhead already-bloomed spring roses to encourage new ones –

Pep up house plants with an application of half-strength liquid fertiliser fortnightly until summer's end.

Cut away dead leaves and old root growth on cymbidium orchids – and divide or repot if their roots have become overly cramped.

Treat gardenias suffering leaf yellowing by soaking soil with a dose of Epsom salts mixed in water.

Give native trees a trim to keep them in shape.

Plant pots of showy annuals; set up beds of already-flowering salvias, snapdragons, pansies, marigolds, nasturtiums and lobelia.

Fertilise fruit and ornamental trees to encourage spring growth.

Take semi-hardwood or tip cuttings of favourite evergreen shrubs to increase numbers.

Treat Aussie shrubs to a seasonal trim.

Lift height of mower blades a few centimetres in drier areas – extra leaf blade length gives protection from sun and drying winds.

Establish new turf lawns in time for Christmas

Give your soil a healthy boost by digging in organic matter, including compost and well-rotted manure.

A grandfather has shared an urgent warning after forgetting to wear a mask while gardening and ending up in a coma and fighting for his life.

Victorian resident Stewart, 76, inhaled airborne bacteria from a potting mix, contracting a rare infection caused by *Nocardia nova*, a bacteria commonly found in soil. He spent 10 days in a coma and three months in hospital. 'I had to learn to walk and talk again,' Doctors at Ballarat Base Hospital struggled for weeks to diagnose his condition before tests revealed he had inhaled the bacteria. He was also suffering from two fungal infections and [pneumonia](#). Stewart said his life was changed completely on the morning of May 15 while tending to his garden, when using Scott's Osmocote Premium Potting Mix nearly cost him his life. 'I got up out of bed and collapsed, hit my head on the chest of drawers and then started vomiting uncontrollably,' he said. 'I had no idea what was wrong.'

Take care - Wear a mask when using potting mix !!

VALE BOB BRABY

When Bob could no longer attend Club meetings or social events he and I would exchange e-mails, particularly during Lockdown.

He had a great sense of fun and in the past he and his late wife, Elaine had written poetry and Bob had written many skits. He had a great flair for writing, starting at an early age when he won seven shillings and sixpence for a piece called "The Biggest Sheep" published in a Melbourne newspaper in 1943.

Bob used to send pieces to me occasionally and inspired me to respond in kind. He particularly enjoyed a skit that I wrote about a group of feral school students and likened it to "Yes, What?" a radio series from the late 1930's. Bob also enjoyed our "Happy Hour Thursday" when Graham and I sent photos of ourselves dressed in costumes depicting various musicals.

I will miss our interaction. Rest in Peace Bob. Nola.

FAMILY HISTORY:

In December 1911, my father, Noel, aged 3 years, with his mother and 2 siblings, left England on board the ship "Gothic" bound for Australia. On board that same voyage was 10-year-old Elizabeth Michie with her parents and siblings. Ninety-four years later, Elizabeth's great-granddaughter, Wendy, married Noel's grandson, Mark. (My son and daughter-in-law.) The two families had not met again in the intervening years.



**Research shows
that laughing
for 2 mins is
just as healthy
as a 20 min jog.
So, now I'm sitting
in the park
laughing at
all the joggers**

VALE BOB BRABY

A Valued and Founding Member of Eltham North Probus Club

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of **Bob Braby**, a valued and respected member of the **Eltham North Probus Club**.



Bob held a very special place in the history of our Club. **He was our only remaining Founding Member**, having been part of Eltham North Probus from its very beginning. His long association with the Club represented a remarkable contribution to our Probus family and its history.

Bob was a much-loved member of our Probus community and will be remembered for his friendly nature, good humour and the contribution he made to the Club including Club auditor for many years. He enjoyed the fellowship of Probus and was always a welcome presence at our meetings and activities.

His passing marks the end of an important chapter in the history of Eltham North Probus Club. We are grateful for the many years Bob shared with us and for the memories he leaves behind.

Our sincere condolences go to **Bob's family and loved ones** at this difficult time.

Bob will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by all of us at Eltham North Probus Club.

Vale Bob — our last Founding Member, a valued friend, and an important part of our Club's history.

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS. HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO.
BOB, ANGELA, GRAHAM,
GILL, JENNY, CARMEN, KATHRYN B, JAY, JUDY M, NEV.**

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 SEPTEMBER.

Members: 84 Attendance: 52 Apologies: 29 Visitors: 3.

Please – If you are unable to attend the General Meeting, make sure an apology is noted by our door keepers Betty, Ph **0419 994 224**, Diane, Ph **0448 312 211** or our Secretary Dianne Ph **0418 904 471**.



Graham meeting Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal.

A Significant Occasion at the National Signals Museum.

November 2025 marked the 100th anniversary of the formation of the Royal Australian Corps of Signals. To commemorate this important milestone, the National Signals Museum at Simpson Barracks, Watsonia, underwent a major refurbishment to showcase the history and development of the Corps over its first century.

The refurbished museum was officially reopened by Her Royal Highness Princess Anne, The Princess Royal, who holds the appointment of Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth Army Signals Corps.

Graham, who serves as the Voluntary Chairman of the Museum Foundation Board of Directors, was present at the museum to welcome and meet Her Royal Highness as part of his responsibilities with the Museum.

For Graham, whose own military service included serving as a Warrant Officer in Signals, the occasion was particularly significant. It brought together his personal connection with the Signals Corps and his continuing voluntary contribution to preserving and promoting its history.

DOOR KEEPERS FOR 2026.

Betty M. and Diane O.

OCTOBER MORNING TEA HELPERS.

The morning tea Helpers for this month are Barrie and Ros.

CONVENOR: Diane O.

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 for more information.

TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT TABLE.

How it works.

For the benefit of our new members, a brief outline of the Take It or Leave It table, situated at the rear of the hall beside the Self-Serve Coffee area.

If you have anything you no longer need and you 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 at the end of the meeting will be taken to Vinnies Op Shop.

So - get into the Spring Cleaning before the next meeting. We all know we need to!!!!

CONVENOR - Betty L.

OCTOBER GUEST SPEAKER.

We are pleased to welcome Irene Harrington as our guest speaker for our October General Meeting.

Irene is a member of the St Helena Probus Club and is also a Marriage Celebrant, so I am sure she will have plenty of interesting, unusual and, no doubt, very comical stories to share with us.

Being a Marriage Celebrant must provide a front-row seat to some wonderful, funny and sometimes unexpected moments in people's lives, and I'm sure Irene will have a few stories that will have us laughing and perhaps wondering what really goes on behind the scenes!

Convenor: Lesley.



Eltham North Probus Club

Good Friends
Great Company
Active Living



SNOOKER, BILLIARDS AND DARTS



When:
Every second
Wednesday
10.00am



Where:
Greensborough RSL



October Dates:

14th

and

28th

Come along, have a game, enjoy the company!
All members and friends welcome

10am to 12pm 14th and 16 October, Coordinator Winston.



Eltham North Probus Club GAMES DAY

Friendship
Fun and
Belonging

Come along, have fun and enjoy a great day of games and good company!



Rummikub



Clag



Dominoes



Backgammon



Whist



500

and more...



*All members
and friends
welcome!*



We meet at the
Eltham CFA Station
909 Main Road, Eltham
(Enter via the side door)



Every second
Tuesday
(this month's dates are)

6th and 20th

(Dates can be changed each month)



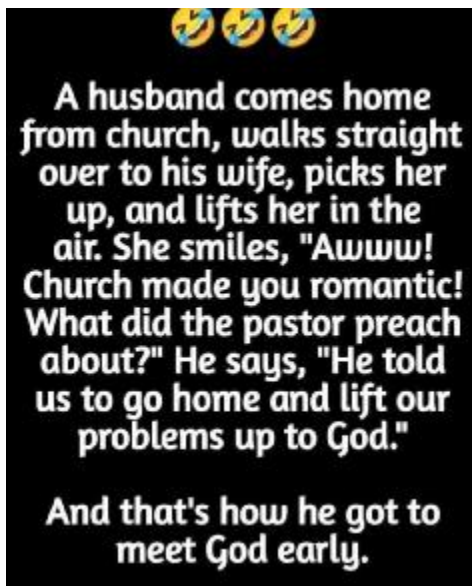
Enjoy a cuppa,
share a chat
and a game!

Eltham North Probus Club

Keeping minds active and friendships strong

10.00am. to 12.00pm on 6th and 20th October 2026.

Convenors: Neil and Christine.



SCENIC WALK OCTOBER :



- Date:** 8th October 2026.
- Meet:** Travelling along Fitzsimons Lane from Eltham, after crossing the Yarra River. Turn left just before the apple Sculpture and park in the carpark.
- Time:** 10.00 am..
- Walk:** The Main Yarra Trail.
- B.Y.O.** Morning tea. Don't forget your Hat And water.
- Lunch:** Coffee / snack / lunch at Zen Den.
736 Main Road, Eltham
Convenor: Stephen F.

OCTOBER: THIRD THURSDAY OUTING.

- DATE:** 15th October 2026.
- TIME:** 8.45 am
- Activity:** Outing to the Rhododendron Gardens Olinda by bus.
Meet in Eltham Hotel Car Park Pitt St entrance.
- Cost:** \$ 20.00
- Lunch:** The Pig and Whistle Olinda.
- Convenor:** Julie S.

OCTOBER: FOURTH THURSDAY ACTIVITY.

- DATE:** Thursday 22nd October 2026.
- TIME:** 9.30 am – 11.00am.
- VENUE:** Eltham Community and Reception Centre.
- Activity:** AI for Seniors Seminar. **This is a ticketed event and booked out.**
Convenor: Robert T.

OCTOBER: FIFTH THURSDAY ACTIVITY.

Normally Fourth Thursday moved to Fifth Thursday due to AI Seminar.

DATE: Thursday 29th October 2026.

TIME: 12.00 pm.

VENUE: Carlucci's Restaurant 134 James St Templestowe.

Activity: Lunch.

We look forward to your company at this popular venue.

Please contact Betty on 0403 437 771 if you have any queries.

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

Convenor: Betty L,

Local Theatre and Concert Events 2026

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



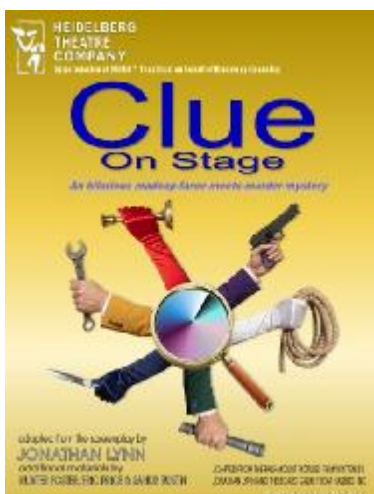
Get ready for an exciting line-up of local theatre and concert events coming your way in 2026.

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 22nd November at 2.00 pm. Lunch at 12.00pm at

Hunters Lane Café, 76 Turnham Avenue Rosanna.

Our Fifth play for this year is Clue on Stage.

ABOUT THE PLAY

Clue: On Stage is an hilarious adaptation of the 1985 movie and classic 'Cluedo' board game. This madcap farce-meets-murder-mystery, set in a far-flung mansion, finds Miss Scarlet, Professor Plum, Mrs. White, Mr. Green, Mrs. Peacock, and Colonel Mustard as guests at a bizarre dinner party where murder and blackmail are on the menu. Suddenly their host turns up dead, and everyone's a suspect!

With startling twists and laughs-a-plenty, Clue: On Stage is the comedy whodunit to keep you all on the edge of your seats until the very end.

The Heidelberg Theatre Company Subscription 2027.

Each year, we enjoy a subscription to Heidelberg Theatre Company, with the choice of a five-play or four-play package across the season. Taking out a subscription is a wonderful way to save money, secure the same seats for every performance, and support this much-loved local theatre.

Run by dedicated volunteers, Heidelberg Theatre Company consistently delivers outstanding productions, with acting that is always a highlight. In 2027, the company will celebrate an impressive 75 years of bringing live theatre to our community.

A list will be available at the October meeting for members to indicate their preferences. Once the play details and subscription costs are confirmed, I will email the information to each member.

ELTHAM CONCERT BAND



Eltham Community and Reception Centre
Eltham Concert Band Sunday 18th October
2.30 PM.

801 Main Road Eltham Lunch at Eltham
Hotel 12.30pm.

Please see Kathy for payment \$16.50pp
Wonderful uplifting music.

Tickets available October General meeting.
Local Theatre Convenor: Kathy.

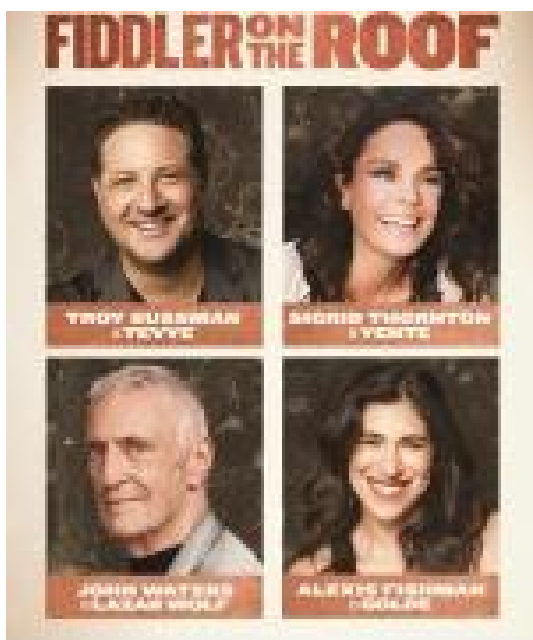
CITY THEATRE.

Her Majesty's Theatre

Fiddler on the Roof.
November 18th 2026.
Show time 1.00 pm.

Ticket and booking fee \$91 Booking closed.
Tickets will be distributed October and November
Meetings.

Convenor: Catherine C.



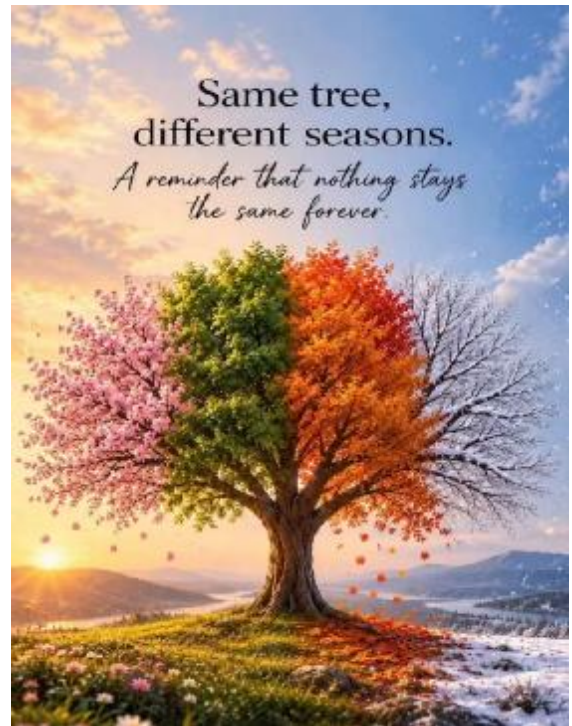
Message from Catherine.

Please hold off bringing clean washed caps until February 2027.

Our September City Theatre outing was another great success, with **36 members** heading into the city to enjoy *A Beautiful Noise – The Neil Diamond Musical*.

It was particularly pleasing to see several members who had **never been to the City Theatre before** joining us and enjoying the experience.

I've been involved with our theatre outings for around **eight years**, and one of the things I enjoy most is seeing members—especially our newer members—discovering the theatre, having a great time and enjoying the company of fellow members.



My Fair Lady State Theatre Wednesday 2nd December (note time) 2pm show, tickets \$70 All tickets allocated bookings closed. Tickets will be distributed October and November Meetings.



Convenor: Catherine C



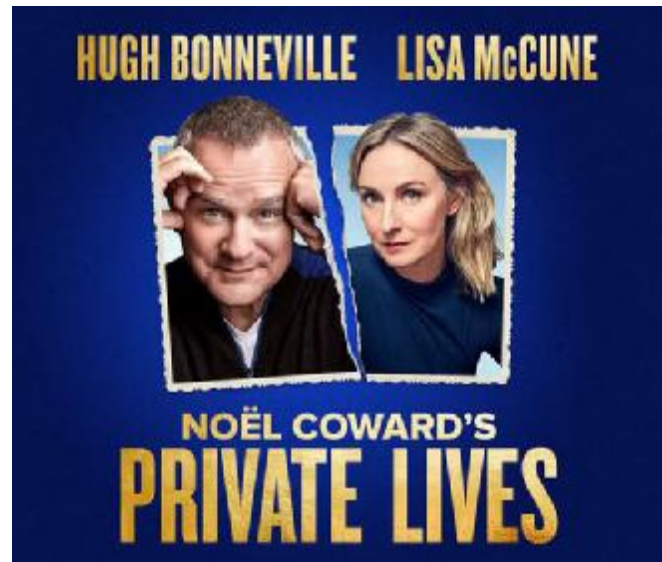
Monday December 7th Christmas Melodies. Hamer Hall, 1pm show. Lunch list Young and Jacksons. Bookings closed. Tickets will be distributed October and November Meetings.

Convenor: Catherine C.



Princess Theatre Mrs Doubtfire.
 February 24th 2027. Tickets \$91
Money due 1st January 2027.
Can start deposits from now.
 Quote Name and show reference.
 Limited tickets still available.
 1pm Show. Convenor: Catherine C.

Princess Theatre
 Noel Cowards Play Private Lives
 Wednesday March 31st 2027
 Tickets \$90 each 🎫
 Show 1pm
 24 tickets allocated to our Club
 Rows A & AA
Money due to Catherine
Friday January 22nd 2027
 Can start deposits from now.
 Quote Name and show reference.
 Limited Tickets still available. Convenor: Catherine C.



Her Majesty's Theatre.
 THE CASTLE STAGE SHOW APRIL 7TH 2027
 Show time 1.00pm. Tickets \$50
Money due February 19th.

Convenor: Catherine C.

Activity Calendar

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. Rhododendron Gardens Olinda. 18th Eltham Concert Band. 20th Games Day at Eltham CFA. 22nd AI Seminar 28th Snooker billiards and Darts. 29th Fifth Thursday activity lunch at Carlucci. 30th Committee meeting	NOVEMBER. 3RD Games Day at Eltham CFA. 5th 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.Fox classic car collection. 22nd Heidelberg Theatre Company production of Clue on Stage. 25th Snooker billiards and Darts. 26th Fourth Thursday Lunch 27th Committee meeting
DECEMBER. 2nd City Theatre. My Fair Lady at the State Theatre. 3rd Club Christmas Party Heidelberg Golf Club. 7th City Theatre Christmas Melodies at Hamer Hall.	JANUARY 2027. 21st January 2027. January catch up at Cherry Hill Tavern

Probus Bank details

Account name: [Probus Club of Eltham North Inc.](#)

[Bendigo Bank](#) BSB 633000 A/C No. 233562602

DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER.

Wednesday 18th October 2026.

TO

Ross. rossjulie2@bigpond.com

NEXT MEETING: 10.00am Thursday 1st October 2026.

At the Greensborough R.S.L.

IN FRIENDSHIP, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN.

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Our New Member Lisa Jones



Speaker Dr Jenny Gowan.



Tour of Eltham Cemetery



Tour of Eltham Cemetery.





Guided Tour of Eltham Cemetery