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NEWSLETTER: AUGUST 10th 2021

TODAY'S MEETING:

Speaker: Ted Baillieu - "Sir John Monash"

Ted Baillieu AO is a former Premier, becoming Victoria's 46th Premier and Minister for Arts from 2010 to 2013. After serving as the Member for Hawthorn since 1999, he retired from Parliament in 2014.

As a former architect and Fellow of the Australian Institute of Architects, Ted uses his knowledge and experience to address Victoria's challenges. He maintains a keen interest in the built environment.

He pursues a significant International Engagement Strategy to provide increased opportunities for Victorian business to grow the economy, and actively promotes Victoria's multicultural people. Ted is the recipient of the Australia India Business Council's 2013 Ashoka Medal, and the 2014 Asian Leadership Special Public Service Award.

He serves as Melbourne University's Honorary Enterprise Professor associated with the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning, and is an appointed Adjunct Professor, at Swinburne University.

He Co-Chaired the Victorian Government's Cladding Task Force (2017-2019) and Chaired the Victorian Government's ANZAC Centenary Committee – coordinating Victoria's commemorations (2013-2019).

In 2017, Ted joined the Committee of the Melbourne Cricket Club, in June 2020 he was appointed to the Board of the Australia-India Council by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and in June 2021 he was appointed Chair of the Australia Heritage Council by the Minister for the Environment.

He is Patron of a number of groups including Multicultural Arts Victoria, Public Record Office of Victoria, The Sovereign Hill Museums Association, Queenscliffe Historical Museum and Cancer Council Victoria: Relay for Life Hawthorn. Ted is an active Member of the Selection Panels for the Rhodes Scholarship and John Monash Foundation Scholars.

He is also Chieftain of the Victorian Highland Pipe Band Association.

In 2020, Ted was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia for his service to the people and Parliament of Victoria and to international engagement.

He is a long-time member of the Brighton Icebergers and Co-Founder of the Pier to Perignon Swim. Ted and his wife Robyn have three children.

NEXT MEETING:

SEPTEMBER 14th

Speaker: Rohan Brown - "My Story - Personal Stories"

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Since the July General Meeting, COVID restrictions have been a pre-occupation for the Committee with a return to Zoom for the SIG's. However, it is pleasing to note that attendances have nonetheless been very good. Prevailing restrictions are set to stay in place until reviewed on 10th August so will continue to apply to our August General Meeting - 4 Square metres and masks!

The Winter Lunch on July 29th unfortunately saw a number of COVID unrelated apologies but for those who did attend the event it was a very pleasant day out. Importantly, those in attendance complied well with the prevailing COVID restrictions and the Venue did an excellent job of formally providing the four square metres per person. Unfortunately, Kath Etkins took a tumble down a set of challenging concrete steps on exiting the venue and an ambulance had to be called. Drama but fortunately no serious injury.

Active Membership is now down to 55, with 11 Members now on the Non-Active list. Our average age is 82 and this is likely to materially increase over the next couple years. So, all aspects of Membership and their future impact on the successful running of the Club are becoming a pressing issue. Apart from the obvious need for new younger Members, is our ability to recruit in this area. The Pandemic has magnified the problem but our age profile has also impacted Member's response to the challenge. Consequently, the Committee is having to pointedly turn its attention to the issue and reflect on what should best be done to address the challenge. My own conviction is that there is no "do nothing" option unless that is the will of the Members and that something other than our conventional efforts to address the issue needs to be done. The Committee will of course keep Members fully posted on any deliberations it might have on the issue.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Our Committee met on Tuesday 3rd August and discussed a number of issues including:

- Discussion on correspondence from Probus South Pacific re the Information Session via Zoom on 12th July,
- Financial results for the year to 31 March 2021,
- Active Retirees newsletter, and
- Boroondara Council re COVID restrictions in relation to meeting limits and mask requirements.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Whilst our bank balance at 31 July is \$9,500, available club funds after allowing for receipts in advance, SIG funds and unallocated council grant, are \$5,986 a reduction of \$202 since 30 June.

MEMBERSHIP:

Current membership is 56 active and 10 non-active Members totally 66 Members with our Associates totalling 14.

Our thoughts are with John Peyton and his family with the sad passing of Val.

Our next General Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 10^h August** at the Greythorn Community Hub, Balwyn North, subject to Covid Regulations that are in place at that time.

Please remember to log in using the QR app & continue to undertake your hygiene routine and wear face masks as required. Further information regarding the General Meeting will be sent out to all once we gain clarification from the medical experts and council requirements at the Hub.

BIRTHDAYS OF THE MONTH

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

- **Rod Alsop, Ted Douez, Richard Heal, Rodney Manser, John Meadows, John O'Callaghan and John Roberts**

DUTY ROSTER	August Meeting	September Meeting
Tables and Chairs	Bryan Casey, Richard Hanson, Gerald King and Nino Xerri	Don Campbell, Geoff Metcalf, Bob Haydon and Neil Gray
Tea and Coffee	Ted Douez, John O'Callaghan and Alan French	Michael Martin, Denis Spinley and Stephen Millard
Buddy	Don Campbell, Rodney Manser and Matthew Pattison	Tony Froster, Bryan Casey and Joe Romano
Door Assistants	Neil Gray, Ian Caldow and Mike Watts	Neil Gray, Jeff Collinson and Stephen Millard

PLEASE NOTE: *If you cannot complete the duties on the day of the roster please arrange for a substitute to take your place.*

FUNCTIONS:

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**.

PALACE CINEMA, BALWYN. Matinee Film and Lunch sessions will probably resume later in 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
• HERITAGE / GENEALOGY GROUP_Zoom Meeting	Monday August 9th
• GENERAL MEETING	Tuesday August 10th
• INVESTMENT GROUP	Thursday August 12th
• PHOTOGRAPHY/TRAVEL GROUP	Tuesday August 17th
• DINE OUT	Wednesday August 18th
• BRIDGE	Thursday August 19th
• WALKING GROUP	Friday August 20th
• COMPUTER GROUP	Tuesday August 24th
• ZOOM LUNCH AND CHAT Zoom Meeting	Thursday August 26th

NOTE - Before participating in one of the Face to Face or 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 at 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

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

The next meeting will be on **Monday 9th August**. It will be a Zoom meeting and will run from about **10.40 until noon**. It will follow on from the last two meetings. Initially we demonstrated how to search the huge 'Ancestry' genealogy data base to find information about each generation of ancestors along a branch of a family tree. Then last month we outlined some of the Windows family tree building software programs that systematically record your family history research findings, so that these findings can be summarised and turned into informative documents and charts to share with your relatives.

This month we'll start with Denis Spinley talking about the MacFamilyTree software program. He'll show some of the extensive range of family trees and charts that can be prepared using this very impressive software program. Graydon will then show how he uses Trove (a collaborative project between the National Library and State Libraries to digitise historic newspapers from all round Australia) to find additional information about ancestors. Robyn Heal will talk about how she has used Trove to find articles about her ancestors who lived in Bendigo. Graydon will then show how to practice using Trove to search and find information about Australia becoming a Federation of States & Territories, the topic for the October H&G meeting.

In September we'll have two activities for you to choose one. Both relate to the historic settlement in the Doncaster area by German families in the 1850's. The first activity will be on our normal second **Monday 13th September**. It will be a driving tour taking in seven of the nine sites on the Waldau Historic Walk. The second on the third **Friday 17th September** will be in conjunction with the Walking Group. It will be an undulating 4km walk and include a slightly different mix of seven sites on the Waldau walk in and around Ruffey Lake Park.

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

The Investment SIG will meet on **Thursday 12th August** at the Balwyn Uniting Church, Duggan Street, North Balwyn at **9.45** for a **10am** start.

The subjects for discussion are:

- 1/ The oscillations of the ASX and its consequent effect on super funds. Also, the differences between the GFC and now.
- 2/ Update on the green movement, lithium/copper/rare earths and lithium producers
- 3/ The companies that have prospered from lockdowns.

4/ Update on COVID and where we are at this stage. There is a way forward in spite of the doomsayers.

If there is a change in the venue, we will notify everybody in the next few days regarding this.

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

It is with great hope, that our next meeting will be a face to face one at Balwyn Uniting Church, Duggan Street, North Balwyn at **10am** on **Tuesday 17th August**.

Nino will present a short video on how to take images in unfavourable light conditions. He will then present a "Workshop" on how he edits his images in Photoshop.

After Morning Tea, there will be some surprising goodies.

This meeting is planned to be an interactive one where questions/discussions will be welcomed during and after the presentation.

Once again, should a Lockdown with restrictions be called we will revert to a Zoom meeting.

Everyone is welcome including partners, and as always a great morning in the spirit of Probus : Fellowship : Friendship : Fun will be held.

- **DINE OUT - Third Wednesday in the month** Convenor: Neil Gray P 8848 0938**

The next event will be at Doncaster Shoppingtown Hotel, 19 Williamson Road, Doncaster on **Wednesday 18th August** at **6.00pm**.

- **BRIDGE: Third Thursday in the Month at Kew Golf Club - August 19th at 1pm**

For some years a small group of us have enjoyed a monthly game of bridge at Kew Golf Club on the third Thursday of the month starting at 1 pm Unfortunately, some players have fallen by the way-side so we are now looking for two or more fans. If you are interested, please contact **Per Knudsen M 0402 810 644**

- **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 20th August** 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 **Tuesday 24th August 2021 at 10am** will hopefully be conducted as a Face-to-Face meeting at Balwyn North Uniting Church Duggan Street. It will be a hands-on demonstration and setup of the PCNB webcam system. Our July meeting was attended by 18 members it was great to see Stephen Millard, Michael Martin & Robin Pleydell join us during the meeting. We covered Keynote features for the iMac & iPad presented by Graeme Seabrook and assisted by Denis Spinley. Videos were shown on the Windows 11 and 5 awesome features on the new operating system. After morning tea another video 5 ways on how you can check Hard Drive Health were shown.

A huge thanks to Graeme Seabrook for his presentation and answering various setup procedures within the iMac Everyone is welcome to join us at our next meeting on August 24th. Please contact the convenor for invitation instructions.

- **ZOOM FILM LUNCH & CHAT – Fourth Thursday in the Month – Thursday August 26th
Convenor Graydon Findlay P: 9859 6964 E: graycol7@bigpond.com**

The Thursday Zoom Film, Lunch & Chat meeting will continue this month. The format will be similar to previous Zoom Lunch & Chat meetings when participants have chatted about a range of topics and discussed movies that they had watched at home on SBS On Demand, or on Beamafilm (available online via your local municipal library) prior to the Zoom lunch. Details about three movies nominated for August will be emailed to participants 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 also 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.