



Probus Club of Melbourne North Inc

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President's Message

Well, 2025 is quickly moving ahead and so much is happening whether we like it or not.

The Annual General Meeting is now behind us and I am pleased to report that each of the vacant positions on the committee has been filled. Thank you to all the members who have volunteered to participate as a Committee Member.

Autumn has well and truly shown its colours, with the trees changing colour and dropping their leaves. I personally love the cooler weather.

Easter is now behind us. Hoping that you all had a wonderful time celebrating the festivities with your families and friends. As previously advised the Blackbird cruise was cancelled due to insufficient numbers. Maureen Scully is now looking into different options.

The luncheon booked at The Royal was also cancelled due to insufficient numbers.

I hope to see you at the meeting on April 22

In friendship
Sue



Sue Olszewski is presented the president's chain of office by outgoing president Maggie Veneziano at the March meeting.

Committee vacancies filled

The committee for 2025 is:

President Sue Olszewski, Vice President Heather Speide, Secretary Kathy Detering, Minutes Secretary Terry O'Riley, Treasurer Mary Sullivan, Membership Michael Watson, Speakers Marie Daffey, Website Lin Rigby, Committee Member Roz Fraser.

Organisers are: Marlene Watson (luncheons), Ron Barratt (newsletter), Vic Ryall (database), Annette Simpson (movies) Bev Cooper, Jackie Montgomery, Julie Gozdzik (front door team), Gerri Barratt, Annette Simpson (morning teas), Bob Detering (banner).

A big thankyou to the committee members who are standing down:

Andrew Mason (treasurer), Frank Evans (membership), Bv Mason (welfare), Jill Wagstaff.

Guest Speaker



The April Speaker for is Matthew Ettyleal.

His topic is : Barry Humphries, the Person.

With the world in such chaos, we need something to make us laugh, and reminisce.

April Birthdays

Jackie Montgomery, Maggie Mitchell, Deanie Power, Bronwyn Stokes.

Happy 90th Bob Simpson

Before Bob Simpson cut his jam and cream sponge birthday cake he regaled the meeting with varied and amusing highlights of his Essendon upbringing and professional career.

Bob is a man of many talents. Has had a wide-ranging career, is a very accomplished pianist and has been a member of the Northern Golf Club for 50 years.



Graham Barber steps down

Graham Barber has been an active member of Melbourne North Probus for more than 24 of the club's 30 years. He is one of only three members to be awarded Life Membership.

He has been great contributor over that period.

He was **president** for a year (2006-07) and **treasurer** for four years (2001-2005). He organised **club lunches** for 12 years and spent 15 years as the **club auditor**. For 21 years he looked after the monthly **wine raffle**.

A big thank you, Graham!

Thanks Andrew

Andrew Mason is stepping down from the demanding role of treasurer after three busy years. He digitally streamlined the club's finance system and hands it on in excellent shape.



Outings

Blue Lotus Water Garden

Four members took up some of the limited number of seats available on the tour of the Blue Lotus Water Garden at Yarra Junction arranged by the Windy Hill Venue. The garden tour was followed by lunch at the York on Lilydale Hotel.

Movie

Nine members enjoyed their movie outing at the Palace Pentridge on April 8. The film was *Black Bag*, a spy thriller. After the show the group had a convivial lunch at Lucky Little Dumplings.



Club website

Lin Rigby looks after the Probus Melbourne North website.

The website address is: <https://melbnprobus.org>

The What's On page is: <https://melbnprobus.org/welcome/whats-on-test-trial/>

then click on the blue *i* information symbol (for info on meetings, films or trips).

There are other pages, but the What's On page will give up to date information.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

Deadline for the next newsletter will be May 16, 2025

Vale

Lorraine Murphy (24/07/1936 – 1/04/2025)



Our dear friend Lorraine Murphy passed away peacefully on April 1, aged 88 years.

Lorraine's husband Danny was a foundation member of Melbourne North, attending from the inaugural meeting in November 1994, and becoming the Club's first newsletter editor.

Lorraine joined a little later, in March 1997. Sadly, Danny died soon after, but Lorraine continued her membership to become a major contributor to the life of the Club.

She became President of the Club in 2002. She was elected to be President again in 2013 but took over earlier when her predecessor died in office.

Thus, she was effectively President for three years.

She was also involved with planning Club trips – to Bright in 1999 (the first Club trip away), to Lakes Entrance in 2000, and to French Island in 2002. Throughout her active years in the Club (over 25 years) Lorraine was always prominent in welfare for her fellow members, as well as participation in lunches, outings and excursions. She is survived by her three children, five grandchildren, and their partners. Our Club was well represented at the wonderful Celebration of Life event held for Lorraine. Family members, and other speakers, spoke of her compassion, intellect, wit, generosity, belief in social justice and knowledge and understanding of world events. She was described as “a mosaic of compassion, humour, opinion and generosity”.

Vale, Lorraine.

(Compiled by Club historian Vic Ryall)





**The Austral Salon of Music invites Probus
Members to a recital by percussionist Aditya
Bhat on the marimba.
Monday 28 April
The Main Hall,
St Peter's East Melbourne
12.30 pm to 1.30 pm.
\$20 Visitors Members \$15**



**BYO sandwiches for lunch from 11.45 am. Tea/coffee and biscuits provided.
Collins Street trams except No 48 to Stop No 11.
For more information and map see www.australsalon.org/
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