



Probud Club of Melbourne North Inc

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President's Message

Hello everybody

For those who attended the High Tea at Windy Hill, what a lovely event.

Plenty of food and good company.

There is a trip to wander through Parliament House in August, and a morning at Gerri and Ron Barratt's home with the viewing of a rare book produced by a family member.

A busy time over the next couple of months.

"NEVER FORGET:

How far you have come.

Everything you have gotten through.

All the times you have pushed on even when you felt you couldn't.

All the mornings you got out of bed no matter how hard it was.

All the times you wanted to give up but you got through another day.

NEVER FORGET how much STRENGTH you have learned and developed

along the way."

In friendship,

SUE OLSZEWSKI

Guest speaker

Samantha Clarke is the Victorian Ambassador for Mercy Ships Australia.

Based in Melbourne, Samantha has built her career around community engagement, events, philanthropy and bringing people together. She began her working life as a hairdresser before moving into politics, community leadership and donor engagement, including working alongside a former Prime Minister. Today, she represents Mercy Ships across Victoria, speaking with community groups, businesses and supporters about the organisation's work and the impact of accessible surgical care.

High Tea

Melbourne North and Strathmore club members enjoyed a High Tea at Windy Hill to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Probus.



July birthdays

Dorothy Milburn, Gerri Barratt, Jennifer Thorpe.

June speaker

Lois **Pullman** was a professional tennis player in the 1970s including a stint on the international circuit before successfully turning to coaching for 40 years. More recently she was chosen to coach the leading actor in the television series Goolagong. She took us behind the camera to what went into making a realistic version of the famous player's rise to Wimbledon champion.



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 July 28

Deadline for the next newsletter will be August 14