

# Welcome to The Probus Club of Lilydale

**President  
2026/2027  
Lorelle Walton**

## OUTGOING PRESIDENTS REPORT: **Karen Kearney**

Looking back on 2025 I recall our car trip to Castlemaine and our overnight trip to Walhalla; our day trips to Pentridge, Werribee Mansion, and Monsalvat. There were many more that made up our activities calendar for the year. My favourite was Christmas in July at Club Kilsyth. The dancing and singing by Lilydale Probus just had to be seen and heard to be believed. What makes all our activities so enjoyable are the friendly members of our club. The friendliness, conversation, the rapport and the fun epitomise our club.

The 2025-2026 committee worked hard to provide a club that provided an environment that encourages membership growth and retention. A BIG THANK YOU to the committee as well as all the other helpers who keep Lilydale Probus functioning.

As I take a break from my time on the committee, I look forward to assisting the new committee and perhaps seeing some new faces taking up positions.

Thank you for the honour of being your President, and I look forward to supporting Lorelle over the next year.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello Everyone,

The best part of the AGM? All the lovely food and time to move around and talk to each other! Of course it was pleasing to have all committee positions filled so we can all continue enjoying the wonderful activities our committee organises. It does take time, effort and planning by a few to ensure everyone can have a wonderful time in whichever activity they choose to partake.

We were fortunate to have our local parliament member, Bridget Vallence MP, Member for Evelyn and our Deputy Mayor, Cr Gareth Ward come to our meeting and stay for celebrations! Many of us were engaged in constructive, positive and friendly conversations with Gareth and Bridget.

As the current fuel crisis worsens it may be difficult for some to come to activities so I urge you to contact friends and share rides! Unless you have an electric car and have no worries at all !! Who knows how long this situation will last for!?!?

Quite a few clubs around us have closed in recent times due to lower numbers and inability to take on necessary committee roles. Some people have turned to us and joined our club! It is important for so many reasons that we not only exist but thrive so people have a warm, fun and friendly place to go. Encourage your friends to give us a try!

We have lovely autumn weather to enjoy! Go on our walks, outings and bus trips! You will have fun!

*Lorelle Walton*