



# Probus Club of Melbourne North Inc

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## President's Message

Hello Everyone,

My stress levels last Thursday were high as I watched the first game for the 2023 AFL season between Richmond and Carlton play. I was pleased that the result was a DRAW. I am a "Tigers" supporter. Many of you would have watched the game or maybe were present. Some members may not be interested and have other sport codes to follow. That is what is great about Probus: it is a meeting of many people from all walks of life, different interests who meet regularly to have fun, fellowship and friendship.

I am pleased that in planning for the 2023 AGM that most positions have been filled. My thanks to those members who have volunteered their time and expertise to make this possible.

The big glaring vacancy is for the President Elect for 2023/2024. Any volunteers??

The Guest Speaker for our February meeting, Professor Peter Seligman, was an inspiration to all present. His clear explanations, diagrams and knowledge on the development of the cochlear implant for people with little or no hearing were wonderful. Thank you Geoff for organising Peter to speak to us.

Our March luncheon at Young and Jackson's Hotel, was well supported with 35 members present. Many thanks to Maureen Scully who arranged the day. All enjoyed the delicious lunch. Food choices were to people's choices, correctly cooked by the chef. Special orders were done, and the wonderful staff even gave a certain person a little dish of butter instead of olive oil! During my recent trip to Barham, NSW, I noticed how the beautiful Murray River has been taken over by the European Carp again. This is the result of the recent floods and the prolific breeding of the carp. This pest was almost eradicated by our environmentalists and now is threatening to destroy the native Murray Cod again.

As our Probus club was impacted by the recent floods also, in February, we had to find a new meeting venue. Thankfully Windy Hill, Essendon came to our rescue. I personally want to thank the staff for their help in accommodating our needs, at such a short notice, and for you, the members, being happy with the venue.

The regular March meeting is on Tuesday 28th March at 10.30am, followed by the AGM at 11.30am. Enjoy the remainder of our lovely warm autumn weather, before the cooler months approach. I look forward to seeing many of you at our March meeting on 28th March.

Yours in friendship,  
Marie Daffey

## Next meeting

**Tuesday 28 March 2023**, 10.30 am at Windy Hill Committee Meeting 9.15 am  
Tram route 59, stop 41 Napier/Fletcher St or Essendon Station.

## Speaker 28 March: NO speaker, AGM follows the usual monthly meeting

Remember, the meeting in April will be on **THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup> April** (our usual meeting day would have been on ANZAC day)

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## Films

Film Outing will be on **Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March, Palace Cinemas, Pentridge**. We will attend the **10:30 am** screening of *Living* – the four-movie starring Bill Nighy, who was nominated for best actor in the recent Academy Awards. You are invited to stay on after the movie for lunch.

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## Deadline for the April newsletter:

**Friday 14 April 2023**

Please email copy to the new editor! Failing that, send to Bronwyn Stokes at [stokes.sue@gmail.com](mailto:stokes.sue@gmail.com) who will forward it to the new editor.

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## PS

**Austral Salon** next recital is Monday 27 March 12.30-1.30 **Repertoire through Time** presented by Danielle Zuccala. See <https://www.australsalon.org/next-recital-0323> for details. This is not a Probus activity but many members enjoy this musical event each month.

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Sky and gum nuts – sometimes simple is simply beautiful

Andrea McAdam 2023