



PROBUS CLUB OF PORT PHILLIP Inc.

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NEWSLETTER

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Chartered on 25 March, 1986, Incorporated on 9 May, 1994

This Probussouthpacific Club meets at:

Kew Golf Club, 120 Belford Road, East Kew 3102

At 10:00 am, 2nd Tuesday in the Month (excepting January)

The Club can be contacted by email at : portphillipprobussouthpacific@gmail.com

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NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, 10th December, 2024

At **Kew Golf Club**, 120 Belford Rd, Kew East, 3102 (Melway Ref. 45 G1)

Coffee and Fellowship: 9:00 am

Meeting commences: 10:00am

IMPORTANT DATES in December, 2024

Deadline for Lunch Bookings

5.00 pm

5th December

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Meeting

10:00 am

10th December

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



The Warrnambool and surrounds Getaway this year was very successful, a real credit to organisers Dedrie and Jim Green. Our sincere thanks for their efforts.

The Getaway also illustrated why Port Phillip Probussouthpacific is somehow different to many other similar groups. At two places, at the end of visits when being privately thanked for their efforts, the guide who had looked after us remarked on how interested our group was, and how thoughtful their questions.

This reinforces feedback often from the speakers at our meetings who express their appreciation of how engaged their audience was. John Roskam, the then Executive Director of the Institute of Public Affairs, after he spoke to us a few years ago, went so far as to include a comment in his Newsletter to members about what a vibrant Q&A session he encountered.

A reputation for being informed , interested and engaged will do us no harm, and can only assist in the recruitment of new members and in our search for high calibre speakers.

Peter Laver

Christmas Musical Activities

Celebrate the message of Christmas with the Camberwell Chorale on Tuesday December 10th at 7.30 pm at Camberwell Baptist Church, Riversdale Road, Camberwell, in a traditional **Nine Lesson Carol Service**. Sing your favourite carols, hear the Christmas story. Admission is free; however, a gold coin donation will be appreciated.

You are invited to celebrate Christmas with "**Brass and Voice**" at St George's Anglican Church, Malvern, on **Sunday 15th December** at 2pm. The "Stonnington Brass" and "St George's Church Choir" will present an afternoon of joyful Christmas music. Donations at the door are encouraged (cash or card), and there will be a complimentary afternoon tea in the church hall following the concert. Bookings are essential via Try Booking.

For further information see **Margaret Hill Ph 0448 948 548**

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ALMONER

Members who wish to inform the Club of the illness of themselves or of others, please contact;

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SPEAKER FOR THE DECEMBER MEETING



***Tim Piper AM
Victorian Head of the Australian
Industry Group***

***The Outlook for Victoria &
Australia in 2025***

Tim Piper, is the Victorian Head of the Australian Industry Group which represents nearly 60,000 businesses in manufacturing, construction, engineering, transport and logistics, ICT, food, mining, defence, civil airlines, and utility companies across the country. He also represents the confectionery industry in Australia and internationally. Tim is the Head of the Waste Industry Alliance in Victoria. Tim is also Chair of the Industry Capability Network Victoria and sits on the Portable Long Service Leave Authority, GS1 Board, WorkSafe Victoria Advisory Council and Occupational Health & Safety Committee. He sits on several Victorian Government committees as well as the Ministerial Container Deposit Scheme Advisory Group and the EPA CEO Strategic Advisory Group.

Tim has practised as a barrister and solicitor in Australia and the UK and worked as a journalist in television, radio, and newspapers. He also has completed an MBA.

Tim was honoured in 2020 with the Member of the Order of Australia for his services to industry and manufacturing, to skills training and to multicultural youth. He has also been an Australia Day Ambassador and was the recipient of the Centenary Medal for services to the business community.

As a regular visitor to Canberra, meeting with the highest minds and most influential leaders in the land, Tim is in a unique position to give us his views on the Australian economic and political landscape as 2024 draws to a close, and what we can expect in the coming year. A major talking point will be the 2025 Federal Election as well as the state of the Victorian and Australian economies.

Margaret Hill Speaker's Co-ordinator Ph 0448 948 548

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CATERING: 10TH DECEMBER MEETING

CHRISTMAS LUNCH



As it is the CHRISTMAS LUNCH Meeting, Lunch & Tea/Coffee is **\$60pp.
Meeting & Tea/Coffee \$10**

Please contact me on **0408 314 709** or annestg2@gmail.com if you wish to attend lunch or just the meeting on 10th. Booking must be done no later than

5pm Thursday 5th December.

Tea/Coffee available pre and mid meeting.

Traditional Christmas Lunch including

Turkey, ham, plum pudding.

Payment arrangements:

Payments by direct credit to the club's bank preferred. For the December meeting payment must be cleared into the Club's account no later than **5pm THURSDAY 5th** and make sure your name is included on the transfer. Please DO NOT pay before the 1st of the month.

A/C name: "Probus Club of Port Phillip", BSB: 033 058, A/C NO 750921

If paying by cash or cheque, please place in an envelope clearly marked **Lunch** or **Tea/Coffee** and showing your name and those of your attendees. The correct amount must be tendered as no change is given. Envelopes to be prepared before arrival.

Everyone who has paid will be given a table number and can request one for a guest.

Anne St George - Catering Officer Ph 0408 314 709

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VISIT PROGRAM

We did not have a visit this month as some of us were at the getaway in Warrnambool where we had a great time.

Do remember the 1st December visit to the Johnston Collection. This visit is arranged by Ursula and Manfred Tursky and you will have received emails from them about the it.

On Tuesday, 18th February we are going to The Blue Lotus gardens at 2628 Warburton Highway, Yarra Junction. They are open from 26th December. You can buy online tickets for \$23 so you are sure of a place. They are available on the day also. It is a self guided tour and there is plenty to see in the extensive gardens including the beautiful water lilies. I suggest we each bring a picnic lunch and met at a picnic shelter. Since I was last there number of these have been built so I will contact you again in February with final details.

Susan Harraway – Ph 0447 941 963

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COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

There will be no more Coffee and Chats until the 25th Feb next year.

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Getaway Warrnambool November 2024 Report

Thursday 14 to Tuesday 19 November 2024

Our recent getaway to Warrnambool was interesting and most enjoyable, guided by the knowledgeable Fiona from Warrnambool Tours. With a jam-packed programme stretching over 4 days, 34 members were treated to unique local knowledge and experiences.

We arrived by road and rail on Thursday, checked in at Lady Bay Resort, and some of us enjoyed a lovely walk to Thunder Point past Middle Island.



Friday began with an unusual breakfast at the Warrnambool Breakwater Precinct, watching racehorses train. Then we visited the Flagstaff Maritime Village, learned about the Loch Ard wreck and met two Maremma dogs. This type of dog is used for penguin protection on

Middle Island. We returned that night for the informative Shipwreck Coast Sound and Light Show.



We had lunch at the Fletcher Jones Market, where Frank bought a bell for a ‘mysterious’ cause. Afterwards, we visited Hopkins Falls and stopped at Childers Cove Great Ocean Road, where the wooden barge the ‘Children’ was wrecked.



Returning, we visited Logan’s Beach Whale Nursery and Moyjil (Hopkins River mouth)—rich in Indigenous history.

On Saturday, we bonded with Warrnambool Wildlife and enjoyed cheese, whiskey



tastings at our way to the where we stunning walk Islands, part of relatively unknown Western end of the Great Ocean Road.



animals at the Encounter Centre and ice cream Timboon. We made Peterborough area stopped for a to the Bay of the spectacular but

Saturday evening, Patricia Corbett from Deakin University spoke passionately about the Middle Island Penguin Conservation Project using Maremma dogs. More information is available on the following website: <https://www.warrnamboolpenguins.com.au/middle-island-penguin-project>



On Sunday we had an engaging tour of Tyrendarra Indigenous Protected Area with Reuben as our guide. We learned about Aboriginal history, culture, dwellings, eel traps and even population control methods.

It was interesting to share kooyang (eel) platters for lunch at the Tae Rak Aquacultural Centre.





On the last day, we were taken on an informative tour of Port Fairy and visited a Bluestone Quarry and an Abalone Farm where we had to wear 'fashionable' gumboots. On our way back, we visited a dormant crater at Tower Hill Reserve - steeped in Aboriginal history and filled with local wildlife.

The final Catholic

brehtaking, with a luxurious dining palace. We were spoilt with harp music dressed up in red for the occasion.

Maureen took the prize for resilience getting on and off the coach, without and Bev visited Timboon on their way missing out on Saturday. Unfortunately, Covid once home.

Returning to Melbourne was tough after trip. Thanks to all who came along. We each other much better and had a lot of fun at the same time.



dinner at the Koroit Convent was room that rivalled any after dinner. Walter

and determination - fail, for 4 days. Allan back to make up for John Hodder contracted

such an extraordinary certainly got to know

Dedrie and Jim Green

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Closing date for the **FRBRUARY 2025** Newsletter is: **am – Wednesday, JANUARY 29th**