



ARMSTRONG CREEK PROBUS Club Inc

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February 2026 Newsletter

President's Report

Hello and welcome to a new year. This month your club turned one and Probud South Pacific celebrated 50 years. I also had the privilege of welcoming our first new member for 2026 into the club. Welcome Anna Rose!

You will have read in my email last month that our AGM is rapidly approaching. We need to hear from you about who you would like to lead your club through the 2026 / 27 year. Friday 13 March is the AGM meeting so please be prepared to tell us who you want as leaders at that meeting.

Thank you to everyone in attendance last Friday 13th Feb for completing the survey we passed around. There were a few good suggestions for activities going forward. And we hear you that the formalities are the least liked portion of our meeting but it is a requirement that we as a committee keep you apprised of what we are doing. However we are looking at ways to streamline this and minimise the formalities.

I look forward to hearing from you at the AGM, till then take care.

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OUR HOME BASE



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Recent and Future Club Activities

Informal Gathering at

Mirambeena Park 4pm onwards

(Warralily Blvd. near Surf Coast HWY end)

Each Monday until end of Daylight Savings Time.

BYO drinks, and nibbles to share.

There are BBQs if anyone wishes to use.

Club Pétanque set available to play

Will be subject to weather less than

30c temperature or extremely windy

Trivia @ The Grovedale

Fortnightly at the Grovedale Hotel

17 February, 7pm earlier if dining

Contact: Sandra—geit1166@gmail.com

For more information

Lunch @ MAVS—Greek Restaurant

736 Little Malop Street, Geelong.

Wednesday 11th March 12:30 pm

Contact: Di Hunter

Book Club

26 February, 1pm

Next book for discussion is

Bittersweet by Susan Cain.

Contact: Kerry Wilkins TEXT 0419396947

For more details

Walking Group @ Warralily Village

In need of a coordinator

Knitting and Crotchet Club

17th February at 1 pm

Armstrong Creek East Community Hub

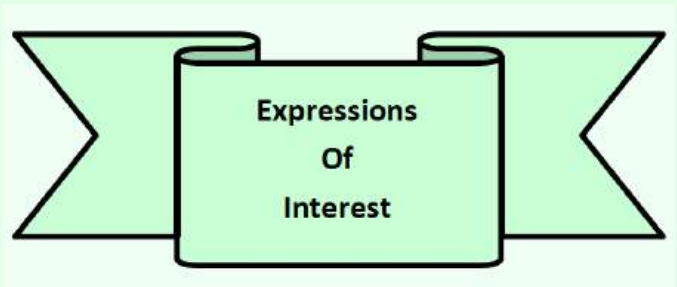
Contact: Lynda Pocervina TEXT 0419 304 831

Coffee morning @ 9 Grams

101 Unity Dr, Mt Duneed.

Tuesday 24th February 10:00 am

Contact: Rod McMaster TEXT 0409 530 117



Alcohol Ink class

Saturday 21 February 2026 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM.

Enjoy exploring the stunning flow of alcohol

inks at Brush & Bubbles.

James Street, Geelong.

Cost: \$55

Organiser Sandra Dunoon TEXT 0409 530 116

Creative workshops in Resin Artwork

2 ½ hours duration in Ocean Grove.

Cost: approx. \$95

all materials provided.

Contact: Sandra Dunoon TEXT 0409 530 116



Next Meeting dates/times:

13/03/2026, 10:00am

10/04/2026, 10:00am



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Guest Speaker Segment

Our speaker for February was Vaughn Lamb, he presented an informative perspective on the history of Vietnam through its formative years under various rulers and the battles for territory including the Vietnam War. There was a lot of information and images to take in as Vaughn runs a 24 week course/discussion on the subject and he condensed the content into a 1 hour presentation. It was enjoyed by all present with many learning a few things that were lesser known facts for the general public.

March there will be no guest speaker at our AGM, instead we will hold a get to know your new committee discussion.

April—Eric Faulkner will join us to discuss all things Titanic

May—Lorraine Smith returns with her Tiger in India presentation.

Event Reports

Friday December 12 – Christmas Morning tea.

A luscious spread of delicious edibles was enjoyed by 22 members and free Christmas hugs. Three lucky door prize hampers were won.

Thursday December 18 @ 7:30pm – A Celtic Christmas by A Taste of Ireland

They showcased Irish dancing and music. Three members were to attend but due to unforeseen circumstances only Sandra attended this event.

Sandra reported that it was very jolly, fun, excellent dancing. Sandra did however have trouble containing her jigging around in her seat.



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Attendance Reporting

Please note: For insurance purposes if you will not be in attendance at any meeting please email your apology to armstrongcreekprobus@gmail.com with “Apology meeting date xx/xx/2026” in the subject line or notify the Attendance Officers at the meeting prior to the one you will be absence.

Note: We cannot accept any apologies from friends on the floor during meetings.

Leave of Absences need to be requested on the appropriate form and approved by the committee, please speak to attendance officer Leanne for more information.

IMPORTANT

General Committee Correspondence

Any none urgent communications for the committee outside of meetings should be emailed to armstrongcreekprobus@gmail.com thank you.

Participation in group activities

As a courtesy to the organisers and other members, if you put your name down to take part in an activity, please be sure to let us know if you will not be able to attend on the day. This will mean activities can start on time. Please contact the organiser directly.

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