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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 9 November - Visitors and New Members Welcome.
******* Please wear your name badges to all meetings and outings.*******

General Meeting	9 November	14 December
Guest Speaker	**Henry Olonga - Zimbabwean test cricketer, singer and activist**	**John Burgess (Bingo Jack) - Magician and entertainer**
Show and Tell	Peg Jurgs	Nil
Greeters ** Greeters to be there @ 9:15	Glenda Carlson Katherine Brown	Caroline Shipard Pat Farmer
Morning Tea **Please report to the kitchen @ 9:30 before the meeting	**Wendy Watson** Lyne Willoughby Margaret Geue Diana Pyle	**Wendy Watson** Lyne Willoughby Lyn Elsworthy Hiltrud Esslinger
Sweeping	Ray Mudge	Ray Doecke

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

Probus 50th Anniversary - Celebrating 50 years in 2026
Bob and Betty Juers cutting the 50th birthday cake.



October Meeting: **Total Membership - 71**
Members 57; Apologies 10: 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.**

Birthdays from 9 November to 13 December:

Bob Triggs	9 December
Ruth Klose	11 December
Caroline Shipard	11 December



New members - Sybil and Colin Peacock: At our October meeting, President Margaret Mudge had the pleasure of inducting our newest members, Sybil and Colin Peacock, into our Club. Sybil and Colin was introduced by Margaret Southwell. Please make yourself known to Sybil and Colin and welcome them 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.

Show and Tell - Margaret Lewis: The **Probus Club of St. Marys** was founded on **February 1, 1984**, at Trinity Place. Initially, it quickly grew to **64 members** by **April 9, 1984**, and reached **83 members** by **November** of the same year. The club was originally a men's group, but women were invited to attend meetings, particularly when guest speakers were present. By **1986**, a separate **Ladies Probus Club** was established due to the aging and declining numbers in the original club.



Attempts to combine the men's and ladies' clubs, including proposals for **joint memberships** at a discounted rate (50% off), were initially rejected.
As membership continued to decline, the idea of including wives as full members was proposed by Past President **Laurie Gehling**. After some deliberation, the club agreed, and in **April 2011, 7 ladies officially became members**. These women quickly took on active roles, holding various positions such as **Secretary**, **President**, and **Membership Officer**.

Monthly Lunch: **Wednesday 18 November, 12 noon. Venue: Morphett Arms Hotel**, 138 Morphett Road, Glengowrie. 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.

Tour to Magical Macedon and the Coast - 18 to 23 October by Margaret Mudge:



It was an early start on the Sunday morning for the 13 Probus members embarking on this trip. We were collected from our homes and taken to Parklands Railway Station to board the Overland Train to Geelong. Here we were met by our tour guide, Helen, and the rest of the tour group. Soon it was time to board and we all found our allocated seats and settled in for the day. The seats were comfortable with plenty of leg room and shortly our breakfast was delivered to our seats.

We travelled through the Adelaide Hills and then the countryside of South Australia and Victoria. We stopped at several towns (passengers getting off and on, changed drivers at Dimboola) and were given a commentary on these towns. We also stopped a few times for signal issues and often had to continue slowly, and this meant we arrived in Geelong an hour and a half late. We were met by our bus and driver Neil, and soon we were at our hotel and off to a late dinner shortly after. It had been quite a long and hence tiring day.

Next morning we headed out to tour the Bellarine Peninsula. We visited Port Lonsdale – walked to the lighthouse and viewed the rip at the entrance to Port Philip Bay, then onto Queenscliff. Had a short time there to visit shops and look around. Then headed to Port Arlington for a lunch break and wander around. It was then back to Geelong and a visit to the National Wool Museum for a self-guided tour. This museum contains a unique collection of textile fabrics and the famous Axminster Carpet Loom. Back to the motel.

Tuesday morning was an earlier start as we headed up to the Macedon Ranges – quite a drive. Along the way we stopped at Gisborne for delicious morning tea. At Macedon we stopped at the Forest Glade Gardens and the private museum housing the Stoke Collection. This is a collection which was started in 1954 by Cyril Stokes with a small painting and has evolved into an anthology of 18th and 19th century objects. It consists of priceless porcelain, including Royal Worcester, art works, tapestries and French furniture (mainly Boulle pieces). A very impressive collection. After a short break for lunch, we wandered around the extensive gardens. After that we headed to another garden – Viewfield. This was followed by a drive around the area and Hanging Rock before heading back to Geelong and our motel.

Wednesday was a free day. People did their own activities, and this included shopping locally, wandering around Geelong, going to the races (Geelong Cup), into Melbourne by train to shop or wander around, catching up with friends or relatives or just lazing around. Most were back in time for dinner.

It was a bit foggy as we left Geelong on Thursday for our day out – though it cleared by mid-morning. Initially we went to Bellbrae Chocolatery and ice creamery. Here we had a tasting session guided by one of the staff. The session included details of the processes involved and then various samplings – too many to eat so a bag was provided to take some home. There was time to wander around the extensive shop and much chocolate was purchased. It was then on to Drysdale and board the Q train. This is 3-hour ride on a vintage train while being served a 5 course meal as we cruise along the countryside to Queenscliff. There we alighted for a while as the engine was moved to the front for the return trip. Then it was back to Drysdale before heading back to the motel and thankfully, a light dinner after our massive lunch.

The next day it was time for the return train trip back to Adelaide. It was an interesting trip back with the same stops and the occasional slow going. We were only about an hour late arriving at the station but we soon found our transport to our homes.
I believe we all enjoyed our trip. The accommodation was excellent, the meals good (all ate too much) and the weather had been very kind to us. A couple of mornings were a bit cool but days were fine and sunny.

History of the First Settlers in South Australia - Ian Jurgs: Ian shared fascinating insights about John Adams, an early settler in South Australia, from a hand written account that John Adam's daughter eventually published. Born in 1805 at Portsmouth, Adams wrote his life stories to help others understand early colonial life. He arrived in December 1836 aboard the Buffalo, facing tough conditions with limited resources and self-organized efforts. Encounters with Aboriginal people focused on mutual support, including gift exchanges.



The colony grew through wheat farming innovations, with Adams noting technological advances, like improved harvesting machines. Religious life began with informal services under trees. Ian's presentation highlighted the importance of these early settlers, recognizing their contributions and connections to their descendants today.

Treasurer's Report: General Account Balance as @ 30 September $2,710.94 plus $5,283.83 in term deposit. Door prize proceeds for October meeting was $98.

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. ****

December 9 - Mortlock Library. Meet at the Adelaide Railway Station for lunch at The Guardsman at 12.00. Proceed to the State Library by tram to see the Christmas tree in the Mortlock Library Chamber followed by the Museum - SA Nature Photography of the year exhibition.

December 21 - Kenton Valley Cherries. Self drive to Kenton Valley Cherries and a strawberry farm – own choice for lunch if required.

April - Belair Railway Station - history of the line. 10.00 a.m. for tea, biscuits and talk. More details to come.

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