



# Ocean Grove-Surfside

**Probud Club of Ocean Grove Surfside Inc.**

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## NEWSLETTER September 2021, ISSUE No 247

**Next General Meeting:** Shell Road Pavilion, Monday 20 September, 2021 at 10.30am or Zoom

### 2021-2022 OFFICE BEARERS

#### COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

President	Theo Grummisch	0434 334 055
Publicity/Archives		
Vice-President	Evelyn Fyfe	0412 015 770
Caravan Club & Outings		
Past President	Kerin Fox	0407 519 585
Happy Hour, Armchair Travel		
Secretary	Rhonda Boyd	0428 933 673
Treasurer	Ken Claughton	0419 572 619
Welfare	Monica Davis	0439 883 158
Live Theatre	Isobel Bell	0404 007 793
Dine-outs / Lunches	Leigh Holloway	0409 178 280
Coffee Club	Penny Dickenson	0402 105 652
Guest Speakers and 5 minute speakers	Lyn McFarlane	0419 508 993
Men's Breakfast	Gordon Field	0420 555 167
BBQs	Hugh Robertshawe	0405 323 487
Newsletter Back Up	Liz Watson	0401 169 000

#### INTEREST GROUPS & OTHERS

Ambassador	Peter Hawthorne	0438 357 987
Auditor	Marie Marshall	5255 4840
Investment	Neville Greenhalgh	0411 092 249
Membership Services	Robert Cox	0401 051 508
Newsletter	Robert Cox or Liz Watson	0401 051 508 0401 169 000
Opera/Music	David Edge	5254 2408
Plug a Book	Jean Smurthwaite	5255 1120
Walking	Ruth Milner	0448 562 791
Webmaster	David Potter	5255 2418

### President's Message

Isn't it wonderful to enjoy the Spring weather? A couple of nice sunny days and our spirits are lifted. Walking in the sunshine on the beach or around any of our many green areas warms our hearts. Our minds start to contemplate what good things lie ahead as restrictions are relaxed - hopefully in the near future.



I have spent the past two weeks totally inspired by the Paralympics. When I consider the struggles the disabled athletes go through to deal with their everyday lives let alone the training regimes to get them to the point of competing, it makes me feel embarrassed for complaining about the small inconvenience of a lockdown. Every athlete should be congratulated for their performances. Not just the medallists but all the competitors who

performed to the best of their ability over the period of the games.

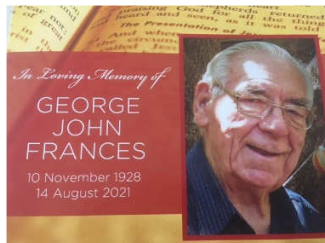
Your committee are still working hard to try to organise activities in which members can participate. Details of potential upcoming events are contained in this newsletter. With a bit of luck some of them will come to fruition with a change to regional restrictions.

We do intend to hold a General Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> September. If we are unable to meet at the pavilion we will conduct the meeting by Zoom (email to follow re the new regional regulations).

In the meantime, please enjoy good health and stay safe.

Theo Grummisch  
President.

## Vale George Frances



Our long time member George Frances died peacefully at Seaviews Manor on 14<sup>th</sup> August. Our thoughts are with Louise as she grieves for her soulmate - a father, grandfather, storyteller extraordinaire, inspiring teacher, contributor to Probus and his wider community.....and so much more.

George's background was as a teacher, in earlier life as a Christian Brother. After leaving religious life, George married Louise, a widow with seven children, and he remained a teacher all his life. His balanced and very full life managed to embrace his own faith, ecumenical pursuits and social love of life. George, in later years & among other things, visited and conducted meditation sessions for residents of Aged Care.

George and Louise have been members of Probus for almost 20 years.

The following tribute is a wonderful measure of the way people perceived him: "George was a man of faith, commitment to family and community. He was a dedicated teacher for many years with a joy and appreciation of life that was infectious. He rarely missed a Probus meeting and luncheon and will be remembered and missed by many."

Vale George. We have certainly been enriched through your stories and your presence amongst us.  
Kerin Fox



## Coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions Victoria

**STOP PRESS!!! The following has NOT been updated to represent the new regional COVID regulations!**

### COVID

- We will announce any updates to the COVID safety restrictions in place at the commencement of the meeting.
- Please use the sanitiser provided at the reception area.
- You must currently wear a mask whenever you leave your house unless you have a lawful reason/medical exemption from doing so. Please ensure you wear one to the meeting.
- You can remove the mask when eating or drinking.
- If you are displaying any of the COVID symptoms or are not feeling well please do not attend the meeting.
- Please report to the reception table on arrival and wait until your name is ticked. The list at reception has your name and contact phone number already listed.
- **You will then be directed to a separate area where you will be asked to access the Vic Government QR code via your mobile phone or other electronic device. This action is a compulsory requirement as from 28/5/2021 as we hold our meetings in a designated Community facility.**

### Instructions for access and use of QR code at General Meetings.

As from the 28/5/2021 it is compulsory for us to register our attendance at our meetings under the Vic Government QR code system as they are held in a designated Community facility. This requirement is expected to continue until the Health Authorities recommend otherwise.

While the process may seem daunting to people who are not familiar with the use of the technology, it is really not complicated. It is the same technology now used at all business premises such as Supermarkets, Chemists, Medical Centres, Restaurants, Cafes etc.

If you have not yet downloaded the relevant [Service Victoria app](#) to your phone you can get access via either the [App Store](#) for Apple products or [Google Play](#) for Android products. It is recommended that you download the app before the day of the meeting. Remember this is the same app that is used by Supermarkets etc, so if you have been shopping recently and have had to use your phone to register your entry, then you will already have the app.

When attending the meeting you will be directed to an area that will have several copies of the code applicable to our Club/registered location.

First you must open your phone camera and scan the code. Do not take a picture of the code as that is not how it works.

A screen will appear asking you to type in your name and phone number. (If you have already used your phone in this way the details will likely automatically appear on the screen). Press the item "Check-in to this location".

A new item will appear. Just tap the word "Done". There is no further action required.

If for some technical or outdated phone capability reason you are unable to access the app there are alternate methods that can be used. For one you visit [go.vic.gov.au/check-in](http://go.vic.gov.au/check-in) open the app and enter the code **86JH3X**. That code is unique to our Club and location.

Additionally, for those who do not have a smart phone we can assist with both manual and automated methods, so please do not be concerned. There will be people available to help on the day.

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<b>Guest speaker:</b>	Ian Friend, <i>"My great grandfather's involvement in taking the first indigenous cricket team to play tests in England"</i>
<b>5 Minute Speaker:</b>	To be announced
<b>Next Committee Meeting:</b>	4 October, 3.30pm, venue to be advised to committee
<b>After Meeting Lunch:</b>	Ocean Grove Golf Club (COVID permitting)

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## **INTEREST GROUPS** (Locations, times etc all dependent on COVID regulations at the time).

### **WALKING**

Ruth Milner 0448 562 791



Meet every Wednesday at 9am in Barwon Heads, Ocean Grove, Pt Lonsdale & Queenscliff, otherwise 9.30am if we are going further afield. We meet at the location of the walk. If anyone needs assistance in getting to these venues, please ring Ruth or, if unavailable, Doris Best 5256 3100 or 0438 563 105.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEETING PLACE</u>	<u>SUGGESTED WALK</u>
22 September	OG Nature Reserve, Grubb Road	Nature walk
29 September	Dunes	Beach
06 October	Pt Lonsdale	Foreshore
13 October	Barwon Edge (40 Windsor Rd. Geelong)	River Walk
27 October	Dunes	Beach

No meeting for September . (Possibly will resume October.)

**CARAVAN/CABIN CLUB**

Evelyn Fyfe 5255 5020 or 0412 015 770



Hi All,

Caravan/cabin Group. - information regarding our October trip to Marysville will be emailed when we are a little closer to our travels. Fingers crossed we will get there!!



Hope you have all been keeping well and warm. See you soon, Evelyn

**AUTUMN TRIP FOR 2022, 27 March to 1 April.**

Robe, South Australia - I understand quite a few Members have made bookings. Please call Sea Vu Caravan Park, Tel. No. 08 87682273 if you wish to make a reservation. The cabins and caravan sites reserved for our Probus Club will be held till end September only. Don't forget to say you are part of the Ocean Grove Surfside Probus Club booking.

**OUTINGS**

Evelyn Fyfe 5255 5020 or 0412 015 770



**OUTINGS ON HOLD UNTIL COVID SITUATION BECOMES CLEARER**

**WELFARE**

Monica Davis monicajosephine377@gmail.com

Hi Everyone,

A follow up to the August Welfare report is

I spoke to Chris Sanderson the day before she went into Hospital for an operation on both her knees, which was last week.

Jennifer Jones is out of Hospital and is recuperating at home.

Heather continues to recover from Shingles, which is quite a debilitating condition.

I hope all of you here at Probus have had their vaccination for Shingles, available at your Doctors'

I could not contact Jocelyn Young so I hope she is recuperating well after her Wrist operation.

Louise is keeping herself busy, sorting out lots of things.

I spoke to Jean Smurthwaite and at that time Peter was in Hospital with pneumonia.

Jean said they were lucky to have a granddaughter staying with them.

Graeme May has had a bout of pneumonia, but is home and feeling much better.

Congratulations to Hugh Robertshawe, who will celebrate his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 20<sup>th</sup> September.



Congratulations to Naomi & Remo on the safe arrival of their 2<sup>nd</sup> Great grandchild, a little girl named Adalyn Maree. We hope that the SA border will be open at Christmas, so Naomi & Remo can see both their Great grandchildren, Louie & Adalyn.

Stay well, and Take care.

Monica

[Editor's note: We all recently received the sad news of Peter Smurthwaite's passing. He was a lovely man, and had retained his great sense of humour. I had recently asked him what he thought of "tele-health", to which he replied, "I think I'll ring my GP and ask the receptionist, 'Would the doctor like to listen to my rash?' "]

## DINE-OUTS

Leigh Holloway 5255 5372; 0409 178 280; [leigholl@bigpond.com](mailto:leigholl@bigpond.com)

### SEPTEMBER DINEOUT

Lunch 12 noon Thursday 30 September

Details at Probus meeting or as soon as can be confirmed



No dine out in October, if caravan trip goes ahead.

Looking ahead to Melbourne Cup 2 November

Cheers,  
LEIGH

## ARMCHAIR TRAVEL

Kerin Fox 5254 1114 0407 519 585



Until we are able to get people ready to share experiences from their trips, **Armchair Travel** will be in recess.

## OPERA/MUSIC

David Edge 5254 2408 [dwe11@bigpond.com](mailto:dwe11@bigpond.com)

The Opera/Music group is in recess during this 'spring of discontent' until the virus restrictions are eased and house visits are allowed.

Thank you,  
David



## HAPPY HOUR

Kerin Fox 5254 1114 0407 519 585

"Unfortunately Covid prevents our gathering together in person, for the foreseeable future. If there is sufficient interest, we could possibly Zoom. If you are interested, please call me, Mob. 0407 519 585 and, if numbers warrant, we could gather online."



Regards, Kerin

**RSVP 17<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**If it goes ahead, Happy Hour will be 24<sup>th</sup> September 5.00-7.00**

## BARBECUES

Hugh Robertshawe 5255 4177 0405 323 487

In recess now until Daylight Savings returns



## MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

Gordon Field 5253 1739 0420 555 167



The Men's Breakfasts will be held at BT's Café, The Terrace, Ocean Grove on Tuesday 12 October and 9 November at 9am.

Ring Gordon, 0420 555 167, if you wish to attend. We can always do with more men.

## COFFEE CLUB

Penny Dickenson 0402 105 652; pennyd14@icloud.com

The Probus Coffee Club meets at BT Café on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 10.30am. I look forward to seeing you there and having a friendly chat over coffee. Next two dates are 21 September and 5 October providing we are out of Covid. If we are still in lockdown by 5 October, perhaps we could try this by Zoom. If interested please ring Penny on 0402105652 by Friday 1 October.



## LIVE THEATRE

Isobel Bell 0404 007 793; isojbelle@gmail.com

Once again Covid has prevented us from seeing Potato Shed shows on the 2nd and 7th of September, so let's aim for October.

Potato Shed, Saturday. 5 October, 8:00pm

"Practically Perfect" Julie Andrews tribute

Seniors Festival prices

Cabaret seating \$34.00

Theatre seating \$30.00

Potato Shed, Tuesday 5 October, 10:30am

"Piano Tributes" with Peter Sullivan (ex. "Hey, Hey, it's Saturday")

Morning tea provided

\$17.00

Please bring payment/s to next meeting (if held), in envelopes, with your name and the name of the show on front or contact Isobel for alternate arrangements.

Isobel 0404 007 793

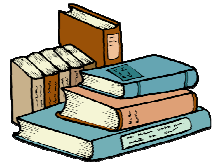
or [isojbelle@gmail.com](mailto:isojbelle@gmail.com)

Thank you!



**Book reviews from members.**

Gwenda Cooney was the first Secretary and the second President of our Probus club, and is still an active member.



I would like to introduce you to Geoff Quaffe, Gwenda's brother, who has been a history Lecturer at the University of Armidale for many years, followed by being the Vice Chancellor of that University.

He has written several non-fiction works including an overview of the witchcraft craze of the 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> centuries and the sexual mores and practices of the English peasantry at that time. He is the author of 12 novels in the Luke Tremayne adventure series. He has two other books published but is waiting delivery confirmation from the publishers who are in the U.S.A. (delays because of COVID-19.)

A few of the titles of his books are:

Spanish Relations,  
Black Thistle,  
Irish Fiasco,  
Garden of Deceit.

These novels combine fact and fiction, following the life of Oliver Cromwell 1648-1659. Geoff is Gwenda's only sibling and lives in Armidale N.S.W.

Thank you Gwenda for all the above information.

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**Some paraproverbs you may or may not have seen previously...**

- Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
- The last thing I want to do is hurt you, but it's still on my list.
- If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
- To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
- When filling out an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency, notify:', I put, "A DOCTOR."
- Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.
- You're never too old to learn something stupid.
- Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.
- I'm supposed to respect my elders, but now it's getting harder and harder for me to find one.
- I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
- They begin the evening news with 'Good Evening,' then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
- Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT - 31 AUGUST 2021

PROBUS CLUB OF OCEAN GROVE - SURFSIDE INC.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Statement -31 August 2021

Opening Bank Balance on 01 August 2021 \$ 6,362.48

### Receipts:

Visitor Fees	\$ 5.00
Joining Fees	\$ 20.00
Annual Subs	\$ 85.00

Total Receipts	\$	110.00
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### Payments

General Meeting Expenses	\$ 50.00
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Total Expenses	\$	50.00
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Closing Bank Balance on 18 August 2021 \$ 6,422.48

### Current Liabilities

Members Funds on 31 August 2021 \$ 6,422.48

Treasurer: Ken Claughton



## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS...

Happy birthday and best wishes to:

HUGH ROBERTSHAWE	20/09	BRYAN CACKETT	28/09	MARION BEGG	05/10
KEVIN ROBLEY	21/09	NOLA O'HALLORAN	02/10	MARTIN PREWER	06/10
NEVILLE GREENHALGH	21/09	REMO BIANCO	02/10	JENNIFER JONES	11/10
BILL FOX	25/09	KEN CLAUGHTON	03/10		
NAOMI BIANCO	26/09	KERIN FOX	05/10		

**NB: When heading to morning tea, could all members please allow the birthday folk to be first at the tea/coffee stations. Thank you!**

## PLEASE NOTE NEW CONTACT DETAILS FOR NITA STEPHENS:

Home Phone: 4238 4725

Email: nita.stephens.2007@gmail.com



## EVENTS CALENDAR

Date	Group/activity	Venue/location	Time	Payment/due
Tue 21 Sep	Coffee Club	BT Café, The Terrace, Ocean Grove	10:30am	
Wed 22 Sep	Walking	OG Nature Reserve, Grubb Rd - Nature walk	9:00am	
Fri 24 Sep	Happy Hour	To be advised if proceeding	5:00pm	
Wed 29 Sep	Walking	Dunes - Beach	9:00am	
Thu 30 Sep	Dine out	To be advised if proceeding	Lunch	
Sat 2 Oct	Live Theatre	"Practically Perfect", Potato Shed	8:00pm	\$34/\$30
Tue 5 Oct	Live Theatre	"Piano Tributes", Potato Shed	10:30am	\$17
Tue 5 Oct	Coffee Club	BT Café, The Terrace, Ocean Grove	10:30am	
Wed 6 Oct	Walking	Point Lonsdale - Foreshore	9:00am	
Tues 12 Oct	Men's Breakfast	BT Café, The Terrace, Ocean Grove	9:00am	
Wed 13 Oct	Walking	Dunes - Beach	9:00am	
Wed 20 Oct	Walking	Barwon Edge, 40 Windsor Rd, Geelong - River walk	9:00am	
Sun 24 Oct	Caravan/Cabin	Trip to Marysville until Fri 29 Oct - info to be emailed		
Tues 9 Nov	Men's Breakfast	BT Café, The Terrace, Ocean Grove	9:00am	
Sun 27 Mar	Caravan/Cabin	2022 - Trip to Robe, Sth Australia until Fri 1 April		

### PROBUS CLUB OF OCEAN GROVE SURFSIDE Inc.

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MINUTES for General Meeting **Monday 16 August 2021** at Shell Road Pavilion, Ocean Grove. Meeting opened at 10.32am

Our President opened the meeting, welcomed all members and guest and made the following announcements: Evacuation Procedures, COVID-19 requirements including numbers in attendance limited to 55, masks to be worn and 1.5m social distancing when not wearing masks for morning tea. The program for the day which includes; Induction Jacqueline Jarvis, (condolences to Jacqueline on the recent death of her husband Tony) 5 Minute Speaker: Jo Hawthorne, Guest Speaker: Neil Thomas. After Meeting Lunch Arrangements: Ripview Restaurant at the Queenscliff Bowling Club. Theo also acknowledged the recent passing of long term serving member, George Frances.

There were 43 members attending and 1 guest and 63 apologies.

**Minutes:** The meeting to be held on the **Monday 19 July 2021** was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. The minutes of meeting held on the **Monday 21 June 2021** have been circulated, Rhonda moved minutes are a true representation of that meeting & taken as read, seconded Graeme May, all in favour and carried.

**Correspondence In: PSPL:** Editions of 'Staying Connected' 'and Active Retirees' and Financial Results for the Year Ended 31 March 2021, Emails in from member re contact list details, data base up dates, induction, members suggestions x2, Barry Lingham: Letter re Draft Statement of Planning Policy (SPP) for the Bellarine Peninsular, Karen Crockford: Compassionate Hearts on the Bellarine (CHoB)

**Correspondence Out: PSPL:** Editions of 'Staying Connected' 'and 'Active Retirees' emailed to members with emails addresses, Emails out to member re contact list details, data base up dates, induction, members suggestions x2, All correspondence has been referred to Management Committee with some actions pending  
Rhonda moved correspondence as detailed be received, seconded Gwenda Cooney, all in favour carried.

#### **Treasurer's Report and Accounts for Payment**

Bank Balance at the end of July 2021 \$6,362.45. Members Funds 6,362.45. Accounts for payment: Total (\$484.97)  
Moved Ken that Treasurer's report be accepted and accounts for payment be approved, seconded Hugh Robertshawe, all in favour and carried.

**Induction:** Jacqueline Jarvis sponsored by Ruth Milner.

**5 Minute Speaker:** Jo Hawthorne-Topic: Participation in COVID-19 Novovax Trial (15 minutes)

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**Welfare Report** (Monica Davis) A card of sympathy sent to Louise Frances re George. Health: Jennifer Jones, Heather Pittaway, Jos Young, Estelle Simpson. Recent 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations. Graeme May welcomed his 3<sup>rd</sup> grandchild. Roster for morning tea available with thanks to those who have offered to assist.

### **Interest Groups**

**Dine Outs** (Leigh) The Sand Stone Café, Torquay Road Grovedale, rescheduled to Sunday 29 August 11.45am

**After Meeting Lunch:** (Leigh) Ripview Restaurant at the Queenscliff Bowling Club.

**Outings:** (Evelyn) Plans for outing to Buninyong Botanical Gardens, late September.

**Caravan Group:** (Evelyn) Spring 2021 planned for Marysville - October 24 to October 29 and Autumn 2022 planned for Robe, South Australia, 27 March-1 April.

**Walking:** (Ruth) As per newsletter

**Live Theatre** (Isobel) Due to current Covid-19 restrictions and no interest the outings to The Potato Shed "Meet More of Geelong's Ancestors" and "Roy Orbison and the Everly Brothers Tribute" will not be organised for a group booking however, individuals can organise for own attendance. Planning for group to attend: "Newk" - Friday 3 September at 8:00pm. Portrait of tennis player John Newcombe, told with both comedy and drama. Cabaret seating Conc. \$30, Theatre seating Conc. \$28 and "History of Rock and Roll" - Tuesday 7 September at 10:30am. \$17.00. October shows to be advised.

**Music/Opera:** (David) *In recess*

**Armchair Travel:** (Kerin) *In recess*

**Happy Hour:** (Kerin) Friday 27 August, to be held at the home of Theo and Sue Grummisch, 8 Markham Drive, from 5-7pm if COVID-19 restrictions allow.

**BBQ:** (Hugh) *In recess now until Daylight Savings returns in September*

**Coffee Club:** (Penny) BT's Café, The Terrace Ocean Grove : 10.30am Tuesdays, 17 August and 7 September

**Men's Breakfast:** (Gordon) BT's Café, The Terrace Ocean Grove: 9am Tuesdays, 14 September

**Investment Group:** (Neville) *In recess*

**Plug a Book** (Jean) *Thank you to those who forward book reviews for Plug a Book. Further book reviews would be most welcome. Please forwarded to Jean. Reminder to sign out books borrowed.*

### **General Business**

1. Doris reminded members of the opportunity to join **Torquay Probus** group on their **Trip to Tasmania** from 6 November for 2 weeks.
2. **Birthdays:** members celebrating birthdays were invited to lead members to Morning Tea
3. **Morning Tea**
4. **Guest Speaker:** Neil Thomas-Mission to Seafarers, Port of Geelong Changes

**Next Management Committee Meeting:** *Monday 6 September at 3.30pm Venue to be advised*

**Next General Meeting:** *Monday 20 September at 10am for 10.30am start at Shell Road Pavilion, Ocean Grove.*

**Declare the meeting closed at 12.28pm**

