COLAH CHATTER

MOUNT COLAH MIXED PROBUS CLUB INC.

SEPTEMBER 2026 ISSUE

FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK



September is, I believe, the top month of the year. It's the occasion that we shake off the shackles of Winter and feel the glorious warmth of the sun. It's the occasion that my beautiful plum trees develop their tiny leaves and the white flowers of their coming fruit burst forth. And, of course, nature is now ready to call for the planting of the lovely tomato!

I spent a pleasurable Monday afternoon this week at Phillip Elliott's house as he hosted the Probus Book Club. For some unknown reason I thought they sat around talking about intellectual literature or even Shakespeare!! What a pleasant surprise I received! I heard one of our members talk about a good detective novel which has been made into a TV series – another spoke on the background and design evolution of the Beau Fighter during WW11 and yet another great read was the rescue of children during WW11. It was great hearing our members sell, with passion, books with such a variety of interesting topics.

If you feel that kicking a football or sprinting/ambling through the bush is getting beyond you, why don't you tap Phillip on the shoulder and express an interest in his group. Oh!...and .the afternoon tea was something to rave about!!! Nothing for dinner thanks, Marg!!!

I once heard that Clubs like ours are not Clubs but are, in fact, a business. We are here selling a service. On display we have for sale – fellowship – fun – and laughter. Groups that offer friendship, information and touring. Excitement and education, from theatre and day trips. All these products are on display and sold to the eager public by dynamic & enthusiastic salespeople!

We need membership growth – we need to lift our profile & we need to lift our own standards so that each one of us, when asked, "What have you done for Probus this year?"….can answer with pride….."Have you got two hours??"

NEXT MEETINGS

Monday 28th September 2026
then Monday 26th October .....
Remember to wear your badge

MEETING VENUE

Meetings are held at Magpies Club, Alexandria Pde, Waitara, starting at 10.30am 0n the last Monday of each month. In months when the last Monday is a public holiday, the meeting will be held on the second last Monday. Apologies & Correspondence to : The Secretary, Bill Dawes - 0413556037
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POSITIONS VACANT

*The following **ASSISTANT** Committee positions are currently vacant. -Assistant. Vice President & Assistant Bulletin Editor*

Offer your help, speak to a committee member now.

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HOSPITALITY - – *SUE FISHER 0405-558-608*



We now have 34 names for lunch on Friday 25th 11.30am at Terry Hills Tavern. If coming please let me know ASAP

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

A reminder to everyone about contributing an item for our lucky door prizes (hampers).
I'll bring a shopping bag to our next meeting to collect the donations.
Thank you in advance.

CHERYL GURNEY TOURS & THEATRE 0421 827 202

TOURS & THEATRE SEPTEMBER.

Fiddler on the Roof was a wonderful production and enjoyed by 27 people with a great production of the show.

We were invited to an Oncourse Mystery Tour that was a good day out. The Fashion Parade for the Ladies was a very successful day and a lot of fun.

Enjoyed our 4day trip to Canberra, saw some snow, when we went to Thredbo, War Museum and Parliament House were very interesting and had a good group with us, food and all the things we did were enjoyed. Floriade was ok but Tulip Tops had a much better display and gardens were spectacular.

Have a Sydney Harbour Cruise with Buffet Lunch from $79 p/p possible date 22nd October '26 already have 22 names.

Please let me know if there is anything in Theatre or a day trip or longer you would like to do.

Many Thanks,

REFUND POLICY

Day Trips: Refunds will only be made if as a result the outing proceeds and does not run at a loss and the amount involved exceeds $10. Also, should the number for the trip only reach between 20 to 29 persons a loading would have to be applied for the trip to go ahead.

Extended Trips: Are subject to the Terms and Conditions of Travel & Cancellations / Refund Policy of the Tour Operator. This information will be supplied when promoting any Extended Tour. Refunds will not be determined by the Mount Colah Mixed Probus Club Inc. Members and guests should consider the purchase of Travel Insurance for all Extended and International tours.

WALKING GROUP: JILL JENKINS 0402 073 297 & MARG RAPSEY 0457 252 526

NEXT WALK TO TAKE PLACE ON 8TH OCTOBER DETAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT PROBUS MEETING.

As always please contact Margaret or myself if you would like to join us.

FISHING GROUP - JOHN LOVE 9456-2703

No fishing report this month.

FOOTIE TIPPING GROUP – LES HOWARD 0447 507 244

After 27 hard played rounds by our players, we finally have resolved our winners. Sadly, three players, Frank, Heather & Jan M. are still recovering from heavy tackles, but ice baths are giving them great relief. Robyn M. & Phil both received 'send-off' cards during the season & of course spent times on the sidelines as a result. Diana & Rhonda received with humility, awards for "Best & Fairest" whilst Marg B. received the plaudits from the Coach for offering the largest Brown Paper Bag!!..much against Ron's advice! The special medallion for the most dedicated at training was Doug S. – always on the paddock & training late into the chill of the winter evenings!!….in his wheelchair!!!

The Big Finale, when the Gold-plated trophies will be awarded on the red carpet will be on Tuesday 20th October at the luncheon presentation at the Mount Colah Pizza Café…. tipsters – please note the date change.

Cheers, Coach Les Howard

MEN GATHERING MONTHLY GROUP– PHIL MCMANUS 0412082472

"The September MGM get together was held at The Hornsby RSL with a good attendance and plenty of lively discussions over a good meal. The October MGM will be held at The Hornsby Railway Hotel on Wednesday 14th October, 12pm. New faces would be most welcome."

All enquiries please contact Phil McManus on 0412082472.

MUSIC GROUP – BOB COLLINS 9476-4137

No show, no report. I've been considering the future of the music group for some time, and I now have to announce that I will no longer be running the group. It's just become too difficult for me with all the complications of my health issues. So if someone else wishes to take over, best wishes to them.

Bob Collins

TEN PIN BOWLING - LAUREL CAKEBREAD 0412 515 215

21st August- We welcomed our President Les to bowling. He managed a game and spared a couple of frames. Jenny played two games and excelled with over a hundred and spared 3 frames. Liz always enjoys her game and had a strike. Maria bowled left-handed due to injury and managed 70 in each game. Harvey had a brilliant first game. Harvey and Geoff had the same score in the last game. 4th Sept. was the fashion parade so only a few men bowled. 18th Sept. Great fun back bowling. We welcomed Peter back. He got the first strike. Maria is getting better with her left hand achieved 101 in first game. Harvey had a good finish in the last frame for 163. Good to see Margaret back too**. 27th Nov. Meeting at 3.oopm instead of 2.00 pm (to fit in with the Sausage Sizzle times).**

THE GAMES GROUP - MARIA & HARVEY FIELD 0438 305 530

The next Games Day will be held at our home on Wednesday 30th September

All members are welcome at Maria & Harvey's.

MAH-JONG GROUP- VALDA BUTEL 9482 4041 Call Valda if you are interested

MAHJONG: Three dates for October dear friends – 1st, 15th and 29th.

I'll send the usual reminders.

BOOK GROUP – Leader PHILLIP ELLIOTT: 0408-592-893

Book Club Report 14th September 2026
"The Scholar" by Dervla McTiernan is a detective Cormac Reilly murder mystery: 4 stars. "A Town Called Solace" by Mary Lawson is a crime mystery novel: 3 stars. "Last One Out" by Jane Harper is a murder mystery: 3.5 stars. "The Inferno" by Phillip Bradley describes wartime on the Western Front: 3.5 stars. "Whispering Death" by Patricia Skehan describes WW11 Australian made Beaufighters and their pilots: 3.5 stars. "Ned Kelly" by Peter Fitzsimons is a well written page turner: 4 stars. "Life in a Jar: Irena Sendler" by Jack Mayer involves saving Jewish babies in Warsaw: 4.5 stars. "The Girl with the Red Hair" by Buzzy Jackson describes a student who becomes a resistance fighter in Nazi occupied Netherlands: 4 stars. "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig has a woman finding a mystical library that allows her infinite versions of life: 2.5 stars.

Nest Meeting is on the 12th October 2026 Enjoy reading? We read all types of books, and don't have a fixed book/month as some clubs do; you read what **you** like. Why don't you join members welcome.

CRAZY WHIST

ALWAYS A FUN MORNING

(YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO KNOW HOW TO PLAY CARDS)



ASQUITH GOLF CLUB MONDAY OCTOBER 12th, 10 FOR 10.30

TICKETS $25.OO CARDS SANDWICH LUNCH TEA

TICKETS CAN BE PAID BY EFT – confirm with Heather at meeting to collect ticket. (ALSO BRING A LITTLE CASH AS THERE WILL BE A RAFFLE)

DETAILS FROM HEATHER AT THE MEETING OR ON 0421 8123 022

SAUSAGE SIZZLE: Jill & Wolfgang Peters 0437- 182-008

Friday 27th November 11.a.m at the Galston Reserve.

GUEST SPEAKER - JILL JENKINS – 0402973207

The Guest Speaker for September 2026.

His name is Mick Dunn

Mick is going to talk on the history of the Mercy Ships plus there current work.

He lived and served onboard for 7 years with his family from 2013-2020 as a marine engineer and now works for Mercy Ships remotely supporting the Mercy Ships deliver life-changing surgeries and partnerships with local communities to help them to help themselves .

WELFARE: Rhonda Smyth broke her hip on the trip to Canberra & after surgery in Canberra Hospital she is now recovering at home.

Pam Tanner – 0401-877-551 – or tedpamtanner@ gmail



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Shirley Andrew Ann Dean Phillip Elliott
Sue Fisher Carolyn Henry Jan Melville
Carolyn Newton Robyn Rogencamp

IF YOU NEED A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE-
The following member is happy to assist.
HARVEY FIELD – 0438-395-530

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Report as at 17 September 2026

	$		$
Income YTD		***Cash Book Balances***	
Membership fees, etc	6,582.00	Commonwealth Bank	9,678.80
Club functions and outings	31,673.25	Petty Cash	95.20
Fund-raising	803.10	**TOTAL FUNDS**	**9,774.00**
Miscellaneous	14.00		
Total Income	**39,072.35**	**Comprises -**	
		Members' funds	75.00
Expenses YTD		Club funds	9,699.00
Head office - capitation fees, etc	2,042.50		9,774.00
Monthly meeting costs	3,535.00		
Club functions and outings	31,277.45		
Miscellaneous	799.14		
Total Expenses	**37,654.09**		
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year to Date	***1,418.26***		

The Club remains in a sound financial position.
Significant payments since the last Chatter –

- Fashion Show (paid by members with Probus Club subsidy of $369) - $1,469;
- Magpies (August meeting) - $470.

Upcoming significant payments – Magpies (September meeting) approx. $460.
Significant receipts since the last Chatter -

- Fashion Show tickets - $902
- Commission on Fashion Show sales - $480.

Banking details are:

- BSB 062-181, Account No: 11178858
- Account Name: Mount Colah Mixed Probus Club Inc.
- Reference: Surname and Purpose; (e.g. Smith – Crazy Whist)

Please ensure you let the Treasurer and any relevant organiser (e.g. Tours Officer, Hospitality Officer etc.) of the transaction.
If you are paying an instalment towards a trip, please note this accordingly in the EFT reference (or on the payment slip if paying at a meeting).

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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