



# Probus Club of Melbourne North Inc

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## New President steps up



The new President of Probus North, Maggie Veneziano, is preparing to hold her first monthly meeting on April 23.

Maggie bravely stepped forward to answer the appeal by outgoing president Marie Daffey for someone to fill the role. Under the Probus rules clubs can't continue without a president and secretary.

Kathy Detering agreed to stay on as secretary.

Maggie kept her first President's Message to a minimum:

*Since this is my first official newsletter, I thought to keep my message short by just quoting Albert Einstein: **in the middle of every difficulty, lies opportunity.***

*I have embraced the opportunity to steer the club through the next 12 months.*

*I hope I can maintain the high standard set by Marie Daffey and before her by Maureen Scully.*

*I welcome any suggestions from club members. If you think there are any ways to further improve the club please don't hesitate to let me know.*

*I look forward to being your president for the next 12 months.*

Maggie accepted the chain of office from Marie at the Annual General Meeting last month.

Marie served as president for two eventful years.

She steered the club through the crisis caused by the Maribyrnong River flood that inundated our meeting place, the riverside Anglers Tavern, and found a new home at Windy Hill.

She proved to be a steady hand at the wheel of good ship Probus North and deserves the highest praise for picking the club up post Covid and through the change of home without a meeting or meal lost.

## New Committee for 2024

**President** Maggie Veneziano, **Vice President** Sue Olszweski, **Secretary** Kathy Detering, **Treasurer** Andrew Mason, **Minutes Secretary** Terry O'Reilly

**Committee** Frank Evans, Roz Fraser, Bev Mason, John Sullivan, Jill Wagstaff, Marlene and Michael Watson.

**Past President** Marie Daffey



## Guest Speaker

**Pam Haigh**

Her Topic is: Just because I Can't Speak Doesn't Mean I Can't Do.

Pam is visually impaired but had normal sight until she was in her 40's. She speaks on behalf of The Guide Dog Association and will be accompanied by her guide dog, Bryl (Welsh for Brian).

She will tell us about her daily life in beautiful Warragal with the support of her marvellous dog.

## April Birthdays

Jackie Montgomery, Maggie Mitchell, Deanie Power, Bronwyn Stokes



### **New member**

Mary Sullivan was inducted as a member of the club at the AGM. Mary retired 10 years ago and has lived in Strathmore for 51 years. Her husband John is the club's Assistant Treasurer.

### **Movies**

Movie days are every second month. Cathy Tackle has to wait until the week before the movie date before she can announce the name of the movie.

### **Outings**

Roz Fraser has decided to try Myki excursions to places of interest as she mentioned at the last meeting. She will explain the process at the coming meeting. The first excursion will be to Diamond Creek on May 14, leaving from Flinders Street Station.

### **Welfare**

Bev Mason is the club's welfare contact and asks members to let her know of any members who may be unwell or have need of assistance or just a social contact call to say we are thinking of them. Her phone number is 0435 568 802.

**Next meeting: April 23, 2024**

**Deadline for the next newsletter will be May 17, 2024**