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Ocean Grove-Surfside

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone,

Glenda and I spent a great 11 days with 21 others from our Club on our trip to Broken Hill. It was a fantastic trip - the hotels were good, the service excellent, Silver City Tours were amazing and their bus drivers were very informative. Only downside was that 3 of the 4 trains we caught were running late.

Our 23 participants were joined by 5 other people on the trip and they fitted in quite well with our group. One of them, Sandra Davies, is the Secretary of the Surfers Paradise Probud Club. Sandra has invited any of our members who are going to the Gold Coast to contact her to meet up for a coffee and/or to attend one of their meetings. If any one is going to the Gold Coast they can contact me for Sandra's details.

The weather in Broken Hill was delightfully warm as I believe it was here. However we returned to cold weather and hail and the need to rug up which was a shock to the system.

Before we left I attended a great happy hour at the Carew's and am looking forward to attending this month's at Lynne and Kevin's. Happy Hours are great events to catch up with other members and are held on the 4th Friday of each month.

I also attended the ANZAC day march and service in Barwon Heads which provided a time for reflection on how lucky we are to live where we do.

I'm looking forward to attending several of the exciting activities planned for this month.

Now for this month's quote:

"Believe you can and you're halfway there." — Theodore Roosevelt



Thank you. Peter

After Meeting Lunch:

Barwon Heads Hotel

FOR ATTENDANCE, please advise Brigitte Brickwood at the General Meeting.

Next Committee Meeting: 23A Noble St., Barwon Heads Monday 1st June at 4.00 pm

Next General Meeting: Shell Road Pavilion Monday 18th May 2026 at 10:30 am

COMMITTEE MESSAGES

Feed Me Bellarine

We are asking members to bring along Food Products to our MAY meeting to support Feed Me Bellarine. As we all know, this is a wonderful organisation helping the less lucky in our community.

High Tea for Dementia Carers

Wednesday 20th May, 1-3 pm - Vines Road Community Centre, 37-61 Vines Rd Hamlin Heights, Geelong

Free Event hosted by Australian Multicultural Community Services. AMCS are hosting a High Tea for people who care for someone living with Dementia.

People who care for someone living with Dementia (not already registered with AMCS) can attend.

Cost free but registration is essential. Please contact Cindy Vercoe on 0403 183 022 or cindy.jobe@amcservices.org.au

Dine For Pink at the Geelong Harness Racing Club – Friday 22 May at 6.00pm

The Geelong Harness Racing Club in conjunction with Breast Cancer Network Australia are hosting an evening 'Dine for Pink' to raise awareness within our community and support the vital work of BCNA. \$60 per person includes a two-course meal, racebook and a spectacular night of racing under lights. There will be a raffle, auctions and BCNA merchandise available on the night. Bookings are required. To book your seat/table, please contact GHRC on 5275 4880.

Please note, if you decide to go, It is not a sponsored Probus trip so you will not have Probus Insurance Cover.

Guest Speaker

For our May meeting, the Guest Speaker is Phillip Dermody, Senior Customer Service Officer at Latrobe Community Health. This organisation now operates under new Legislation, introduced in November 2025

He will talk about “Aged Care”. In particular Understanding, Eligibility, Navigating the System, and Commonwealth Support. Also what’s involved with getting Support at home, and the costs Involved .

5 Minute Speaker

Ken Claughton –“Getting to Broken Hill”.

WELFARE

Evelyn Fyfe

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Welfare report will be presented at the General Meeting

BIRTHDAYS

Pearl MacMillan	22/05	Julie Tucker	23/05
Annie Geerings	24/05	Cheryl Claughton	25/05
Ann Magee	28/05	Cynthia Potter *	01/06

- Waiting List

MINUTES OF April's Meeting

PROBUS CLUB OF OCEAN GROVE SURFSIDE Inc. No.A0041940T ABN: 82 875 651 072

MINUTES General Meeting Monday 20 April 2026, 10.30pm. Venue: Shell Road Pavilion Ocean Grove.

Our President Peter Murray declared the meeting open and welcomed all members and Judy Potkonen who attended as a visitor. Peter shared a joke and a thought for the month. Reminders included names to Brigitte Brickwood for after meeting lunch at Ocean Grove Bowling Club, Emergency Procedures, switch off devices, or put to silent.

Attendance: 84 and 24 apologies.

Ken moved the Minutes of General Meeting, held on Monday 16 March 2026, which have been circulated in our March Newsletter, be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded Hugh Robertshawe. All in favour, carried. Business Arising-NIL

Ken summarised the Correspondence, tabled and dealt with at our March Committee Meeting, PSPL: E-newsletters – Janesco Travel, Laithwaite's Wines, March 2026 Active Retirees. PAV: High Tea at Chirside Country Club. Other: Bellarine Neighbourhood March Newsletter, Liz Ferguson advancement to Waiting List, Induction of Peter and Gayle Jeffers., Membership Application from Di Kemp, Incident Report from Kerin Fox. Ken moved that the correspondence as summarised be accepted, Seconded Hugh Robertshawe. All in favour, carried.

Business Arising: Nil

Ken Claughton presented the Treasurer's Report in the absence of Lynne Pearce. Bank Balance brought forward on 1 March 2026, \$16,495.75. Total Monthly Receipts, \$9,068.30. Total Monthly Payments, \$11,622.43. Bank Balance as per Bank Statement 31 March 2026, \$13,941.62. Funds held for future payment \$5,590.00. Members Funds at 31 March 2026 \$8,351.62. Ken moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Seconded Isobel Bell. All in favour and carried.

Business Arising – Nil

General Business: 25th Anniversary Booklet corrections. Feed Me Bellarine food donations.

REPORTS

Welfare Report: Evelyn presented her report to the members including the 67th wedding anniversary for Remo and Naomi Bianco. Cabin/Caravan Club: Warrnambool – 8-13 November. Walking: Refer to Newsletter Jig Saws: Plenty available and some suitable for using with grandchildren. Environment: To be advised. Armchair Travel: To be taken over by Lynne Pearce and Kevin Robley. Coffee Club: BTs, Tuesdays at 10:30. Dates are 28 April and 12 and 26 May. BBQs: In recess until daylight savings recommences. Dine Outs Ming Terrace on 15 May, Leura Park Winery on 25 June and Christmas in July at Barwon Heads Hotel on 22 July. Happy Hour: Friday 24 April at the home of David and Carmen Carew 26 Summerdale Ave, Ocean Grove. Plug A Book Club: Books available for borrowing. Men's Breakfast: 9am Tuesday 12 May at BT's. Live Theatre: Beauty and the Beast (6 June), BAC (programmes in May, September and November). Outings: Broken Hill Tour 26 April to 6/7 May 2026, Ghan Darwin to Geelong special in October 2027. Facebook: We have 55 followers. Random Football: Mick gave an update.

Inductions: Rob and Di Bennett were inducted into the Club

Birthdays: Peter read the monthly birthdays with special mention to Bill Harper who will turn 90 on 15 May.

Guest Speaker: Dr Lesley Cadzow – Travelling to Antarctica.

Next General Meeting: Monday 18 May 2026 at 10.30am, at Shell Road Pavilion, Ocean Grove.

Next Management Committee Meeting: Friday 8 May 2026 at 4pm at the home of Peter and Glenda Murray, 1/23 Noble Street, Barwon Heads.

Peter declared the meeting closed.

Treasurer's Report

PROBUS CLUB OF OCEAN GROVE - SURFSIDE INC.

TREASURER'S REPORT

April 2026

**Bank Balance b/f on
1st April 2026** **\$13,941.62**

Receipts:

Visitor Fees	\$	15.00
Joining Fees	\$	40.00
Annual Subs	\$	4,550.00
Broken Hill cancellations/refunds	\$	751.60
Mystery deposit	\$	5,000.00
Theatre - 'Back Track'	\$	246.00

Add Total Receipts

\$10,602.60

Sub Total

\$24,544.22

Payments:

Venue Hire (March)	\$	198.00
Meeting Assistance	\$	90.00
Regalia	\$	87.04
PAV Affiliation	\$	55.50
57 Hotel Sydney (BH Trip)	\$	1,352.77
Stationery	\$	8.50
PSPL Capitation fees	\$	2,795.00
Refunds Broken Hill Trip	\$	6,510.75
Donation re Lesley Cadzow	\$	20.00

Less Total Payments

\$11,117.56

Bank Balance as per Bank Statement **30th April 2026**

\$13,426.66

Less funds held -

Unknown deposit from 21/4/26 \$ 5,000.00

Investigation undertaken

Current Liabilities \$ 5,000.00

Members funds as at

\$8,426.66

Treasurer: Lynne Pearce _____

President: IPeter Murray _____

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This Newsletter includes the minutes of the previous month's meeting and the Treasurer's monthly report.

Contributions to the Newsletter should be made by emailing all newsletter content including reports, photos and spreadsheets to the above Email address.

I would also like to know what you, as members of the Club, expect of your newsletter apart from advertising dates of upcoming events. Please contact me by email, phone or in person if you have any ideas.

As a new comer to Ocean Grove, I was astonished that how few people are aware of the following:

OCEAN GROVE is about to host one of the biggest events in its sporting history, with the Ocean Grove Bowling Club set to welcome the world for the 2026 World Bowls Indoor Championship.

From 11–16 May, elite players from 33 nations will compete under the club's redeveloped dome, bringing a truly international field to the Bellarine just months after the venue's major upgrade.

Club chief executive Nathan O'Neill said the championship represents a defining moment for both the club and the broader Bellarine region.

"This world event will deliver a significant boost to our local economy, supporting hospitality, accommodation and retail sectors at a time when visitation is critical," he said.

Source: Fri May 8th Bellarine Times

As locals of Ocean Grove, I would like you to support this event. Entry is free, but attendees must register via Eventbrite. For more information, head to oceangrovebowls.com.au

Facebook

The Club has a page on Facebook, and thanks to Lynne Pearce, a number of Club events have been recorded.

A number of members of the Club have just returned from Broken Hill after a very enjoyable trip. Highlights of this tour have been shown on Facebook by Lynne who received these photos and text from members on that tour. If you have Facebook or access via another member, I suggest you view it. It may encourage you to go on other tours arranged by the Club

A number of other Club Events are recorded. In addition any member attendee with a phone/camera can do the recording and send the photos to Lynne and she will put them on Facebook.

EVENTS CALENDAR

2026					
MAY					
Fri	15	Dine Outs	Ming Terrace	5-5.30pm	
Sat	16	Theatre	Back Track, Bellarine Arts Centre	8.00pm	
Mon	18	Monthly Meeting	Shell Road Pavilion	10.30pm	
Wed	20	Walking	Drysdale Station, Lake Lorne	9.30am	
Fri	22	Happy Hour	24 Lynwood Crt, Ocean Grove	5-7pm	
Mon	25	Environment	19A Seascape Drive	2.00pm	
Tues	26	Coffee Club	BT's	10.00am	
Wed	27	Walking	OG Golf Club	9.00am	
JUNE					
Wed	3	Walking	Dunes Café	9.00am	
Tues	9	Men's Breakfast	BT's	9.00am	
Tues	9	Coffee Club	BT's	10.00am	
Wed	10	Walking	BH Boat Ramp, River Parade	9.00am	
Mon	15	Monthly Meeting	Shell Road Pavilion	10.30pm	
Wed	17	Walking	OG Blue Waters Drive	9.00am	
Thur	18	Armchair Travel	24 Lynwood Court, Ocean Grove	2.00pm	
Thur	25	Dine Out	Leura Park Estate, Portarlington Road	12-12.30pm	

INTEREST GROUPS

ARMCHAIR TRAVEL

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Lynne Pearce

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There will be an Armchair Travel afternoon at the home of Lynne & Kevin
24 Lynwood Court Ocean Grove on Thursday 18th June at 2pm.
This will feature Lynne & Kevin's 2025 New Zealand Trip

Please bring a small plate of food for afternoon tea – coffee & tea provided. Maybe pop a folding chair in the car just in case!

Lynne Pearce 0417 517 825

CARAVAN/CABIN CLUB

Evelyn Fyfe

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Our Spring trip will be to Warrnambool, Discovery Park, 25 Pertobe Road, Warrnambool
Tel No. 5561 1514 Sunday, 8th to Friday, 13th November, 2026
Cabins range in price from \$133 to \$171 per night.

I have not reserved any specific cabins as Management tell me they have plenty. Therefore, if you want to join in this trip best get onto it and ring and talk to Management to find the accommodation that will suit you for our week of fun and friendship. You will need to pay a deposit to confirm your booking. Caravan sites available.



I do appreciate being told when you confirm your booking. It just helps me to start thinking what we can see, do and experience while we are enjoying our week.

Here's to another fun week together. Cheers Evelyn

COFFEE CLUB

Isobel Bell

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Everyone is welcome at BTs (opp. PO.) on Tuesday mornings at the new time of 10.00am.

May - Tuesday 26th

June Tuesdays 9th and 23rd

I look forward to joining you on these dates.

HAPPY HOUR

Glenda Peck

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Happy Hours



Happy Hour is on Friday 22nd May at the home of Lynne Pearce & Kevin Robley
24 Lynwood Crt, Ocean Grove 5 - 7pm. BYO nibbles to share, drinks and glasses.

DINE OUTS

Martin Geerings

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Dine-Outs



May 15th (Fri)	Ming Terrace, Ocean Grove. Dinner, 5.00 for 5.30pm
June 25th (Thur)	Leura Park Estate. Lunch, 12.00 for 12.30pm \$28 – Main Course and a Free Wine or Beer
July 22nd (Wed)	Christmas in July, Barwon Heads Hotel, 12.30pm

ENVIRONMENT INTEREST GROUP

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Monday 25th May, 2pm to 4pm, at 19A Seascapes Drive, Ocean Grove.

- Making seed 'bombs' of bee friendly plants, ready for late Winter planting/sowing.
- Afternoon tea
- Discussion about Verge Gardens

THEATRE/CONCERTS

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A Theatre outing has been arranged for Saturday 16th May to "Back Track" being performed at Bellarine Arts Centre (formerly The Potato Shed) commencing at 8.00pm. I will email those people attending prior to the show regarding distribution of tickets.

A list of upcoming shows that might be of interest to members will be displayed at the General Meeting.

In the meantime if any member/s have suggestions for theatre outings please provide me with details for consideration.

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

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The next breakfast will be on 9th June at BT's at 9am.

JIGSAW PUZZLES

Lynne Prewer

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Lynne Prewer is liaising the borrowing of jigsaws owned by members. Bring along, to the next meeting, one or two jigsaws for others to borrow.

OUTINGS

Peter Murray

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Ghan Trip from Darwin to Geelong.

Geelong Travel have hired the Ghan for a special trip from Darwin to Geelong commencing on 29 October 2027. Geelong Travel are offering us a discount of 10% if we book 20 cabins on this trip - otherwise we will receive a 5% discount. Please let me know if you maybe interested in parcipating in this trip.

Details are available on previous newsletters or if you have any questions please do not hesitate to email or phone me.

PLUG a BOOK

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Liz Watson keeps a number of books that members can borrow. Keep reading and enjoying

RANDOM FOOTBALL

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43 People have registered for Random Football. Results of leaders and next weeks selections come out every week.

WALKING

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Meet Wednesdays at 9.00am in Barwon Heads, Ocean Grove, Pt Lonsdale or 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 Lynne or, if unavailable, Ruth Milner 0448 562 791

See Calendar for location details and times.