



# THE PROBUS CLUB OF NORTH BALWYN INC.

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## JULY 2020 NEWSLETTER

### MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Your committee has provided that our next General Meeting on **Tuesday July 14th at 10 am** will be via Zoom:

- Our speaker will be **Anthony Caruana**, whose presentation will be on “**Home Automation**” which should be an interesting topic for the club members. All members will receive an invitation via email to join the on-line meeting via Zoom.

Hopefully, we can accommodate this given the use of Zoom by SIGS and so forth and the willingness of some of our members to share their computers and knowledge with others. It should also be pointed out members can use the Android & iPhone mobile phones with the appropriate Zoom app.

It may well be that, by the time this Newsletter is released, further decisions have been taken by the Committee which have the effect of extending the use of Zoom technology for several more months. If that is the case, it will be because of the reimposition of controls by the Victorian Government, cleaning costs for the use of public facilities (not least those owned by the Council) and the concern that we do not unduly expose our members (who being aged, are especially vulnerable to Covid-19) to unacceptable risks. The Committee will no doubt further consider this matter but it is not out of the question for the commencement of meetings at Greythorn to be delayed until September or October at the earliest. Were that to happen, the arrangements outlined above would continue. I am happy to discuss that if that would assist.

### EVENTS DIARY:

If you thought that, in these anxious times in lockdown, there was not much going on within the club – please think again!

Below is a list of activities organised by our hard-working SIG convenors and Committee.

Put these events in your diary **NOW** and maintain contact with your fellow members.

Details of each activity are available in this newsletter:

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
• INVESTMENT GROUP Zoom Meeting	Thursday 9th July
• HERITAGE / GENEALOGY GROUP Zoom Meeting	Monday 13th July
• MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING (as outlined above)	Tuesday 14th July
• WALKING GROUP	Friday 17th July
• PHOTOGRAPHY/TRAVEL GROUP Zoom Meeting	Tuesday 21st July
• ZOOM LUNCH AND CHAT Zoom Meeting	Thursday 23rd July
• COMPUTER GROUP Zoom Meeting	Tuesday 28th July

## MEMBERSHIP:

Current membership is 69 comprising of 65 active & 4 non-active members. Our Associates members number is 15. The committee have just received a letter from Keith Moore who is resigning this month. Keith has served as Speaker Convenor, Junior & Senior Vice President, President & Functions Officer over past 15 years. Also, a new application has been received from Mike Watts whose application will be considered at the committee meeting. Please make him welcome at one of our meetings. Passing of Graeme Ready. We have recently been notified that Graeme passed away on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and is survived by his wife Ann. Graeme joined the club in 1995 and was the walking group convenor from 2001 through to 2005. Graeme resigned from the club in 2016.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

As at 30 June the Club funds had free funds of \$3,582 in its Westpac account and \$2,133 in the CBA functions account. Several members are still holding un-presented refund cheques issued in February and will be contacted to see if replacement cheques need to be issued.

We are currently arranging with Westpac an ability to make payments direct to members and suppliers bank accounts rather than issue cheques which has become difficult in the current environment.

In addition, we have also been examining the acquisition of an EFTPOS capability for function payments. We will advise further on whether this is feasible, given our limited number of transactions, in due course.

## FUNCTIONS

Winter Lunch Cancellation. The RACV has cancelled the booking that was in place for Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July for our Winter Lunch and so we have been forced to cancel this function.

While this and other activities have been cancelled for the time being, we will be 'ready to go' again once a relaxation in public meetings will allow us to return to our original plan for 2020 and 2021.

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

- **ZOOM LUNCH & CHAT - Thursday 23rd July. Convenor Graydon Findlay P: 9859 6964**  
**E: [graycol7@bigpond.com](mailto:graycol7@bigpond.com)**  
The format will be similar the two previous zoom Lunch & Chat meetings when participants chatted about what they have been doing during the changing COVID-19 restrictions and discussed the nominated movies that they had watched at home in comfort prior to the zoom lunch.  
Details about the movies nominated for July will be emailed to participants about a fortnight prior to the lunch. Please get in touch if you would like to become a participant or if you are likely to need assistance getting connected to Zoom.
- **HERITAGE / GENEALOGY GROUP: Convenor Graydon Findlay P: 9859 6964**  
**E: [graycol7@bigpond.com](mailto:graycol7@bigpond.com)**  
Our next H&G Zoom meeting will be on **Monday 13th July**. The meeting will be from about **10.40 to noon**. The specific H&G part will be about an hour from 11.00-noon and the 20 minutes prior to that will be available for welcoming people to the meeting, and for participants to chat.  
During the meeting members are to give short talks about places they have visited around Australia that are on the National Heritage List, these are natural, historic and Indigenous places of outstanding significance to the nation. The collection of short talks should provide some ideas on places to visit when travel restrictions are lifted around Australia. Please get in touch if you have not yet participated in a zoom meeting. I will organise a time when we can practice joining a zoom meeting so that you will be able to take part on Monday 13th.
- **WALKING GROUP Third Friday in the month\*\* - Richard Heal M: 0415 776 039 E: [richard\\_heal@bigpond.com](mailto:richard_heal@bigpond.com)**

## **STOP PRESS**

The next walk planned to take place on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July** has been **cancelled** due to the new lockdown restrictions.

- **INVESTMENT GROUP: Second Thursday in the month. Convenor: Don Campbell P: 9836 6330 M: 0418 512 001**

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 9th July** at **10 am** using Zoom Video Conferencing facility.

The subjects are to be covered are:

- 1/ We will continue with discussion on real estate in Melbourne and Sydney.
- 2/ Listen to an interview with the retired head of the Bank of England, Mervyn King.
- 3/ Will Victoria suffer another lock down and what will the consequences be?
- 4/ The future of travel. Which companies will survive?

All members are invited to join in the discussions.

- **COMPUTER GROUP: Fourth Tuesday in the month. Convenor: Rodney Manser M: 0418 164 432 E: [rmanser@bigpond.net.au](mailto:rmanser@bigpond.net.au)**

Our next SIG meeting **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July**, will be conducted via Video Conferencing using "Zoom"

An email will be sent to you advising how to join the meeting. We will continue discussing Email programs i.e. Microsoft Outlook, Gmail, Apple Mail why & how we use them.

Our meeting in June was attended by 18 people - a big welcome to Mike Watts, a proposed new member, & Robin Pleydell who joined in our zoom session for the first time. Topics covered included Denis Spinley talking about how he solved the issue with the disappearing mouse whilst using Keynote & PowerPoint. Also, it was demonstrated how to onforward a received email message to another user. A YouTube video was introduced covering Setup & settings in Gmail. Breakout rooms was used again in zoom to discuss email programs and the benefit of this video presentation.

Microsoft O/S 2000 turns 20 years old this year and it was instrumental in the setup of Windows10 application.

Everyone is welcome to join a Zoom Video conferencing session at our meetings. Anyone interested please contact the Convenor Rodney Manser.

- **PHOTOGRAPHY/TRAVEL GROUP: Third Tuesday in the month. Convenor Nino Xerri M: 0410 571 446 E: [ninros1946@gmail.com](mailto:ninros1946@gmail.com)**

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 21st. July** and once again it will be conducted via the Zoom Video Conference. Lothar Lanz is going to show us images of his trip to Iceland and Graydon Findlay will present images from his trip to Peru.

Looking forward to the active participation of our Photography/Travel members of what will be another enjoyable morning.

If you are a regular attendee at SIGs, your SIG Convenor will be in touch with you in due course. If you are not a regular attendee but would like to be included in the video conferencing arrangements, you are encouraged to register with the relevant convenor and advise if you are likely to need assistance getting connected.

#### **USEFUL RESOURCES:**

- Our website has a link to the Department of Human Services re Coronavirus
- The following article on "Coronavirus Survival Guide" has been published by Probus South Pacific P/L (PSPL):  
<https://livewellclub.com.au/wp-content/uploads/flipbook/2/mobile/index.html>
- You may wish to contact PSPL to receive a copy of their regular newsletter.  
Email [marketing@probussouthpacific.org](mailto:marketing@probussouthpacific.org) to be put on the mailing list for their regular Newsletter.