



Probus Club of Melbourne North Inc

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President's Message

Hello everybody. Welcome to 2026.

Hope you enjoyed the Christmas/New Year break with family and friends.

We have started the New Year with some activities arranged by our Committee members.

A movie on January 6 at Pentridge Palace cinemas "My Brother's Band" arranged by Annette.

On Tuesday January 13 Marlene arranged a lunch at Cross Keys Hotel.

It was wonderful to catch-up with many of our members to just "chat".

Our Probus year is starting off running.

Hopefully it keeps up its momentum with new ideas, entertaining monthly speakers and some interesting trips planned.

Enjoy being part of our Melbourne North Probus Club.

Make friends, bring some new members and enjoy 2026.

In friendship,
Sue Olszewski

Christmas luncheon

Sixty members and their guests attended the Christmas luncheon in the magnificent ballroom of Overnewton Castle. Unfortunately it is the last time we will meet there because the property has been sold and unlikely to continue in its current form.



January luncheon



Twenty four members attended the January luncheon at the Cross Keys Bistro



Tuesday's Sundowner

We are looking forward to getting together for our first Sundowner beside the Maribyrnong River on Tuesday.

When: Tuesday, January 20

Where: Maribyrnong Riverside Park, Aberfeldie
(beside the Pirate ship Playground on
The Boulevard at the foot of Fawkner St)

Time: 6 to 7.30pm

Bring: A plate of finger food to share, your own drinks & picnic chairs
Parking and toilets available at the park

January guest speaker

To be advised

November speaker



The speaker for our final meeting of 2025 was Melanie Gill, CEO of Helping Hands. She explained how the organisation responded to community needs. Helping Hands volunteers staff their op shops and all profits are used to provide meals, pantry staples and clothing for those families and individuals. Helping Hands which is based in Airport West also partners with local businesses that provide goods and services.

Queenscliff Outing

Everything is in place for our outing on February 10.

Bus will pick us up at Windy Hill at 9.00am we will travel to Queenscliff arriving at approximately 10.30am.

We will be taken on a tour of the Fort and then there will be time in the Museum.

At around 12.00pm the bus will take us around the corner to the Queenscliff Bowls Club where we will have lunch.

After lunch the bus will return us to Windy Hill arriving at about 3.30-4.00pm

The cost is \$60 members and \$70 for friends.

Final numbers and all payments must be completed at our next meeting on January 27.
If you would like to go and your name is not yet down you can email
me at maureenscully47@gmail.com.

Thanks Everyone

Maureen

Birthdays

December

Maureen Scully, Brian Devers, Marlene Watson, Jill Wagstaf, Michael Watson.

January

Norma Smith, Mercia Gollant; Bob Detering, Frank Jien, Rick Nelson, Julie Gozdzik

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 January 27

Deadline for the next newsletter will be February 14