



# ARMSTRONG CREEK PROBUS Club Inc

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## August 2026 Newsletter

### Presidents Report

Hello and welcome to our new members receiving this for the first time. It is great to see more people joining the group and participating in the activities. With the winter starting to fade into spring we can look forward to more outdoor activities.

We are also getting towards that time of the year when we need to think about succession planning. We need to see assistants appointed for the roles of secretary / treasurer positions and we should be looking to appoint a second vice president.

Also if you would like to run one of our activities please make yourself known to the committee and don't forget that the ladies managing the morning tea could always use some help, thereby allowing them to mix and mingle more. That's all from me, see you at the next meeting.

**David**

### Management Committee

**David Wilson**

President

**Rod McMaster**

Vice President

**Barb Pipkorn**

Secretary / Public Officer

**Jacqueline Harrison**

Treasurer

### General Committee

**Leanne Molony**

Attendance / Membership Officer

**Sandra Dunoon**

Activities Co-ordinator

**Paul Harrison**

Guest Speaker Co-ordinator

**Di Hunter**

Dining Out Co-ordinator / Secretary assistant

**Lynda Pocervina**

Newsletter

**Anna Rose**

Publicity Officer

**Robyn King**

Webmaster

### OUR HOME BASE



**Meeting Day / Time:** 2nd Friday of every month at 10:00 am

**Meeting Venue:** Armstrong Creek East Community Hub, 46 Central Blvd, Armstrong Creek VIC 3217

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## Club Activities

### Informal Events

#### Happy Hour

Each Monday.

Venue to be advertised on Facebook.  
BYO drinks, and nibbles to share.

#### Trivia @ The Grovedale

Fortnightly at the Grovedale Hotel Torquay Road  
September 1, 15 and 29.. Currently a table booked for 5:45 for  
those having a meal. Tuesday is chicken Parma night.  
Contact: Sandra Dunoon TEXT 0409530116

### Club Events

#### Weekday Lunch - Das Biehaus

310 Moorabool Street Geelong  
Wednesday September 9th at 12:30  
Bookings close September 2nd  
Contact: Di Hunter TEXT 0417479750

#### Weekend Lunch

Sunday August 30 at 12:30  
Queenscliff Bowling Club  
Contact: Di Hunter TEXT 0417479750

#### Post Meeting Lunch

Friday September 11th  
The Grovedale Hotel Torquay Road Grovedale  
Sign in sheet on front table at the meeting.  
Contact: Kerry Wilkins 0409396947

#### Book Club

Thursday September 24th at Kerry's home from 1 - 3 pm  
Contact: Kerry Wilkins TEXT 0419396947

#### Knitting and Crotchet Club

Next meet up Tuesday September 15th at 1 pm  
Armstrong Creek East Community Hub  
Contact: Lynda Pocervina TEXT 0419 304 831

#### Coffee and Chat

Venue to be advised via Facebook  
Tuesday September 22nd at 10:00 am  
Contact: Liz Edge 0414818148

#### Walking Group

Tuesday September 1, 15 and 29 10 am  
Venue to be advised via Facebook.  
Walks will be on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays.  
Contact: Rod McMaster 0409530117  
Transport can be arranged.

#### Canasta/Cards Group

Next gathering is Wednesday September 23rd at  
2pm.

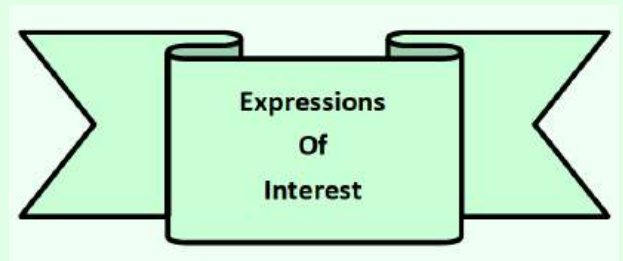
Venus to be posted on Facebook.

Contact: David Wilson 0438 234 943

#### Mahjong

Sessions on September 8, 22 and then October 6

Contact: Robyn King 0419 120 955



#### 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:

**11/09/2026, 10:00am**

**9/10/2026, 10:00am**



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## Guest Speaker

We enjoyed another very informative presentation. Craig also sold a number of his books to the members.



## Walking Group

The walks are scheduled for the 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays of each month and will be at varied locations within our region.

Each walk will be around 4 km but will be organised so that participants who wish to do a shorter walk can head directly to our designated cafe stop at any stage of the walk.

As there will be multiple walks between each General Meeting, we will not be having sign up sheets for each walk. Instead, there will be a sheet where interested members may sign up to an SMS messaging list. Once you are registered for this list, you will remain on it until you opt out.

Each walk will be posted on the group Facebook page in the week prior with the details of where to meet etc.

On the Friday before the walk, an SMS with details of the walk will be sent to every member of the messaging list.

Please answer YES, NO or STOP (if you want to be removed from the list) by **6:00 pm** on the Monday before the walk.

The walk will commence once all the people who have answered YES have assembled.

Transport to the start point may be arranged.

Please contact Rod McMaster on **0409 530 117** for more information.

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## Coffee and Chat

Seven members attended the August Coffee and Chat at 9 grams in Mt Duneed.

After a handover from Rod to Liz there was lively discussions on a variety of topics.

The next event will be on Tuesday September 22nd- venue to be advised. (Possibly Sandstone and Co in Grovedale.

## Book Club

Six ladies met at Kerry's home and had a lively discussion of the book we had read. The ending or lack of one caused us all some concern.

## Mahjong

Mahjong welcomed a new prospective member to the fold in August. Mahjong will continue to meet fortnightly with the venue informed by text message and on Facebook.

## Walking Group

Nine members met at the entrance to the Geelong Botanic Gardens to enjoy a walk in the lovely winter sunshine. We enjoyed a shortish stroll around the outside of the gardens chatting and looking at the bats, cockatoos and the other bird life. We considered a second loop to get the distance up but the lure of the cafe in the gardens proved too strong. A lovely time was had by all.



We would like to welcome Geoff and Janice Lenton to our club.



# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## Committee Directory

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