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Meetings normally held each second Monday of the month in the Trinity Lutheran Church Hall Pasadena @ 9.45 a.m.

General Meeting @ 9.45 a.m. Monday 12 October - Visitors and New Members Welcome.
******* Please wear your name badges to all meetings and outings.*******

50th Anniversary of Probus in Australia

****Members are encouraged to bring a friend with them to the meeting****

General Meeting	12 October	9 November
Guest Speaker	**Ian Jurgs - History of the First Settlers in South Australia**	**Henry Olonga - Zimbabwean test cricketer, singer and activist**
Show and Tell	Margaret Lewis	Peg Jurgs
Greeters ** Greeters to be there @ 9:15	Maureen Cook Tinie Mulders	Glenda Carlson Katherine Brown
Morning Tea **Please report to the kitchen @ 9:30 before the meeting	**Wendy Watson** Lyne Willoughby Glenda Carlson Ray Doecke	**Wendy Watson** Lyne Willoughby Margaret Geue Diana Pyle
Sweeping	Adrian March	Ray Mudge

**** If you are unable to do your turn on the roster, please find someone to take your place.****

Birthdays from 12 October to 8 November:

Jane Hope	17 October
Glenda Carlson	20 October
Ian Datson	22 October
Wendy Watson	28 October
Maureen Hunt	4 November



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Members 49; Apologies 12: Visitors 1. ****Any apologies should be sent to Heather Norris before 8.30 a.m. on meeting day: heather.norris@bigpond.com or 0448 849 242.**

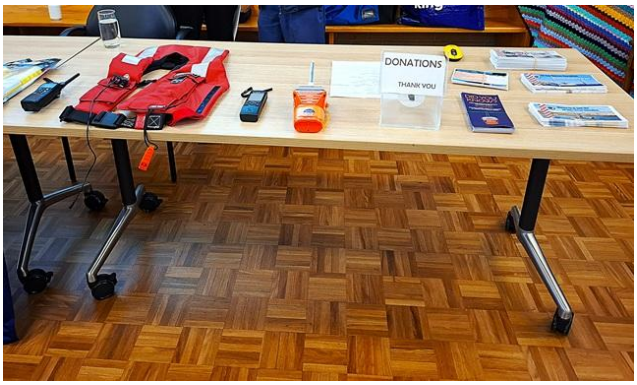
New member - Ann Coats:
At our September meeting, President Margaret Mudge had the pleasure of inducting our newest member, Ann Coats, into our Club. Ann was introduced by Pam Davey. Please make yourself known to Ann and welcome her into the Club.



Welfare Report & Good News:
Please inform **Margaret Southwell** on **0409 699 614** of any members with health problems. **We are only able to help our fellow Probians if we keep Margaret informed if any of our members are unwell**. If you have **good news** to share with our members, please let **Margaret Southwell** know the details.

South Australia Sea Rescue Squadron - Frank Miller and Jim Coombe: The South Australian Sea Rescue Squadron (SASRS) is a volunteer organization providing maritime safety and rescue services. The squadron has 4 flotillas, based at Adelaide, Wirrina, Edithburgh and the Copper Coast out of Wallaroo, conducting regular patrols and training. SASRS operates marine radio centres monitoring emergency channels 24/7 across South Australia. Key services include dispatching rescue boats, towing distressed vessels, and providing radio watch. SASRS utilizes a mobile communications vehicle for flexible operations. The organization was founded in 1960 with a mission for 24/7 maritime support. Modern technologies like EPIRBs and FLIR enhance search and rescue effectiveness. Operator error is identified as a primary





cause of maritime incidents, highlighting the need for continued relevance. Funding for vessels and equipment comes from the Emergency Services Levy and donations. SASRS offers seamanship and VHF radio courses to promote safe boating. The squadron comprises around 400 members, with a significant portion actively volunteering. Wearing life jackets is strongly encouraged, as many fatalities occur when they are not used. Rescue services are provided free of charge, with donations welcomed. Members donated $182.40 at this meeting.

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Treasurer's Report: General Account Balance as @ 31 August $4,495.34 plus $5,283.83 in term deposit. Door prize proceeds for September meeting was $92.

Monthly Lunch: **Wednesday 21 October, 12 noon. Venue: Marion Hotel**, 849 Marion Road, Mitchell Park. Please book with Liz Koch at the General Meeting, on 0439 979 152 or lanitzia992@gmail.com. Please let Liz know if you require a lift to the lunch.

Show and Tell - Chris Ranger: Chris has been knitting since childhood, taught by her mother. She learned crochet in her late teens and has practiced both crafts intermittently. Upon retirement, Chris joined a craft group at Trinity and they are involved with a charity called "Wrap With Love." "Wrap With Love" creates single bed-sized wraps for donation. These wraps are sent to international disaster-stricken areas, including the Pacific Islands. Locally, wraps are distributed through organizations like Lutheran Care in South Australia. Chris uses knitting techniques like "corner-to-corner" to utilize yarn scraps. This practice ensures that leftover yarn is put to good use. Larger crocheted items can become heavy and are not ideal for warm weather crafting.



Martindale Hall Trip - 23 September by Margaret Southwell: Thirteen Probus members enjoyed an outing in the country side of northern SA last Wednesday. The weather was outstanding and provided added pleasure to our day. Firstly, our coach (James driving) navigated so well from South Road to Northern areas through all the roadwork, construction sites of the Northern Express Way. Being up high in the coach, we had an excellent view of the massive construction sites and huge land, houses, and buildings acquisitions for this project. Eventually through to Waterloo Corner and on the road to Gawler.



Along the highway, the housing estates through old farming areas and market gardens, made us realise the extent that Adelaide/South Australia has developed. Having had good rains this year, the countryside is so green with good crops.
Through Gawler to Balaclava, the crops were being diversified from just wheat to canola, broad beans, other legumes, with plantations of almond and olive trees. The crops were most healthy. The coach drove through Tarlee, Saddleworth, to Roseworthy where we stopped in an attractive park for morning tea.
Next stop was Martindale Hall, where we had an impressive tour of this extensive first owner gentleman's Country Estate filled with his antiques of all sizes and colours and functions. Marble fireplaces, with tiling, a library , dining room, beautiful carpets and artworks in all rooms. One interesting section, held photos of a sailing wooden boat built 1933 with the wood brought from the areas around. It was called HMAS MARTINDALE. It raced in the Sydney Harbour Yacht races and now resides at Port Adelaide. A good place to visit and extremely well maintained.
Back on the coach and on to the Riverton Hotel for Lunch. A young couple recently bought this hotel and we had a delicious meal and they provided us with good company, food and attention. We wish them well.
The ride home was uneventful and James navigated the traffic so well, so we just sat back and said thank you for the excellent day to Margaret Mudge for organising the outing and to James our Coach Driver.

French High Tea - 19 September by Heather Norris: Eight club members attended a French High Tea at Trinity Lutheran Church Hall, dressed in their finest clothes. We were welcomed with a choice of champagne or a soft drink and enjoyed a feast of fine foods. The table settings featured matching fine china and colourful French-themed serviettes. The MC acknowledged the volunteers whose work helped make the gathering a success. We could choose tea or coffee, and food was served in several courses: delicate ribbon sandwiches, mini quiches, homemade sausage rolls, assorted cakes on a three-tiered stand, and scones with jam and cream. Arancini balls were also offered, although our table did not receive any, but afterwards we were happy to have missed them because we were already full. The raffle was drawn with all winners present, though no one at our table won. We considered the afternoon a success, the friendship and food as rewarding in themselves. As many cakes remained, we received decorative paper plates to take leftovers home. Attendees also brought non-perishable food donations for Lutheran Care to support families in helping children and young people thrive, offers connection to people experiencing isolation, and provides immediate assistance and dignity to people in crisis. It was a wonderful and memorable afternoon leaving us with full bellies and a sense of helping others less fortunate.







Outings:

**** If you want to attend any of the events then you will need to add your name on the appropriate sheet at the back of the room at the General Meeting. ****

18 - 23 October - Tour to Magical Macedon and the Coast with Holiday Wonders. Cost: $2,950.00 per person with single supplement $590.00. Accommodation is 5 nights in Geelong.

November - Mortlock Library and the Migration Museum. More details to come - when the big Christmas tree is setup.

December - Kenton Valley Cherries. More details to come.

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