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NEWSLETTER: JUNE 8th 2021

TODAY'S MEETING VIA ZOOM:

Speaker: Timothy Roberts - "Diabetic and general foot care"

Tim uses his podiatric knowledge and personal skills with a range of patients who vary in age and needs. This can involve everything from the foot, ankle and lower limb to diabetes management and acute sport injuries.

NEXT MEETING:

JULY 13th

Speaker: Meg Goulding - "Swanston Street Excavations"

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

ALL JUNE MEETINGS, GENERAL AND SIG's, TO BE HELD BY ZOOM

Gentlemen, regrettably due to the Covid Lockdown in Victoria and the likelihood of extended restrictions thereafter, the Committee has resolved to ensure Members are not subjected to any risk through attending any of our meetings in the month of June.

It was good to see so many Members back at the Hub for our May General meeting and at the SIG's held in the month, great shame it couldn't continue.

On a sobering note, it was a serious dampener to see Nino Xeirri struck down by the very rare clotting reaction to AstraZeneca, in his case even more rare than just blood clotting. Nino is doing well but will be closely monitored for a number of months to come. I know it would be our combined heartfelt wish that Nino makes the best recovery possible and soon.

Graydon Findlay, whilst not able to consider a return to face-to-face meetings, as yet, has been very active in invigorating and re-energising the activities of the Heritage/Genealogy SIG through the ongoing use of Zoom. I urge you to consider being part of his SIG on Monday 14th June.

On the matter of Dine Out events, Bryan Casey has understandably reached a point where he needs and deserves a rest from organising them. So, we need two volunteers to bring them back and keep them going. Maybe a start in August when many will have had their second jab would be good. This is such an important fellowship activity for Members, Wives, Partners and Associates.

And last but not least, "Membership"! We still need a nominee for this important Committee Position and likewise, on the need for NEW MEMBERS, we need your involvement and any ideas you have to resolve this challenging issue. Geoff Metcalf, even with the assistance of Rod Alsop, can't do it all.

I wish you a very happy month of June, take good Covid care and stay warm.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

To facilitate the continued efficient running of our Committee meetings during these uncertain times, it was resolved that future Committee meetings will be via Zoom until at least September 2021.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Total funds in our Westpac account at 31 May were \$9,946 including SIG funds of \$797 and unallocated Council transport grant of \$2,000, leaving available funds of \$7,149 which is an \$87 decrease from April.

Several members have still not paid their annual fee. Please let a member of the Committee know if you have difficulties in paying or have decided not to renew your membership. I would expect all unfinancial members to be contacted by a Committee member in the coming weeks.

MEMBERSHIP:

Current membership is 62 active and 5 non-active members totally 67 members with our Associates totalling 14.

We would like to take the opportunity of congratulating **Doug O'Neil** for completing 20 years of membership

This is a reminder that membership fees are now due. Please refer to previous newsletters and Treasurer's report.

BIRTHDAYS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following members who are celebrating birthdays in **June 2021**:

- **Denis Spinley, Graham Francis and Neil Gray**

DUTY ROSTER	June Meeting (by Zoom)	July Meeting
Tables and Chairs		Bryan Radden, Joe Romano, Keith Jackson and Lothar Lanz
Tea and Coffee		Graydon Findlay, Jeff Collinson and Geoff Metcalf
Buddy		Bruce Mcinerary, Bob Haydon and James Kimpton
Door Assistants		Neil Gray, John Thwaites and Rod Alsop

FUNCTIONS:

WINTER LUNCH THURSDAY 29TH JULY

This function will be another 2-course lunch and will be taking place at **The Box Hill Golf Club**.

The price for the lunch is **\$40.00** per person with alcoholic drinks at bar prices.

Payment due at the July General Meeting but can be made at any time via one of the usual methods, however, a bank transfer is preferred:

Account Name -The Probus Club of Nth Balwyn Inc.

BSB- 033 054

Account No.- 182752

Use your name as reference.

NOTE: If the event has to be cancelled because of COVID restrictions at the time, all payments will be refunded to members.

THEATRE EVENTS: – **Convenor: Lothar Lanz, P: 98481729 M: 0405220835 E: ljlanz@optusnet.com.au**

“MOULIN ROUGE” Musical at the Regent Theatre, Wednesday January 19th 2022, Matinee 1 pm. Tickets \$79 pp. (own transport). Payment due at our October General Meeting.

Agatha Christie's Play “AND THEN THERE WERE NONE” 1812 Theatre, Upper Ferntree Gully, Friday July 2nd at 8 pm. Tickets \$24 pp incl. transport by bus. Book Now and Pay Now!

PALACE CINEMA, BALWYN. Matinee Film and Lunch sessions will probably resume in **July 2021**.

EVENTS DIARY:

Below is a list of activities organised by our hard-working SIG Convenors and Committee. Put these events in your diary **NOW** so that you can maintain contact with your fellow members. Details of each activity are available in this newsletter:

Meeting	Date
• GENERAL MEETING	Tuesday June 8th
• INVESTMENT GROUP	Thursday June 10th
• HERITAGE / GENEALOGY GROUP_Zoom Meeting	Tuesday June 14th
• PHOTOGRAPHY/TRAVEL GROUP	Tuesday June 15th
• WALKING GROUP	Friday June 18th
• COMPUTER GROUP	Tuesday June 22nd
• ZOOM LUNCH AND CHAT Zoom Meeting	Thursday June 24th

NOTE - The convenors of all SIG activities in June have elected to continue with Zoom meetings, in which case before participating in one of these Zoom meetings, it might be worthwhile contacting the SIG convener to confirm the final format and timing of the meeting.

When participating in any Zoom meeting, it might be worthwhile checking out the following advice

Zoom Etiquette

- Advise convener acceptance of the invitation to the meeting.
- Join Zoom Session on time.
- Rename your name if it is not displayed correctly within Zoom.
- Position your camera at eye level.
- Adjust your screen so that you have a head and shoulders in the frame.
- Have appropriate lighting in the room, avoiding bright sunshine from a window behind you.
- Participants to talk without overtalking each other.
- To mute your microphone if you need to answer the phone/mobile/or front door.
- Have your mobile devices on mute if it all possible.
- To mute your microphone if there is uncontrolled noise in your environment.
- To use the chat function to ask question of the presenter.
- Use the hand reaction feature to ask a question of the presenter.
- Do not undertake other functions that distract you from the presentation.
- Avoid multi-tasking during the session.
- Turn off your email notifications during the meeting.
- Be careful when using virtual backgrounds as they can be distracting.
- If you are providing a presentation during the meeting have your material queued and ready to present.
- Provide constructive comments and positive feedback to the Convener.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

- **INVESTMENT GROUP: Second Thursday in the month. Convener: Don Campbell P: 9836 6330
M: 0418 512 001**
Our next meeting will be **Thursday 10th June at 10am** via Zoom.
The program for the SIG is -
1/ Video presentation by Dawn Ramelleas from Colonial First State. It is about investment strategies adopted by her group from a different perspective.
2/ Migration patterns around the world and how it is affecting the population mix.
3/ Update on Covid and the Indian mutant.
4/ If time permits, a rundown on the recovery of bank share prices

- **HERITAGE / GENEALOGY GROUP: Second Monday in the Month. Convenor Graydon Findlay
P: 9859 6964 E: graycol7@bigpond.com**

The next H&G meeting will be on **Monday 14th June**. It will be via zoom and will run from about **10.40 till noon**. Graydon will show how you can research your family history free from the comfort of your own home by logging into your Municipal Library website and opening the library edition of Ancestry. Ancestry is the world's largest online family history resource with more than 200 billion images in more than 7,000 unique databases. He will then show how he used the library edition of Ancestry to find out when and how the Radden branch of Bryan's ancestors came to Australia. He will also outline some techniques that he has learnt to speed up passenger list searches while researching how members of the eleven branches of his family tree came to Australia. Prior to searching passenger lists to discover when your ancestors came to Australia you need to have searched back from your parents and grandparents to determine which members on your family tree migrated to Australia and approximately when they came. We'll show how quickly this can be done now using Ancestry search website. This meeting should be particularly interesting to any members who are thinking about researching their family history. Please get in touch by phone or email if you would like to be sent the link to join zoom meeting on 14th June.

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

After a 3 month "holiday" Nino will convene the meeting on **Tuesday 15th. June at 10.00 am** via Zoom. At this meeting each member will be asked to present the photographic equipment they use, talk about why they use it and show 1 image as an example. The presentation will be in alphabetical order of the members present. It must be noted that no manufacturer of cameras is better than the others. The camera is only a tool to allow the individual to capture an image THAT THEY ARE HAPPY WITH. We will then have a break for morning tea which will be followed by a slide presentation by Denis Spinley. As always, a fun and enjoyable morning will be assured. Please join us and make this a successful meeting everyone is welcome.

The last meeting was a face-to-face meeting at Balwyn North Uniting Church attended by 12 members. A video titled "Views of Malta" by Xscion Travel was shown with Richard Heal showing slides April 2021 road trip around North Eastern Victoria" & Tony Froster on the "Silo Art Trail".

- **WALKING GROUP Third Friday in the month** - Richard Heal M: 0415 776 039 E: richard_heal@bigpond.com**

The next walk will be held on **Friday 18th June** and will be along The Gardiners Creek Trail commencing close to Burwood Highway. Meet in Sinnott Street Bennettswood at **10.30 AM** and park in either Sinnott Street or McComas Street. *Melways Map Ref: 61 A6*. Lunch at the conclusion of the walk will be in the Bistro at the Box Hill Golf Club. New walkers most welcome to join the group.

NOTE: Regular walkers will be notified by email should the walk have to be cancelled because of COVID restrictions.

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

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday 22nd June at 10am** via Zoom.

Our topic will be PowerPoint Session 2. Participants are encouraged to design their own slideshow and bring a copy on a USB stick for this meeting & show their results to everyone.

Our meeting this week was a basic introduction to PowerPoint which was attended by 10 members. A video was shown to the group and then the members were encouraged to develop a joint slideshow with the assistance of the convenor.

Thanks to Barry & Dennis in assisting with the morning tea and to the group attending to the Covid regulations at the conclusion of the meeting.

Remember your homework for the next meeting. For those members who were not able to join today please contact me about the homework requirements.

- **ZOOM FILM LUNCH & CHAT – Fourth Thursday in the Month – Thursday June 24th**
Convenor Graydon Findlay P: 9859 6964 E: graycol7@bigpond.com

The Thursday Zoom Film, Lunch and Chat meetings will continue during 2021 until the Balwyn Cinema Film and light lunch meetings can resume. The format this month will be similar to previous zoom Lunch & Chat meetings when participants chatted about a range of topics and discussed several nominated movies that they had watched at home on Channel 32 or SBS On Demand prior to the zoom lunch.

Details about three movies nominated for June will be emailed to participants on about 3rd June i.e. about three weeks before the lunch. Please get in touch if you would like to become a participant and receive details about the nominated movies

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:

- You are encouraged to go to our website <https://balwynnorthprobus.org.au> that contains much useful information, including a link to the Department of Human Services regarding the 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 to be put on the mailing list for their regular Newsletter.